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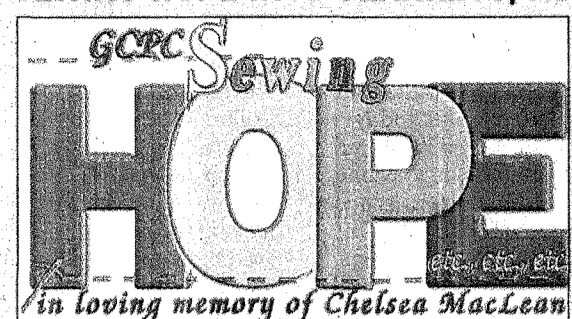
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IN BRIEF

LWV Voter Guide

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County now has the Voter Guide, covering the Wayne-Westland

Community Schools' school board election on Tuesday, May 3, available on the League's website: www.lwvww.org.

There are six candidates running for two four-year terms. They are newcomers Thomas Buckalew, Andrea Clawson, Scott Davis, Harold Dunn and Charles "Trav" Griffin and appointed incumbent Jeffrey Hayton.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County contacted candidates, requesting responses to two sets of questions. The candidates' answers are printed as submitted and have not been edited, except for necessary cutting when replies exceeded the 200-word limitations.

The League of Women Voters provides the Voter Guide as a public service to residents. The League serves as a source of nonpartisan election information.

Drive 4UR School

You can help North Brothers Ford help raise \$7,500 for John Glenn High School, and it's as easy as a test drive. North Brothers Ford in Westland is bringing Drive One 4 UR School to John Glenn High School.

Members of the Westland-area community will have the opportunity to raise money for the Westland John Glenn High School Community Launch by test-driving a Ford vehicle.

For every person who test-drives a Ford Explorer, Focus, Fiesta, Edge, F-150 or other available vehicles at the Saturday, May 7, event, Ford Motor Co. and North Brothers Ford will donate \$25 to John Glenn.

Each test-drive will last approximately seven-10 minutes. Participants must be 18 years or older and have a valid driver's license. There will be a limit of one test-drive per household.

The test drives will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Silent Auction

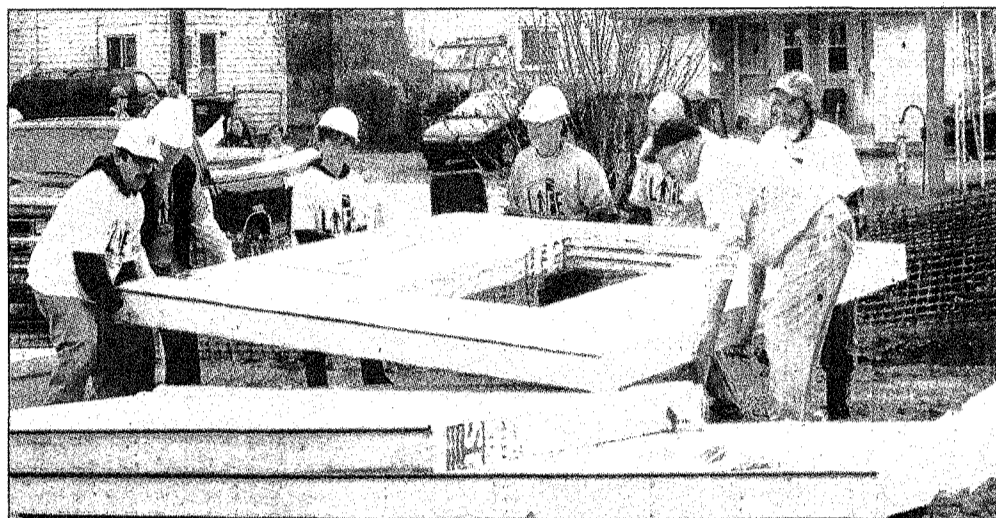
Personalized Hearing Care is hosting a silent auction for two pairs of hearing aids to benefit Life Remodeled. Available to the highest bidder is an entry level set of hearing aids, valued at \$2,800, and a second set of premium hearing aids, valued at \$6,600.

Each set of hearing aids will be programmed to the individual hearing needs of the winning party at no charge. Reserve minimums will apply for each set of hearing aids.

Bids will be accepted until 1 p.m. Friday, May 6. The winners will be notified by phone and in the event of a tie, will submit their best and final offer upon notification.

Bids can be made the Westland office, 35337 W. Warren Road, (734) 734-467-5100 or (734) 751-9709, or the South Lyon office at 321 Pettibone, Suite 105, (248) 437-5505.

'PRETTY AMAZING'



Volunteers move the preconstructed walls for a new home on Oscoda Court.

Life Remodeled volunteers work around the clock to build house

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Construction officially began Monday on a new three-bedroom house that will be home to Jonelle Strong and her four daughters by the end of the week.

"It's pretty amazing, it's unbelievable that complete strangers would do so much for a complete stranger," said Strong, whose family was selected to get the home on Oscoda Court being constructed by Life Remodeled.

The house is being constructed with volunteer labor and many donated materials on property acquired by the Westland group through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The existing blighted home was demolished to clear the way for building a new home.

"I was very surprised that we were selected," said Strong, a Wayne-Westland school bus driver for five years.

A single mother, Strong and her daughters, who range from 8 to 14 years old, currently live in a two-bedroom



Volunteer Heath Osentoski sticks his head up from the basement to ask a question as construction on the new home began Monday.

Westland apartment. The four girls share one bedroom which has two sets of bunks beds.

Despite rainy weather, the walls for the new house were ceremoniously raised with the help of Mayor William Wild, Council President James Godbout and council members Michael Kehrer, Meriam Kadi and Dewey Reeves. By later in the afternoon, the roof of the house was on and the work, scheduled to go around the clock, was well under way.

"It was fantastic. I was pleased," said Chris Lambert, a pastor at Ekklesia, the

church which organized the Life Remodeled project. "The way I look at it, God called us to pray in faith that it wouldn't rain. He'll do what is best. We've already got the roof on. God gave our people supernatural strength. It's a miracle to me."

Life Remodeled wasn't designed just as a program to help a family, required to meet federal program income guidelines. The program offers counseling and financial guidance to help the family change their lives — something Strong views as

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Friends remember ex-councilman's upbeat personality

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Former Westland councilman Ben DeHart was an ex-township and city worker and union activist, but he also is being remembered for his upbeat personality.

"He was always so cheerful. He was a great guy and always fun to be around. We were lifelong friends," said Sharon Scott, also a former councilwoman.

A longtime Westland resident, Mr. DeHart, 71, died Monday after a lengthy illness. He served on the Westland City Council from 1980 through 1992.

Shortly after graduating from Wayne Memorial High School, Mr. DeHart took a job as a meter reader with Nankin Township. He was a former president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1602, representing city employees, eventually taking a full-time position with AFSCME Council 25 as a staff representative and later serving as a legislative liaison. He retired in 1994.

"He was the union president 1965-66 and circulated petitions for the township to become a city," said his former wife, Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart-Schoof. "He was involved in a lot of political activities."

DeHart-Schoof was married to Mr. DeHart for 38 years. The couple, who have five children,

were divorced eight years ago. "We met at a Baptist church in Wayne. We got married when I was 17, he was 10 years older. We had some good times and we had some bad times," she said.

Graduating in the same class from Wayne Memorial High School, Scott said that she had met Mr. DeHart when they were 12 years old.

"We both spent most of our teenage years in Norway and we kept in touch all these years. He was my date for (high school) alumni things and reunions," said Scott, whose father was Mr. DeHart's Boy Scout leader. "We lived close together. Ben was always hanging out at my house. He was always so cheerful."

Mr. DeHart was a good employee when he worked for the city and a good councilman, said Scott, who was elected to the council as Mr. DeHart was leaving office.

"This is going to be tough. I'll really miss his weekly phone calls. He was great company. I talked to him in February, he was still cheerful," said Scott.

Mr. DeHart is survived by his children — Rebecca (Arthur) Fleming, Ben (Julia), Tim (Denise), Teresa (Joe) DeHart-Schulz and Brian (Dawn) — 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation was scheduled for noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Uht Funeral Home, Glenwood at Harvey, Westland. Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Ray Fraser, were scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home followed by burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

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Man faces charges that he fired handgun at neighbors

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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A Westland man is facing four felony charges that he twice fired a handgun at neighbors who were arguing in their driveway April 19.

Tadariel Harvey Jr. is scheduled for preliminary examination in Westland

18th District Court today (Thursday) on two counts of felonious assault, one count of felony firearm and one charge of reckless use of a firearm. He entered a not guilty plea at arraignment and bond was set at \$75,000 cash/surety.

Police were called to the 32000 block of Genesee Court just after 7:30 p.m. about shots being fired. A couple who

live in one of the duplexes were reported to be arguing in their driveway with their three children nearby in the yard.

The couple told police a man approached them and tried to get involved in their argument. At that point, the couple and other witnesses told police a second man walked up with a gun in his hand. After firing

several shots, the man was reported to have left on foot.

The man was reported to have returned and again fired several shots with the handgun. Several witnesses told police that the couple's 14-year-old daughter was nearly hit with some of

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Basketball camp, game raises money for scholarships

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local hoopsters can improve their skills at the Detroit Pistons basketball camp Sunday at Westland's Bailey Recreation Center.

The Southeast Westland Homeowners Association is hosting the camp and the charity basketball game which will follow. A Westland All American Basketball Team headed by Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski will take on the Gateway to the World Basketball Team from Romulus.

At a cost of \$15 per person, the Pistons camp is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grades. The camp is scheduled for 2-3:30 p.m. and will allow players to

improve their basketball and leadership skills, ball handling, passing, defense and rebounding. There will be a shooting lesson and Pistons balls will be provided. Youngsters will also receive a free Pistons T-shirt and poster with camp registration which must be paid in cash.

There is no advance registration and space is limited, so participants should arrive early. Registration begins at 1 p.m. The charity basketball game is scheduled for 5-8 p.m. with a \$3 per person admission.

"What we're trying to do is get money for scholarships. We will donate whatever we have after expenses to an Inkster High School student," said Reasther Everett, president

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Council looks at DPS, court in budget talks

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Department of Public Services and 18th District Court will be among the departments scheduled to be discussed 6 p.m. today (Thursday) as the Westland City Council holds a second study session on the proposed 2011-12 budget.

"With some of the things we've done and already pulled out of the budget, at this point

there isn't a whole lot (to change) in the budget from the numbers perspective," said Council President James Godbout. "It's fine-tuning and getting agreement on some of the restructuring."

The \$54.5 million proposed general budget has revenues 3 percent — \$1.6 million — lower than the current year. The largest reduction was \$1.4 million eliminated from state statutory revenue sharing. Property tax revenues are also

down as residential property values decreased an average 9 percent.

"The two-year budget we did last year definitely put us in a better position this year," said Godbout. "We still don't know what will happen with the state budget. We're in a fairly good spot — definitely in a lot better shape than some other communities."

Last year, Mayor William Wild presented a two-year balanced budget eliminating pro-

jected deficits of \$3.5 million and \$12 million, respectively, although council actually adopted only the 2010-11 budget. Due to the uncertainties with the state budget, Wild said he wasn't able to present another two-year budget at this time.

"I'd agree it's been pretty businesslike through the first half of the budget. The Building Department (reorganization) issue — they've agreed on all of that," said

Wild. "I'd expect that they will work together to develop a balanced budget."

Under that reorganization, the city's two existing building inspector positions would be eliminated and the inspection services performed a contracted firm. The employees wouldn't be laid off but would be allowed to bump into another position within American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1602.

Building Director Roger Shifflett will transfer to a hybrid position within the UAW supervisory bargaining unit and continue serve as the city's building official of record and plan reviewer.

"We've got a lot of experience on the council. All of them were there working on the budget in the last year. This is a continuation," said Wild.

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WESTLAND RELAY FOR LIFE

Holding a Relay for Life fundraising event? Let us know about it. Send your information to Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com.

Wild's Walkers

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 4
Location: Malarkey's Pub, 35750 Warren Road, Westland
Details: Tips for the Cure will feature Mayor William Wild as a celebrity bartender at this event and all tips will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Dance for a Cure

Time/Date: 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 7
Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia
Details: Join Sue's Sailors and party for a cause. There is \$5 cover charge. Drinks will be discounted for the entire evening and munchies will be available. There also will be music by a DJ and dance games.

Avon Fundraiser

Time/Date: Now through July 31
Details: Support Team AMVETS Post 171 by ordering your Avon products online. Go to jfinfrock.avonrepresentative.com and click on online events to place your order. Be sure to use the

promotional code of AMVETRELAY2011. Team AMVETS will earn 30 percent of total sales now through July 31. Products will be home delivered.

Dine and donate

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday, May 25
Location: Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Rd. Westland
Details: Stop by Buffalo Wild Wings with flier available from Relay for Life AMVETS Post 171 Team. Enjoy, lunch, dinner or a snack and they'll receive 20 percent of total sales.

Bowling benefit

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4, check-in is at 4 p.m.
Location: Town N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Come and enjoy cosmic bowling, 9-pin no tap and help Team AMVETS Post 171. Cost is \$20 of adults and \$15 for children age 13 and under for bowling, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles and door prizes. Check-in is at 4 p.m.
Contact: For more information, contact the AMVETS Post 171 Team at RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com.

Creative Memories

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21
Location: AMVETS Post 171, 1217

Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: Bring your friends and family and have some fun scrapbooking — traditional, digital, shop and make memories. Team AMVETS 171 will receive 30 percent of sales which will go toward the team goal for Westland Relay for Life. The event will be held in the club room and a cash bar will be available.

Quarter Mania

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 7
Location: Westland AMVETS Post 171, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland
Details: Join us to shop, book parties, ask questions about your favorite companies. This is a one-stop shop and great time to meet your local consultants. More than 100 items will be auctioned off. Bid on quality vendor items with one to four quarters (per paddle), depending on retail value. Once all quarter bids are placed, a randomly chosen number is called. If the person with that number placed a bid, they win the item. Numbers will continue to be drawn until there is a winner. Bids are collected for each drawing. Some of the vendors include Scentsy, PartyLite, Miche Bags, Lia Sophia, Pampered Chef, Pure Romance, Tastefully Simple, "31", Dove Choc, Tupperware and Beijo Bags. Reserve a spot by June 3 by e-mail at RFLAMVETS171@yahoo.com.
Contact: Stacy Edwards at quartermania.stacy@gmail.com or by calling (734) 368-2765. Reserve your lucky numbers/paddles on the www.quartermaniami.eventbrite.com.

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a plus.

"I just hope to get help moving on and making the best life for my children that I can," said Strong, who applied for the Life Remodeled program after receiving an announcement in the mail.

Wild met with Strong and her children before the walls went up — part of the action recorded for a reality show that Life Remodeled hopes will be sold to television and provide funding for future projects.

"At the end of the day, it's a positive thing. We should have a new home on the spot and a new homeowner," said Wild.

On Wednesday and Thursday, a free health clinic addressing medical, dental and emotional issues was offered. At 1 p.m. Saturday, a



Mom Jonelle Strong and her daughters Kayla, Kailin, Katie and Kourtney meet Westland Mayor William Wild. The Strong's were selected as the family to receive the home constructed by Life Remodeled in Norwayne.

power team was scheduled to be on hand for strength demonstrations. On Sunday, a free barbecue for the Norwayne community will be offered at 1 p.m. at the Jefferson-Barns

school property. The Strong family is scheduled to be moved into their completed new home on Sunday.

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the bullets as was her father. The witnesses said the man never spoke but just began shooting.

Witness told police the suspect had been seen running towards the former Jefferson Barns Elementary School where he was arrested. Officers didn't locate a weapon in the suspect's possession and contacted the Westland Fire

Department to provide a ladder to check the school roof. The suspect was identified as a resident of another duplex on the Genesee Court. A female resident of the duplex refused to let police search the unit until a search warrant was obtained. After the warrant was obtained, officer searched the unit without finding a weapon.

Once in custody, police said that Harvey told them his girlfriend had been outside and somehow part of the argument the neighbors were having.

Police said Harvey indicated he was not intending to harm anyone but felt his girlfriend was in some way in danger stemming from the argument.

Police also reported that Harvey told them that he had hidden the handgun in a neighbor's unit under a coach without the neighbor's knowledge. Officers went to that unit where the neighbor assisted police in locating the loaded .40-caliber gun under a couch.

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of the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association. "This is the first time we've had something like this. They want cities to merge and work together. I hope other cities will come in and work

together."

The homeowners association recently sponsored a movie outing for senior citizens which drew about 100 people. The association wanted to provide an activity for youngsters, Everett said, with the idea for a Pistons camp coming from her grandson being such a big Pistons fan.

The two events will provide

a chance to see the opposite ends of the spectrum with players, Everett said.

"We'll have young kids and old guys who still think they have it. Most of the old boys have bad knees," said Everett. "I hope the grandparents come out to watch. It's something in these depressing times to keep us a little

happy."

At the charity basketball game, there will be entertainment, games, prizes and other contests. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

The Bailey Center is located on Ford west of Central City Parkway behind City Hall.

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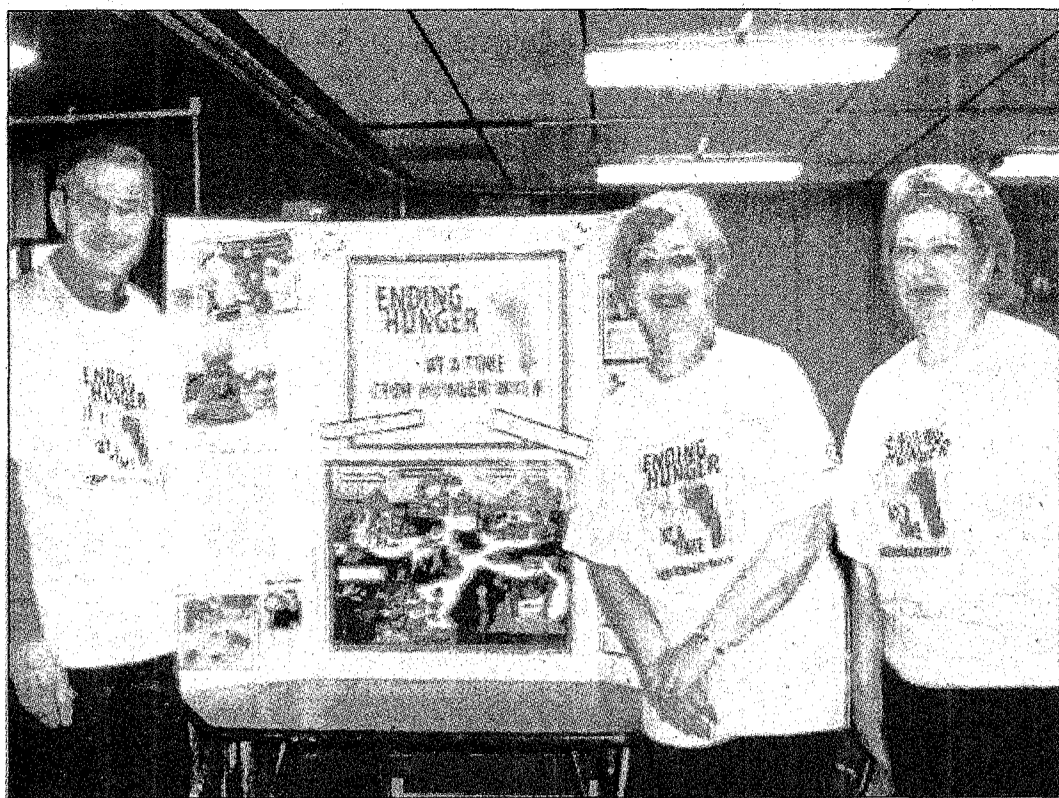
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Helping to promote this year's Wayne-Westland CROP Hunger Walk are Robert Barnhardt (left), the director of the Michigan region of Church World Services, Marlea Pfeil and Linda Bierbaum.

Church groups walk to fight hunger

Members of a local churches will once again be walking to raise money to fight hunger.

Organizers of the 2011 Wayne-Westland CROP Hunger Walk are hoping to raise at least \$15,000 during the walk Sunday, May 1, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on 37775 Palmer just west of Newburgh in Westland.

Last year, 122 people from the area participated in the hunger walk. Participants came from churches including: Prince of Peace Lutheran, Grace Moravian, the Salvation Army and St. Richard Catholic in Westland, Good Hope Lutheran in Garden City and First United Methodist, First Congregational, New Hope Missionary Baptist and St. Mary Catholic, all of Wayne.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service

and organized by local congregations, raising funds and awareness to combat hunger at home and around the world.

Up to 25 percent of the money raised in a CROP Hunger Walk supports hunger-fighting efforts in that local community. Last year, CROP Hunger Walks provided more than \$4 million dollars to some 3,000 soup kitchens and food pantries across the U.S.

The proceeds from the Wayne-Westland CROP Hunger Walk will benefit four local charities: the Salvation Army emergency assistance, food pantry and disaster relief, FISH, a program in which four local churches work together to provide free food each month, the Good Hope Lutheran Church food pantry, and the St. Mary's Catholic Church Outreach Center and John Bolde Memorial Food Depot which provides food

and clothing for families in need.

The CROP Hunger Walk begins with registration at 2:30 p.m. There will be two-, four- and six-mile walks available on routes that wind through the subdivisions surrounding Prince of Peace Church. There will be water stations and crossing guards for the walkers.

Anyone who wants to walk and raise awareness of world hunger is invited to participate. Donations can be made online at www.CROPHungerWalkOnline.org, click on Michigan and scroll to the Wayne-Westland CROP Hunger Walk. From this page, a team can join or a donation can be made.

For more information on the CROP Hunger Walk, call Prince of Peace at (734) 722-1735 or Marla Pfeil at (734) 326-7277.

Always weigh risk factor in investing

A news story last week state that Standard & Poor's, the rating service, said it is possible that within two years the United States could have its debt rating lowered from current triple-A rating. U.S. debt is the gold standard of debt in that it is the safest debt instrument one can purchase. Therefore, when a rating service such as Standard & Poor's makes a pronouncement that the credit worthiness of the U.S. debt may be lowered, it should cause investors to take notice.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Wall Street took notice and as soon as the announcement was made public the markets retreated. Who knows if our debt rating will actually be lowered or not. However, I can assure you that our debt will not be lowered into junk bond status like some European countries.

That being said, I cannot stress how important it is that before you buy a fixed-income instrument look at its credit worthiness.

In today's world we all know that interest rates are low. Therefore, a number of investors are focusing on the income paid by a fixed-income investment as opposed to the amount of risk they will assume. As an investor this can be dangerous.

When investors purchase a fixed-income investment, many only look at what the investment is paying. They use that as their gauge whether to buy. Unfortunately, there's another part of the equation that is just as important as return and that is the risk assumed. Getting 6 percent from a U.S. treasury, for example, is not the same as getting 6 percent from a junk bond fund. Obviously, the risk that you are assuming when you purchase a junk bond fund is substantially higher than the risk when you purchase a U.S. treasury.

When it comes to buying a debt instrument like a bond mutual fund or an individual bond you need to be able to compare apples to apples. That is why it is essential to know the credit worthiness of the bond.

Credit worthiness is one of the main ingredients needed to compare different types of bonds. From a credit worthiness standpoint, bonds generally can be divided into two categories — investment grade and junk. Junk bonds are also known as high-yield bonds and basically are issued by entities that may not have the ability to repay their debt. Investment grade bonds are issued by entities that have the financial wherewithal to meet their obligations.

All things being equal, most investors prefer investment grade bonds because the risk of default is low. However, logic doesn't always

enter the equation. The reason why people buy junk bonds is the return is greater than what they will receive on an investment grade bond. Investors must resist the temptation to chase yields without paying attention to risk. Investors who chase yield are taking on more risk than they should and that will lead to problems.

For those who invested in U.S. treasuries and are concerned about the recent announcement from Standard & Poor's, my advice is don't worry. First, they are talking two years down the road before any change in the United States debt rating. In addition, the U.S. debt will not go from the high-end level of quality to junk bond status overnight. In the unlikely event that the United States debt ratings are lower, they will still be investment grade and I doubt that any debt security would be rated higher than a U.S. treasury. The bottom line is if you're thinking about buying U.S. treasuries for your portfolio, you should have no problem doing so. You should know that even with all the childish antics that come out of Washington from both parties, the U.S. government is not going to default on its obligations.

Good luck!

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AROUND WESTLAND

Ladies Night

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Ladies Night event 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

Treat yourself to a night of pampering and shopping. Get a chair massage, hand massage, tarot card reading, facials and more. Shop and visit more than 30 vendors of local and home-based businesses while enjoying some refreshments and music. The event is free to attend.

Vendors include Acorn Shop, Arbonne, Beijo Bags, Cellar Door Soap, Cellar Dweller Jewelry, Karma Coffee, Garden Lawn Lights, J & S Portrait America, Jazzercise of Wayne, Tastefully Simple, Linda's Sewing & Embroidery, Lindt Chocolates, Mary Kay, Mische Bags, Longaberger Baskets, Pampered Chef, Party Lite, Strength and Spirit, Scentsy and more.

For more information, call the chamber office at (734) 721-0100.

Used Book Sale

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

Hardcover books, DVDs and CDs will sell for \$1, large paper-

backs for 50 cents, small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records for 25 cents, magazines and small paperback romance books for 10 cents. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sunday there will be a \$4 Bag Dale Sale noon to 3 p.m. There also will be a preview sale 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 12, for Friends members. You can become a Friend at the preview sale.

Proceeds from the book sale help the Friends are now paying for all programs that are held at the library.

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

Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-standing regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's-Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

Book signings

Brenda Dziedzic, president

of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, will be signing her book, *Learn About Butterflies in the Garden*, at three events in May and June in the Wayne-Westland area.

Dziedzic will sign books 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland; 4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Michigan State University Extension Wayne Satellite, 5454 Venoy, south of Michigan Avenue, Wayne, and 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, June 10, at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, at Maplewood, Westland.

Want to have butterflies in your garden? Want to learn about the plants that will attract them? Learn About Butterflies in the Garden will help people find the plants they need to attract those winged beauties to their yards as well as learn about the fascinating life cycles of some of butterflies.

The book can be ordered online at www.ButterfliesInTheGarden.com.

Garage Sale

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 29, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland. There will be a \$2 bag sale at 3 p.m. All large items will sell for \$2 during the bag sale.

For more information, call Mae Bray at (734) 722-8209.

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Why a Senior Citizen should NEVER go to a Chiropractor!

Dear Friend,

Mrs. Jones was suffering from years of pain in her back, neck and across the shoulders. Through her youth to adult years, Mrs. Jones was always active. She spent most of her life as an elementary teacher. She even played soft ball and loved to bowl.

In the beginning, her back would ache here and there. Nothing she couldn't handle, but over the years she started to have more and more problems with her back pain. Initially it began in the low back, but it would travel to her shoulders creating carpal tunnel syndrome like symptoms of numbness and tingling, eventually working its way up to her neck giving her the worse headaches she ever had.

Through the years she was told everything from... "just take these pain pills", "don't do certain activities", "try working out", "you're no spring chicken" and the best one was "maybe you're just going through the change of life."

Yep, that's right Mrs. Jones heard it all. She even endured a battery of tests; x-rays, MRI, EMG, L-M-N-O-P, you get the idea. She did all the recommended therapies and sometimes the result was great, just not long lasting.

So as fate would have it, she met yet another doctor. This time she was referred by one of the women on her bowling league... I told you she loved to bowl! This doctor was a **different** kind of doctor.

This doctor was the kind of doctor she was told to "NEVER" go to. Since Mrs. Jones was now a senior, she was told that this **kind** of doctor wouldn't be for her.

Did I mention **this** doctor is a chiropractor?

Luckily for Mrs. Jones, her bowling friend told her about the gentle, state-of-the-art techniques this chiropractor uses. Her friend also mentioned that this doctor sees many other senior patients and is getting great results herself.

Here's what some of the other patients had to say:

"I can't believe I suffered so long with neck and low back pain, when help was just up the street." - Sue F.

"I was told I would just have to live with the pain, I was getting older and that was it." - Bonnie G.



Tina Maruszewski, D.C.

"After a few adjustments at Dr. Tina's office, I felt relief and I could actually turn my head without using my whole body to move!" - Bob H.

So Mrs. Jones decided to give the chiropractor a try and much to her amazement, she felt better. A whole lot better! The only regret she had was...why the heck did she wait so long?

Good question. Why would YOU wait so long to try something that may actually help you feel better? The truth is, a senior citizen should never go to a chiropractor...unless they want to feel better.

You should know that the chiropractor is me, Dr. Tina Maruszewski and I don't heal anyone of anything. What I do is perform specific and gentle spinal adjustments to remove nerve pressure and the body responds by healing itself. We get tremendous results. It's simple as that!

Our promise to any patient is if we cannot help you we will not accept you as a patient. I am very realistic in my recommendations and have been in this community long enough to have built a solid reputation. I have seen thousands of patients...yes I look young, but I've been in practice eleven plus years and have had the pleasure of treating many "young" and "vibrant" elderly patients.

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Westland residents honored by Angela Hospice

Volunteers give over 35,000 hours of their time each year to support the patients and programs at Angela Hospice.

The Livonia-based hospice has more than 450 active volunteers, who help in a variety of ways - from baking cookies to providing companionship for patients; assisting with fund-raising or delivering supplies; answering phone calls, hosting ice cream socials, or mailing out letters.

To thank the volunteers who help out in too many ways to count, Angela Hospice held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 12 during National Volunteer Week. During the dinner, held at the Italian American Club of Livonia, pins were presented to 78 volunteers who reached milestones for each five years or 500 hours of service. A special award, Volunteer of the Year, was given to Jane Cuba of Livonia.

Westland volunteers who were honored included Syndie Best, five years, Lee Borycz, five years, Joan Kazmierski, five years, Carol Knoblock, 15 years, Kathleen McLeod, 10 years, Jane Neu, 5,000 hours, Pat Niedbala, 15 years, and Genevieve Wasiko, five years and 1,000 hours.

"Volunteers are vitally important to the operation of Angela Hospice," said volunteer services manager Syndie Best. "We say the words 'we couldn't do what we do without our volunteers,' and that isn't just sentiment. That's



Among the Westland residents honored by Angela Hospice was Jane Neu, who has logged more than 3,500 service hours. Neu (second from right) is pictured with Angela Hospice volunteer coordinators Syndie Best and Kathy Ostroskie and executive director Mary Beth Moning.

a fact! Our wonderful volunteers allow us to provide exceptional care that goes above and beyond the call

of duty to those in our program." For more information or to apply to volunteer at

Angela Hospice, visit www.AskForAngela.com, or contact the volunteer department toll free at (866) 464-7810.

Ex-UN ambassador to speak at Reagan Day Dinner

The former ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, will be the keynote speaker at the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner on Monday, May 9.

Bolton, who also is a frequent FOX News contributor, will be joined by featured speaker Nolan Finley, *The Detroit News* editorial page editor.

The dinner will be held at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, west of I-96, in Livonia. The doors open at 6 p.m. for a private VIP photo reception. A cocktail hour (cash bar) for general attendees is at 6:15 p.m. and the dinner program begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person, if payment is received by Friday, April 29, and \$60 per person after that date. A table of 10 is \$450 by April 29. Tickets for the VIP photo reception with Bolton are \$150 per person. Inquiries can be handled by e-mailing info@wayne11th.com and checking their website at www.wayne11th.com. The event is open to the general public with ticket purchase.

Bolton is currently a Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and a frequent FOX News Channel contributor. He is a diplo-



John Bolton

mat who has served in several Republican presidential administrations, including the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations from Aug. 1, 2005, to December 9, 2006. From June 2001 to May 2005, he served as Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, also in the Bush Administration. His portfolio includes Foreign Policy and International Organizations. Bolton has spent many years of his career in public service. Previous positions he has held are Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs at the Department of State, 1989-1993; Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 1985-1989; Assistant Administrator for Program and Policy Coordination, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1982-1983, and General Counsel, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1981-1982.

An attorney, he currently is with the law firm of Kirkland and Ellis, in their

Washington, D.C., office. He is also involved with a broad assortment of other conservative think tanks and policy institutes, including the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), Project for the New American Century (PNAC), Institute of East-West Dynamics, National Rifle Association, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and the Council for National Policy.

Bolton graduated Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude from Yale College (1970), and received his juris doctor degree in 1974 from the Yale Law School, where he was editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Finley is editorial page editor of *The Detroit News*, a position he's held since May 1, 2000. He directs the expression of the newspaper's editorial position on various national and local issues, and also writes a column in the Sunday newspaper. Finley has been with the newspaper since 1976, serving as the past deputy managing editor and in other editing positions on the city, state and metro desks. He was a Detroit City Hall reporter during the Coleman A. Young Administration.

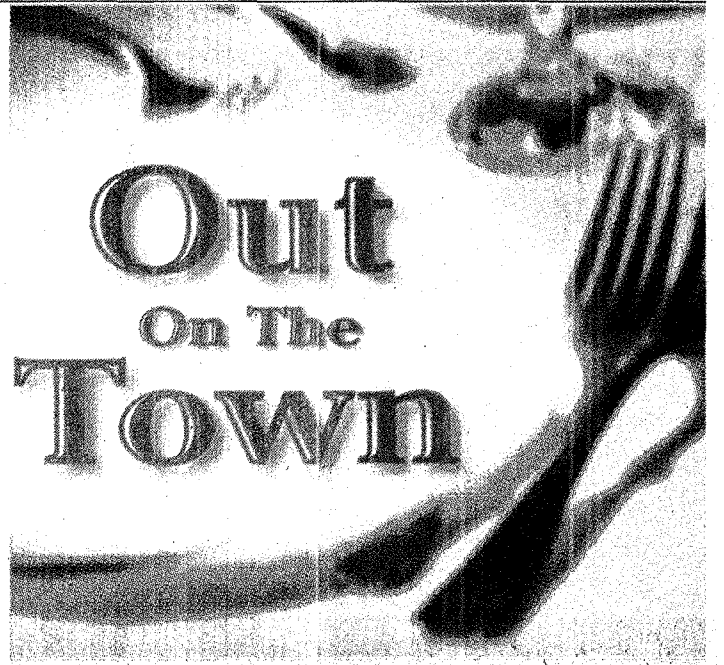
Finley is a graduate of both Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Wayne State University, where he earned a bachelor's

degree in journalism. In 2001, Schoolcraft named him its outstanding alumni. He is a native of Cumberland County, Ky.

The 11th District committee, under the leadership of committee chair Joe Xuereb, offers community outreach in the district through various channels such as online social networking - Facebook, the Wayne 11th CDRC website, www.Wayne11th.com; recruiting; training and engaging more than 800 precinct delegates; and hosting "awareness" forums throughout the district that informs the general public of the issues and mobilizes their support.

"The Republican officials that have been elected into office offer real change, from lowering taxes, to reforming government, to fostering more investment and jobs growth in our State," Xuereb said. "That's real change that Michigan needs now."

U. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, serves the people of the Eleventh Congressional District which covers the communities of Belleville, Canton Township, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and Westland.



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**CITY OF WESTLAND
 SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
 MTG. 9 4/18/11**

Presiding: President Godbout
 Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
 55: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 4/4/11.
 - Appr. WVA to use east lawn of City Hall for display of "Moving Wall" from 7/19-27 & use of the Bailey Ctr. east parking lot to set up a "Beer Tent" from 7/20-26 and waive all fees for both except mechanical.
 - Appr. WW Veterans Parade Council to hole Memorial Day Parade on 5/29 from Wayne Ford Civic League, n. to Ford Rd. w. to City Hall.
 - Appr. req. from Wayne-Ford Civic League to annual flower sale on 4/22-24 & 5/6-8, 2011 at various locations in the city.
 - Appr. VFW #6896 to sell poppies from 5/12-15th.
 - Appr. of Plante & Moran Group Benefit Advisors Health & Welfare Consulting Services Agrmnt.
 - Appr. disbursement of 14th pmt. to Bidigare for SWQIF Project; amt. \$126,701.81.
 - Appr. of Reprogramming of prior fiscal yr. CDBG, HOME, & NSP funds.
 - Adopted Prep. Res. to deed 1 property to Life Remodeled.
 - Adopted Prep. Res. approving the disposition of 3 properties to the adjoining property owners.
 - Adopted Prep. Proclamation, recognizing wk. of May 1-7 as "Public Service Recognition Week".
 - Adopted Prep. Proclamation recognizing month of April as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month".
 56: Close Public Hearing on CDBG XXXVII.
 59: Re-appt'd. D. Walker to ZBA for 3 yr. term to exp. 5/6/14.
 61: Re-appt'd. A. Woodruff to ZBA for 3 yr. term to exp. 5/6/14.
 63: Appt'd. J. Marihugh to ZBA for 3 yr. term to exp. 5/6/14.
 65: Appt'd. H. Lebert as alternate to ZBA to fill unexp. term to exp. 5/12/13.
 66: Appr. checklist: \$666,777.45 & Prepaid: \$15,506,164.00.
 Mtg. adj. at 8:40 p.m.
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

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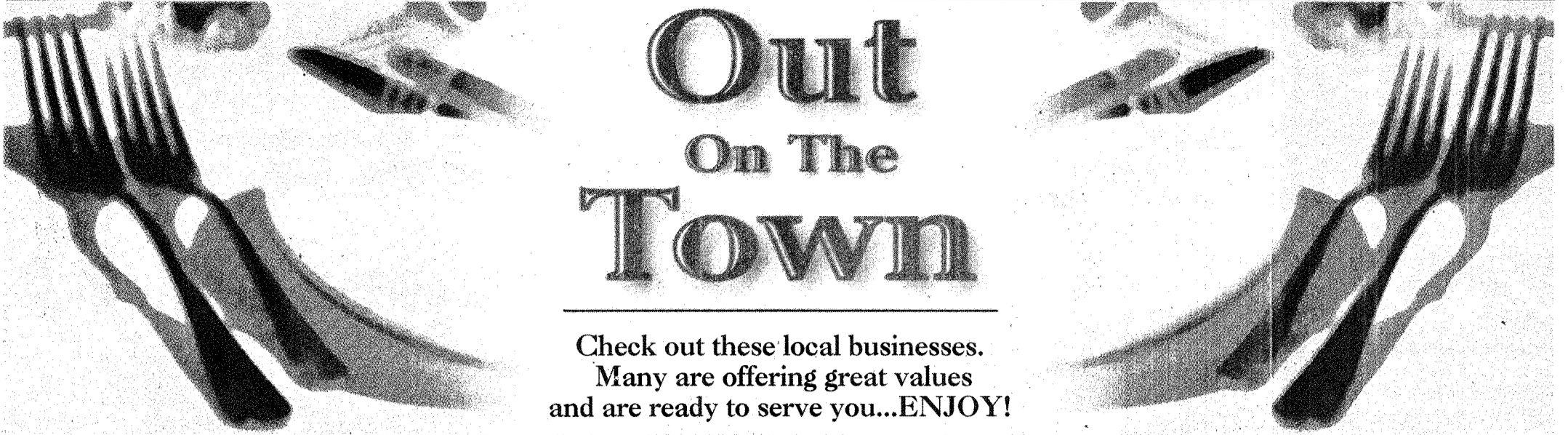
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Classic Car Show

Date: Saturday, June 4

Location: Metropolitan Lincoln, 32000 Ford Road in Garden City

Details: Have a classic car or truck you would like to enter? Advance registrations are now being accepted at Metropolitan Lincoln for the third annual Classic Car and Truck Show. Register now and save \$5 off the regular registration price of \$20. Also, there are goody bags for the first 200 advance registrations to be handed out at check in on the day of the show. This event is free to attend with proceeds benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

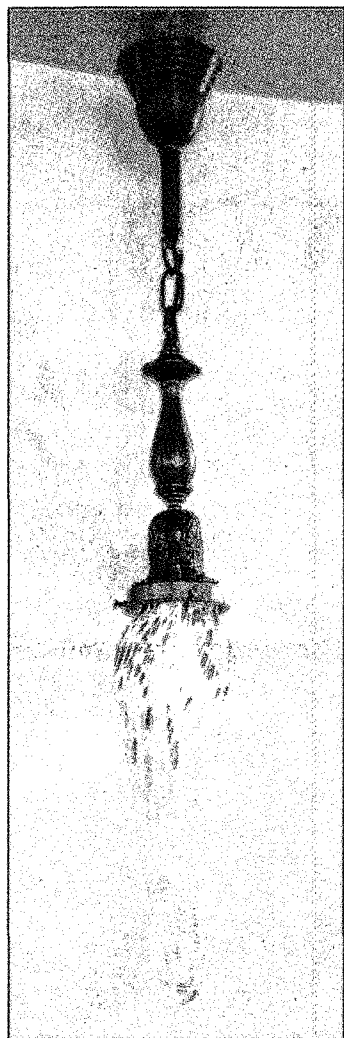
Contact: For more information, call (734) 259-4870.

Annual 5K run/walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, May 14

Location: Starting at the Bailey Recreation Center, located south of city hall on Ford Road, west of Wayne Road.

Details: North Brothers Ford and the City of Westland have teamed up for the 13th annual



A recent acquisition from a private collection, this fixture, circa 1910, features an antique hand-blown Loetz art glass shade with stunning green and pink color.

5K fun run and walk to benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute. Registration includes prizes and recognition for the top three male and female participants in all age groups, refreshments at various check points throughout the race, T-shirts, if registered by May 5, awards for the top three handicapped participants. Preregistration deadline is May 11. Registration fee for students age 18 and under, is \$10 and for adults is \$15. Late registration fee, after May 11, is \$18. Registration will open at 8 a.m. on race day. No inline skates or pets will be allowed. North Brothers will match the cost of all registrations with a donation to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Contact: To obtain a registration form, call Jackie Marcaccini

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at North Brothers Ford at (734) 524-1243 or by e-mail at info@northbros.com.

Copper Country treat

Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday
Location: Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Mention pasties and you automatically think of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. You can get one of those Copper Country favorites at Mary Denning's. The pasties are made from an old family recipe that's been passed down for generations. They made with ground sirloin, potatoes, rutabaga, onions and carrots. They are old fashioned and made fresh in the bakery by Baker Charlie. Stop by and try one. Also available are chicken pot pies and pizza rolls.

Contact: Call (734) 261-3680 of (888) 715-4479 at least an hour before and Charlie will bake them for you. You can pick them up hot and ready for lunch or dinner.

Spring and Mother's Day Show

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 6-7

Location: The Glass Academy, 25331 Trowbridge, Dearborn

Details: In celebration of warm, pleasant feelings associated with spring's arrival, the Glass Academy is hosting its Spring and Mother's Day Show. This two-day exhibit and sale will feature a colorful variety of beautifully hand sculpted glass art. There is no admission to attend.

Contact: For more information, call (313) 561-4527.

BBB event helps combat identity theft

Your local Better Business Bureau along with GreenPath Debt Solutions are encouraging residents and small businesses to take an important step in helping prevent identity theft and protecting the environment by attending BBB's SECURE YOUR ID DAY Community Shred and Hard Drive Destruction event 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the BBB Office parking lot in Southfield.

Over the past two years, more than 19 million Americans became victims of ID theft, resulting in the loss of \$93 billion to criminal activity, according to a 2011 report from Javelin Strategy and Research.

"While there is no guarantee that one won't become a victim of identity theft, destroying documents that appeal to thieves and removing sensitive passwords and information from computer hard drives are just a couple of ways to deter identity theft," said Patrick Bennett, director of Community

Relations for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. "That's why your BBB, GreenPath Debt Solutions, and Cintas Corporation will be available to offer information and actions to help people prevent ID theft."

Bring up to three normal sized boxes or bags of sensitive paper documents to be shredded on the spot for free by event partner Cintas. \$10 per box/bag exceeding the free promotion will be charged with proceeds supporting the BBB Educational Foundation. All shredded paper and destroyed hard drives from this event will be recycled to protect the environment in participation of Earth Day 2011.

Understanding that computers are also targeted by identity thieves, event partner Cintas will provide consumers the ability to have their computer hard drives, detached from the PC, printer, copier or scanner, destroyed on the spot for just

\$10 dollars per unit.

The Secure Your ID Day partner, GreenPath Debt Solutions, will also provide on-site certified counselors to educate about their services and schedule one-on-one counseling sessions.

In addition, your BBB will be accepting donations of used cell phones as part of a recycling effort to help support the 9-1-1 Senior Cell Phone Program sponsored by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. The used cell phones must be in good condition and include an AC/DC recharging unit.

"Identity theft starts with the misuse of your personally identifying information," added Bennett. "By hosting the SECURE YOUR ID DAY we hope to educate and empower people to follow the '3 Ds' of identity theft protection - Deter, Detect and Defend."

For more information visit <http://detroit.bbb.org/secure-your-id/> or call Patrick Bennett at (248) 799-0326.

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Also, do you have something going on with your business? Are you celebrating an anniversary, or having a sale? Have you received special recognition?

If any of these things apply to you please let us know. We can help you get the word out. Just e-mail us the information by the 12th of each month, and if we have room in the monthly newsletter, we will put it in for you.

Email your news to westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Brookellen Swope
President and CEO
Westland Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Clothing sale

The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Plus-Size Clothing Sale for the community 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, in the hospital's South Lobby.

Many post-operative bariatric patients will be selling their gently used, plus-sized clothing. There will be a variety of reasonably priced choices of clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL).

The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers three options for Bariatric weight loss surgery, performed at

St. Mary Mercy Hospital by board certified surgeons, including laparoscopic gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy and adjustable gastric banding. Bariatric surgery is a minimal surgical approach to treating obesity and is performed laparoscopically, resulting in minimal pain, less scarring, shorter hospitalization and recovery time.

For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at 1-877-Why-Weight (1-877-949-9344). The institute is located in Suite 311 of the Marian Professional Building, at 14555 Levan, Livonia. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. For more information or to find a physician, visit the hospital's website at www.stmarymercy.org.

Industry awards

Co-op Services Credit Union, headquartered in Livonia, was recently honored with four Diamond and two Merit Awards for outstanding marketing and business development.

Co-op Services received the largest number of awards among credit unions nationwide in the asset category of \$250 million to \$499 million.

The awards were presented in Las Vegas, at the 18th annual conference of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Marketing and Business Development Council, a national network comprised of nearly 1,000 credit union marketing and business development professionals.

Co-op Services received four Diamond and two Merit awards in six of 33 award categories. These included Diamond Awards in social marketing and complete campaigns for the credit union's "Down on Rates" automotive loan campaign; youth marketing through Co-op Services' "nextgen" program for teenagers; and point of sale award for "Supersize Your Finances" lobby display.

Merit Awards were received for Co-op Services' "Savings at Work" campaign in the area of business development and a dedicated "Smile" website for electronic marketing.

Co-op Services Credit Union has an office at 35050

Ford, east of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Mother's Day contest

Kicking off in celebration of Mother's Day, Fashion Designer Ming Wang and retailer Von Maur have joined forces on Facebook in search of some of the best mom's out there in The Ming Wang and Von Maur Mother's Day Appreciation Contest. The winning mom will be awarded a Spring/Summer Ming Wang and Von Maur prize pack valued at \$3,000. The contest is on both the Ming Wang and Von Maur Facebook pages through May 8. The winners will be announced on May 10.

To enter your mom (or a mom in your life), candidates should visit either one of the Facebook pages, www.facebook.com/mingwangknits or www.facebook.com/vonmaur, and follow the directions. Each entry will require an image of the submitted mom, along with an explanation of why she deserves to be recognized this Mother's Day. Representatives from Ming Wang, Von Maur and some of the top ranking mom blogs on the Internet will serve as judges. The winner will be selected based on their entry, as well as the number of "likes" their submission receives.

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Church members sew hope into blankets

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Hope is just one of the ingredients that go into making quilts and blankets at Garden City Presbyterian Church. A lot of love does as well.

It all started in October 2006 when a friend told Denise Salo about Project Linus, a national effort to provide handmade blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. Salo invited interested members to her home that first day. The result was a total of 17 blankets.

"Everybody had fun. There's a lot of friendship going on while you're making them," said Salo. "There's a need here not only to give but to get."

The need to give overflowed to the church building as sewing enthusiasts, their families and friends started to meet regularly. Sewing HOPE etc., etc., etc. was born when Chelsea MacLean, a young teen at the church, suddenly died from a blood clot. By the end of 2007, the women had made more than 100 blankets and quilts in tribute to Chelsea's giving spirit.

"Chelsea would always come up and give big hugs," said Salo. "We sew a logo into each of the items we give dedicated to her memory. She freely gave great hugs to those around her and we made these blankets to wrap around and hug the recipients."

REMEMBERING CHELSEA

On the last Saturday of the month, the group continues to don their HOPE T-shirts and heads for the church with their sewing machines. The T-shirts are a reminder of the youth training Chelsea attended shortly before her death.

"We hope it gives people hope that there are people out there who care," said Salo. "There are so many needs we've found out about."

Over the year the women expanded their charitable acts to meet those needs. They've donated handiwork to a Haitian orphanage, Blankets of Hope for U.S. soldiers in Germany, lap blankets for female soldiers at the VA Hospital in Detroit, and Soldiers Angels Scarves for U.S. troops to deal with the sand and extreme heat in Iraq.

"What we do is put hugs in a blanket," said Salo. "The day before Thanksgiving we put a loaf of bread into the pocket of an apron along with a prayer card to give other people some hope and remind them of God's love as part of National Tie One on Day."

NEED FOR BLANKETS

So far, a core group of about 10 women have made 374 quilts. Garden City Hospital has been the primary recipient.

"There's a big need there for blankets and gowns for infants when a child dies or the mother doesn't have a gown to take their baby home in," said Salo. "We've made over 100 of these. Some ladies also knit and crochet. They've made 26 knit hats for the oncology patients, 79 knit newborn hats and 10 chemo caps."

At church, the sewers make quilts for every child who is baptized there. The gifts come from the goodness of their hearts.

"We have no funding. The ladies or people at church donate fabric or find it on sale," said Salo. "It feels good to be able to reach out and make a difference."

ALL ABOUT GIVING

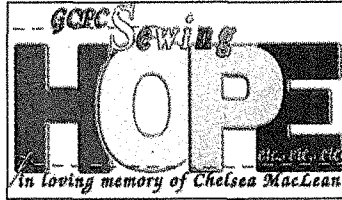
The sewing circle is all about giving. Anyone can join and need not be a member of the church or know how to sew as blankets can be simply cut and tied.

Salo's grandmother sewed but it wasn't until she attended Madonna University for fashion merchandising that she received formal training. Over the years, Salo made her daughter's school dresses and Halloween costumes for her three children who grew up in Garden City Schools.

"When we meet we pray, create, teach and learn," said Salo. "We invite anyone. A lot have brought family members and friends."

Gail Smalley enjoys the camaraderie as much as giving to others. The Garden City resident has been involved with the sewing circle from the beginning.

"We bring our lunch, teach



Every Sewing HOPE quilt has a tag indicating that it is in memory of Chelsea MacLean.

each other tricks about quilting," said Smalley. "I love to sew, love fabric. We have a room with material and set up our sewing machines and sew."

Smalley started sewing in her home economics class in junior high school and made her own clothes in high school. Her grandmother quilted, but Smalley didn't become interested until five years ago.

"I love the colors and textures, and why we do it," said Smalley.

Sewing HOPE, etc., etc., etc. meets 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the last Saturday of the month (April 30 and May 28). For information, call the church office at (734) 421-7620.



Completed rag quilts cover the tables where Jackie Toth (from left), Gail Smalley and Becky Falk work on more for Sewing HOPE.

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Copper plumbing stolen from quadplex units

Home invasion

A resident of a quadplex in the 2200 block of Emerson told police April 24 that he returned from being away for a couple of days to find the dry-wall ceiling torn down and the copper plumbing ripped out. The plumbing extended from the vacant unit next door which was found to have similar damage.

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The resident had found the door unlocked when he arrived home and the dresser drawers were emptied, but nothing was missing. The officer noted the lack of appliances, such as washer, dryer and refrigerator but the resident said the landlord had not provided those items. The 50 feet of missing copper plumbing was estimated at a value of \$100.

Careless driving

Police were called to P.D. Graham Elementary School, 1255 S. John Hix, about 6 p.m. April 23 after a Ford F-150 became stuck in mud near the playground. The driver, an 18-year-old Westland man, told police he drove from the north parking lot onto the grass in an attempt to reach the basketball court so he could listen to music on his vehicle stereo.

When the man attempted to drive around the fence and

dumpsters, he got stuck in the mud directly behind the Dumpsters. The man and his friends made several attempts to free the truck which caused a large amount of damage to the wet lawn. The truck was eventually extricated from the mud and driven back onto the parking lot.

The officer noted deep trenches and a large amount of mud where there had formerly been grass. The driver was cited for careless driving and advised there needed to be restitution to the school district. The driver and his friends used rakes and shovels to repair the damaged lawn to the best of their ability before the driver was released.

Larceny from a vehicle

Four tires, valued at \$1,600, were reported stolen from two vans parked at All-Med, 6321 Commerce, April 25. The owner found the tires missing when opening the business. The officer noted the International vans had four tires on the rear axle with the outer tires missing from each van. The vehicles were parked inside a fenced lot.

Vandalism

On April 23, a resident in the 800 block of Patricia Place told police that someone had driven across his front,

lawn leaving a set of tracks across the grass. He said he suspected his teenage neighbors were responsible for the damage. The damage was set at \$100.

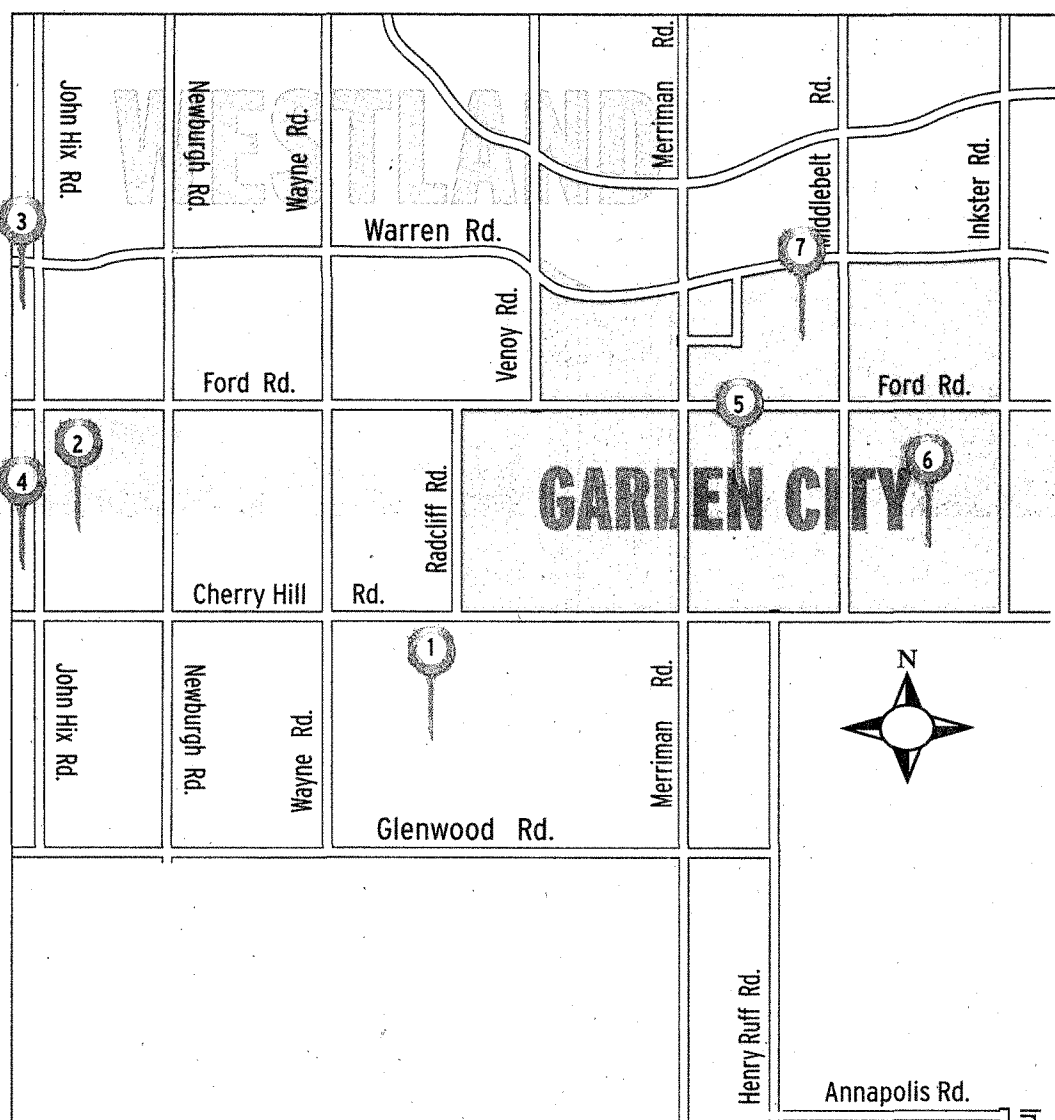
Throwing missile

On April 23, a Wayne woman told police that she was stopped eastbound on Warren Road, waiting to turn into the parking lot of Nail Art Studio, 32858 Warren Road, when a woman was standing in the roadway talking on a cell phone and blocking her path. When she honked her horn to get the woman to move, she said the pedestrian finished crossing the street making sarcastic gestures.

The driver said she waited outside the nail salon for the other woman to leave before she went into the business. The pedestrian and a second woman existed the business, the driver said, calling her insulting names and telling her she needed to kill herself.

Walking towards the business, the driver said she responded that she wouldn't sink to their level. As the two women left, the driver said the passenger threw a soft drink on her from the vehicle. The driver provided a license plate number that was registered to a rental vehicle.

-By LeAnne Rogers



TVs, laptop computer and safe taken from home

Stolen goods

A man who went to Virginia Beach to visit a relative having surgery returned to his home in the 31000 block of Pierce to find that someone stole several items from his house sometime between April 3-15.

He said he left the house in the care of his grandson, who said that he was not responsible for the thefts but pointed fingers at his acquaintances. The grandson said that he was trying to find and get back the items several days before his grandfather returned home.

The homeowner reported that the thief took three TVs, a laptop computer, two gold necklaces and a safe containing cash and collectible lighters.

Home invasion

A man said he returned home with his children about 2 p.m. April 19 and immediately noticed that something was wrong. He kept his children in his car while he called the police

after he found that a thief had broken in through the garage door and interior door, then exited through the door wall of his home in the 29000 block of Alvin Court.

He told police he believes that he may have startled the thief, who took off with a laptop computer which was on the counter but didn't steal anything else. Police found a shoe print outside the home.

They canvassed the neighborhood for witnesses. One neighbor said that she saw a suspicious man earlier in the day going from home to home, knocking on doors, but skipped her house. She described him as a black male who was tall and thin and wore dark clothing.

A canine unit from Dearborn Heights helped to set up a track, which ended at Central and Rosslyn.

Theft

A man who left his vehicle unlocked April 19 in the 1000 block of Helen found that someone stole items from the center

console of the 1994 Chrysler. The thief took a Sony PSP game player and a video game.

Larceny

A Sports Venue customer said that someone took her purse and its contents when she left it on the front seat of her unlocked car about 2:30 a.m. April 19.

She had left the 2011 Toyota warming up while she went and sat in her friend's car for about 15 minutes.

When she returned, her purse, her iPod and her Kindle were gone from her car, which was parked in the lot of the bar located on Middlebelt, north of Ford.

Property damage

A resident in the 28000 block of Pardo reported that someone used black spray paint to paint graffiti which resembled a star and the word, "folk," on her garage door sometime before 11 a.m. April 18.

-By Sue Buck

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A dose of reality

Store helps students understand significance of money, budget

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chin Ho had to admit it was "getting scary."

A male model, Ho was watching his \$1,300 per month salary and \$500 in savings evaporate before his eyes as the reality of making ends meet set in. By the time he had factored in food, clothing, utilities, health care and unexpected expenses, Ho was \$651 in the red, but "I've got \$88 in savings."

"I've learned your money can go down fast and you can't make it up," said the Garden City Middle School eighth-grader who participated in Reality Store put on by the Canton Women's Connection.

Held early this month, the program has students select a career and family dynamic and armed with a checkbook ledger and an assigned monthly salary, they work their way through various stations to get "a dose of reality."

Ho had an idea that he wouldn't fare well. As he checked in with Sue White of Canton, she let him know: "It's very difficult to make money as a model, so you have a small salary. You're going to be way in the negative. I don't want you to be discouraged."

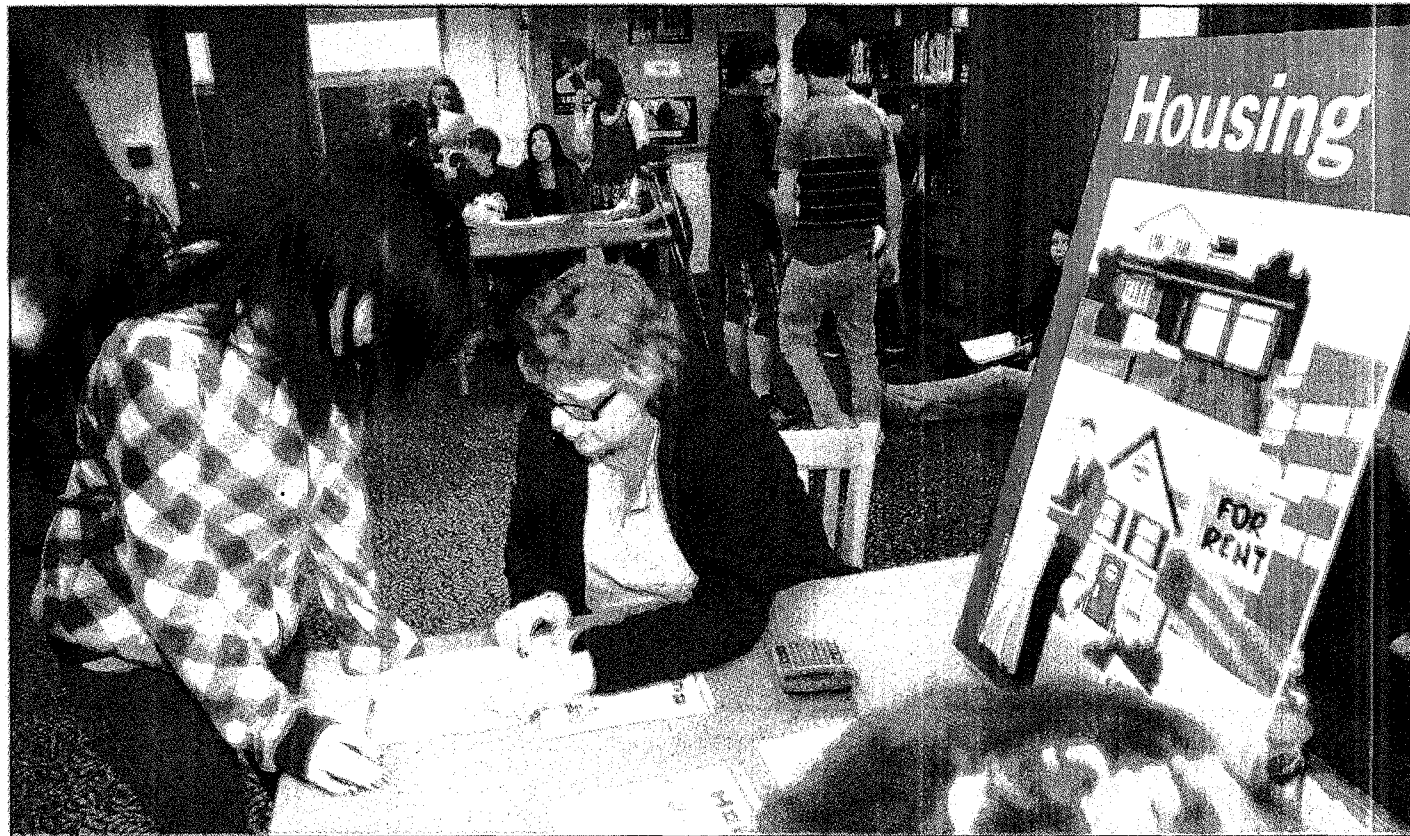
For more than four years, the women's club, formerly the Canton BPW, has brought the Reality Store to the Garden City Middle School. According to White, the connection was made through Schoolcraft College.

Garden City Middle School is one of five stops the store will make this year. Getting a dose of reality will be students as Discovery and East and West Middle Schools in the Plymouth-Canton school district and Clarenceville High School.

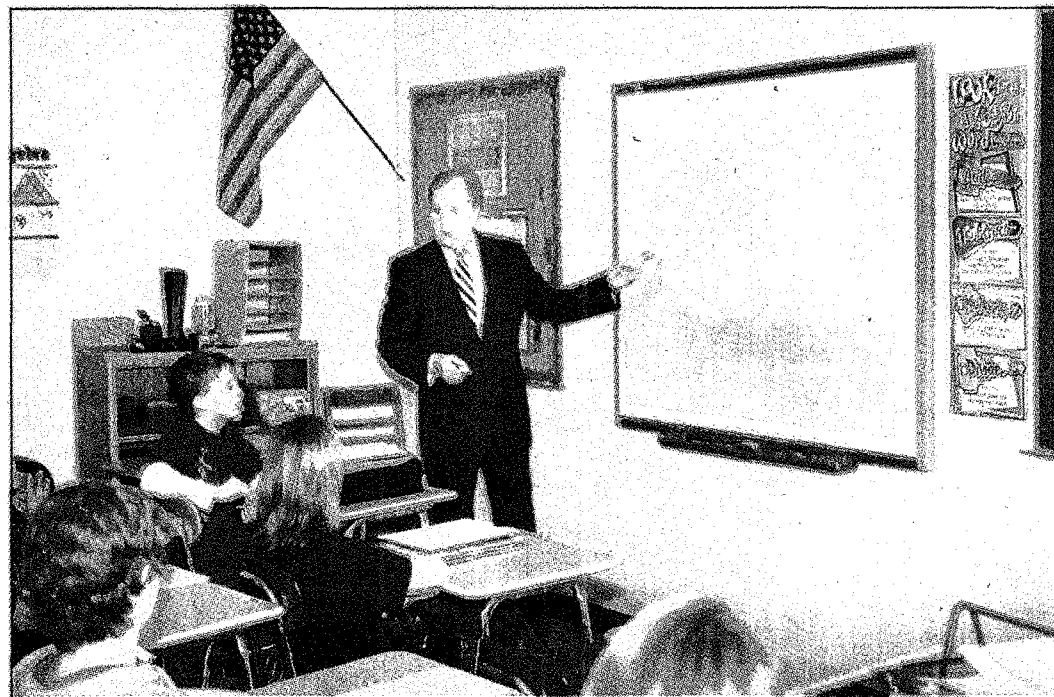
"A lot of students chose to be doctors and lawyers," said White. "The kids are a hoot, but they do get into it. When they're done, they compare notes."

MAKING CHOICES

Ho's stats included being



Garden City Middle School eighth-grader Diane Wylie learns what it takes to be able to afford housing with the help of volunteer Debbie Meyer at the Canton Women's Connection Reality Store.



Meteorologist Jim Madaus talks about weather formations to seventh-graders who were exploring careers.



Garden City Middle School student Katie Podsiad listens to speakers.

married. He chose a one-bedroom apartment (\$600 per month) with \$30 for insurance, a cell phone (\$30),

cable/Internet (\$25) and a used car (\$150 per month plus \$70 in insurance). He opted to buy store brand food (\$300

a month), buy his clothing at Target and Kmart (\$100 per month) and spend a combined \$90 on personal care for he and

his wife. Medical insurance came in at \$360 a month plus an additional \$16 a month for life insurance.

He was \$601 in the hole when he faced his first reality check — a \$422 bill for treatment and hospital stay due to a diabetic reaction to insulin. Without insurance, the bill would have been \$4,223. He covered the expense by transferring money from his savings account.

"I'm surprised you're not

more in debt than you are," said retired Garden City teacher Karen Kossach. "I used to teach life management, hopefully they learn from this."

Ho admitted that he did.

"I see what my parents go through. I'm going to reconsider what I asked for," he said.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Collin Payne chose to be an attorney, but even with a monthly income of more than \$2,000, he ended up \$255 in the hole although he still had the \$500 in savings.

"I didn't like the fact that I couldn't purchase clothes for myself at Abercrombie & Fitch for myself and Kmart and Target for my kid," Payne said. "I'm not going to spend that kind of money on clothes they're going to grow out of."

Club members and volunteers help man the stations. One volunteer was Jessica Pezzopane, a Garden City graduate who thinks it's very informative.

"I want to go through it. I think it would be a shock," she said. "I still live at home with my parents. I see this and it surprises me. I don't know what the cost of insurance is. I can see it coming up on me."

According to Principal Brian Summer, the Reality Store "reinforces the importance of a solid-paying career."

"This activity provides our eighth-grade students with a dose of reality," said Summer. "They are able to gain a better understanding of the significance of money and a budget."

Ho got the message.

"I haven't been thinking about a career, but it won't be a model," he said.

And while the eighth-graders visited the Reality Store, the seventh-graders had the opportunity to hear from four of the 14 professionals during their second- and third-period classes. Among the professions represented are a meteorologist, veterinarian, U.S. Border Patrol agent and hospital administrator.

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Glenn dance recital is emotional for coach

For Carey Christian, choreographing the spring dance recital at John Glenn High School was therapeutic.

As the coach, Christian has always had one piece of advice for her dancers: "Just dance it out!" And that's what she did.

"Throughout the years, whenever they were sad, angry, nervous, afraid, I always have told them to dance it out and it will get better," she said. "This has always seem to help my girls in the past and I have been told this is a piece of advice they take with them after they graduate. So, I decided to take my own advice and selected songs that had a special meaning to me and allowed me to dance out my own conflicts in life."

Keeping with the tradition of naming the show after its finale, "Born This Way," will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29, in the auditorium of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

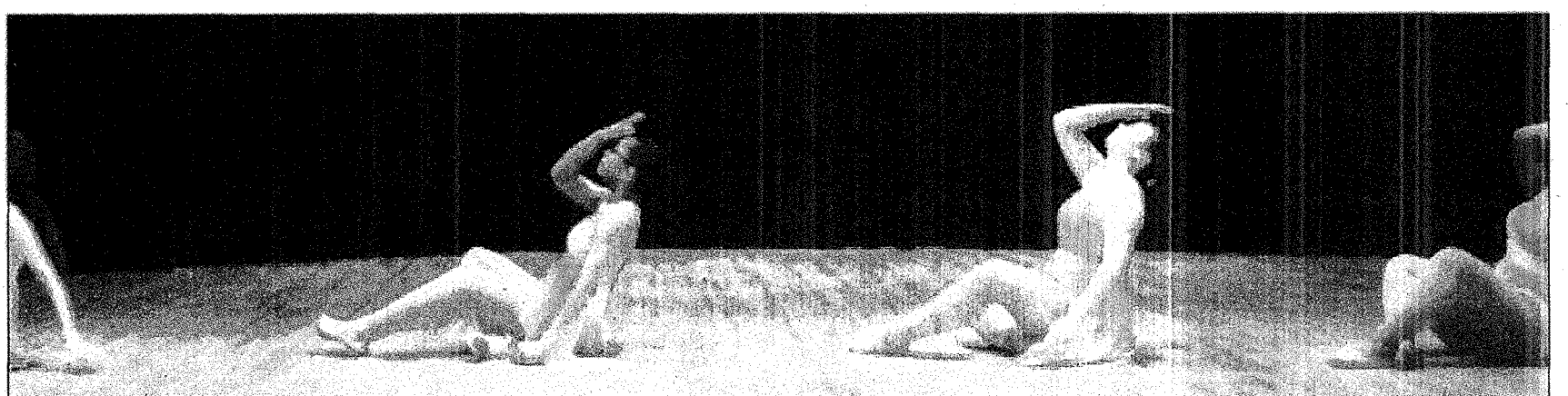
For Christian, the show will be an emotional one, with the final performances of three seniors, many which have been with her for years.

"It will be hard to see them go and I am going to try very hard not to get extremely emotional," she said.

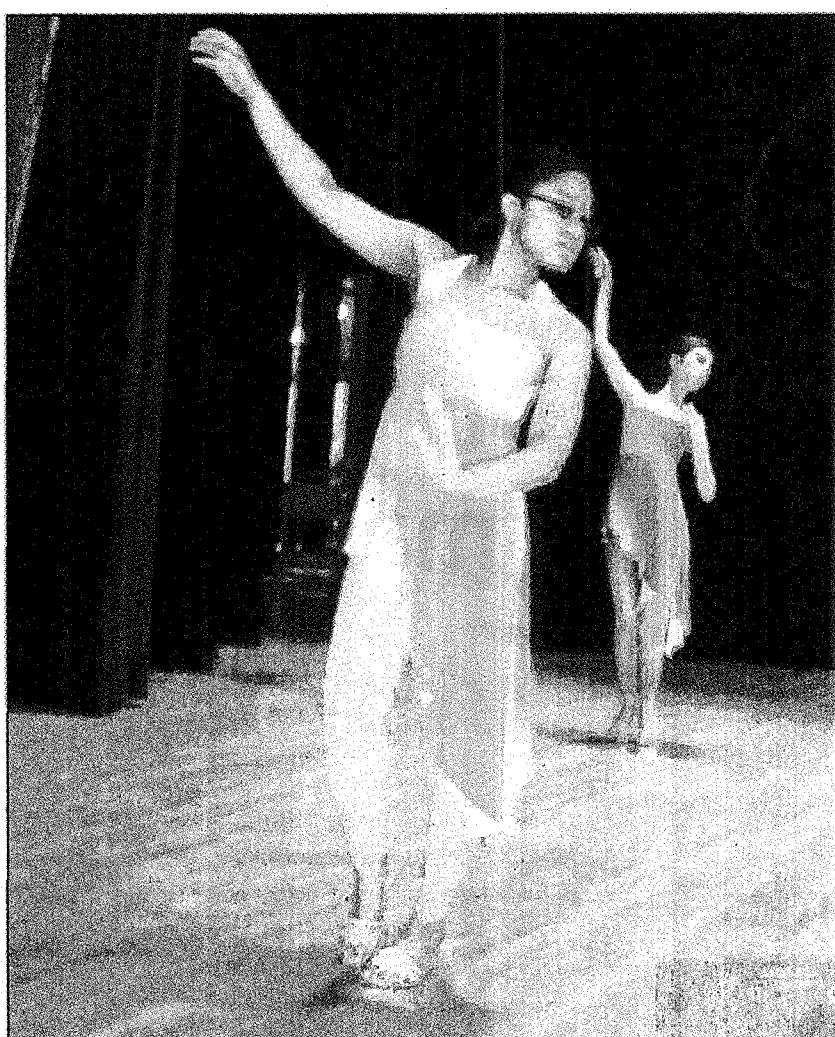
On her own this semester Christian taught all the group dances with the exception of three. Admitting that "the older I get, the harder it is to come up with new and different combination, she said that having music that was special to me helped me choreograph in the time frame I had."

"I have even dedicated a few songs to special friends and family members in this show, including my daughter who was sick four years ago," she said. "There is a special ballet number just for her, although she will probably not be too happy with me about it."

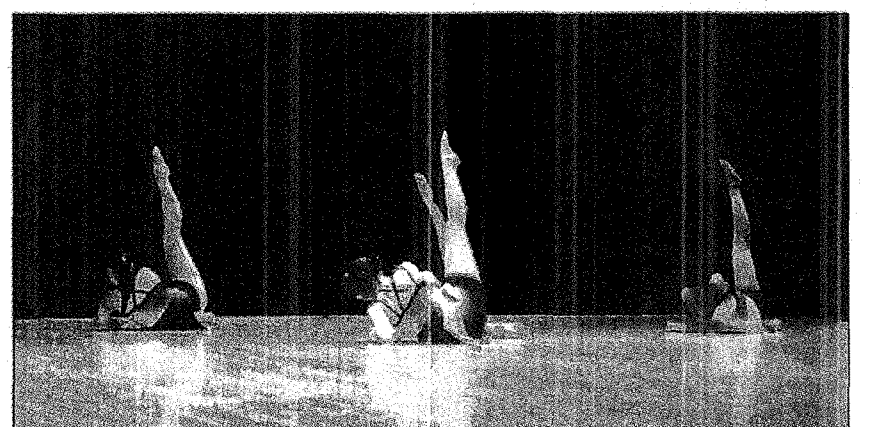
Among the seniors that will leave the team is Jessica Campbell whoa started hanging around with the team several years ago and became Christian's assistant. This semester, her last at Glenn, she decided to audition and made the team.



Members of the Company - Janae Pierce, Alex German, Ranequa Boyd and Tasha Christensen - rehearse for tomorrow's spring recital.



Janae Pierce will be a guest dancer during the show. A 3 1/2-year member of the team, she left this semester to experience life at John Glenn High School without dancing every day, said Coach Carey Christian.



The Elite group includes Ainea Faison, Taliyah Parker, Katie Bradke and Hannah Shepard.

"It is such a pleasure to have her on stage even though I miss her backstage," Christian said, adding that she also is losing captain Janae Pierce who has been with her for 3 1/2 years.

"When she started on my team, she was new to the dance scene, too. Now she is in my Company, my advanced group and I am so proud of how beautifully she dances," said Christian.

Another senior she will miss is Ranequa Kelley who "has made such incredible advancements in such a short time."

"She actually shocked me last year, she started at our beginner level and quickly jumped to advanced because of the dedication and passion she has for performing," Christian added.

She also is feeling the loss of Anna Quillen who has been on the team

since she first came to John Glenn in ninth grade, but decided to sit this semester out and see how life at Glenn is without dancing every day. She did come back to help, teaching a contemporary dance and a Hip Hop. She will also be performing in the show as a guest.

"I am going to miss them all so much, I hope I can keep it together Friday," Christian said.

As a special favor, she also is going to dance for a minute in the finale.

"Since Janae Pierce has been on my team, she has asked me to dance with them every semester," she said. "I always told her that no one wants to see an old lady dance, but I gave in this semester and am joining my team for my Janae. Public embarrassment is the least I can do for her since she has been such a big part of my team all these years."

Wayne Memorial JROTC Raiders win state competition

While other students were starting spring break, the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Zebra Battalion's Raiders were in Metamora, competing in the final competition of the year, the Michigan Wide Raider Competition at Metamora.

Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Cory Sheldon led the team to a clean sweep of the competition, placing first in all seven events. Rival Renaissance High School, which finished right behind Wayne Memorial in each event, found it hard to keep up with the Zebras.

The weather was harsh, but the raiders still competed with all their might, according to Cadet Sgt. IC Dionte Burton.

"This competition is my favorite because it's hard but

still fun at the same time," said Cadet 1st Sgt. Zack Woodworth who placed second in the individual fitness test.

Cadet Lt. Col. Keslie Honeycutt and Cadet 2nd Lt. Kaitlyn Durden also placed first and second in the female fitness test. This makes for a great end to this raider season.

The victory came just two weeks after Wayne JROTC Raider Team won the fourth annual Wayne Raider Competition, defeating teams from Detroit, Jackson, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Westland, and Hobart, Indiana.

The Raiders, once again led by Sheldon, placed first in five of the seven events, and set records in the road march, one-rope-bridge, and the team mile run.



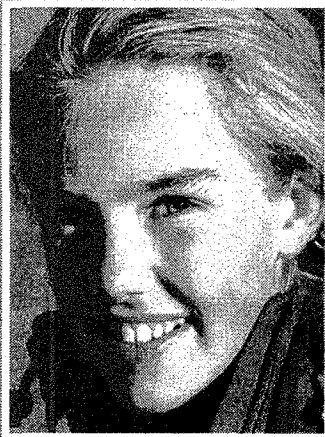
Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Cory Sheldon (center) and members of the Wayne Memorial High School's JROTC Raider Team captured top spot in the Michigan Wide Raider Competition.



Cadet 2nd Lt. Kaitlyn Durden does sit-ups on her way to placing second in the female fitness test.



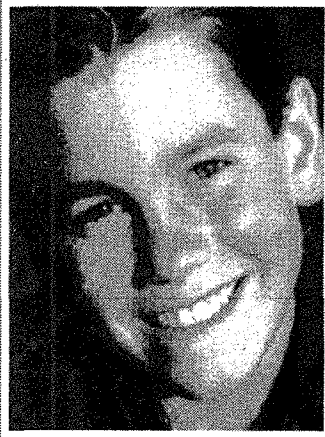
The Raiders placed first in all of the events at the Michigan Wide competition, including the road march.



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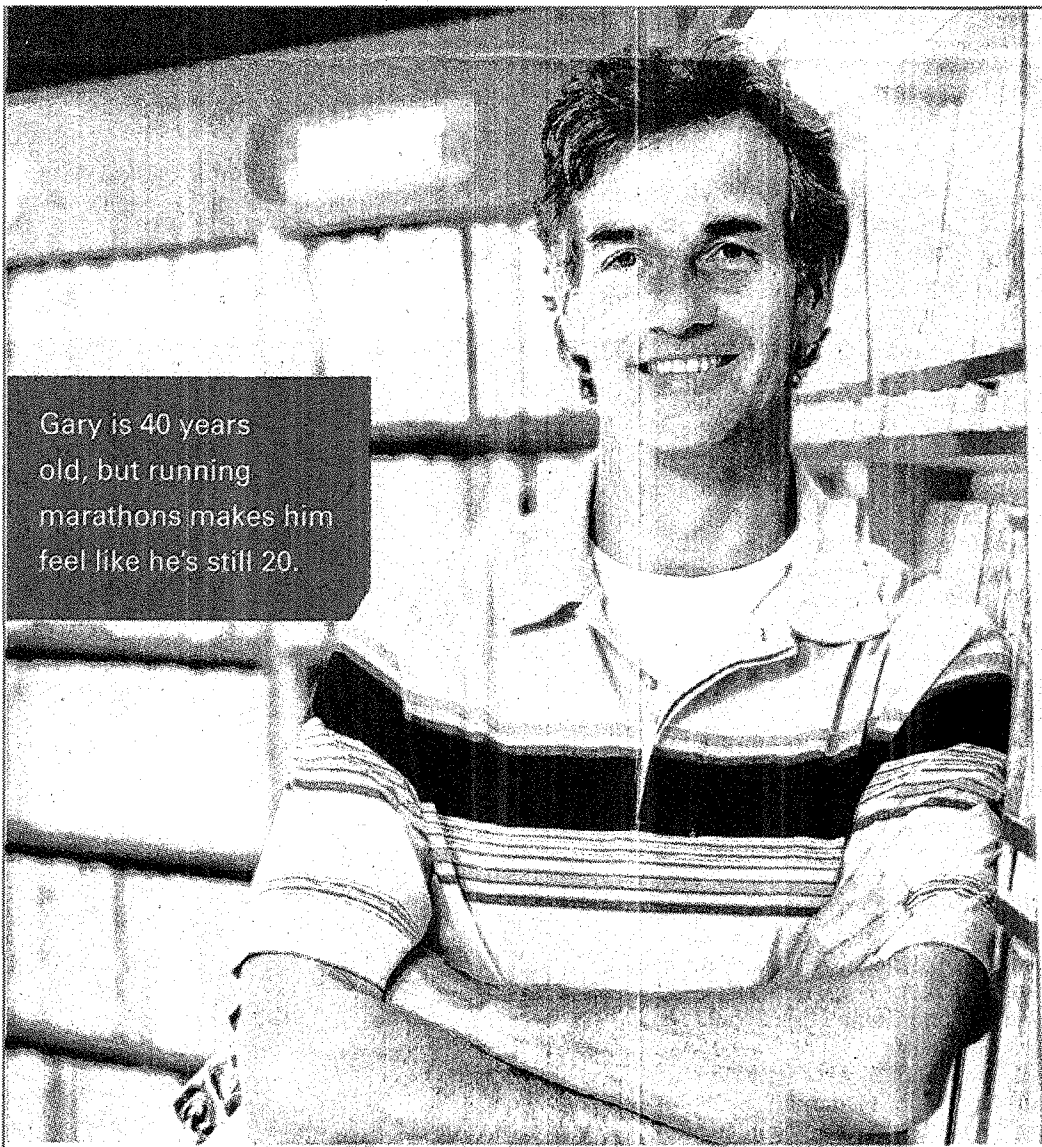


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UPCOMING EVENTS

In Concert
Time/Date: 3 p.m. Saturday, May 14
Location: Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn
Details: The Ford Motor Company Chorus is presenting a concert, "Love in Spring." Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the door.

Rouge Rescue
Time/Date: Saturday, June 4
Details: Friends of the Rouge are looking for volunteers to participate in the 25th Anniversary Rouge Rescue 2011. This annual river cleanup event has been so successful at removing trash that many of the sites now work on river restoration projects. There are volunteer opportunities for all ages with activities varying by site that may include trash cleanup, invasive plant removal, planting projects, woody debris management (moving wood in streams), nature walks, nesting box construction and more.
Contact: Call Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or go online to www.therouge.org for more information.

Tapestry display
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday through May 27
Location: William Costick Activity Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The Farmington Hills Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is displaying the guild's national tapestry, "America the Beautiful" at the Costick Center through May 27. This tapestry, depicting the U.S., its flora, fauna and geographic features, is in five panels, each 24 inches by 48 inches. In conjunction with the tapestry display, Farmington Hills Chapter will also display a selection of its members' work.
Contact: For more information, call (248) 473-1800.

Karate Tournament
Time/Date: Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 15
Location: Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland
Details: The Shotokan Karate Federation of Michigan is hosting a 2011 Michigan Karate Tournament at the Bailey Center. Spectator/parent fees (paid at the door) are: \$5 Adults 15 years and older, \$3 senior citizens age 65 and older, \$3 for children age 5-14 and children free age 4 and



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Comic Book Day

Mark your calendars for Free Comic Book Day Saturday, May 7, when your local and favorite comic book stores, will be giving away special edition comic books to all - young or old, new or returning comic book collectors or not. Costumed characters, special events and other fun surprises are planned. Among the participating stores are A to Z Cards and Comics, 32659 Ford Road, Garden City, Warriors 3 Comics and Games, 35613 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne; Back to the Past Comics, 12670 Inkster Road, Redford; Comic Archives Inc. 25650 Plymouth Road, Redford, and Comic City, 42727 Ford Road, Canton.

under. Check the website - www.karatemi.com - for the up-to-date tournament information.
Contact: For more information, call Sensei Tony Valvona at (734) 658-5683.

American Legion
Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month
Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.
Contact: Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at www.post251.com or www.post251.org.

Fish fry
Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday
Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia
Details: Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.
Contact: For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volun-

teer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.
Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Earth Angels
Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.
Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

Higher Rock Cafe
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.
Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.
Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live

bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.
Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

EDUCATION

Willow Creek
Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland
Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.
Contact: (734) 326-0078

St. Damian
Location: 29891 Joy, Westland
Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.
Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA Preschool
Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.
Contact: (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise
Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.
Contact: Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

Westland Rotary
Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland
Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome.
Contact: Mary at (734) 729-5401

Writing Group
Time/Date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month
Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne
Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.
Contact: www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to sheprey@yahoo.com

Toastmasters
Location: Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.
Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.
Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

TOPS 869
Time/Date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.
Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.
Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.
Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

TOPS M128
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland
Contact: Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

Garden City Dems
Time/Date: 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June)
Location: Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City
Contact: Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344

Citizens for Peace
Time/Date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month
Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
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OUR VIEWS

Fresh returns

Farmers Market serves as community gathering place

We all know the rhyme, "April showers bring May flowers," and that's literally what will happen in Westland next Tuesday when the Farmers Market will open for a new season.

Introduced last year, the market has proven to be a popular shopping destination for residents who like the idea of buying fruits and vegetables fresh from the garden. It also is offering weekly entertainment, making the place to go on Tuesdays from May through the end of October.

Before the mass transportation of food from all regions of the country and the world for that matter, families ate what they grew or what their neighbors grew. If they didn't have a garden, people shopped at their local grocery store or visited a farm to get what they needed.

Today's farmers market lets us enjoy with food that hasn't been shipped from thousands of miles away. The market puts fresh produce at our fingertips, it helps the local economy and the environment. What was the norm decades ago is now an environmentally friendly green experience.

We'd like to offer up a few reasons why we believe you should visit the Westland Farmers Market this season. First and foremost is seasonal plants that are fresh and produce that's full of flavor because it is allowed to ripen naturally and then picked and brought directly to market. But there's more.

Another reason? Food in this country typically travels 1,500 miles before reaching your dinner table, which uses large amounts of natural resources, particularly fossil fuels that contribute to green house gases in the environment. Locally grown food is transported only a short distance and is usually grown using methods that minimize the impact on the earth.

These days, farmers are a vanishing breed. By selling directly to consumers at farmers markets, local farmers are able to cut out the middle man and get a fair price for their produce. You, in turn, are helping them remain on the farm. They also bring a variety of fruits and vegetables to market and provide the opportunity to try something new. And farmers are never shy about sharing ideas on how to prepare and serve their produce.

We like the idea of a Farmers Market, and in it's second year, the Westland market is finding new ways to attract more farmers and more shoppers. We see it as a community gathering place where parents can bring their children, meet friends and stroll among the vendors. It's a place where shopping becomes a pleasure rather than a chore.

We urge residents to help make this another successful season for the Westland Farmers Market. It opens Tuesday, May 3, with new hours — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a new location — the Westland City Hall parking lot on Ford Road west of Wayne Road. The new location serves as a prelude to its eventually move to Central City Park once the park cleanup is completed.

As we see it, the Westland Farmers Market is a community activity that's just ripe for the picking.

COMMUNITY VOICE

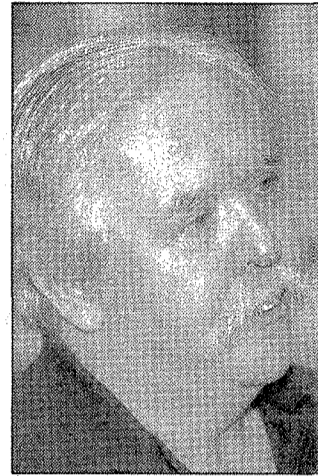
Thinking back to 2009, when the economy nose-dived, do you think you're better off or worse?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



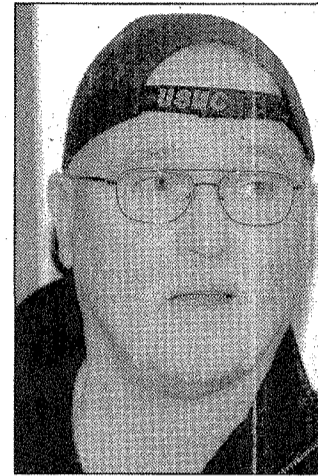
"Worse off, it's just the entire way the economy is going and changing. It isn't helping us like we thought."

Zachary Archer
Livonia



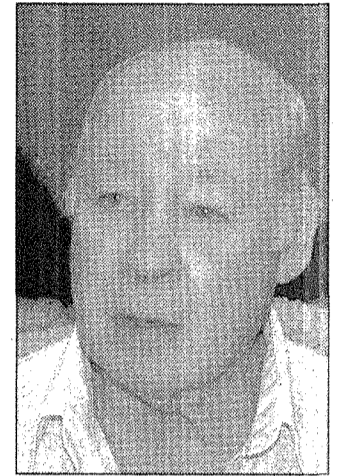
"Worse. The chasm is just getting wider in the separation of the rich and poor."

Richard Barrel
Garden City



"Life is good. I have three beautiful children and two new grandchildren and my youngest son comes home from Afghanistan in July."

Brian Ferris
Westland



"I think we're worse off. Everything is going up and up. They've taken everything to where we're left with nothing."

Ludwig Malik
Redford

LETTERS

Don't raid School Aid Fund

I am a lifelong Michigan resident, school employee, homeowner, taxpayer and graduate of MSU, WSU and EMU.

I am vehemently opposed to the governor's proposal to use School Aid funds to cover community college and university budgets.

The quality of educational services will be diminished under the governor's proposal. This will be harmful to our children, to families, and in the long term, to our state.

Michigan is already losing residents, as the most recent census revealed. Teachers who are paid their value and have the means to educate students can best support students and improve student achievement. Look at the statistics: States where teachers are in unions have students who perform better on standardized tests. These tests are predictors of future success in post-secondary education.

Early intervention with students promotes the likelihood of success later in school. Cuts to K-12 education will destroy the lives and futures of many children. These children will not be prepared to perform in college.

Ever heard of "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure?" Now is not the time to reduce funding to schools.

I have 35 years of professional experience in community mental health and now as a school counselor (the past 14 years). I left community mental health as it was not funded. I do the same work in a public schools now as this is the only place where kids are receiving help. Who's going to help these stu-

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dents when all the support professionals are no longer in schools? Who is going to provide guidance to parents who desperately need it?

I will offer the following suggestions for public education and maintaining quality services:

- Discontinue Michigan Merit testing and Work Keys testing in the public school for juniors. One test, the ACT, is sufficient.
- Revamp No Child Left Behind — there is a lot of unnecessary waste and mandates that tie up teachers' time and many students learn "learned helplessness." Consult educators about what changes are needed.

Lori George
Livonia

• Fine parents who allow their students to be truant. School truancy increases the likelihood of other social ailments which are costly.

• Eliminate accountability measures such as annual teacher evaluations and excessive standardized testing of students; let teachers instruct instead of teaching to the tests. Students are not understanding that learning is a life-long task that should be enjoyed.

• Take the money saved from revamping Special Education (No Child Left Behind) and fund learning that can be flexible through the internet for students to take courses to recover credit lost due to failure.

• Keep control of money/budgets local. The emergency financial managers on the horizon is a lost cause. Anybody who ever studied society and efforts at organization knows that people have to have a say, be invested in a plan and design their community services.

• Public schools need employees, not contracted workers. Students need consistent adults. Don't underestimate the value of a lunchroom assistant, the janitor or any other constant figure in a child's life. Can you put a price on that?

I vehemently oppose privatization of school support services and the takeover of failing schools by emergency financial managers. Our School Aid Fund has a surplus and should be used for K-12 education. The future of our children, our families and the state of Michigan is at stake.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: WYAA prez charged with embezzlement

Having been with WYAA for more than 20 years this is sad for ALL of us. We had no idea what was happening. I am a LIFETIME board member for WYAA and very proud of what our organization provides and does for the kids in our community. Several of us are STILL involved with the program because we care deeply for it. Most of us are still there and our kids have been gone for years, we love helping kids. To see a kid throw a ball for the first time or get a hit for the first time, it's moments like this that keeps us there, and then something like this happens, and it makes ALL of us look bad. Let me assure you we have a great bunch of people at WYAA, however please don't let one bad apple spoil what we have built for up for years. Our kids deserve better than what this man has done.

Budder

The issue: Changes in sex offenders registry

Congratulations to Michigan for joining a handful of other states in enacting this vital legislation. Continuing to criminalize teenagers and young adults for poor judgement and lack of restraint serves no good purpose whatsoever and threatens the very future of our country.

According to the article, this offense was seldom reported to authorities to begin with, which tells me that Michigan as a state already had more common sense than many others. In Texas and some other states, the authorities go looking for the offense. Underage girls giving birth are reported by hospital "social services," and the frequent result is charges, sentencing, imprisonment or probation and lifetime sex offender registration for the "baby daddy" even though he and the mother may have subsequently married and no one is pressing charges except the state.

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Don't shorten foreclosure time frame

BY NEETA DELANEY
GUEST COLUMNIST

First, the worst recession since the Great Depression brought Michigan homeowners to their knees. Then, federal foreclosure prevention programs over-



Neeta Delaney

promised but underperformed together while a horde of foreclosure rescue scammers kicked them while they were down. Now, just as the economy is improving and they're getting back on their feet, the Michigan State House Banking & Financial Services Committee has introduced pending legislation, that if passed, will knock the legs out from under Michigan homeowners once again.

House Bill 4542-4544 will extend Michigan's 90-day pre-foreclosure negotiation law but disproportionately and permanently shorten Michigan's post-foreclosure redemption period from six to three months — cutting in half the time Michigan homeowners have to redeem, sell or move from their homes.

A recent survey of Michigan's HUD and MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselors and legal service attorneys found that the primary reason Michigan's at-risk homeowners are denied permanent loan modifications is

job loss or a reduction in income. With early signs that unemployment and job creation are turning around, we should be helping homeowners weather the storm, instead of making it harder.

During this Great Recession, the redemption period has allowed homeowners to sell their homes or transition to other housing. As the economy continues to recover, more homeowners will once again use this time to successfully redeem their homes.

Meanwhile, Michigan's current six-month redemption period helps maintain the home's value, prevents stripping and other vandalism, and minimizes the economic damage to the surrounding properties by keeping the homeowner in the home.

Backers of the bills argue it's fair to reduce the postforeclosure redemption period by 90 days since the proposed temporary extension of 90-day pre-foreclosure law gives them 90 days on the front end. However, under the proposed law, the shortened redemption period doesn't sunset with the extension of the 90-day pre-foreclosure law. It's a permanent reduction. After next year, homeowners will not have the benefit of either the 90-day pre-foreclosure law or a six-month post-foreclosure redemption period. Additionally, during the one-year extension of the 90-day law, the reduced redemption period will apply to all homeowners, not just those who opt into the 90-day pre-foreclosure process.

Lenders who back the bill claim they

want to move people out of their homes sooner so they can put the homes back on the market more quickly.

The same survey cited above found that most lenders wait several months after a default before sending the 90-day pre-foreclosure notice. To shorten the time homeowners remain in a home after a default, they should instead reach out to borrowers by sending these notices earlier. Early outreach to borrowers will improve the chances that borrowers can tackle their default arrearages.

While several local Michigan community banks and credit unions have done an exemplary job of this, their loans represent only a fraction of Michigan's home mortgages. The vast majority is owned and/or serviced by national banks whose track record in maintaining properties and getting them back on the market is far worse than that of defaulting homeowners.

Since the inception of the foreclosure crisis, no state has even considered shortening its foreclosure time frame. This is the wrong response at the wrong time and it will hurt Michigan. Contact your state legislators and speak out against House Bill 4542-4544.

Neeta Delaney is co-director of The Michigan Foreclosure Task Force. The task force is supported by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Bank of America, the Kresge Foundation, CEDAM and others. For more information, go to www.cedam.info/foreclosure.

D-Movement engages suburbs in supporting Detroit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

The D-Movement recently brought its message to Schoolcraft College and it was inspirational. Throughout the audience, there was a buzz about working, living and playing in Detroit.

Thanh Tran founded the D-Movement and D-NewTech to encourage entrepreneurship. One by one, six speakers took to the stage of the Presentation Room in the VisTaTech Center to talk about startup businesses as well as showcase groups that cheer on Detroit.

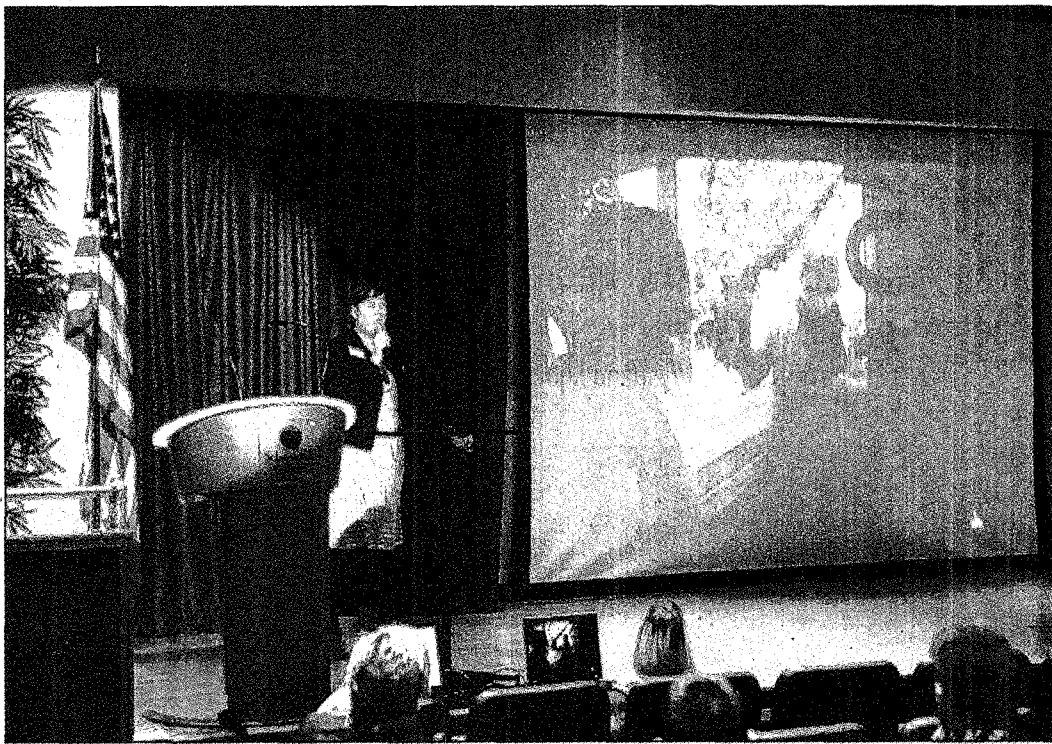
Tran used the event to reach out to the suburbs to promote the city's economic and cultural comeback and as a result benefit the southeast Michigan community.

"D-NewTech is riding the wave of supporting the city," said Tran of Novi. "We want to go out and recruit people to come into the city. We feel they're disconnected. You don't have to live in Detroit to support it."

Tran's business, H & T Medical Solutions, is in Novi and provides electronic medical records' software to psychiatric practices. Marzen Baldonado of Canton was answering questions by the company's Mental Notes display in the DiPonio Room across the hall from the Presentation Room. He attends D-NewTech meetings the first Monday of the month at Quicken Loans headquarters downtown. The H & T sales and marketing director spent last weekend enjoying Detroit's cultural and sports offerings with his wife.

'A DETROIT WEEKEND'

"We had a Detroit weekend, went to the Red Wings game Friday and on Sunday to the Fakes and Forgeries exhibit at the DIA," said Baldonado. "I go to the D-NewTech meet-



Amy Kaheri, co-founder of "Detroit SOUP," speaks to the D-Movement audience at Schoolcraft College.

ings for information. We have a keynote speaker, usually an investor. It's an opportunity for people with startup businesses. I like the fact there's a Midtown resurgence and for people to move back to the city."

Back at the Presentation Room, Kathleen Zadroga sat listening to speakers from the D-Movement, the grassroots effort composed of professionals, students, businesses and organizations. Zadroga is human resources representative for rconnect in Farmington Hills. The business provides applications for wireless technology.

"I'm always interested in innovative ideas and am concerned with linking businesses and finding new talent, what's working. There's a lot of talent still here," said Zadroga of Redford.

Zadroga was one of the audience members who raised their hands when Andrew Humphrey asked how those in attendance heard about the event.

She found information on LinkedIn. Others read details on Facebook, Twitter and the *Livonia Observer*. Humphrey, a meteorologist and reporter for WDIV-TV, encouraged the audience to tweet about the event as it was happening. Humphrey was master of ceremonies. He was excited about meeting people at the event to share ideas. He introduced speakers Shane Sevo, founder of the user group Joomla! Detroit; Amy Kaheri, co-founder of Detroit SOUP; Linda Daichendt, co-founder of Mobile Monday Michigan; Shawn Neal, executive producer of The Sugar People, a musical duo that provided entertainment; Margarita Barry, founder and publisher of I Am Young Detroit; and Jon Zemke, managing editor and a business journalist for SE Michigan Startup.

Mike Mehall led off the presentations. Mehall chairs the Computer Graphic Technology Department at Schoolcraft College,

one of the event sponsors. Students from the Practical Applications capstone class displayed their work in the lobby between the Presentation and DiPonio rooms so guests could learn about the program that offers training in areas ranging from 3D to video graphics and Web design. Students designed the logo for the evening's program. A show of their computer graphics runs Saturday, April 16, to Tuesday, April 26, in the Bradner Library on campus.

"We want to show the community what we offer educationally," said Mehall, former director of computer technologies at Center for Creative Studies (now College for Creative Studies) before coming to Schoolcraft College 12 years ago. "Events like this bring industry in and shows students how networking is important."

Tran graduated from the Schoolcraft program then went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from



Musicians from "The Sugar People" perform for the D-movement audience.

Michigan State University.

'GREAT TIME FOR STARTUPS'

"Our mission is encouraging entrepreneurship in the city and southeast Michigan," said Tran. "It's a great time for startups."

Tran said collaboration and working together were key to success. "We may have the next Facebook in Detroit."

Shane Sevo lost his job in 2007 and through networking with a Joomla user group received the support he needed to start a Web design business. Margarita Barry is encouraging those under age 35 through IamYoungDetroit.com "to pursue their passions and do it successfully." She featured several startups including Hostel Detroit and Burn Rubber, a sneaker boutique owned by rapper Ro Spit in Royal Oak. I Am Young Detroit offers entrepreneurial training as well as seed grants.

"We bring inspirational stories to life through on- and off-line events," said Barry. "The time is now and Detroit is the place."

Quicken Loans and Compuware are helping to make that possible by offering space for groups like Joomla! Detroit and Mobile Monday Michigan to meet. Detroit SOUP holds collab-

orative dinners in the loft above Mexicantown Bakery, 4304 Vernor, across from Clark Park. For \$5, guests not only receive soup, salad and bread but a chance to win the pot of proceeds from the evening. Those in attendance vie for money to support their creative projects. One man biked to work every day and drew Detroit. A coloring book is now available at the Cass Café.

"It's a chance to share your voice," said Kaheri.

Detroit Soup presents their next dinner May 1. For details, visit www.detroit-soup.com.

The next meeting of D-NewTech is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Quicken Loans in Detroit. For information, visit dnewtech.org.

"It's a critical point in time to collaborate to reinvent Detroit," said Tran.


Humphrey couldn't agree more.

"It's about turning a negative into a positive," Humphrey said as he ended the presentations and directed the audience to the DiPonio Room for networking, and food and refreshments provided by students in the college's award-winning Culinary Arts Department.



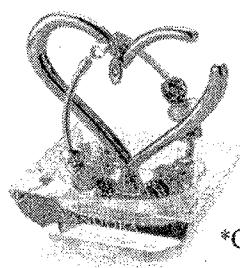
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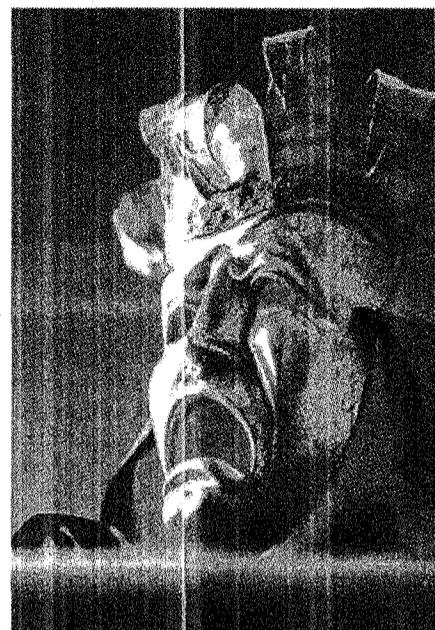
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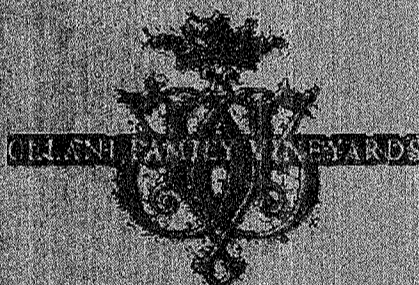


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ENTERTAINMENT, B6

Madonna clinches WHAC regular season crown

Sparked by a sterling effort from its ace, the Madonna University baseball team is the king of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference for the sixth time in the past seven years.

The Crusaders clinched the crown Saturday after splitting a double-header with Concordia University.

Madonna captured Game One, 4-2, behind No. 1 starter Jeremy Gooding's complete-game gem. The Cardinals used an 11-hit attack and four Crusader errors to take the

nightcap, 9-5.

Gooding improved to 8-0 by scattering four hits and two walks while striking out eight in seven innings.

The Crusaders, 29-12 overall and 17-3 in the WHAC, earned the right to host the WHAC Baseball Championship Tournament, set for Ilitch Ballpark on May 4-5.

Madonna never trailed in Game One after scoring a single run in the opening frame when Jeff Bultinck led off with a double and came around to score on Steve Pelletier's

COLLEGE BASEBALL

(Farmington Harrison) ground out.

Bultinck padded the Crusaders' lead to 3-0 in the fifth with an opposite-field home run.

Concordia closed its gap to 3-2 in the sixth, but senior Tarik Khasawneh (Canton) ripped a two-out single to plate Alex Charles with an important insurance run.

Madonna made efficient use of its five hits off Concordia

starting pitcher Matthew St. Kitts, who walked four and struck out four.

The Crusaders appeared to be well on the way to a sweep when it pushed across four first-inning runs against Concordia starting pitcher Nate McHugh, but the Cardinals overcame a 5-2 deficit by scoring four times in the fourth, one in the fifth and two more in the seventh.

Tom Hansen suffered the mound loss in Game Two, yielding six runs (three earned) in three innings. Andy

Omilian worked 3.1 innings in relief, giving up three runs (one earned) while striking out two and walking one.

Spencer Sarel paced the Crusaders' offense, going 2-for-5 with two RBI and a run scored. Dan Harder added a pair of hits and an RBI. Drew Adamiec contributed a two-run single while Alex Charles went 2-for-4 with a walk.

Ryan Neu (Canton) helped spearhead the Cardinals' 11-hit attack by contributing two hits and two runs from the lead-off spot.

SIDELINES

MU's Wright stuff

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference office announced Tuesday that Madonna University sophomore Erik Wright (Canton) has been selected as the league's Pitcher of the Week (ending April 24).



Wright

The Saginaw Valley State transfer went 1-0 with a 1.29 earned run average in his lone appearance of the week in a 5-1 win against Concordia.

Against the Cards, the left-hander struck out a career-high nine batters and allowed four hits in seven innings.

Wright is 2-2 with a 3.52 ERA in 23 innings this season.

MU golfers 2nd

The Madonna University women's golf team placed runner-up to host Indiana Tech in Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championship held at Whispering Creek Golf Club in New Haven, Ind.

Indiana Tech, led by medalist Kalie Sanders, won the tourney with a two-day total of 340-328-668, nine strokes ahead of MU's 350-341-691.

Sanders shot a 12-over 79-79-158 followed by MU's Michelle Hall, second, 79-84-163, and Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia-Stevenson), tied for third, 83-81-164.

Hall advances to the 2011 NAA National Championships, May 17-20, at the Link Hills Country Club in Greeneville, Tenn., by virtue of the individual conference title she claimed last fall.

Other MU finishers included Mariel Meyers (Livonia-Franklin), tied for 11th (92-88-180); Kaitlyn Brasher, tied for 18th (97-88-185); and Caitlin Steele, 26th (100-101-201).

Glenn golf outing

The Westland John Glenn Football golf outing, featuring a chance to win a car with a hole-in-one, will be Saturday, May 7, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at 3625 Napier Road, Ypsilanti (just north of Ford Road).

Check-in for the four-person scramble is 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person (includes 18 holes with cart, hot dog, chips and pop at the turn).

There will also be a 50-50 raffle, closest-to-the-pin and longest drive contests, along with \$1,000 in other prizes.

For more information, call Steve Waller at (734) 341-1590 or e-mail wallers@wccsd.net.

Karate tourney

The Michigan Karate Tournament, hosted by the Shotokan Karate Federation of Michigan, will be Sunday, May 15, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Wetland.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Admission fees are \$5 (adults 15 and older) and \$3 (seniors 65 and up and youths 5-14). Children 4-and-under will be admitted free.

For more information, visit www.karatemi.com or call Sensei Tony Valvona at (734) 658-5683.

Steelheaders meet

Top national walleye angler Dennis Lantz will be the featured speaker at the Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at the Livonia Senior Center, at the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Meetings are free and open to the public. No reservations required. The meeting will also include a swap, trade, buy and sell meet for unused and unwanted gear and boating items.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790 or visit www.metroweststeelheaders.org.

Cleaning up

MU ace Irwin wiping out NAA record for Ks

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jess Irwin's been the brand name for Madonna University's softball program during the past four seasons.

And on Saturday she put herself in the Arm & Hammer category at University Field when senior right-hander nailed down the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) all-time strikeout record, recording her 1,258th career punch-out in the top of the second inning of MU's 6-0 win over Michigan-Dearborn.

The Monroe High grad passed Rachel Murray of Union University (Tenn.) who set the previous mark of 1,257 from 1999 to 2002.

Irwin, who needed just two strikeouts coming into the game, posted strikeouts on the day to set her current career total to 1,267.

"To be honest with you I really wasn't focusing in on the record," said Irwin following Crusaders' sweep of UMD. "I just wanted to win a game. I've been struggling a little bit lately and I just wanted to get back on track and win for my team. Everybody kept harping on this and I just wanted to get it out of the way so we can focus on winning."

With Irwin toying the slab, the Crusaders have won more than their fair share of games. They are 31-8 this season, including a 12-4 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic



Irwin

Conference.

But MU finds itself in an uncustomary position of being in third place in the WHAC.

"We've lost a lot of games this year in the seventh inning because we've let the other team take advantage of little miscues," said Irwin, who is 16-5 with a 1.38 earned run average this season. "We've got a five-game winning streak going. It's important to get back on the right course, stay focused and stay on a winning track."

The three-time WHAC Pitcher of the Year, who is 102-27 in her career, sits third among the all-time strikeout leaders in college softball and is the second fastest to set her record.

Former Tennessee All-American Monica Abbott leads all of college softball with 2,440 strikeouts to set the NCAA Division I mark.

Kathy Slaten of Cal State Northridge holds the NCAA Division II lead with 1,537 from 1983-86 while Jenifer Martinez of St. Joseph's (N.Y.) leads the Division III ranks with 1,165.

Irwin set her mark in just 823.2 innings, while Abbott took 1,448 innings, Slaten needed 1,222 innings and Martinez set her mark in 541 innings from 2006-08.

Softball has been a part of Irwin's entire life.

"I was always around a ball field," she said. "My mother (Jennifer) played high school softball and I was with her all the time when she played slow-pitch.

"I middle school I played basketball and volleyball, but in high school I



MEGAN DRABEK | PHOTO

Please see **IRWIN, B2**

Madonna University senior pitcher Jess Irwin is now the NAIA's all-time leader in strikeouts.

Chargers' 2nd-half PK yields tie

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Down 1-0 at halftime and playing against a formidable wind during the second half, the Livonia Churchill girls soccer team was able to rally for a 1-1 tie Tuesday at home against last year's Division 1 state runner-up Plymouth.

Kelsey Rothermel's penalty kick in the 66th minute evened the count. She scored on Plymouth goalkeeper Marissa Williams when teammate Rachel Zukowski was pulled down in the box after taking a pass from Sarah Bauman.

Churchill is now 2-3-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the KLAAs South Division. Alyssa Dillon's goal with 3:52 left in the first half staked the Wildcats (1-2-3, 0-1-2) to a 1-0 advantage.

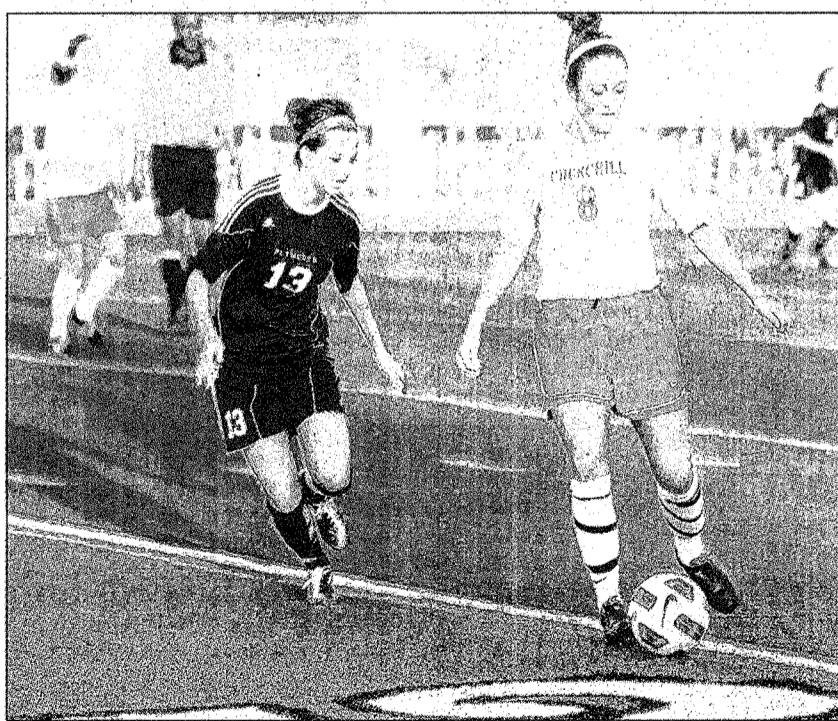
"It was a (defensive) breakdown for us, they got a wide space and we didn't close it down," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "She (Dillon) turned in the box and beat our goalkeeper (Kaylie Secord) to the near post.

"It was an even first half. We had the wind at our back the first half and didn't take advantage."

The Chargers, however, came out and pressured Plymouth during the second half leading to Rothermel's PK.

"It was a concerted effort, everybody played well," Hebestreit said. "We dominated the first 26 minutes. We moved Zukowski into an advanced position just prior to the goal. She was the best player on the field for us as a center-back and center-midfielder."

The Chargers also got sterling play



JOHN KEMSKI | PHOTO

Churchill's Kelsey Rothermel (8) retains possession of the ball against Plymouth's Jennifer Babcock during Tuesday's 1-1 KLAAs South Division deadlock.

from Secord, who made "three big-time saves," according to Hebestreit, along junior midfielder Sam Beier.

"She (Beier) was just excellent off the bench," the Churchill coach added. "She won the 50-50 balls with tackles and played the ball into her teammates."

FRANKLIN 4, JOHN GLENN 1: Four different players scored goals Tuesday as Livonia Franklin (3-2-1, 2-0-1) posted a KLAAs South Division triumph at Westland John Glenn (3-3, 1-2).

Franklin jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead on Natalie Desautel's wind-aided free kick from 35 yards out followed by

Alejandra Mesa's goal off a throw-in from Devin Smith.

Jessica Maurer's goal from Chelsea Williams upped the lead to 3-0 before Glenn's Jenna Williams answered with an unassisted goal to spoil Alexis Smith's shut-out bid.

Shannon Murphy completed the scoring for the Patriots with Chelsea Williams drawing her second assist.

Glenn goalkeeper Cecilia Said made eight saves, while Smith had seven stops for the Patriots.

NOVI 4, STEVENSON 0: Nicki Caruso's two first-half goals propelled the Wildcats

Please see **SOCCER, B3**

It's official: Ref saluted by MHSAA

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's no arguing this call: Bobby Williams has been one of the most esteemed high school sports officials in the state the past few decades.

The lifelong Redford Township resident will be recognized for his 41-year (and counting) officiating career — and several good deeds away from athletic venues — on Saturday when he is presented with the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Vern Norris Award.

The Norris Award is presented annually to a veteran official who has been active in a local officials association, has mentored other officials, and has been involved in the education of officials.

"Bobby is the epitome of the Vern Norris Award," said Williams' longtime colleague Joe Kavulich, who has officiated hundreds of football and basketball games with Williams over the past quarter century. "He's not only an outstanding official, but he's done so much for officiating away from the field and court. He's an important cog for officials throughout metropolitan Detroit."

And to think it all started when an umpire didn't show up for a CYO base-



Williams

Please see **WILLIAMS, B2**

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 85 APRIL 26 at Franklin... Shot put: 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 34 feet, 5 inches; 2. Megan Ling (LC), 32-9; 3. Nicole Price (LF), 31-0.

4-8. Long jump: 1. Massey (WJG), 15-11; 2. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 15-6; 3. Kayla Jones (WJG), 14-9. Pole vault: 1. Long (C), 8-0; 2. Audra Flores (WJG), 7-0; 3. Jenn Brum (WJG), 7-0.

Hart (WM), 28-1. Discus: 1. Williams (P), 90-4; 2. Johnson (P), 82-10; 3. Jess Blinn (P), 79-3. High jump: 1. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-6; 2. Jada Woody (P), 4-6; 3. Emma O'Connell (WM), 4-3.

Clarenceville puts together three-game victory steak

Livonia Clarenceville evened its girls softball record at 4-4 with a convincing 18-3 triumph Tuesday at home over visiting Detroit Renaissance. The Trojans took advantage of 18 walks and six hit batters en route to the three-inning mercy rule victory.

to a victory over visiting Southfield. "This was probably our first complete game of the year," DeCaire said. "We had good pitching, timely hitting and good defense. Southfield played tough, but our girls executed throughout the entire game."

on April 15, Livonia Clarenceville (2-4) rolled past visiting Lutheran Westland (4-5). Clarenceville seized control of the contest early when it paraded 12 batters to the plate during its seven-run first inning. The catalysts for the uprising were Kellie Ankiel, Joanna Burling and Angela McAlpine, who strung together three straight hits.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN 77 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 60 APRIL 26 at Franklin... Shot put: 1. Adam Clay (LF), 54 feet, 3 inches; 2. Blake Padgett (LC), 48-6; 3. Jay Woolfork (LF), 48-5.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS Shot put: 1. Alex Marsh (C), 40 feet, 7 inches; 2. Ben Poirier (C), 38-7.5; 3. Brandon Ogden (WJG), 37-1.75.

Harrington (P), 84-10; 3. Smith (P), 79-2. High jump: 1. Billy Roberts (P), 5-3; 2. Zack Williams (WM), 5-0; 3. Travis Klein (WM), 5-0.

Crusaders take 2 from UM-Dearborn

Jess Irwin's record-breaking performance (see related story) highlighted Madonna University's sweep Saturday of host University of Michigan-Dearborn in a sweep of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header.

Right fielder Tara LaMilza paced MU's 10-hit attack going 2-for-3 with three RBI. Shortstop Jackie Barley went 2-for-4 with an RBI and catcher Ashley Shay contributed two hits in the win.

record to 15-3 with a complete-game. She gave up one earned run on five hits and struck out six without allowing a walk. MU scored four times in the third inning to build a 5-0 lead.

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IRWIN

FROM PAGE B1 decided to concentrate on softball. Irwin honed her craft under the tutelage of local pitching coaches Anne Knabusch, Larry Thebe, Larry and Doug Gillis.

math, Irwin plans to stay around softball after her Madonna playing days are over. She would like to coach and teach at the middle school level. This summer she's committed to coach the 13-and-under Livonia Storm girls fast-pitch team.

"I'll miss my four teammates, the four seniors who have played together for four years," Irwin said. "I'll miss those girls." However, there is some unfinished business left as MU ends its regular season this week before embarking on the WHAC playoffs.

WILLIAMS

FROM PAGE B1 ball scrimmage Williams' dad was coaching. "I was 13 or 14 years old," Williams said, reflecting on how the seed to his acclaimed whistle-blowing career was planted.



Life-long Redford Township resident Bobby Williams will be presented with the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Vern Norris Award on Saturday at a banquet held at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center. Williams has been a registered official for 41 years.

with the Wonderland Officials Association and the Metro Detroit Officials Association, Williams has been an instrumental force in the training of young officials. "The best advice I could give to young officials is to be diligent," said Williams. "You have to know the rules inside and out. Learn the game. Work as many scrimmages as you can, attend as many clinics as time allows. Everybody wants to get to the big-time, but it takes time. Be patient."

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All-Observer girls bowlers shine under tourney spotlight

FIRST TEAM

Stephani O'Harris, Sr., Wayne: The senior earned a Division 1 regional title and helped the Zebras capture regional and KLAAs Central Division team titles.

O'Harris averaged 196 with a high game of 268 to go along with a best two-game set of 484 en route to second-team all-state honor.

She also captured the Clarenceville Doubles Tournament and earned academic all-state honors.

"Stephani was first in match point wins and has been a member of the varsity bowling team three years," Wayne coach Diane St. Louis said. "Her other sports are golf, soccer and volleyball. She also participates on the executive board as the recording secretary for the student senate. She'll be attending the University of Texas-Austin to study pharmacy."

Samantha Maxwell, Sr., Farmington-Harrison: The Farmington High School senior and three-year varsity bowler was a Division 1 regional tournament champion. Maxwell is the first Farmington-Harrison bowler (boy or girl) to qualify for state three consecutive years, and she is the girls career leader in every statistical category.

Since her freshmen season, Maxwell has raised her average 61 pins. She finished the 2011 season with a 192 average, and she led the OAA with a 195 average. She had a high game of 255 and high series of 446 this year.

"Samantha is a tremendous bowler but an even better teammate and leader," coach Dennis Hermani said. "She was voted by her teammates as the unanimous team MVP for the past two seasons."

"She is the greatest bowler to come through our program, holding all the girls career records, but you would never know that because she is so humble and gracious to her teammates and competitors. We will miss having her in our program. Sam has all the skills to be a collegiate bowler."

Bridget Moricz, Jr., Liv. Clarenceville: The junior captain and team MVP reached the MHSAA Division 3 state singles finals before being eliminated by

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Chelsea Morneau, Sr., Wayne Memorial

THIRD TEAM
Bridget Maul, Soph., Salem
Jasmine Wehr, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy
Khiry Sparks, Sr., Westland Glenn
Sabine Hutter, Fr., Liv. Ladywood
Julianne Ayers, Sr., Westland Glenn
Ashley Cade, Sr., Canton
Rae'ven Turner, Fr., North Farmington

COACH OF YEAR
Diane St. Louis, Wayne Memorial

HONORABLE MENTION
Canton: Cheryl Cosby, Jackie Polaski; Plymouth: Tiffani Patterson, Emily Fraser; Salem: Meaghan Eldridge, Emily Simmons, Anna Haugstrup; Clarenceville: Kaycee Chappell, Natalie Kay-Flaherty; Mercy: Brittany Jones, Maria Walawender, Kathleen Abenes; Ladywood: Taylor Buckley, Kerry LaValley, Courtney Delonis, Emma McClory, Brigitte Hutter; John Glenn: Megan Redmond; Wayne: Brianna Everett; North Farmington: Jenny Ramsey, Emily Mesner; Farmington-Harrison: Hannah Cook, Caylin Doran.



Stephani O'Harris Wayne



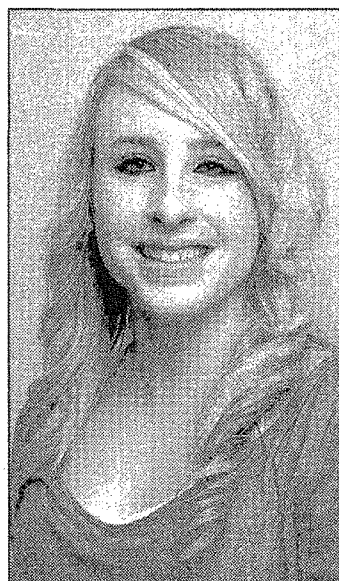
Samantha Maxwell Farmington-Harrison



Bridget Moricz Clarenceville



Tiffany Markham Wayne



Kristin Larkins Salem



Caitlyn Webb Plymouth

eventual champion Olivia Wirtz of Battle Creek Pennfield.

Moricz placed fourth in the qualifying block at the state finals with a high game of 243 after placing fifth at the regional.

Moricz carried a 190 average with a two-game high series of 450. She also took sixth individually at the Oakland County Tournament with a three-game set.

"Bridget has shown her dedication to the sport," Clarenceville coach Jason DeBandt said. "Her consistent application and persistence of technique has served her well and will continue to do so in the future. She will definitely be one to watch next season."

Tiffany Markham, Soph., Wayne: The sophomore carried an average of 182 with a high game of 242 to go along with a best two-game set of 453 as Wayne captured the Division 1 regional and KLAAs Central Division titles.

Markham also teamed up with O'Harris to win the Clarenceville Doubles Tournament.

"Tiffany has been a member of the varsity bowling team for

two years and also plays soccer and softball," St. Louis said. "She volunteers building homes with her dad. Her career plans are to become a teacher or a nurse."

"With two years left to compete and already averaging 182, she'll be one to watch in the future."

Kristin Larkins, Soph., Salem: The sophomore enjoyed a season of growth, with improving consistency her hallmark, said Salem coach Kathie Hahn.

Larkins finished the season with a KLAAs average of 181, garnering all-conference honors. She also rolled games of 237 and 245, giving reason for her to look forward to even more success in

the years to come.

She qualified for the states with a fifth-place showing of 1,122 at Region 5 in Westland. Then at the Division 1 state individual finals in Battle Creek, she placed 26th with a 1,032 score — featuring a 202 game.

"Salem's varsity bowling team is lucky to have Kristin for the next two years," Hahn said. "She is such a strong leader and someone the other girls can come to and look up to."

"She is a very dedicated and hard-working bowler. The best is yet to come."

Caitlyn Webb, Fr., Plymouth: The ninth-grader offered a glimpse of what she can bring to the

Wildcats' varsity girls bowling team over the next few seasons.

Webb finished 31st at the Division 1 state individual finals with a score of 1,019, including a 215 game.

She qualified for states with a second-place series of 1,122 at the Region 5 tournament in Westland.

"She comes from a big bowling family," Plymouth coach Tammy Thompson said. "She's very calm, she doesn't get too upset if she's not doing good. She just takes it one frame at a time, which is kind of nice."

During the regular season, Webb averaged a team-best 175 and threw seven 200 games,

including her season high of 230.

Thompson said Webb likely will be the team's anchor in 2011-12.

"I'm really looking forward to the next three years," Thompson added. "I think she'll do really well."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Diane St. Louis, Wayne: The first-year coach guided the Zebras to a Division 1 regional title and 13th place finish at the state team finals in Battle Creek.

Wayne also captured the KLAAs Central title with a 9-3 record and finished with an 11-4 dual match mark.

St. Louis is a longtime bowler who competed in the Cecil Ward Traveling League as a youth and began competing in the women's all-star leagues at age 18.

She has served as president of several leagues and has been involved on many local and national tournaments.

St. Louis just celebrated her 30th year competing in the Women's Michigan State Tournament.

"My mother Ethel (St. Louis) was my biggest influence having worked at a bowling center for more than 25 years," Diane St. Louis said. "Her involvement in the sport as a coach, mentor, league secretary or president set the standards for which I became involved in the sport myself as a coach and mentor."

St. Louis just celebrated her 30th year competing in the Women's Michigan State Tournament.

"I've had many of my own coaches and mentors over the years who have brought me to where I am now, and in a place where I can instill my love for the game," she added, "and hopefully my years of knowledge to the kids I coach."

"I'd like to thank the families, moms, dads and grandparents for their support and encouragement through a very busy year."



Diane St. Louis

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 7 LIVONIA STEVENSON 2
April 26 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Anna Norman (Salem) defeated Aimee Moccia, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-1;
No. 2: Ashley Walker (Salem) def. Laura Gumpfer, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Morgan Spencer (Salem) def. Ashley Benvenuti, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 4:** Kerry MacDonaid (Salem) def. Melissa Martinez, 6-1, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Malory Rojo-Sarah Bellaire (Salem) def. Kathryn Malkowski-Lexie Ranski, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; **No. 2:** Taylor Tinham-Maiko Ruettiman (LS) def. Emily Simmons-Emily Borkowicz, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 3:** Narges Pourmandi-Monica Topolvec

(Salem) def. Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arsenault, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 4:** Sushmi Kariviam-Megan Berry (Salem) def. Melina Canzano-Laura Shureb, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 5:** Caroline Hay-Jenny Carmi (LS) def. Julia Meirele-Kalaya Thomas, 6-2, 6-2.
Dual meet records: Salem, 4-2 overall, 2-2 KLAAs Central Division; Stevenson, 2-5 overall, 1-3 KLAAs Central.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0
April 26 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) def. Morgan Greig, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Carolyn McCullen (LF) def. Megan McGregor, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Jenny Pagador (LF) def. Stephanie

Tomlin, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 4:** Natalie Mays (LF) def. Melinda Powers, 6-2, 5-7, 10-7.

No. 1 doubles: Sarah Noffze-Jackie Horsell (LF) def. Destiny Bullock-Calice Pareto, 6-3, 6-6, 6-4; **No. 2:** Kelsey Sitariski-Brittany Borregard (LF) def. Jennifer Tyson-Lil Reid, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Renee Kozakowski-Nicole Jarecki (LF) def. Theresa Thill-Sarah Marshall, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 4:** Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko (LF) def. Ashley Christensen-Taylor Coleman, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 5:** Laura Corp-Zoe Riepelle (LF) def. Michelle Hunt-Amija Freeman, 6-1, 6-3.
Dual match records: Franklin, 2-3 overall, 2-3 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 0-5 overall, 0-5 KLAAs South.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Cole tennis honoree

For the second time this season, Allegheny College (Pa.) men's tennis rookie Patrick Cole (Livonia) was named the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Player of the Week (ending April 24).

The University of Detroit Jesuit grad earned the league's weekly honor for the second time this season after he went undefeated at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles over the Gators' two conference wins over Oberlin (Ohio) and Wooster (Ohio) colleges.

This spring, Cole has stepped into the No. 1 role for singles and doubles play, and has strung together tremendous success at the top of the Gators' lineup going 8-2 in singles and 7-3 in doubles.

Through the fall and spring seasons, Cole has notched a 16-4 singles record and a 14-5 doubles mark.

Franklin baseball alums

The annual Livonia Franklin High School alumni baseball game is set for 11 a.m.

Spring Learn To Skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will be offering its seven-week Learn To Skate spring season beginning the week of May 3 through June 14 at Edgar Arena, 3384 Lyndon (one mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

Each class is on Tuesday and lasts 25 minutes for the following: age 4-and-up - 7 p.m. (passed badges 1-7); 7:25 p.m., hockey skills (passed badge 1-5); and 7 and 7:25 p.m., new skaters.

No equipment is needed for boys hockey skills. No sticks or pucks are used. There is a limited free skate rental availability.

The fee is \$55 for residents and \$67 for nonresidents.

Walk-in registration will be through April 29 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Five Mile Road (at Five Mile).

Private lessons are also available for all levels of skating.

For more information, call (734) 466-2412.

Stevenson pom tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Stevenson pom team (2011 incoming grades 9-11) will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, May 2-5 at the high school fieldhouse.

Registration starts at 5 p.m. Monday, May 2.

There will be a learning clinic, including a dance routine and short kickline, routine from May 2-4. Tryouts will be May 5 (must wear a plain white T-shirt and navy or black shorts).

Practices will begin 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 9 (through Fridays).

For more information, e-mail head coach Jamie Chittaro at j3chitta@gmail.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Friday, April 29
Churchill at S. Lyon East, 4 p.m.
Franklin at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Northville, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
(all double-headers unless noted)
Stevenson at G.P. South Inv., 10 a.m.
Bellefonte at Franklin, 11 a.m.
New Boston Huron Inv., TBA.
PREP SOFTBALL
Friday, April 29
Churchill at S. Lyon East, 4 p.m.
Franklin at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Northville (2), 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
(all double-headers unless noted)
Chelsea Invitational, 9 a.m.
Lake Orion Invitational, 9 a.m.
River Rat Tourney at A.A. Huron, 9 a.m.
Michigan Stars Classic, TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 28
Ladywood at Trenton, 4 p.m.

Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Divine Child at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 29
Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
Franklin at W.L. Central, 1 p.m.
Stevenson at Troy Athens, 1 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 28
Livonia Boys City Meet at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Public Schools of Livonia Girls Meet at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 29
Raider Relays at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
Charger Inv. at Crestwood, 8 a.m.
Ypsilanti Invitational, 9 a.m.
W. Bloomfield Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, April 28
Ladywood at Trenton, 4 p.m.

South Lyon at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
Howell Highlander Inv., 8:30 a.m.
Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, April 28
Huron Valley at Roper, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 29
Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Fox Creek G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
Pinckney Inv. at Rush Lake, 9 a.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Thursday, April 28
Ladywood at A.A. Gab. Richard, 5 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Saturday, April 30
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.
Sunday, May 1
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

SOCCER

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(3-0-1, 2-0-1) to a KLAAs Central Division win Tuesday over host Livonia Stevenson (3-1-1, 1-1-1).

Natalie Krygier and Nikki Greenhalgh also tallied second half goals for Novi.

Gabby Gauruder got the shutout for Novi, while Michelle Krawczyk played all 80 minutes in goal for Stevenson.

"The wind was blowing goal-to-goal against us the first half," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "Both (first-half) goals were by our own mistakes, but they (Novi) are organized and talented."

"But being down only a couple of goals, we thought we were in a good spot with the wind behind us. But we came out flat the second half and didn't do anything right. We couldn't find a way to unlock their backline and we took it on the chin."

LADYWOOD 3, A.A. RICHARD 0: Paige Brennan tallied pair of goals and added one assist Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood (8-1-1, 3-1-1) downed host Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (0-6-1, 0-5-1) in a Catholic League encounter.

Brennan scored in the 29th minutes from Dominique Sarnecky and assisted on Kelly Capoccia's goal in the 49th minute.

Brennan completed the scoring in the 65th minute with Morgan Chops assisting.

Ladywood goalkeeper Maddie Reed had to make just one save to best her sixth shutout.

Jessica Jenkins made five saves for the Fighting Irish.

"It was another game where we had to battle the wind for a half," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Once we got going, we scored some of the best goals I have seen at Ladywood. I thought Paige Brennan played her best game of the season."

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Dan O'Meara Sports Editor

Beat: Farmington/Farmington Hills youth/prep sports

Experience: Has covered sports in the Farmington community for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for more than 23 years and, for seven years, worked the same beat in Plymouth-Canton. Before joining the Observer, Dan worked for three daily newspapers - the Big Rapids Pioneer, The Daily News in Greenville and the Ypsilanti Press - from 1979 until early 1987.

Education: Graduate East Detroit High School; B.A. Journalism (minored in history and english) Central Michigan University in 1978.

Awards: Honored for sports writing, sports column writing and best sports sections by the Michigan Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of America.

Personal: Lives in Westland. Attends annual homecoming reunions with former 'Shamrocks' from EDHS and enjoys covering the gridiron sport.

In his own words:

"I enjoy reporting and making the Observer the go-to source for sports information, especially when covering big games and events of heightened interest in the community."

Ed Wright Sports Editor

Beat: Redford, Garden City youth/prep/recreation sports

Experience: Worked as the sports editor for the Marshall (Mich.) Chronicle and Dearborn Heights Leader before accepting position as a publications manager for Midwest Publishing, Inc. Worked at Midwest Publishing, Inc. for 16 years before getting laid off in 2004 due to economy-based down-sizing.

Worked as free-lance writer for Observer from 1999-2002; worked as sports editor of Plymouth and Canton Observers from 2004-09. Developed and operated PlymouthCantonSports.com from August 2009 to February 2011.

Education: B.A. in journalism from Central Michigan University.

Awards: Many state and national writing awards for sports coverage, sports writing, column writing and sports features from the Michigan Press Association and the Suburban Newspapers of America.

Personal: Married to Laura (25th wedding anniversary in August 2011); three kids: Erik, 21; Brandon, 17; Ben, 10. Erik is a redshirt sophomore pitcher for Madonna baseball team, majoring in marketing and sport management; Brandon is a student at Cooke School in Northville; Ben is a fourth-grader at Tonda Elementary in Canton. The Wright family lives in Canton.

In his own words:

"Here is why I love covering high school sports: There are no lockouts, no holdouts, no taking plays off, no guaranteed contracts and no practice boycotts. It's refreshing being able to write about athletes who play for their school, their teammates, their coaches and their love for the games."

Brad Emons Sports Editor

Beat: Livonia, Westland youth/prep sports, Madonna University, Schoolcraft College.

Experience: Joined the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in December 1977 and has covered the Livonia, Westland, Redford, Canton, Plymouth and Garden City sports beat for nearly three decades.

Education: Livonia Franklin High School grad where he played high school basketball on the patriot's first district championship team B.A. Journalism, Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.

Awards: Catholic League Hall of Fame (1996) Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Honor (2008) O&E Journalist of the Year (1996) College Tennis MVP, Franklin College 1977 Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Finish Line Award (2003) Honored for sports column writing by the Michigan Press Association

Personal: Lives in Plymouth and is an active distance runner with two local clubs (Northville and Downriver). He averages 30-35 miles per week.

In his own words:

"Covering community sports is rewarding because it's remains the last bastion of amateur sports. The athletes and schools remain appreciative of the coverage."

Tim Smith Sports Editor

Beat: Plymouth and Canton youth/prep and Plymouth Whalers of the OHL.

Experience: Joined the O&E in 1986, as a news reporter for the Southfield Eccentric. He also covered news beats in West Bloomfield/Lakes (1991 - 97) and Farmington (1997 - 2001).

Joined the sports staff in 2001, covering the Redford - Garden City communities, Madonna University and Schoolcraft College.

Education: Graduate of Livonia Clarenceville High School, B.A. Mass Communication Wayne State University.

Awards: Finalist for Society of Professional Journalist's (Detroit Chapter) Journalist of the Year Award in 1996, O&E Journalist of the Year 1998. Writing, reporting awards from the Michigan Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of America.

Personal: Lives in Livonia with wife Donna and 16 year-old daughter Elizabeth. He is the author of "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies-Little Thumbs Up!" (1999). Is a longtime recreational ice hockey goalie.

In his own words:

"I cover teams from year-to-year, all season long. You almost feel part of the teams yourself and can't help silently cheering when an athlete or team does something incredible. Another plus: When moms and dads thank us for what we do, chronicling the efforts of their sons or daughters in a way they can't get anywhere else."

Meet the Observer All-Star
SPORTS TEAM

Program calls lapsed Catholics home

When St. Michael the Archangel Church introduced its new program, Catholics Returning Home, in January, a 40-something engineer from Livonia was vaguely "interested" in it.

Raised Roman Catholic, the man had stopped attending Mass shortly after his confirmation around age 13 and never practiced his faith after that, although he and his wife married in the Church.

"We all know that in any broken relationship, someone has to acknowledge that break and open a dialogue to fix it, and in this case, St. Michael's took the initiative," he said.

Now a member of St. Michael's, the new parishioner is one of Catholics Returning Home's success stories. The program is designed to encourage former Catholics to begin a dialogue with the Church that will lead to potential new understanding and reconciliation. The goal is for the participant to consider "coming home" to their former faith.

Former lapsed Catholics lead the program meetings and encourage participants to ask questions, talk about their faith issues and even vent a little. The atmosphere is open, relaxed and never "preachy."

St. Michael's pastor, the Rev. Bill Tindall, and his pastoral associate, Sharon Williams, also attend some sessions.

St. Michael's will offer another six-week course of Catholics Returning Home, beginning Tuesday, May 3. Meetings will be held from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays through June 7 at the church, 11441 Hubbard, immediately south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman, in Livonia. For more details and information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

APRIL 28-MAY 4

Book Collection

Time/Date: Through May 4

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting items for God's Helping Hands, an organization in Rochester that will trade the donations to Tithingbooks.com for food for needy families. Donations may include trade paperbacks, hardcover fiction and non-fiction, movie DVDs, books on CD and music CDs (must contain artwork and case), gently used children's books, textbooks (copyright 1998 or newer), and mass market paperbacks (copyright 2004 or newer) and rare and collectible books. The church can't accept books that are dirty, moldy, water-damaged, with highlighting, pages missing, excessive damage to covers, or encyclopedias or magazines. Place donations under church awning.

Faith in fiction

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4

Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Award-winning Michigan Christ author, Gail Martin, will discuss faith in fiction. She is the author of 48 novels, including "The Christmas Kite," set on Mackinac Island. Refreshments will be served. Free of charge, but registration is required.

Contact: Beth Hare at (734) 421-7249

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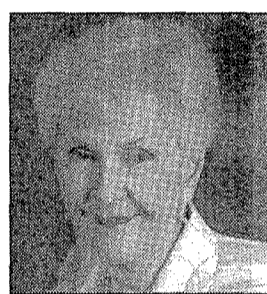
BURTON, CYNTHIA MARIE

Age 56. Cindy passed away peacefully on March 22, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. Words cannot express how much Cindy will be missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her mother Marge Burton of Check, VA, brother Steve Burton (Kelly) of Miami, FL, brother Terry Burton (partner Diane Belli) of Livonia, MI, sister Ann Harmon (Dave) of Hamburg, MI, sister Peggy Streetman (James) of Fountain Hills, AZ, and brother Michael Burton of Check, VA. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Leo R. Burton. Cindy happily lived her entire life in Westland, MI, dedicating her life's work to the restaurant business. She proudly began working at an early age at the family-owned restaurant known as the Windjammer Lounge in Livonia. Later, she continued her career at Sandy's By The Beach in Redford. She was very dedicated to her career, loved working with people, and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Cindy also loved animals, especially her two four-legged friends Freddie and rescue dog Max. She gave freely to the Humane Society and had compassion for all animals in need. With respect to her wishes an anatomical donation for medical research has taken place. Close friends and family will gather together to celebrate her life. A "Celebration of Cindy" memorial will be held at "Slings" (formerly the Windjammer Lounge) located at 11791 Farmington Rd. on Saturday, April 30, 2011 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society in loving memory of Cindy Burton.



MAYE, MARCINDA MAE

37 year old spirit. Til death did we part. Survived by husband, James Maye; daughter, Shanidin; and son Seamus. Viewing at Harris Funeral Home, 5 Mile and Farmington, Thursday, April 28th, 2pm-7pm. Service to follow. Burial to take place on Navajo Nation Reservation, Sacred Family Ancestral Grounds, in Arizona. Our love was "for reals".



PARKS, ELIZABETH M.

Age 82, of Stanwood, formerly of Plymouth, April 23, 2011. Beloved wife of James. Loving mother of James (Terri), Sheila (Mitchell) Holly, Thomas, Maureen (Keith) Carmickle, John (Mary Patricia) and the late Michael. Also survived by eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and sister, Audrey (Nathan) Burkwich. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Directors, 500 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale (1 1/2 blks west of Woodward). In State Friday 9:30 AM until Funeral Mass 10 AM at St. James Catholic Church, Ferndale. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial contributions to The Congregation of St. Joseph Nazareth, MI. www.spauldingcurtin.com

SOLVICK, STANLEY D.

Beloved husband of Andrea Eason and the late Shirley Solvick. Dear brother of the late Larry Solvick. Brother-in-law of Sandra Solvick. Loving uncle of Scott Solvick, Steven Solvick and Stacy Goforth. Also survived by numerous cousins, colleagues, and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 1 AT 12:00 PM AT THE DORFMAN CHAPEL, FARMINGTON HILLS (248) 406-6000. INTERMENT WAS HELD IN FLORIDA or visit www.thedorfmanchapel.com

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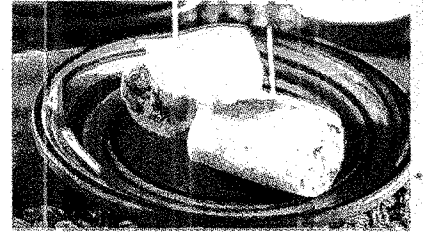
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Japanese language skills are a must in this local glee club

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The last time White Pine Glee Club stood on the stage at Carnegie Hall, it sang in the company of a 200-voice chorus.

There won't be any musical safety net on May 20 when the group performs at the Japan-US Chorus Charity Concert for Sendai, featuring the HAGI Choir.

"The scary thing is the White Pine Glee Club is considered the source of strength because we won't be singing with a big choir," said Steve Myers of Novi, one of five bass singers. "If I make a mistake, it will hang out there."

But Myers is confident the group will pull it off. Its 34 members, mostly Japanese natives on temporary assignment in the Detroit area, will sing a love anthology by Japanese composer Takehiko Tada, along with the Men's Glee Club of Tokyo & Kansai and the Men's Glee Club of New York.

The White Pine Glee Club will offer a taste of the Carnegie Hall concert Sunday, May 1, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. The 45-minute program will start at 2 p.m. and will include four of the five Japanese songs they'll perform in New York, as well as *Amazing Grace*, *Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *Sailing Sailing*, all sung in English.

Myers, an attorney and a board member of the Hinoki International School, a charter school in Livonia, is the only singer without Japanese roots. But he does speak fluent Japanese, which he studied after teaching at the American school in Japan some 32 years ago. His wife, Izumi, a Japanese native, and their two grown children, also speak the language. They all plan to attend the Carnegie Hall concert where Myers jokes they'll watch his mouth through

Bound for Carnegie Hall



The White Pine Glee Club will perform at the Livonia Public Library on Sunday, May 1. The group will sing later this month at Carnegie Hall in New York, N.Y.

binoculars to see if he's singing correctly.

Japanese is a must for membership in the White Pine Glee Club, where casual conversation, musical instructions and most songs are in the Club's native tongue.

MAKING FRIENDS

"I get people's attention saying I'm in Japan every Friday at 8 p.m.," Myers said, with a laugh. Weekly Friday rehearsals include practice, a potluck and lots of camaraderie. "When the Japanese do potluck it's

a gourmet potluck. If there's any special occasion, we'll talk and sing until 12-12:30 a.m. I thought singing by guys when I was in high school was for sissies. I was so wrong."

The White Pine Glee Club formed 12 years ago as an off-shoot of Trillium, a women's glee club consisting mostly of women married to Japanese businessmen. Myers said auto executives make up about 80 percent of the men's club.

"It's completely egalitarian. You may be the CEO in the board room but in glee club it's your voice that

counts," he said. "You don't have issues of protocol. I can think of two seniors (employees) who recruited a junior and there's one junior who recruited a senior to sing."

Membership turnover may be higher in White Pine Glee Club than in other established men's choruses because many of its members live in the area for three to five years. Myers says the quality remains high because the group is dedicated to "practice and perfection."

"I think what happens with newcomers is they take the standards and

ratchet them up a notch," Myers said. Wives and other family members cheer the group on, helping with "cooking, arranging, remembering" and even teaching the men how to choreograph a song or two.

"We have a frog song. It's a crowd pleaser. We sing it at Christmas and upon request," he said, adding that the audience enjoys watching "grown men jumping around as frogs."

For more information about the free concert on Sunday, May 1, call the Livonia Library at (734) 466-2490.

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Contact: (734) 420-0775 or artandideasgallery.com

Northville Art House

Time/Date: May 6-14; artist reception 6-9 p.m. May 6; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: Annual Northville High School Senior Class Art Exhibition
Contact: (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org

VAAL

Time/Date: May 2 through May 27; awards presentation and reception 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5
Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive
Details: Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit will feature the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.
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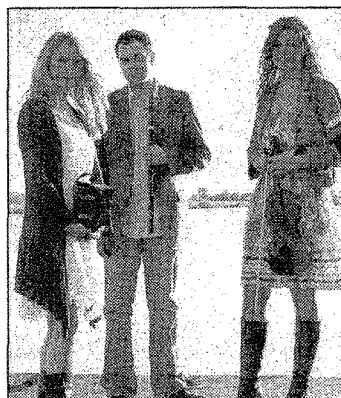
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

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.



Erin Lightner (left) and Michelle Matusinski, both of Farmington Hills, along with David Grisa and Mitchell Griffith, both of Livonia, will perform in the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr.," April 28-May 1.



Nic Gaviskey, with former Redford resident Sean Gavin (second from left), performs April 29 in Detroit.

Fraturdays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Claude Stewart, April 27-30; Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little, May 11-14
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Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Don Friesen, April 28-30; Kathleen Madigan, May 5-7; John Pinette, May 12-14
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Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

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Time/Date: Colin Hay & Chris Trapper, April 28-29; Uncle Bonsai, April 30; A Night of Ann Arbor's Best!, May 1; David Roth & Anne Hills, May 2; For Pete's Sake: A Birthday Tribute to Pete Seeger, May 3; Marshall Cranshaw & Freedy Johnston, May 4; Natalia Zukerman, May 5
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month
Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Eight "open-mic" performances plus a featured group. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sing two songs. If more than eight performers sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts.
Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Farmington Community Chorus

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 6-7
Location: Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The singers, under the direction of Steven SeGraves, present "Rodger That! The Music of Richard Rodgers." Tickets are \$12 in advance at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or by phone; or for \$15 at the door
Contact: (248) 682-6562 for tickets; (248) 250-1447 for Chorus information

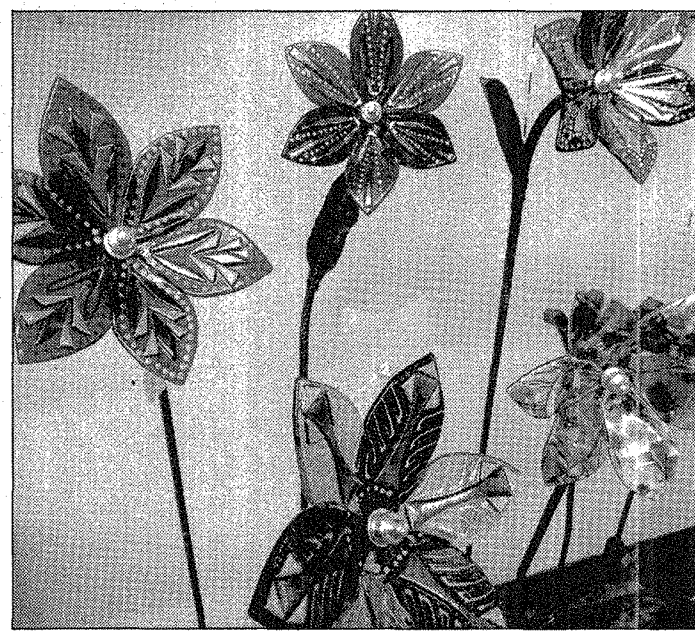
Gaelic League

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 29
Location: 2068 Michigan Ave., west of old Tiger Stadium, Detroit
Details: Nic Gaviskey, a quartet that includes former Redford resident, Sean Gavin, on flute and pipes, will play Irish music. Admission is \$15
Contact: (313) 537-3489 or (313) 964-8700



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Soprano Karen Bell rehearses her solo for the Plymouth Oratorio Society's 25th anniversary season concert, at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. The Society will present "Elijah," by Felix Mendelssohn, under the direction of Richard Ingram. Chris Grapentine, baritone soloist, will sing the key role of Elijah. Other soloists are Monica Swartout-Bebow, mezzo soprano; Robert Cassidy, tenor; Karin Chapin, soprano; and Chloe Biermann, youth. The group is accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and Mary Ann Balduf, organist. John Stewart, who helped create the Plymouth Oratorio Society 25 years ago, will be on hand to talk about the group during intermission. When the Society performed part 1 of "Elijah" 23 years ago, Stewart sang the title role that year. www.plymouthoratoriosociety.org.



Garden party

Jennifer and Joe Rutherford of Plymouth create these flower stakes by layering and fusing colorful glass. Their work will be among the garden art on display and for sale at the Yellow Door Art Market Garden Party, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 30. Festivities include free handmade posy magnets with purchases over \$30 and Michigan-made drinks and snacks served throughout the day. In addition to garden art, the store features the work of more than 70 other Michigan artists. Yellow Door is located at 3141 W. 12 Mile, Berkley. www.yellowdoormarket.com.



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The event will take place from 3-7 p.m. at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

In addition to viewing the races, guests can enter raffles, shot a mini-boutique and enjoy a strolling dinner. Two real guest horses will make an appearance for photographs at the "Winner's Circle." Tickets for Derby in the Hills are \$45 each.

Food, provided by several area restaurants, as well as the Oakland Community College Culinary Studies Institute, will include hors d'oeuvres and four courses, with a selection of area specialties and traditional Derby food. Mint juleps made from the authentic Kentucky Derby mix will be available in official Derby keepsake glasses.

Patrons will be able to bid on Song's hats in a silent auction. His creations will be on exhibit in the Costick Center Lobby. Song is the honorary host of the event.

Parents won't need a sitter for the day. Children are welcome at the "Derby Kids Clubhouse," where they will be involved in supervised games, take pony rides, make crafts, and play in a bouncer. Lunch and munchies also will be available. Tickets for Derby Kids are \$12. The Clubhouse is open only to children whose parents or guardians attend the Derby party.

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Prep Time: 10 minutes

Start to Finish: 20 minutes

Makes 8 cones

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 pound ground chicken
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water
- 1 packet (1.25 ounces) Ortega Chipotle Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 can (16 ounces) Ortega Refried Beans
- 8 8-inch Ortega Flour Soft Tortillas
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- 1 cup (4 ounces) finely shredded or grated Cheddar cheese

Heat olive oil in medium skillet over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir 3 minutes or until translucent. Add ground chicken; cook and stir 5 minutes or until browned. Stir in water and seasoning mix. Remove from heat.

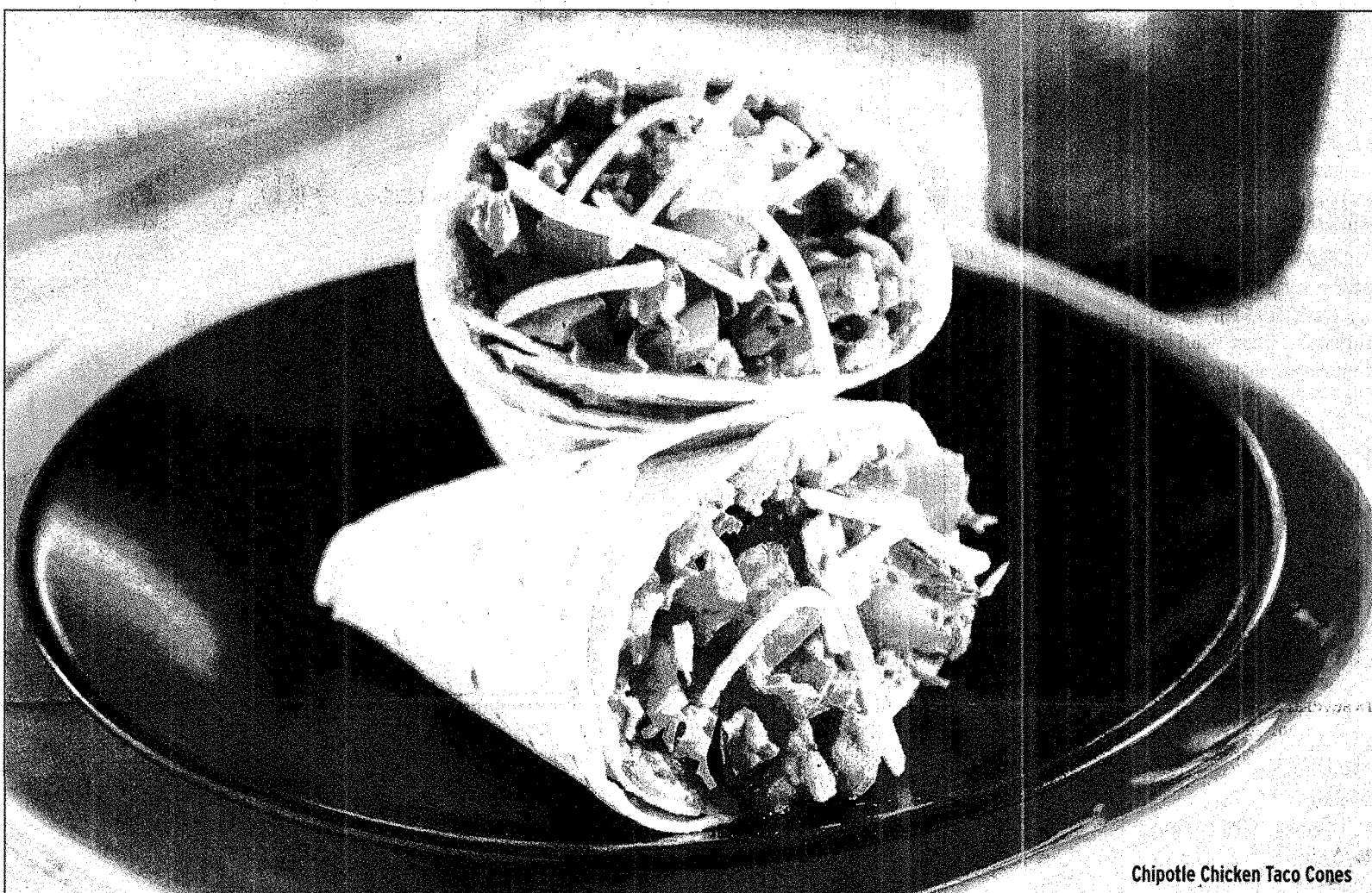
Warm refried beans in saucepan or in microwave.

Wrap tortillas in lightly moistened paper towels. Microwave on HIGH (100% power) 20 to 30 seconds, or until pliable.

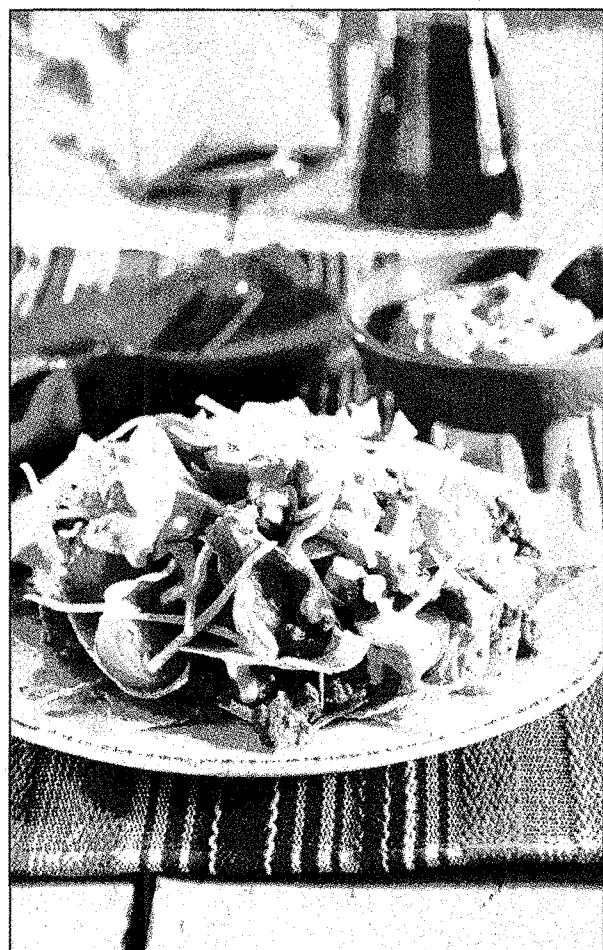
Fold tortilla in half; spread with refried beans. Form tortilla into cone shape; press to adhere outside corner with refried beans.

Fill cones with chicken mixture, lettuce, tomatoes and Cheddar cheese.

*To form cone, lay tortilla on work surface. Holding one pointed end down, grasp other end and bring point to round edge, twisting point under slightly. Curl opposite end around outside of cone and press to adhere with refried beans.



Chipotle Chicken Taco Cones



Beef Taco Salad with Guacamole Dressing



Mini Crab and Cream Cheese Flautas

MINI CRAB AND CREAM CHEESE FLAUTAS

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Start to Finish: 15 minutes

Makes 24 mini flautas

- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 1 package (8 ounces) pasteurized crab meat, drained
- 1 can (4 ounces) Ortega Fired-Roasted Diced Green Chiles, drained
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 6 8-inch Ortega Flour Soft Tortillas
- 1 cup sour cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Ortega Salsa Verde

Heat oil in medium saucepan over medium-high heat to 375°F. Line platter with paper towels.

Combine crab meat and cream cheese in medium bowl.

Spread about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mixture down middle of tortilla and firmly roll like a cigar. Keep tortilla roll closed with 4 toothpicks. Cut between toothpicks into four equal pieces; set aside. Repeat with remaining filling and tortillas.

Place pieces carefully into hot oil. Cook 1 minute or until golden brown, turning once.

Remove with slotted spoon. Drain on paper towels.

Combine sour cream and salsa verde in small bowl; mix well. Serve with flautas as dip.

Tip: Serve some Ortega Guacamole Style Dip too, and encourage double dipping.

BEEF TACO SALAD WITH GUACAMOLE DRESSING

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Start to Finish: 15 minutes

Makes 6 servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water
- 1 Ortega Whole Grain Corn Taco Kit – includes 10 taco shells, 1 packet (1.25 ounces) taco seasoning mix and 1 packet (3 ounces) taco sauce
- 1 head iceberg lettuce, diced
- 2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Ortega Guacamole Style Dip
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise

Heat olive oil in medium skillet over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir 4 minutes or until translucent. Add beef; cook and stir 5 minutes or until no longer pink. Drain and discard fat. Stir in water; add seasoning mix and taco sauce from taco kit; mix well. Cook and stir 5 to 6 minutes or until thickened.

Break taco shells from taco kit into bite sized pieces in large salad bowl. Add lettuce, tomatoes and cheese; toss to combine. Add meat mixture; toss to combine.

Combine guacamole dip and mayonnaise in small bowl; pour over salad. Toss lightly. Serve warm salad immediately.

Tip: For more color and nutrition, add other fresh vegetables to the salad, including shredded carrots, sliced radishes, sliced cucumbers or broccoli florets.

CHOCOLATE AND CINNAMON TORTILLA PUDDING

Prep Time: 40 minutes

Start to Finish: 1 hour 40 minutes

Makes 8 servings

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
- 10 8-inch Ortega Whole Wheat Soft Tortillas, divided
- 1 cup diced fresh pineapple or canned pineapple, drained
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup mini chocolate chips, divided
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- Whipped cream

Combine sugar and water in small saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until sugar melts and begins to bubble. Pour into 9-inch square glass baking dish; tilt pan to evenly coat bottom and sides with sugar.

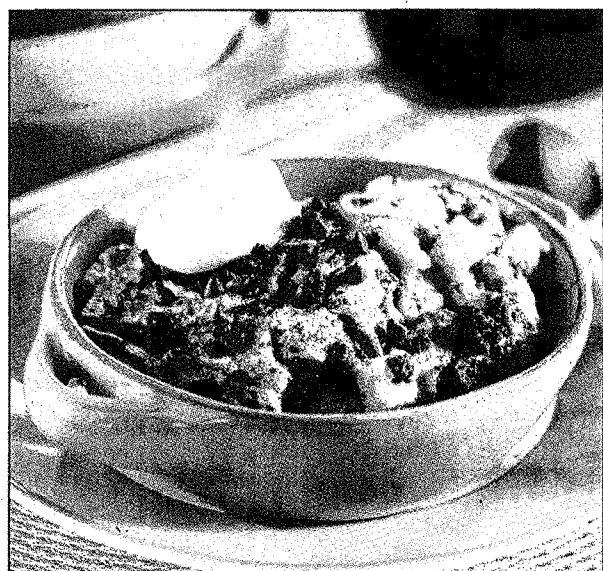
Tear 5 tortillas into bite-size pieces. Place evenly in baking dish. Sprinkle pineapple and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chocolate chips evenly over top. Tear remaining 5 tortillas; place evenly in baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chocolate chips.

Whisk eggs, milk and cinnamon in medium bowl. Pour over layered tortillas in baking dish. Cover surface with plastic wrap, and press down lightly to distribute egg mixture over assembled tortillas. Set aside 30 minutes to allow egg mixture to soak into tortillas.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Bake 53 to 55 minutes or until pudding is firm. Cool 10 to 15 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream.

Tip: For a Dulce de Leche version of this pudding, replace the chocolate chips with butterscotch chips.



Chocolate and Cinnamon Tortilla Pudding

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Buyer beware: Building Industry Association warns against unlicensed contractors

There are a few things you can count on when spring arrives: daylight-saving time, warmer temperatures, rain and the urge to spruce up your home or begin looking for a new home.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) reminds you that under Michigan law, all contractors offering to do work which totals \$600 or more in labor and materials must be licensed by the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG). A Residential Builder's license allows a contractor to build a complete structure and do maintenance or alteration (remodeling) work. A Maintenance & Alteration license indicates that the holder has met requirements for one or more of 14 different trades.

The trades in which a contractor is qualified to practice are listed on the license.

"Consumers should be wary of builders or remodelers who offer an unreasonably low price or claim they have materials left over from another job they can use on their project," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of BIA. "Legitimate builders and remodelers do not over-buy materials for a job. Consumers are also warned to be cautious about any builder who asks to be paid in cash or requires total payment up front."

Hiring unlicensed contractors exposes the consumer to potential liability issues that could be very costly.

Consumers that contract with an unlicensed contractor can be held liable for on-the-job injuries sustained by that unlicensed person and their employees. This exposes the consumer to liability, including having to pay medical bills and lost wages. Licensed contractors must carry workers compensation insurance to cover injuries to their employees and generally carry an appropriate amount of liability insurance, as well.

Unlicensed contractors do not. Licensed contractors offer consumers several benefits, including:

- The contractor knows his/her trade and has been tested and approved, including a credit check by the state of Michigan;
- They are required to show continuing competency in their profession to keep their license. They know and



build to the Michigan Residential Code;

• Liability for on-the-job injuries will rest with the licensed contractor, not with the consumer.

All licensed contractors carry a pocket license card, which consumers should ask to see. If they cannot show their license, consumers should call the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth's (DELEG) Builder's Unit at (517) 241-9254 or visit the DELEG website at www.michigan.gov/builders, to confirm that an individual or company has a license.

Consumers are encouraged to file complaints against unlicensed contractors. By doing so, consumers not

only assist in legal crackdowns, but also will help friends and neighbors from being ripped off. Complaints against unlicensed contractors must be in writing and signed. Necessary forms may be obtained at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dleg/builders_complaint_forms_320691_7.pdf, or a consumer may request a form and information by telephone at (517) 241-9202. Consumers filing complaints are urged not include any information such as your Social Security number, that you do not want to be released to the respondent.

For a list of licensed Builders and Remodelers in Southeastern Michigan, visit http://www.builders.org/pdf/membership_directory_and_buyers_guide.pdf.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing nearly 600 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 175,000 individuals and companies.

Security issue for pool camera

BY ROBERT MEISNER
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: We are thinking about installing a surveillance camera around our pool, but we are concerned about whether in fact it creates any additional exposure on the association. Do you have any comments?

A: It always depends upon the facts of each situation, but in a recent



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Ohio Appeals Court, it was held that a condominium association's installation of surveillance

cameras did not constitute an assumption of duty to protect residents from the dangers using the condominium's swimming pool. This is important because the issue in a condominium, as it relates to security, is whether or not there is a foreseeable danger and/or whether the association has assumed additional responsibilities because of the fact that it has some sort of gate house or other surveillance type equipment. You are best advised, however, to get a written legal opinion from your community association attorney.

Q: I am a board member in a condominium which is suing a developer for construction defects and we are close to settlement but the attorney for the developer asked our attorney to put in a confidentiality clause in the settlement agreement and our attorney is seriously considering it. Isn't there a problem with that?

A: There certainly is based upon my extensive experience in negotiating settlements in construction defect litigation. The co-owners under the condominium statute, the nonprofit corporation act and your bylaws no doubt have the right to review the books, records and contracts of the association and I do not see how a developer can impose confidentiality on an association and consequently its members from knowing and/or disseminating the terms and conditions of any settlement. The developer is obviously interested in covering up its deficiencies but should be held accountable for them in a public forum. You may wish to get a second opinion from another attorney.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 17-21, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	1243 Aziz Dr	\$210,000	Garden City	28626 Bock St	\$65,000	Northville	16944 Bradner Rd	\$170,000
	2065 Brookline St	\$118,000		30930 Dover St	\$50,000		44616 Broadmoor Cir N	\$385,000
	4216 Coronet Ave	\$141,000		30994 Dover St	\$53,000		19376 Cardene Way	\$152,000
	446 Country Club Ln	\$300,000		29883 Elmwood St	\$30,000		435 Covington Ct	\$205,000
	39620 Dorchester Cir	\$200,000		30549 Florence St	\$78,000		19767 Hayes Ct	\$67,000
	42296 Edenbrooke Dr	\$80,000		6457 Hawthorne St	\$75,000		15845 Johnson Creek Dr	\$133,000
	46742 Grand Oak Ct	\$300,000		28499 James St	\$80,000		16480 Lincoln Dr	\$20,000
	7399 Green Meadow Ln	\$115,000		32164 James St	\$30,000		47610 Manorwood Dr	\$465,000
	43148 Lombardy Dr	\$130,000		32632 Marquette St	\$90,000		16490 Mulberry Way	\$20,000
	47100 Mahan Rd	\$333,000		Livonia	29486 Bentley St		\$91,000	48891 Rainbow Ln S
48921 Manhattan Cir	\$288,000	2253 Mac Farm Cir	\$139,000		16195 Westminster Dr	\$20,000		
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45466 Muirfield Dr	\$299,000	11036 Blackburn St	\$113,000					
1580 Peninsula Ct	\$178,000	14751 Cavell St	\$113,000					
		29223 Clarita St	\$81,000					
		11018 Fairfield St	\$119,000					
		30642 Grandon St	\$65,000					
		15540 Green Lane Ave	\$64,000					

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of January 10-14, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price	
Beverly Hills	31820 Allerton Dr	\$206,000	Franklin	32679 Brookwood Ln	\$725,000	
	16249 Elizabeth St	\$90,000		30616 N Greenbriar Rd	\$331,000	
				26365 Normandy Rd	\$863,000	
Birmingham	643 Ann St # 645	\$350,000	Milford	1357 Huntcliff Ct	\$315,000	
	645 Graefield Ct	\$67,000		2253 Mac Farm Cir	\$350,000	
	888 Henrietta St	\$540,000		901 Pearson Dr	\$50,000	
	1095 Puritan Ave	\$465,000	Novi	45818 Cider Mill Rd	\$164,000	
	2235 W Maple Rd	\$248,000		44707 Gwinnett Loop	\$76,000	
	1431 Washington Blvd	\$180,000		23612 Hickory Grove Ln	\$259,000	
	636 Wimbledon Dr	\$480,000	South Lyon	45290 Jacob Dr	\$235,000	
	2626 Windemere Rd	\$181,000		42057 Malott	\$390,000	
				24580 Olde Orchard St	\$40,000	
	Commerce Township	1535 Carthage	\$161,000	Southfield	18725 Capitol Dr	\$179,000
4690 Commerce Woods Dr		\$165,000	23330 Grayson Dr		\$35,000	
2555 Watonga Dr		\$130,000	24610 Lafayette Cir		\$125,000	
Farmington	23995 Colchester Dr	\$113,000		30099 Pleasant Trl	\$59,000	
				22515 Pontchartrain Dr	\$115,000	
				29425 Red Leaf Dr	\$55,000	
Farmington Hills	27845 Berrywood Ln	\$38,000	White Lake	2225 Teegerdine Rd	\$145,000	
	30312 Fink Ave	\$85,000				
	30326 Pipers Ln	\$12,000				
	29630 Sugar Spring Rd	\$182,000				
	30416 Sunderland Dr	\$155,000				
	37868 Thames Dr	\$161,000				
	29653 Vista Ct	\$147,000				
	28912 Wilton Dr	\$282,000				

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for non-members to be applied to annual membership. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, the group will have assorted local investors ready to answer your questions and update you on the current market.

For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org.

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A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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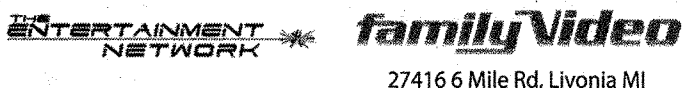
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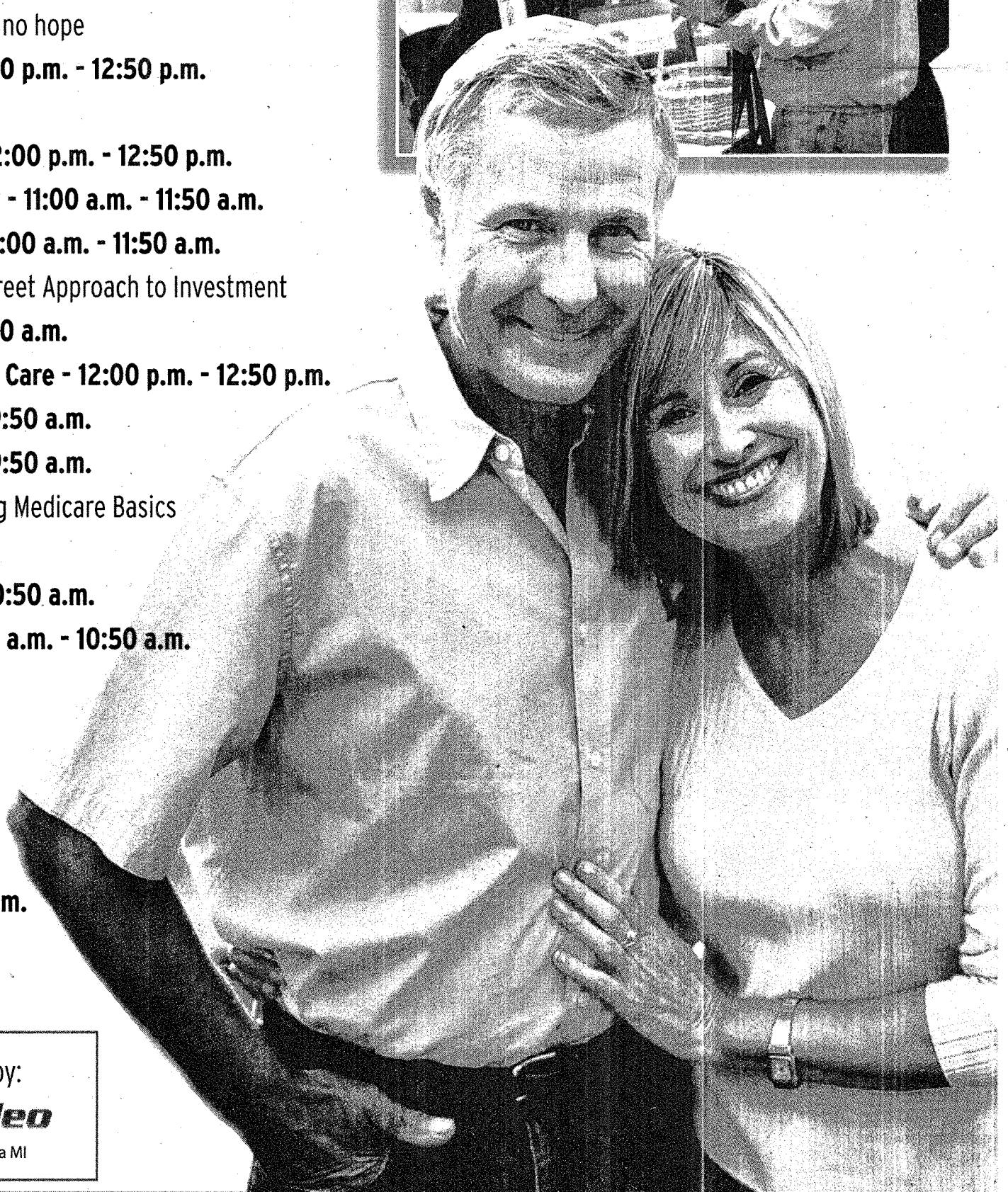
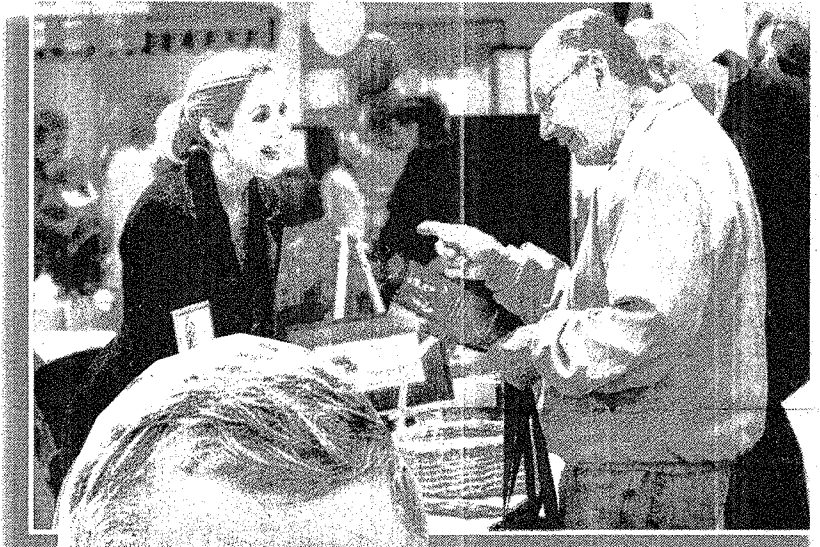
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