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Parent workshop

The Westland Youth Assistance Program in collaboration with the Oakwood Taylor Teen Health Center will be hosting a free "Talk Early, Talk Often" parent workshop 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

"Talk Early, Talk Often" is a nationally recognized parent workshop aimed at helping parents talk with children about abstinence and sexuality. The workshop helps parents recognize and use opportunities to open the door for conversation, listen and respond with greater confidence and skill and to feel comfortable seeking outside sources of information.

The workshop will be held at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Free food and drinks will be provided, as well as free child care for potty-trained kids ages 4 and up. To register, call Brianna Gorka at (734) 287-2076, Ext. 6.

Contest winners

Two Wayne-Westland students are among winners in state Sen. Glenn Anderson's first ever Black History Month Art Contest.

The original pieces came students in the Clarenceville School District, Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Redford Union school district. The topic of the art was to be "What Black History Month Means to Me" or "An Important Figure in Black History."

"I want to congratulate the winners, and thank all of those who participated and made this first contest a success," said Anderson. "I was impressed by the enthusiasm that both the art teachers and students showed in rising to the challenge of creating original artwork on this topic."

Anderson selected one winner and one runner-up from each school district. In Wayne-Westland, the winner was Joshua McCown, fourth grade, while the runner-up was Andrea Santiago, fourth grade.

Anderson will provide a pizza party to classes of the three winners, display the artwork of the winners and runners-up in his office, and also recognize the winners and runners-up with a certificate.

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'Flabbergasted' Gebhardt awaits LPS's decision on drug grant

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer



Gebhardt

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt said Tuesday she is giving Livonia Public Schools another two weeks to decide if it wants a \$40,000 grant she secured for the intervention and treatment of substance abuse by at-risk youth before offering it to Wayne Westland

Community Schools.

Gebhardt said she was flabbergasted Feb. 27 when Steve Archibald, LPS's director

of secondary programs and facilities, told her he had talked with the district's secondary principals and "no one seemed interested."

When she told him she specifically wanted the schools in her district to get the grant money — Franklin and Churchill high schools and their feeder schools — she said he told her: "This is where I tell you, thank you, but you need to move on," she said. "I was flabbergasted, I was absolutely flabbergasted."

Gebhardt said she went to the school board meet-

ing that evening to tell the school board and the public about it.

"Frankly I'm here because I can't believe it myself," she told the board.

Meeting today

Archibald said Tuesday that LPS is interested in pursuing the grant for services from Growth Works and he has a meeting set up for today

(Thursday) with Executive Director Dale Yagie-la.

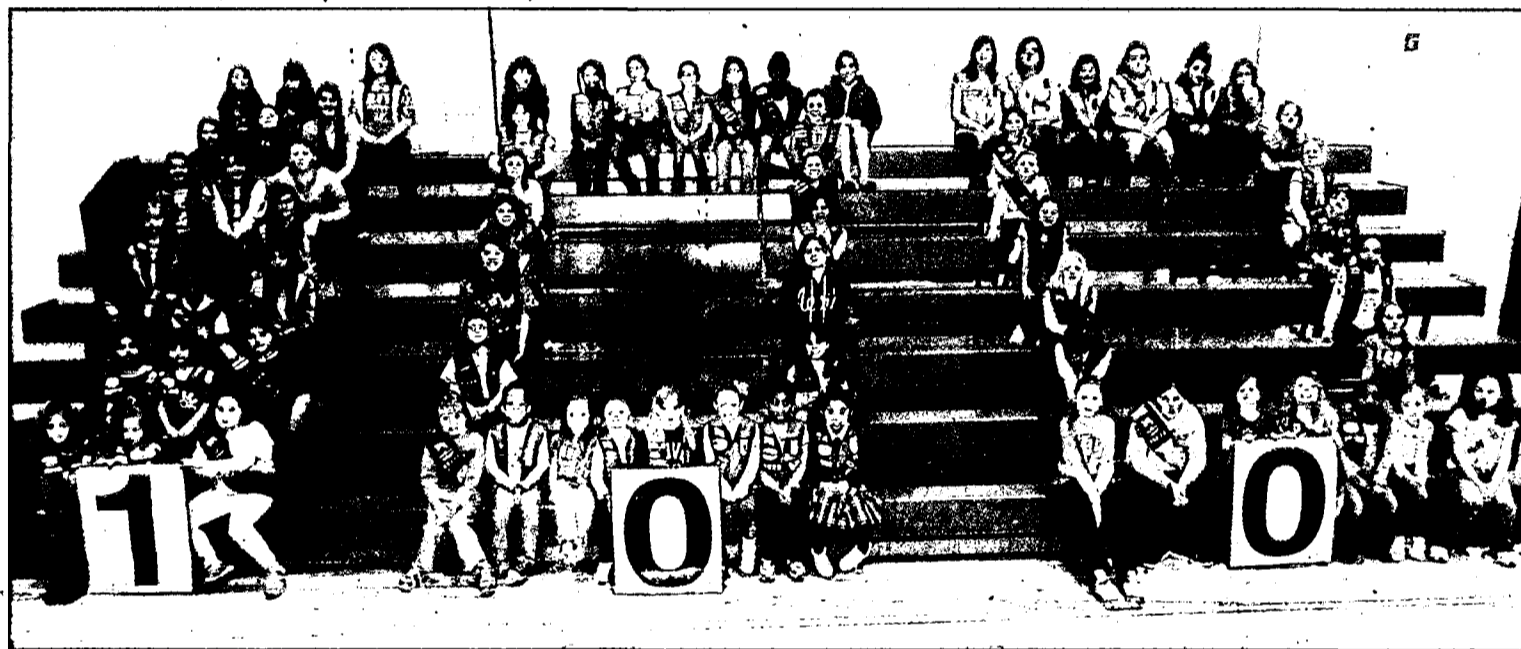
"We certainly appreciate her making the funds available," he said.

Archibald said he didn't want to rehash his Feb. 27 conversation with Gebhardt "through the paper."

"It's something Commissioner Gebhardt and I need to discuss," he said,

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Happy Birthday!



Westland Girl Scouts make it perfectly clear that they know what March 12 is. The youngsters used the bleachers of the Bailey Recreation Center Monday evening to form the number 100 in observance of the 100th birthday of Girl Scouting. It was on March 12, 1912, that Juliette Gordon Low gathered 18 girls together in the first Girl Scout troop meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

Pickering drops out of House race, throws support behind Kosowski

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer



Pickering



Kosowski

A veteran former Westland councilman and mayor has dropped out of the race to fill the vacant Michigan House seat in the newly-formatted 16th District.

Charles Pickering, who served 20 years on council and another four years as mayor, said that he had filed in early January to run for the seat but has changed his mind. The district contains most of Westland and the entire City of Wayne.

Instead of running, Pickering said he is throwing his support behind Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski, the other Democratic candidate who has filed to run for the seat.

"I talked to Robert. I think he'll do an excellent job. He worked hard and got early support in both communities," said Pickering. "I like Robert. I've known him since he started at the (Westland Municipal) golf course, probably 20 years ago. I have a lot of respect for him. He's well-prepared and well-organized."

Initially, Pickering, 69, had considered running for the legislature as an independent but said that is difficult with voters accustomed to the two-party system, so he filed

as a Democrat. Having attended culinary school, Pickering said he also wants to devote full-time efforts to his work in real estate.

The support Kosowski has gathered, referred to by Pickering, includes endorsements from local and state officials, including current State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, who is term-limited and is running for Wayne County commissioner, and State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, who is running for Congress.

"I'm endorsing Robert because I believe that he is the best person to represent District 16. With other community leaders, we've worked alongside each other on behalf of residents in the Wayne and Westland communities for nearly two decades," said LeBlanc.

"Like others, I believe he will take that same level of commitment and enthusiasm to Lansing and will continue his record of accomplishment. I have the highest

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Former W-W teacher arraigned on sex charges

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer



Tomblin

A Canton man and former Wayne-Westland school teacher is facing a March 16 hearing in 35th District Court amid allegations by a mother that he was involved in inappropriate behavior toward her 16-year-old son.

Brandon Lee Tomblin, 26, was arraigned Saturday in 34th District Court in Romulus on one count of child sexual-

ly abusive activity, two counts of using a computer to commit a crime and two counts of distributing sexually explicit material to children.

Tomblin was jailed with a \$75,000/10 percent bond, meaning he could be released with \$7,500, but a Wayne County Jail spokesman said Wednesday that

Tomblin was still behind bars.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said Monday that, if Tomblin is released, he will be placed under house arrest with a tether.

Tomblin, who had taught at several schools, could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison if he is convicted of child sexually abusive activity and

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Norwayne council host jamboree for kids

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Storytelling and a movie with free popcorn will be featured Saturday as the Norwayne Citizens Council hosts a Midwinter Jamboree for local youngsters.

"It's an opportunity to begin the 70th anniversary celebration of the establishment of the community," said Hank Johnson, citizen council chairman. "We are taking the opportunity to help Norwayne children with a fun event and literacy."

The event will be held noon to 3 p.m. at the Dorsey Community Center, on Dorsey just east of Venoy. There will be a

storyteller from 12:30-1 p.m. followed by a movie.

The program is aimed at children 6-12 years old but Johnson said no one wants to attend will be turned away. To promote attendance, fliers are being distributed at Adams Upper Elementary School.

"There isn't advance registration — they can just show up," said Johnson.

Celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the Norwayne community being established are expected to really get under way in October.

"We're still having some difficulty getting an historic designation — there was

some bureaucratic breakdown," said Johnson. "We are trying to resolve it. We are trying to work with the Ford Motor Company and the Yankee Air Museum for some coordinated efforts. It was all part of the Arsenal of Democracy."

WLND is working on a documentary about Norwayne, with Wayne-Westland Community Schools working on signage, he said.

Anyone needing more information about the Mid-Winter Jamboree or the Norwayne Citizens Council can contact Johnson at (734) 444-8344.

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GEBHARDT

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adding he doesn't want to have any ill will.

Gebhardt said she told Superintendent Randy Liepa about the grant in December. She said he seemed pleased and told her he would discuss it with the district's principals in January and get back with her.

When she didn't hear anything by the end of January, she said she called and was told Liepa had turned it over to Archibald. As February neared an end, she still hadn't heard anything so she called Archibald's office. "I have \$40,000 worth of services to give to LPS and in two months I hadn't heard anything," she told the board.

Archibald said Tuesday he wasn't aware of what the time constraints were prior to his Feb. 27 conversation with Gebhardt, but if she is giving the district an additional two weeks, "we will make every effort we can to pull something together."

'It takes time'

Liepa said Tuesday that the district receives nearly \$8 million in grants annually.

"Sometimes it takes time to sort out what we can and can't do," he said.

Liepa said the district is excited about the opportunity to "help kids" and will continue to investigate the program.

Gebhardt said Growth Works is a "very reputable organization" with Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey on its board.

Growth Works piloted a program for parents, students and faculty at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, she said. "It's already been field-tested."

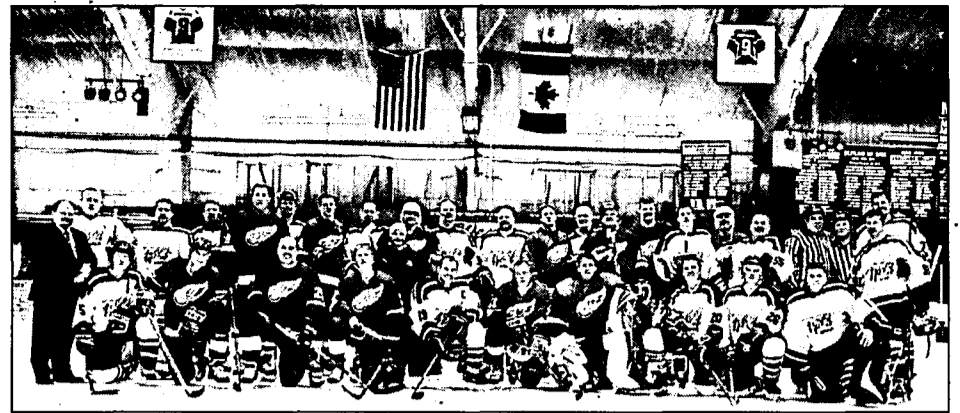
Gebhardt, who represents District 12, which includes Livonia south of I-96 and all of Westland and Inkster, said she wanted to bring something to the northern part of her district.

"I just hate to let this \$40,000 go without our Livonia youth using it," she said.

But if Livonia school officials decide against it, she has a plan B.

"My Plan B would be to offer it to Wayne Westland schools, and I'm sure they'll jump at it," she said.

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The Detroit Red Wings Alumni are ready to take on the Westland Wild Wings in a third annual hockey fundraiser March 24.

Wild hopeful his Wings will win annual game

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Citing his many hours of hockey training over the winter in anticipation of the upcoming annual Red Wing Alumni hockey game, Westland Mayor William Wild is hopeful the third time will be charm for his Wild Wings hockey team.

But seriously, Wild is looking forward to another successful fundraiser — the first two games were sold out. "The tickets go fast. We get 800-900 people there, so get your tickets while you can," said Wild.

At \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, tickets are currently on sale for the hockey game which will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at Mike Modano Arena. Tickets can be purchased at the Mayor's Office, the Bailey Recreation Center and the ice arena.

Through ticket sales,

sponsorships and other donations, the hockey games have raised more than \$20,000 each year. The 2010 proceeds assisted in the restoration of Central City Park. Last year, proceeds went for improvements to the arena, originally constructed more than 30 years ago.

"We did a concessions stand upgrade and remodel. We added digital screens and did some energy efficiency work although most of that was a grant," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski.

Money raised from the 2012 charity hockey game will go to help fund installation of four new pro-style locker rooms at the arena. The work will cost an estimated \$400,000.

There are many fun-filled activities planned for the event, including a score-o-competition, chuck-a-puck, a Mite Hockey shootout, raffles, prize giveaways and

much more. "This charity hockey game has become a Westland winter tradition and has raised funds for several worthwhile activities," said Wild. "In addition to the players having bragging rights for a year, I want all fans of the Westland Wild Wings to walk away with a victory."

Wild issued a special challenge to Westland council members — a celebrity score-o with a catch.

"If you score, it costs you nothing," he said. "If you miss, I would ask you to make a \$100 donation to the charity of your choice."

Council President James Godbout responded that the mayor would be hitting council members up for \$100 donations regardless of whether they scored.

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RACE

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level of confidence that Robert has the dedication and skills required to serve as our next state representative for the new 16th District," said LeBlanc.

Anderson also offered his endorsement of Kosowski.

"Robert Kosowski has done a great job for Westland as parks and recreation director. I am certain he will carry the same dedication and

enthusiasm with him as he serves us in the Michigan House of Representatives. He has my full support," said Anderson.

Kosowski said that he was very pleased to have the endorsements from the current local legislators, as well as Pickering. In the traditionally Democratic district, Kosowski is the only candidate filed in the race at this point beside Pickering.

"I was serious about running. I like Bob - he put it all together. I would hope that he doesn't have anyone running against

him," said Pickering. "I would like to see him get to know the residents of the districts and what their concerns are on the state level."

The filing deadline is May 15 and nominating petitions must have a minimum 200 valid signatures with not more than 400 signatures. Candidates also have the option of paying a \$100 fee in lieu of nominating petitions. An Aug. 7 primary election is scheduled with a Nov. 6 general election.

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CHARGES

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using a computer to commit a crime. He could face up to four years in prison if he is found guilty of distributing sexually explicit material to children.

Tomblin faces a March 16 preliminary examination in 35th District Court to determine if he should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him.

As of Wednesday morn-

ing, authorities declined to comment on whether Tomblin could face additional charges.

Wayne-Westland Schools Supt. Greg Baracy has said Tomblin had partial teaching assignments at Wayne Memorial High School, where he was the vocal music instructor, and at Franklin Middle School, St. Michael's Lutheran School and Hicks Elementary School.

All of the schools are located in Wayne except for Hicks, which is in Inkster.

Miller issued a statement Friday saying charges against Tomblin arose after "a mother reported a complaint alleging inappropriate behavior of Tomblin toward her 16-year-old son."

Miller declined to comment Monday on the potential for additional charges against Tomblin. Similarly, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said police will have no fur-

ther comment as authorities await Tomblin's court hearing.

Baracy issued a letter to parents Friday informing them of the police investigation against Tomblin, who is no longer affiliated with local schools.

"He has submitted his resignation to the district and will therefore not be working in any district building from this point forward," Baracy said. "I am asking that parents, students and staff avoid speculation and rumors until the investigation has been conducted."

Baracy said school officials are cooperating with police and "taking all the necessary steps to make certain that all of our students are safe."

Baracy wrote in his letter that parents might want to use the case as a springboard for talking with their children about the importance of reporting any inappropriate behavior to a responsible adult.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, March 12, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour, takes place on the second Monday of each month.

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

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold district coffee hours on Monday, March 12, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at

the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Chocolate Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the eighth annual C.L.A.S.S. Chocolate Fantasy Ball which will be held Saturday, March 10, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

Enjoy a night of fun, dancing and LOTS of chocolate, all while gathering for a great cause. The C.L.A.S.S. Award will be presented to an individual followed by the unveiling of the Chocolate Extravaganza for

all guests to enjoy. The event supports the Barbara Douglas Scholarship Program and celebrates the potential of all women as valued members and leaders of the community.

Tickets are \$25 each (will call is available). Contact Meghan by e-mail at mgiersdorf@mpgenterprises.com or call (248) 255-8241.

Spaghetti dinner

Help support local veterans by attending a spaghetti dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 23, at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, north of Palmer, Westland.

The dinner includes spaghetti with sauce with or without meat-salad, garlic bread or hot dinner roll, drinks and dessert. A cash bar will be available.

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Play incorporates fairy tales, learning, fun

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

It's the story of *The Little Three Pigs* with a dash of *Hansel and Gretel* and assorted other fairy tale characters that will come to life when the footlights come up on the stage of the Garden City Middle School this evening.

In the first time in many years, the stage will be used for a theatrical production, *Three Fractured Pigs*, put on by students at the school.

"The kids are doing a tremendous job, I'm overwhelmed by the talent I see on the stage and the props," said director Jacqueline Ryskamp. "I'm thrilled to be a part of this."

The 45-minute play will be presented at 7 p.m. this evening and Friday, March 9, at the middle school on Radcliff south of Ford Road.

A show for the whole family, *Three Fractured Pigs* is a comedy that seems to be the traditional telling of fairy tale until one of the narrators gets her story confused. While the two narrators — Mary Rosa Clark and Lucy Pugh — try to get the play back on track, it's apparent it's strayed away from the original when a blind witch (Emily Proctor), dentist Samantha Schwesing, fire marshal (Anthony Ibanez) and health inspector (Ferrehn Glass) get involved.

Even the Big Bad Wolf, played by Bailey Merritt, finds he doesn't end up in the cooking pot in the production.

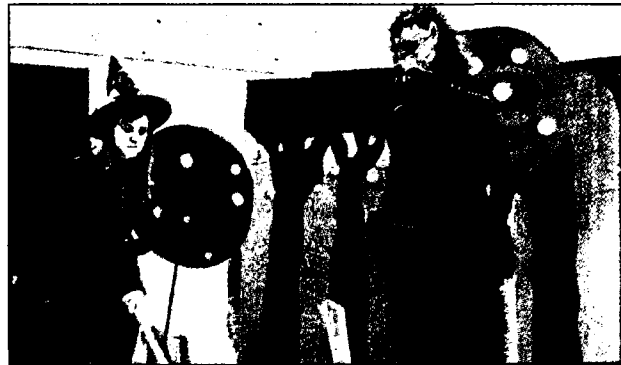
Play time

With drama added to the middle school class offerings last year, Ryskamp decided this would be a good year to tackle a play. With the blessing of Prin-



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Whitey, played by Lauren (Azhane) Finley, tries to convince Brownie, played by Olivia Ruonavara-Ingram that the witch's candy house, held by the House People - Amber Tyson (back row, from left), Miranda Marble, Latisha Lacy, Amy McNally and Alyssa Reid - is safe from the Wolf.



The witch, played by Emily Proctor, convinces the Wolf (Bailey Merritt) not to eat her in a scene from "Three Fractured Pigs."

incipal Brian Sumner, she held auditions and found she had to add a few parts to accommodate the students' interest. Between the cast and crew and art students who helped with the scenery, more than 50 students have been involved in the production.

"We wanted to give them the opportunity to have fun doing something different," said Ryskamp. "We can't offer sports, but we can offer other things. By the response, you can

see that this was needed. And we wanted to build school spirit, so that's why we stayed at the middle school."

The stage lacks full curtains, but Ryskamp is confident she can work around that, using the lighting and props and backdrops to hide the back walls. The lights were installed by Building and Grounds during the midwinter break.

Denise Schimskey, the drama teacher at Garden City High School, loaned



Appearing as birds in the production are Taylor Sutliff (from left), Kara Howe and Erta Hidri.

Ryskamp the wolf's costume, fireman's coat and flats for the production, and Nate Koorhan's art students helped transform them into the forest. Foam board and PVC pipe have been turned into trees in pots dot the stage. The house of straw, the witch's house of candy and the brick house hang from plastic poles held by the "House People"

— Latisha Lacy, Miranda Marble, Alex Leleniewski, Autumn McGuffie, Amy McNally, Alyssa Reid and

Amber Tyson.

The stars of the show, the three pigs — Brownie, Whitey and Blackie — are played by Olivia Ruonavara-Ingram, Lauren (Azhane) Finley and Brendan Nagel.

Excitement

The play has created an excitement around the school. "A very low-cost production," they've been selling tickets and flowers at lunchtime to cover costs. They sold out the first 100 flowers in two

OPENING NIGHT

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Tickets: \$3 each, available in the school office or at the door

days' time.


"It all about having fun, if you ask anyone, they'll tell you they're so excited," said Ryskamp. "This was just the right thing to do. This is the first time for the school. It's a whole new culture of doing a school play. They may not know what it's about this year, but next year they will know."

Theater has been a big part of Ryskamp's life. She did improvisational theater for years and was even asked to audition of Second City Chicago's traveling show. She traded that in for teaching, and when she was assigned to the middle school six years ago, her dream was to have a play.

"Imagine working with 13-14 kids excited enough to want to stay after school," she said. "They've come up with wonderful ideas and we've blended their ideas with the script. They've taken ownership. I'm just so proud of them. It warms my heart."

"I know this is something they'll remember and it's something I'll remember from my teaching career," she added.

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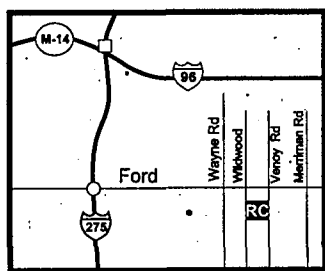
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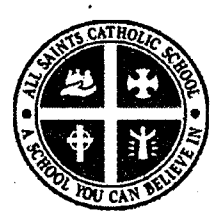
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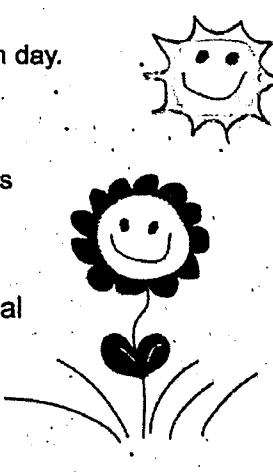
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Canton man charged in slaying of Westland man

By Darrell Clem
 Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man could face life in prison if he is convicted of charges he was involved in a grisly double homicide that led Detroit police to a pair of badly burned bodies on the city's west side.

Charles Young, 43, is facing a March 15 preliminary hearing in Detroit 36th District Court after

he was arraigned Saturday on criminal charges following the deaths of David Simard, 47, of Westland, and Felicidad Tabares, 46, of Detroit.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said Young has been charged with first-degree murder and dismemberment/mutilation of a dead body along with a second defendant, 48-year-old Salim G. Nafsu of Oak

Park.

Prosecutor Kym Worthing has charged both defendants and identified them, though Miller said Tuesday that Nafsu hadn't been formally arraigned.

Miller declined to elaborate at length on the case following initial statements issued by Worthing, who said the bodies of Simard and Tabares were found when Detroit authorities responded

about 3:15 p.m. Feb. 27 to a fire in the 5300 block of Proctor, near I-94 and Central Street.

"The facts will come out in court," Miller said Tuesday.

Detroit Police Officer Christine Rozier said Tuesday that Young has been jailed without bond on the first-degree murder charge as he awaits his March 15 preliminary examination.

Rozier couldn't say when Nafsu might be arraigned on charges already publicly announced by Worthing. "It's still pending," Rozier said.

Worthing has indicated Simard and Tabares had been killed around Feb. 25 — two days before police found their bodies — during what was described only as "an altercation" in the ear-

ly morning hours in the 5200 block of Chopin, a few streets away from the scene of the fire on Proctor.

"The house was an abandoned house where the fire was set," Miller said.

Canton authorities said they had no involvement in the investigation.

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Man finds \$4,200 worth of tools missing from garage

WESTLAND

Break-in

A compound mitre saw, a tile saw, miscellaneous power tools, an air compressor, an aluminum cutter and an aluminum brake valued at \$4,200 were reported stolen from a garage in the 32000 block of Birchwood March 4. The owner, a Livonia man, said he owns the house as an investment and stores the tools in the garage.

The tools had apparently been taken Feb. 27-28 after the door was kicked in. The owner told police he suspected a homeless man he had employed recently was responsible for the theft.

Break-in

On March 5, a resident of an apartment in the 6500 block of Yale told police someone had forced open her door. A 22-inch flat screen tele-

vision, a Blu-ray player and an iPod Touch with speakers, valued at \$445, were reported stolen.

Stolen gas

A employee at the BP gas station, 30345 Cherry Hill, told police March 4 that a woman pumped nearly \$50 worth of gas into a Ford Taurus, then drove off without paying. The employee was able to get a license plate number. Police identified the registered owner as a 24-year-old Chesterfield Township woman.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 7100 block of Timber Ridge Trail told police March 5 that someone had gone through his 2010 Ford Escape while it was parked in his driveway overnight. He said the vehicle manual and pur-

chase paperwork were missing.

Suspicious person

On Feb. 29, a resident in the 29000 block of McDonald told police that around 4:30 p.m. a man had knocked on his door. The man said he worked for DTE Energy and would be working on a transformer in the neighbor's backyard.

The resident was suspicious since the man was wearing a gun on his hip and left in a black Dodge Charger equipped with spotlights. The man left without doing any work.

The resident said he had called DTE and was told that no one was working in the area. In addition, the resident said he was told DTE workers drive identifiable vehicles.

By LeAnne Rogers

Tools, electronics stolen in break-ins

GARDEN CITY Break-ins

Someone broke the chain before March 3 to a storage area of ACE Hardware located at 28715 Ford. The suspect apparently looked through the different types of pallets and then left.

Nothing was taken.

• Someone broke the latch on a tool shed on residential property in the 30000 block of Sheridan and stole a variety of lawn equipment sometime before 9 a.m. March 3. The items included tools, an edger and a weed trimmer.

The owner planned to locate the serial numbers to provide this information to the police.

• Someone entered Good Hope Lutheran Church at 28680 Cherry Hill through a basement window and stole a radio and DVD player sometime before 9:30 a.m. March 3. The radio was in the school area.

• Someone entered and stole a variety of tools from a garage on residential property at 400 Lathers sometime before 1 p.m. March 3.

The owner said that he had not checked on the structure for a while and when he did, it looked like some garage door bolts were missing. About \$5,000 in miscellaneous tools were reported stolen.

Attempted break-in

A resident in the 7000 block of North Venoy said that someone tried to break into her apartment. She found pry marks and a pry device near the door frame.

The police said that the dead bolt lock kept the suspect from entering the apartment.

Fraud

A Garden City man came to the Garden City Police station on Middlebelt, north of Ford on March 1 to report that someone had fraudulently used his Social Security number to file a 2011 income tax return.

He discovered the fraud when he went to his accountant and learned that a return had already been filed with the IRS.

Fraud

The owner of Podium Skates, 27854 Ford, learned something was amiss when he was contacted by Ticketmaster about some ticket purchases to Los Angeles Lakers games valued at more than \$1,200.

Upon further investigation with Chase Bank, he found that his MasterCard had been used without his authorization or knowledge.

There were also a number of fraudulent charges made from Feb. 23 to March 3.

The unknown suspect

charged almost \$1,000 in additional purchases, including defense devices, security, PlayStation gaming system and food at Chili's Restaurant.

Suspended license

The Garden City police arrested a 24-year-old Dearborn Heights man after observing him on Helen Street south of Ford Feb. 27.

The officer followed the man to the car wash at Ford and Helen and saw him tossing car mats out of the 1996 Mercury Cougar that he was driving.

He admitted that he was driving on a suspended license after which the police arrested him for that offense and also for no proof of insurance and an improper license plate.

Property damage

Someone tried to steal money from a coin-operated dryer March 5 at an apartment building in the 29400 block of Marquette.

An apartment dweller said that he heard banging sounds and when he went down to check at 2:15 a.m., he saw pry marks around the machine.

The suspect had left.

By Sue Buck

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Story time celebrates Dr. Seuss's birthday



New youth librarian Stephanie Charlefour helps Charley Mohlman make a hat. A mother herself, Charlefour made her Dr. Seuss hat out of felt.



Zoe Slater, 2 1/2, listens to instructions about how to construct a Dr. Seuss hat. She attended the story time hour at the Garden City Library with her twin sister Emma.



Nicolette Schade was the first to complete her Dr. Seuss hat during story time at the Garden City Library.

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Garden City mothers, grandmothers and children got a chance to meet the new youth librarian and celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at the same time.

Stephanie Charlefour planned her first story time program around Dr. Seuss's birthday, which was Friday March 2. The children made *Cat in the Hat* hats out of construction paper. Charlefour made hers out of felt.

"It was easy," she said.

Garden City mom Nicole Slater brought her 2-1/2-year-old twins, Emma and Zoey, to the program.

"We have been reading to them since they were two weeks old," Slater said.

The girls listened intently to the instructions.

"Let's decorate the stripes," said Charlefour who told youngsters about Dr. Seuss who "lived a long time ago and

wrote books."

Charlefour used clip art that she cut out, laminated and added Velcro to create a story board. She also gave the children a party favor to take home with them.

She plans to offer special story time hours with crafts built in, and once she secures her own room for story time, she hopes to offer a program for 2-3-year-olds and another for 3-5-year-olds to allow for the attention span difference and ability to do more.

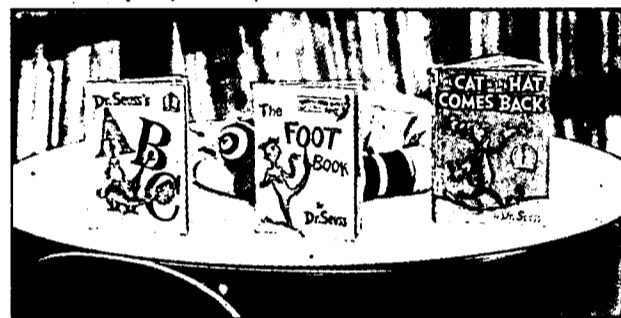
New children's books have been ordered for the library and there are

plans to expand its offerings when the newly approved library millage becomes available July 1.

Right now, the library is open noon to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Charlefour, 31, has been working in libraries since middle school and throughout college.

The Canton Township resident moved to Michigan from Illinois with her husband, Allyn, a software engineer. They have one child, Lillian, 5. Before she came to her new position in Garden City, she worked in the



A wide variety of Dr. Seuss books are available at the Garden City Library.

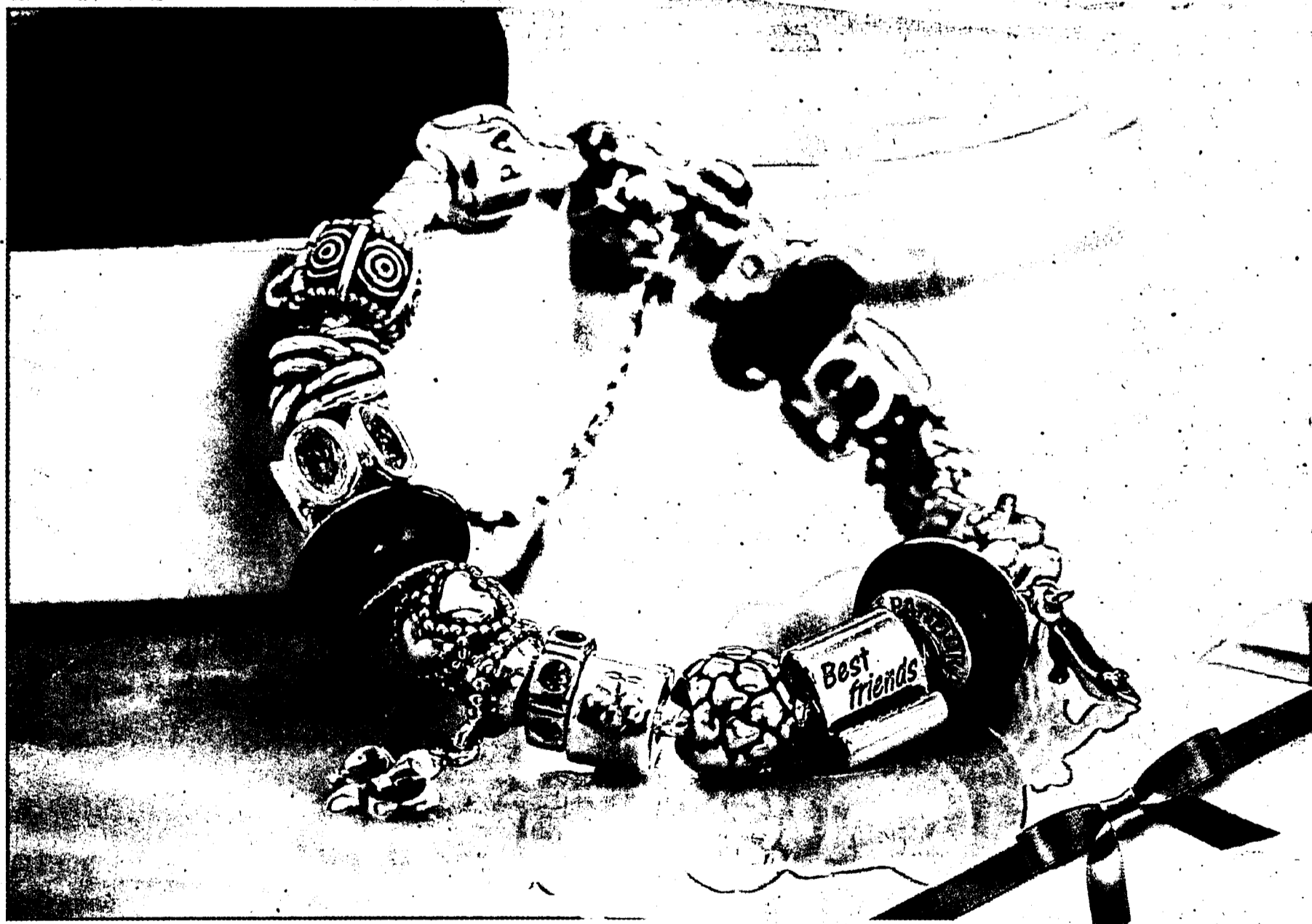
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'White Coat' author speaking at UM-D

Stephen J. Busalacchi, the author of the award-winning oral history, *White Coat Wisdom*, will speak at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 9.

The presentation will be at the CASL building, Room 1030, 4901 Evergreen Road. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Busalacchi is a medical journalist and honorary fellow at the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. His book was named a USA Best Books 2011 finalist in the health category. It also earned first place in the health category of the Eric Hoffer Book Award. "White Coat Wisdom is a compelling, enlightening, and skillful work of oral history," said Dave Isay, founder of StoryCorps, heard on NPR. "An absolutely fascinating book. Studs Terkel



Busalacchi

would be proud." Most people have a family doctor, but how well do they really know him or her?

In his book, Busalacchi introduces readers to physicians who discuss unique experiences with lessons for everybody. In doing so, readers receive practical advice for solving society's and individ-

uals' intractable health problems. "If you hope to understand what it means to be an excellent physician, the doctors in *White Coat Wisdom* provide gripping examples of their most excruciating and joyful experiences," said Michael Bliss, History of Medicine, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto.

White Coat Wisdom is about the grit necessary to overcome substantial

obstacles and ultimately discover true fulfillment in one's personal and professional life. And in the process of hearing how these doctors came to be, readers learn insights about medicine that will help them better their own lives.

Busalacchi has more than 25 years of experience in medical journalism. He has reported for National Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Radio, and has,

received more than two dozen journalism awards, in addition to public relations awards.

"Doctors' lives are always interesting, especially when the reader is allowed behind the curtain. *White Coat Wisdom* is a good read for anyone, but of course, of special interest to the growing number involved in health and medicine," said Dr. C. Everett Koop, former U.S. Surgeon General.

Power documents address family emergencies

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

In today's complex world, it is important to recognize that estate planning is not just for when you pass away, but also for handling a family emergency. In fact, for many people that aspect is more important than the distribution of assets upon death.

The more you can keep judges, courts and lawyers out of family affairs, the easier life will be. One way to do this is to have an up-to-date estate plan. The documents needed to handle



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

a family emergency before death are a medical power of attorney and a durable power of attorney. These two documents will allow your family to handle a crisis without bringing outsiders into the mix.

Power of attorney

Every adult should have a medical and durable power of attorney.

It doesn't matter whether you're 18 or 108, these documents are vital.

The medical power of attorney allows someone to make medical decisions on your behalf, if you are unable to do so. It used to be that a husband could make necessary decisions for his wife and vice versa. However, that is no longer the case. A medical power of attorney is also for young adults. Remember, if you're 18 years or older, you are legally considered an adult. With privacy rights what they are, if an 18 year-old has a medical emergency, parents

may be forced to go to court in order to become involved.

One of the nice things about a medical power of attorney is that you do not have to pay anyone to prepare it. The free medical power of attorney form on my website should fit the needs of most people.

Distributing assets

How assets are distributed upon death is also a concern for everyone. In that regard, every adult needs a will. Even if you do not have a lot of assets, a will is important, if for nothing more than to state who should be in charge of your estate. See the free, fill-in-the-blank will on my website (www.bloomassetmanagement.com/bloom-university/legal-forms.aspx) that fits the needs of most people.

Some people need more complex estate planning documents such as a trust. If you have a large estate or if you want to control your money past your death, a trust is the way to go. In addition, a trust can be a valuable

estate planning tool to keep your estate out of probate, save on estate taxes and protect your beneficiaries.

One last point about estate planning is you can save your family a lot of aggravation and grief by making sure that you have named beneficiaries where appropriate such as for investment accounts and life insurance policies.

When you name beneficiaries the money avoids the probate process and goes directly to the person you have named. Of course, just like your estate plan, it is important that you keep your beneficiaries up to date. All too often, people add a beneficiary and then forget about it. It is important to frequently review whom you've named as beneficiary. I've seen ex-spouses or someone who is already deceased named as beneficiaries. The bottom line is: Check beneficiaries periodically.

Document locator

One last note, I strongly recommend prepar-

ing a document locator. You should have a road map as to where your important documents and assets can be found. Doing so saves a family a lot of aggravation in case of death or emergency.

There's only one reason to prepare an estate plan and it has nothing to do with saving taxes or avoiding probate. Although those are benefits of estate planning, the main reason is because you love your family.

If you've never prepared an estate plan, or if you haven't looked at your plan in a while, now is a great time to make sure that things are in order.

Remember, estate planning is not just for the wealthy. It's for everyone. After all, wealthy people don't love their families any more than the rest of us.

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

**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On March 13, 2012 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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Upcoming Events

FOOD FEST

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Friday, March 16

Location: American House, 39201 Joy, west of Hix, Westland

Details: The American House Foundation will offer meals from different countries and have ethnic dancers perform at its Food Fest. Admission at the door will be \$5.

FISH FRY

Time/Date: 4:30-7 p.m. every Friday in March

Location: First United Methodist Church, 3 town square, Wayne

Details: First United Methodist Church is serving fish dinners with baked or fried fish, baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. Kids meals are also available - nuggets or one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable, slaw and a roll. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$2 for the kid's meal. Homemade pies are also available for \$1 a slice.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 721-4801

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed to celebrate Mass together, followed by refreshments and social opportunities in a safe and friendly setting. Check-in begins at 2 p.m.

Contact: For more information, call Pat at (734) 895-6246.

TALK WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March-15

Location: Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Westland

Details: Talk Early and Talk Often is a nationally recognized parent workshop aimed at helping parents talk with their child about abstinence and sexuality. The free workshop helps parents recognize and use opportunities to open the door for conversation, listen and respond with greater confidence and skill and to feel comfortable seeking outside sources of information. The evening includes dinner and child care for potty trained kids ages 4 and up will be provided.

Contact: Call Brianna Gorka at (734) 287-2076, Ext. 6, or by e-mail at gorkab@oakwood.org

LAUGHTER BENEFIT

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road Livonia

Details: Join Comedian Karen Mills as she keeps folks laughing at Angela Hospice's fifth annual Laughter Lifts You Up women's event. Tickets are \$45 and include dinner, dessert, a wine, beer and soda bar, entertainment from Karen Mills and a "How To" scarf fashion show. There will also be a "Girls on the Town" raffle at \$5 each or three for \$10 for a chance to win one of three prize packages, filled with more than \$1,000 in gift certificates. Proceeds from this event benefit Angela Hospice's free-of-charge grief support and counseling programs for all ages.

Contact: For more information about Angela Hospice events or programs, visit www.AskForAngela.com, or call toll free (888) 464-7810.

SPRING BLING

Time/Date: 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29

Location: Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne

Details: Treat yourself to a night of pampering and shopping at the Wayne

CORRECTIONS

The captions on two photos that ran in Sunday's Observer with a story about babies being born on Leap Day were mixed up. We have reprinted the photos with the correct captions underneath them.



Elizabeth Faith arrived at 7:51 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 19 inches in length. First-time parents are Bobbie Wright, 31, and Jon Wright, 37, of Westland.



First-time parents Melissa Aldrich, 32, and Jim Aldrich, 31, of Farmington Hills show off daughter Abigail Jacqueline born at 7:07 p.m. Feb. 29.

Chamber of Commerce's Spring Bling. Shop and visit more 35 vendors of local and home-based business while enjoying some refreshments. The event is free. Vendors include: J&S Portrait America, Stoneworks by Linda, Lindt Chocolates, Mary Kay, Longaberger Baskets, Pampered Chef, Strength and Spirit, Scentsy, Premier Designs Jewelry, Skaklee, Rodan and Fields, Tupperware, Lia Sophia, PartyLite, Tastefully Simple, At Home, and many more.

Contact: Wayne Chamber of Commerce at (734) 721-0100

GARDEN TALK

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24

Location: Wild Birds Unlimited, 41816 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Brenda Dziejdz will be giving a talk, "Attract Butterflies to Your Garden" with a book signing of "Learn About Butterflies in the Garden" to follow.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 983-9130.

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 17

Location: McKinley Co-Op Preschool, 555 S. Wayne Road, at the Corner of Bayview, Westland

Details: Come have some fun with your 2-5-year-olds. Come see what all the buzz



The first Leap Day baby was born at 7:16 a.m. Brianna Down-Randles, 26, and Justin Randles, 30, of Garden City, welcomed their third child, Lillian Elizabeth, who weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20.5 inches in length.

is about. Meet Mrs. Miles, the teacher with over 25 years experience! Learn about the kindergarten readiness program. There also is a Family and Friends referral program and on-going enrollment.

Contact: On the web at www.mckinleypreschool.org or look for McKinley Preschool on Facebook.

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland

Details: Do you have things you're looking to clear out of your house? Do you have craft items you would like to sell? Do you have antiques you don't want anymore? Do you have a business such as Tupperware, Party Lite or Creative Memories that you would like to promote? This is a great opportunity to clean up, clear out, and promote your small business. It's an outdoor event, rain or shine. Cost is \$20, non-refundable, to secure you a parking space. Food concessions will be available.

Contact: Call Sharon Garcia to sign up at cackles55@gmail.com or (734) 637-2662.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month

Location: Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

Details: Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns.

Contact: Call (734) 58-4330 for more information.

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 10

Location: Hillside Elementary School, 36801 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

Details: \$2 early admission, \$1 general admission. About 100 tables of gently used baby, maternity and children's clothing, toys, equipment and furniture. A great opportunity to get items you need and save money off of retail prices. Proceeds of the sale will benefit Hillside Elementary and its students. Now accepting resale table registrations.

Contact: E-mail hillside-mom2mom@gmail.com

TAILWAGGERS

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 31

Location: UAW Local 182, 35603 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Space is still available for participants that would like to put their chili to the test in Tailwaggers popular Chili, Hoops and Hounds event. Space is still available. Registration is \$30 and includes a Chili, Hoops and Hounds apron. Three prizes will be awarded to those who have the Best Tasting Chili, Best Table Decoration and a People's Choice Award. Pre-registration is required by March 15. The public is welcome to this family friendly event. An All-You-Can-Eat wrist band is \$15 or taste samples for only \$1.

Contact: Sign up today by e-mail at tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com

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Bug hunters hit gold

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

As Matt Halliday wades knee-deep into the cold waters of Johnson Creek, he drags a net along the streambed. He then walks over to Sally Petrella sitting on the bank, and deposits the contents of the net into a small plastic tray filled with water. She examines the twigs, mud and decaying plants taken from the net. After a couple moments, things in the tray begin to move, and before long, everything in the tray seems to come alive.

That's when Petrella's face lights up, as she sees what she was hoping to find — several stoneflies. While some people might recoil at the sight of such a bug, Petrella and Halliday are really excited because stoneflies are one of the most sensitive aquatic insects, meaning they can't tolerate pollution. Their existence in Johnson Creek proves the small stream, which is part of the Rouge River watershed, is quite healthy.

In fact, stoneflies aren't the only aquatic organisms Petrella, Halliday and fellow Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) member Susan Thompson found during their recent "bug hunting" excursion on Johnson Creek at a site in Salem Township. They also found five different varieties of caddisflies, mayflies, riffle beetles, and many others. In addition they caught several fish species, including the rainbow dace, and some fingernail clams, both species that don't tolerate pollution very well.

Semi-annual sampling

Johnson Creek is just one of many sites FOTR volunteers sample twice a year looking for the existence of aquatic insects, which are some of the best indicators of a stream's health. In addition to a Fall Bug Hunt, the group has been doing its annual Stonefly Search each January since 2002. This year, more than 70 volunteers checked 32 sites around the watershed, which covers much of southeast Michigan and is one of the most populated watersheds in the state. Searchers were happy to find stonefly larvae at 14 of the sites, making this an average year (report available at www.therouge.org).

As it turns out, most of the stoneflies were found in Johnson Creek, the Rouge's only cold-water tributary that flows through Salem



Matt Halliday and Sally Petrella, both of Friends of the Rouge, look for aquatic organisms taken from Johnson Creek in Salem Township.

PHOTOS BY KURT KUBAN



A volunteer holds a caddisfly, which builds a casing which it lives within during its larval stage in the water. The bug is hiding inside.

Township, Plymouth and Northville. The rest were found in the Lower Branch of the Rouge, including two tributaries (Fellows and Fowler

Creeks).

Petrella, FOTR's volunteer monitoring program manager, said the data provided by the group is turned over

to state environmental officials and other agencies, which can use it for planning purposes. The goal is to try protect areas where there are healthy populations of aquatic organisms — something the Rouge River watershed isn't known for. The Rouge, which was once one of the most polluted rivers in the country, has been making a comeback since the federal government teamed up with communities in the watershed to start reversing years of degradation. Water quality has improved dramatically in some areas of the watershed.

In places like Salem Township, however, the

Rouge hasn't changed much at all. It is still a high quality stream.

Best one

On this day, Halliday, Petrella and Thompson are sampling a site near Five Mile and Currie Roads, which has been the best sampling site in the entire watershed.

"This is the best sampling site we've had for years," Petrella said. "Johnson Creek is the healthiest part of the watershed. It's a coldwater stream. It's spring-fed so it remains cold throughout the year."

UPCOMING FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE WORKSHOPS

Aquatic insects like stoneflies are just one indicator of a watershed's water quality. The existence of frogs and toads, or lack thereof, are also evidence of a watershed's health. Friends of the Rouge will be holding several upcoming workshops to teach people how to recognize different amphibian species in the area. The data they produce will help Friends of the Rouge and state environmental officials determine how healthy area wetlands are. The upcoming workshops will take place:

- Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m.-noon at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia 48154
- Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m.-noon at Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph, Bloomfield Township 48303

For more info, visit FOTR on Facebook or www.therouge.org.

There also isn't a lot of development out here that you have in most of the watershed, so pollution isn't a major problem."

Sue Thompson has been involved with the bug hunts for years. She said she always gets a thrill when she finds stoneflies and other organisms that live in the stream — small life that most people don't even think about. Yet, they are integral aspects in the web of life.

"It's interesting to see what is living in our streams. If we could do this every day I would be thrilled. The diversity of life is amazing," she said.

Likewise, Petrella said she gets so encouraged every time they find a stonefly, almost like hitting a jackpot.

"We love it. If we could see this many bugs in all areas of the Rouge watershed, it would be very exciting," Petrella said. "Every single stonefly is extremely good to find. One of our volunteers likes to call them little nuggets of gold. I couldn't agree more."

For more information about Friends of the Rouge and volunteer opportunities, visit www.therouge.org or on Facebook.

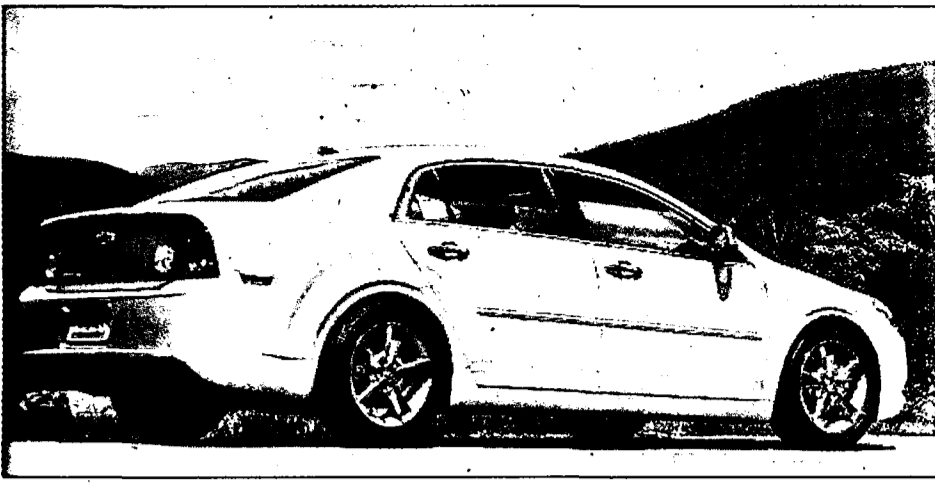
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Friends of the Rouge volunteers Matt Halliday, Sue Thompson and Sally Petrella stand near Johnson Creek off of Five Mile Road in Salem Township. It is one of the healthiest parts of the entire Rouge River watershed.



Friends of the Rouge volunteers also found several fish species in the waters of Johnson Creek in Salem Township, including this rainbow dace, a species that doesn't tolerate pollution very well.



Susan Ianni is hoping that the winner of the Malibu Madness giveaway will be someone who registered for the Contest at Gordon Chevrolet. Tied into the NCAA basketball championship, the winner will receive a 2012 Chevy Malibu.

Gordon Chevrolet ready for Malibu Madness

Aside from March coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb, the NCAA Men's College Basketball Tournament is one of the month's most exciting events. And the Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers, including Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City have upped the ante.

Welcome to Malibu Madness, a new giveaway in which one grand prize winner from metro Detroit will win a New 2012 Chevy Malibu. Held in conjunction with the 2012 NCAA Men's College Basketball tournament, entrants will follow a tournament team through the rounds to win great prizes.

"We are so pleased to offer this promotion to residents of our community," said Susan Ianni, general manager at Gordon Chevrolet. "Hopefully the grand prize winner of the 2012 Malibu will be from Garden City and our dealership."

Chevy dealers kicked off the contest with a Tournament Kickoff Par-

ty with free food and drinks on Monday, and basketball buffs have until Saturday, March 10, to enter the Malibu Madness Giveaway at the dealership until 6 p.m. today (March 8), 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. After the NCAA tournament teams are determined and officially announced on March 11, all Malibu Madness entrants will receive a randomly selected tournament team to follow throughout the rounds.

If their team continues to win and advance in each round, that entrant has the opportunity to win prizes. If their team wins the final game, they will have the chance to win a brand new 2012 Chevy Malibu.

No purchase is necessary to register, however, contestants must be at least 18 years old to enter, a U.S. citizen and a Michigan resident and able to provide a valid Michigan driver's license and Social Security number. Only one entry per

household is allowed.

The winner will be notified by telephone or e-mail and will have 48 hours from notification to respond to receive prize. Entrants need not be present in order to win. In addition to the grand prize, there will be a one-winner consolation prize of a \$50 gas card for all other entrants with the winning team. The final four prize will be an HD TV, the Elite Eight prize a basketball net and the Sweet 16 prize NCAA college or university jerseys for Michigan schools, a second round prize of a \$100 gas card and first round Prize of a \$50 gas card.

It is the mission of Gordon Chevrolet to take an active role and to support the local community and its residents. Located at 31850 Ford Road just west of Merriman, it has served the city of Garden City for 29 years.

For more information, call (734) 427-6200 or go online to www.gordonchevrolet.com.

Home improvement goes digital

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Your home improvement list isn't going to start finishing itself. End the procrastinating this Spring by utilizing some new gadgets that will make your projects quicker and easier.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

If you frequent the DIY Network or watch home improvement shows regularly, you've likely seen thermal leak detectors that look fancy and expensive. But did you know you can purchase an effective leak detector for less than \$30? Black and Decker offers a digital, hand-held detector that can be found as low as \$26 online.

The unit uses infrared technology to locate changes in surface temperatures around your home and those changes can help identify where you need to add insulation.

Online product reviews for the Black & Decker device estimates users can save up to 20 percent on their home energy bills by identifying leaks with a thermal leak detector.

Thermostat

Another way to save significantly on heating/

coolings is with a programmable thermostat. Even if you already own a programmable thermostat, the new wave of devices could save you even more money thanks to wifi connectivity.

For less than \$100 you can buy a wifi enabled thermostat that allows you to change your temperature remotely. Some devices are even set up to work with your smartphone. Appliance smartphone controls are a new trend; in fact, Craftsman even has a new garage door opener that can be engaged from a smartphone app.

A new-fangled, smartphone-controlled garage door won't save you money but it could save you time, as could a new laser level.

Whether you are hanging pictures or putting up shelves in your garage, a laser level can help you achieve a precise measurement without a tape measure or heavy traditional level. Laser levels are available from numerous manufacturers for less than \$100. More advanced models for contractors or serious DIYers can be found as high as \$240 or more.

Instead of hiding a key under the welcome mat or calling a locksmith every time you misplace your house key, why not consider Kwikset's smart key system. The system works by allowing owners to re-key their locks quickly without removing them from the door. All you need is an existing

key, a Kwikset smart key tool and blank key and you can reset your lock in a matter of minutes.

Save money

To save money on utilities this spring and throughout the year you can consider purchasing an electricity-monitoring unit. P3 International makes a unit called Kill-A-Watt which acts as a bridge between your appliances and the wall outlet. The LCD display on the unit shows how much electricity your device uses when it is on and even when it is off. The results can show homeowners which electronic devices to unplug when they aren't being used. Electricity monitoring units cost between \$20 and \$30 and can be purchased online.

Similarly, water meters are helpful tools to monitoring your water usage. They can be connected as a bridge between your faucet and hose, but aren't exactly on the cutting edge of technology.

If you are truly looking for the most advanced tools to help you fix your home and save money, stick to wifi thermostats, thermal leak detectors and appliances that work seamlessly with your smartphone or mobile device.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Jam session

Radio station 101 WRIF is hosting an intimate and acoustic session with Shinedown on Friday, March 9, at Albert's on the Alley, 5561 Middlebelt, Garden City.

Shinedown is an American rock band that has sold over six million albums worldwide. They are known for their hits, "Fly from the Inside," "45," "Sound of Madness" and "Devour."

At 5 p.m., they will perform six songs in an intimate setting. WRIF's afternoon host, Melt-down, will be broadcasting live 3-7 p.m. from Albert's on the Alley. WRIF listeners also will have the chance to win VIP Passes to the performance and tickets to the Shinedown Avalanche Tour on April 12 at the Fillmore Detroit. Log onto www.WRIF.com for

more information.

This event is free and first come, first served. The performance also can be seen online at www.WRIF.com.

Vision for Michigan

Just weeks after announcing its 2012 Michigan Turnaround Plan, Business Leaders for Michigan, the state's business roundtable, is asking: What does the New Michigan look like to you?

In an online contest going on right now, BLM is offering \$1,000 in total prizes to Michigan residents who upload a photo, film a short video, or enter a written submission (200 words or less) describing their vision for the New Michigan.

"The New Michigan Sweepstakes is a fun way to encourage Michigan

citizens to think about our state's future and become educated about and involved in advancing the New Michigan strategy - a key component of the Michigan Turnaround Plan," said Doug Rothwell, BLM President and CEO.

To enter the sweepstakes, participants must be residents of Michigan and 18 years of age or older. All participants must complete the online registration form located on the Michigan Turnaround Plan Facebook page. All submissions must be received by midnight, April 20. Winners will be chosen in a random drawing at the conclusion of the contest. One first-place winner will receive a \$500 VISA gift card, and five second-place winners will each receive \$100 VISA gift cards.

WESTLAND CHAMBER CHAT

2012 will be an Exciting Year for the Westland Chamber of Commerce as we reach 50 years of service to the Westland Business Community.

Come celebrate the past, present and future with the Westland Chamber of Commerce at our 50th Anniversary Gala Friday, April 20, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

The cost is \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of eight and includes family-style dinner, featuring chicken cordon bleu and roast beef, with an open bar. Doors open 5:45 p.m., a cocktail hour 6-7 p.m., dinner 7-8 p.m. and live entertainment with Steve King and the Ditties 8 p.m. to midnight.

There also will be a "50 Years of Excellence"

slide show and special guests.

Sponsorship opportunities also are available and all sponsorship tickets included dinner and open bar:

- Entertainment sponsors - \$1000, includes table of eight, full page ad in program, signage and recognition at event.
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OUR VIEWS

Must read Literacy is a must now more than ever in today's world

A recent promo for an upcoming cable TV show, Larry the Cable Guy told his audience that he stays young because he reads at a third-grade level. They responded with laughter.

We have to ask ourselves, why did they laugh? There's nothing funny about that at all.

In today's world, doing well depends on being able to read. It is the backbone of life. Without it, the ability to speak and write is limited to simple words. And while non-readers might be able to listen to what someone says, their comprehension is stunted by a lack of understanding of language.

But reading needs to be celebrated beyond March, it needs to be celebrated every month.

Reading is important because it develops the mind. Understanding the written word is one way its ability grows. It also is important because it is how we discover new things. Through reading, we develop our imagination and a good self image.

Reading also is important because words - spoken and written - are the building blocks of life. The words that we have heard or read help us become the persons we are. People, families, relationships, and even nations are built from words.

March is reading month, and last Thursday, school children around the country took an oath to read, to feed their brains so they can grow. March has been selected as Reading Month in part because of the birthday of author Theodor Geisel, an American writer, poet, and cartoonist most widely known for his children's books written under the pen name of Dr. Seuss. Many a youngster has grown up with his *Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham* and *The Foot Book*. Many of his stories have become movies like *Horton Hears a Who* and *The Lorax*.

But reading needs to be celebrated beyond March, it needs to be celebrated every month. It needs to be celebrated by those who can read and pursued by those who want to read. Those of us who can read need to help those who can't.

In the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, volunteers are being sought for the Literacy Corps. The goal of the Literacy Corps is to "create a concerted community effort to improve literacy in a society where reading and writing is important to a person's success." Adults work with students in kindergarten through the sixth-grade. Training is provided.

The William P. Faust Public Library also offers free one-on-one tutoring for adults with trained literacy volunteers. The tutors all are trained and commit to work with a students for one year. Learners must commit to meeting with their tutor once a week for two hours at a time that is convenient for them inside one of the library's meeting rooms. The service is confidential.

Reading is lifelong. It's a skill we need and must have and skill we must make certain everyone has. We as adults need to join school children in pledging to read. Whether it's a book, a magazine or a newspaper, or an electronic book, we need for children to see that we, too, feed our brains.

We also need to commit to reading with our children as a parent, a grandparent or a volunteer. We need to share the joy of a good story whether it's about the bedlam created by the Cat in the Hat, the Harry Potter's battle with the evil Voldemort or Charles Dickens.

It's not a case of we need, it's case of we must make every month Reading Month. And this month is a good place to start.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite Dr. Seuss book?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"Cat in the Hat." Because I like him."
Emily Bauschat
Garden City



"Green Eggs and Ham," it's my favorite. I read it in the third grade."
Rod Theus
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"Green Eggs and Ham."
Arianna Theus
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"Oh, gosh, it's probably 'Green Eggs and Ham.' That's the one we used to read in class."
Christina Seward
Garden City

LETTERS

Thanks for support

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our staff, students, parents, PTOs/PTAs and booster groups for their support in helping with the Sinking Fund efforts. As you can see from the results below, it was an overwhelming success and illustrates that the community values our educational system and the children we serve.

Additionally, I'd like to thank our EAs, ministerial group, civic organizations, community leaders, senior citizens groups, community stakeholders and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspaper* for their support. Again, when a school and community come together, wonderful things can happen.

Thank you for everything you do for our children and remember

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Greg Baracy
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Wayne-Westland Community Schools

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Remarkable vet

I have read some letters in the Opinion page section of surrounding area newspapers about all the men and women who are honored for their work in the different fields and cities they live in.

I have tried to find an award for a veterinarian to honor Dr. John Her-

man and can't find one. I have called the Michigan Veterinarian association and there are just none out there.

Dr. John Herman has had clinics in the city of Westland as long as I can remember. They have been in several locations but he still has them in this and surrounding cities. Yes, I know there are other clinics in the area but Dr. Herman is special. His care for the animals is remarkable. He has helped so many people who just cannot afford the animals in their care. His prices are very helpful in this economy.

I have a special needs dog, she is a rescue, and has many problems. Dr. Herman has given me advice over the phone to tell me what to do in specific situations instead of coming in to pay for a visit. He is truly a remarkable doggie doctor. I know that I am not the only one who feels this way. There are many people I have referred to him and they all have told me how wonderful he is to their loved ones.

Thank you, Dr. John Herman.
Mary Weislo

GUEST COLUMN

A commissioner's view on county business

By Joan Gebhardt
Guest Columnist

"Your silence speaks volumes."

That was the final line in a constituent's letter I recently received and it has haunted me ever since. It is for that reason I have elected to express my position on Wayne County's last four months.

Three years ago, I was sworn in as a Wayne County commissioner and am thrilled to be in the legislative branch of county government. Progress was being made and many seemed satisfied with the work of the county executive and direction the county was headed. And annually, like the rest of the country, revenue decreased while public needs continued to increase.

Wayne County's biggest problem was creating a budget that would do both — provide the best services we could with the loss in revenue that we faced.

New chairman

In 2011 we elected a new chairman, Gary Woronchak, who wanted to work with the commission to revise our procurement ordinance and to start, in earnest, to create a new ethics ordinance. The Wayne County charter was passed more than 30 years ago, and unlike the recently established Macomb County charter, did not have an ethics ordinance that included all employees.

In September 2011, Detroit media began reporting how Wayne County's former economic development director received a \$200,000 "severance" payment when she voluntarily left her county job to become CEO of Metro Airport — all without the knowledge of the commission.

It is my belief the severance was paid with the knowledge of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, violating several internal policies and procedures. It's clear to me that this action — and several others that

were subsequently revealed — was done to deceive and circumvent the commission by some of Mr. Ficano's appointees.

In the aftermath of the scandal, media reports brought increased scrutiny to county contracting and projects, while the FBI served federal grand jury subpoenas for county records to determine if laws had been broken. The commission's actions in moving forward will clean up problems within Wayne County government and attempt to restore any public trust that may have been shaken by the controversy.

In addressing these issues, the commission has compiled the following initiatives:

- Resolution prohibiting severance payments. In addition to the \$200,000 payout to the county's former economic development director, it was revealed there were agreements which would include compensation upon retirement for 15 other appointees. Thus, the commission approved a resolution in January prohibiting the administration from making any sort of severance payment to employees who leave the county for any reason.
- Commission rejects lawyer contract for FBI subpoenas.

The commission in December unanimously rejected a contract extension of \$350,000 for the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone.

• Ethics ordinance nearing completion. Wayne County will soon have a comprehensive ethics ordinance in place, the result of months of work done by the commission's Ethics Task Force and newly formed Ethics Committee, both chaired by me. Ethics policies currently exist in the county's procurement ordinance, which sets policy for contracting. But clearly, more transparency and stronger ethical guidelines are necessary across all units of county government.

• Commission establishes fraud unit.

This January, the commission passed an ordinance setting up a new method of reporting and investigating fraud in the county. The action creates the new Fraud and

Corruption Unit to be established in the county prosecutor's office.

• Efforts to end retroactive contracts. The commission has created a task force that is moving to end the county executive office's practice of entering into contracts for professional services or the purchase of goods and services prior to commission approval.

Is he guilty?

Constituents have asked me if Mr. Ficano is guilty of any wrongdoing? I have answered that by saying, "In our country a person is innocent until proven guilty." To date the federal investigation of Wayne County has not raised any criminal wrongdoing by Mr. Ficano. He is entitled to have that investigation completed.

Now, did he take his "eye off the ball" and allow his appointees to make critical decisions? Yes, I believe that to be true. The county executive has said that he was focused on bringing investments and jobs into the county and relied on others to run the day-to-day county business. Has he been working to change the executive branch? Yes, I also believe that to be true, and the legislative branch, the commission, continues to pass ordinances so these circumstances will never again happen in Wayne County.

Should the commission remove Mr. Ficano from office? No, and we cannot. There is no provision in the charter that grants the commission the authority to remove the CEO.

Do I think that Mr. Ficano should be removed, resign or leave his office? No — not at this time, but circumstances may change in the future. I believe we are doing what we should be doing and that is passing ordinances to curb such matters and prevent it from happening in the future. We must wait for the final results of the FBI investigations and, if required, move swiftly to discipline public servants responsible for the gross misuse of government funds.

Joan Gebhardt represents District 12 which includes Westland and part of Livonia.

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Nominees sought for state senior citizen awards

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and Commission on Services to the Aging are seeking nominations for the Senior Citizen of the Year awards. Winners will be announced and honored at the fifth annual Older

Michiganians Day event on Wednesday, June 20, at the State Capitol in Lansing. "It is always a welcomed pleasure to recognize the Senior Citizen of the Year honorees. These dedicated Michigan citizens selflessly extend themselves

to others in such meaningful ways," said Kari Sedenburg, director of OSA. "They truly are the special people that enrich the fabric of community life in Michigan." Two older Michigan citizens will be named: one for volunteer contribu-

tions made in the area of community leadership, and the other for service provided to others. Those people age 60 or older on or before May 7, 2012, are eligible for nomination, and all nominations must be submitted by an organization. Nominees may

be employed at the time of nomination, however, applicants will be judged on their service or leadership in unpaid, volunteer positions. Nominations must be postmarked by Monday, May 7, and mailed to the Michigan Office of Ser-

vices to the Aging, ATTN: 2012 Senior Citizen of the Year Award Program, P.O. Box 30676, Lansing, MI 48909-8176. Nomination forms are available at www.michigan.gov/miseneriors or may be requested by calling (517) 373-8230.



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SPORTS

Chargers dethrone champs

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It's guaranteed there will be a new champion in MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey for 2012.

Livonia Churchill repeated its regional title of a year ago Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena with a dominating performance in a 4-1 win over Novi.

The Chargers, outshooting the defending state champions 39-12, scored three times during the second period and added an empty netter during the final minute to advance once again to the state quarterfinals.

Churchill (21-6 overall) faced Grosse Pointe North (13-14) in Wednesday's quarterfinal at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

Novi (19-7-1) used a 1-2-2 defensive zone trap

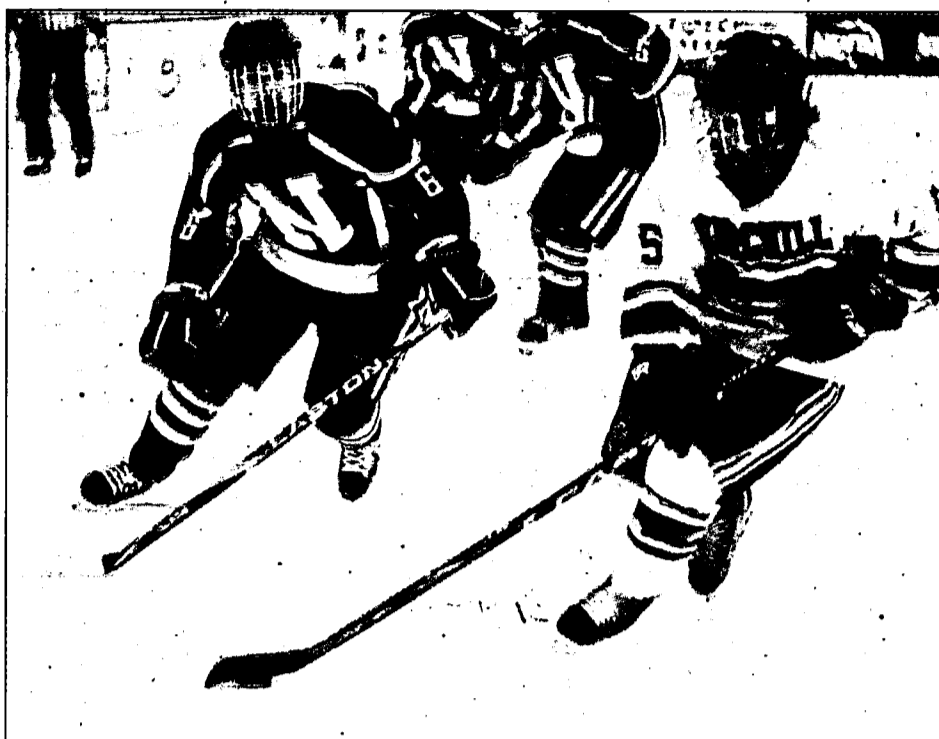
Wednesday to upset No. 1-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central in overtime, 3-2, but the Wildcats found themselves on their heels throughout the first two periods as Churchill dominated with a combined shot total of 30-6.

The Chargers also got a pair of key third-period stops from senior net-minder Alex Estes.

Despite being outshot 15-3 in the first period, Novi enjoyed a 1-0 advantage on Ryan Kobylarek's goal off a two-on-one break from Travis Trainor at 6:30.

"It guess you wonder you think twice about it," Churchill coach Pete Mazzone said of the first-period deficit. "They (Novi) have a game plan and they stick to it, and they do it very well. It forces you ...

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OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Livonia Churchill's Evan Gibboney (right) skates past Novi's Wesley Guenther during Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 regional final at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

S'craft men moving on

Karl Moore's 27 points and 15 rebounds paced the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to a 90-65 win Tuesday night over visiting Macomb Community College in the NJCAA Division II District 9 playoffs.

Wayne Memorial's Daniel Hill added 19 points and 10 rebounds, while Richmond Jackson added 15 points.

Lydell Mason (Westland John Glenn) chipped in with 13 points and seven boards as the Ocelots (19-11) advance to the District 9 semifinals to face No. 1-ranked Mott CC (29-1) beginning at 3 p.m. Friday in Flint.

Ashton Curd scored 26 for the Monarchs (18-12).

Schoolcraft was 16-of-22 from the foul line, while Macomb made 10-of-19.

Pershing ousts Blazers

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

If Detroit Pershing's Caprice Dennis is a Miss Basketball candidate, then teammate Nijah Hill can't be far behind.

Hill, a junior guard, poured in a game-high 23 points Tuesday night as the Doughgirls rolled to a 68-49 victory over Livonia Ladywood in a Class A regional semifinal at Warren Cousino.

With the University of Miami Hurricanes head coach Katie Meier in attendance to watch the senior Dennis, it was Hill who stole the show as Pershing (20-3 overall) moved into Thursday's regional final to face rival Detroit King in a rematch of the Public School League championship final.

Hill scored eight of her 23 in the opening quarter as Pershing jumped out to an 18-4 advantage.

"That's what she does," Pershing coach Shawn Hill said of his junior guard. "She's long, she's lanky. She's just nasty. We're used to her playing like that. That's the basis of her."

Ladywood (13-10) found itself down 30-17 at halftime before cutting the deficit to 41-31 after three quarters.

The Blazers got as close as seven with 5:53 left in the final period, 45-38, on a basket by junior forward Kiley Gorski, but Pershing closed out the game with a 23-11 run as Hill added eight more points.

"We wanted to limit her shot attempts," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "She (Hill) got all her points off steals. She did a great job of creating her own."

Lakayra Carlisle, a junior forward, added 16 points, while Monique Howard and



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Livonia Ladywood's Kiley Gorski (42) drives on Detroit Pershing's Miss Basketball candidate Patrice Dennis during Tuesday's Class A regional semifinal at Warren Cousino.

Dennis contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

"We just stayed aggressive — that's all," Shawn Hill said. "We were moving our legs. We wanted them to make tough shots themselves."

"We need the pace to be high. That's what we're used to. We condition for that."

"We basically wanted to play our style. That's it. We wanted to get it up-and-down, press here-and-there. We had to come out of the press because

they (Ladywood) were too smart for it."

The Blazers shot only 18-of-65 from the floor (27.6 percent) and made just 5-of-11 free throws.

"We were so emotionally involved to start, we were a victim of our own emotions," Coratti said. "We were so jacked up and obviously it showed in our performance. Once we settled down it was

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Lutheran Westland advances

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It's been quite a turn of events this season for the Lutheran High Westland girls basketball program.

The Warriors, 2-18 a year ago, captured their first regional game in school history with a convincing 45-24 victory Tuesday night in the Class D state tournament at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

Lutheran Westland, now 15-8 overall, advances to the regional final beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lakes to face the host Lakers, 20-4 overall, for the title.

Two-time defending state champ Lakes advanced with a 53-18 win over Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

"We'll have to play our best game," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said of the impending matchup. "They'll pressure a lot and we'll have to slow the game down."

Senior center Amanda Terranella paced the Warriors with 19 points and 10 rebounds, while junior forward Aldreanna Fikes added 10 points and eight rebounds.

The Warriors, who had beaten Parkway twice this season by scores of 51-32 and 41-30, jumped out to a 22-13 halftime lead and put it away with an 11-5 run in the third quarter.

"They (Parkway) fouled us a lot, but we hit some free throws early," said Wade, whose team was 14-of-20 on the night from the line. "Everybody also got to play, which was nice to see."

The Eagles (12-11) got four points from Taylor Swartz.

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Lady Ocelots romp, 81-39

Shawnicka Thomas scored 21 points and pulled down 11 rebounds Tuesday as host Schoolcraft College overpowered Alpena Community College, 81-39, in the NJCAA Division II District H playoff opener.

The Lady Ocelots, who improved to 25-5 overall, also got 11 points and 10 rebounds from Domanique Jones.

Amber Sammons chipped in with 10 points, while Ashley Beemon also grabbed 11 boards.

Schoolcraft led 47-15 at half while forcing 24 Alpena turnovers.

The Lady Ocelots travel Friday to Flint to take on Mott CC (10-18) in the District H semifinals. (Game time is 7:30 p.m.)

Alpena (12-17) got 10 points from Brianna Grimm.

Laker cager Taylor lauded

For the second straight season, Grand Valley State junior Brianna Taylor (Livonia Franklin), who averaged 14.8 points and 6.7 rebounds per game, was named first-team All-Great Lakes Athletic Conference in women's basketball.

The 5-foot-9 forward notched at least 15 points in 14 games including a season-high 26 points last month at Wayne State.

Taylor also became the 21st women's basketball player to tally 1,000-career points and now owns 1,040 heading into her senior season.

Taylor ranked in the top 15 in the GLIAC in five different categories including scoring (eighth), rebounds per game (13th), free throw percentage (13th) three-point percentage (13th) and total offensive rebounds (11th).

Grand Valley struggled with injuries this season and finished just shy of a GLIAC Tournament berth this season with a 10-16 mark on the year and a 7-12 record in the conference.

Wayne's Renfroe runner-up in 215 class

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The memory of being a part of the Grand March during the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills will last a lifetime for Wayne Memorial's Dimitrus Renfroe.

The senior captured his first three matches — all by decisions — and reached the 215-pound final Saturday, only to fall to two-time Division 1 state champion Prescott Line of Oxford on a 5-1 decision.

Renfroe, who placed sixth in the same weight class as a junior, wound up 49-3 with his other two losses coming this season against state semifinalist Bryan Smith of Temperance Bedford.

"The Grand March is

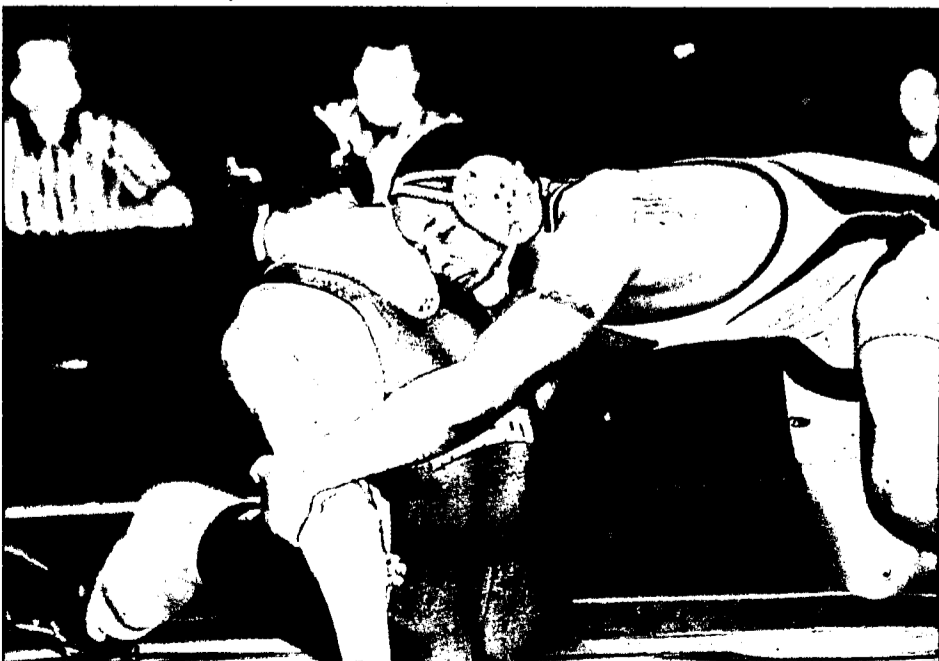
something you work for all season," Renfroe said. "I deserved it, and whoever else marched in it, deserved to be in it. It's just a good feeling."

"Overall I felt I did pretty good this season." Line, headed to SMU on a football scholarship, jumped on Renfroe early by scoring all five of his points during the first period, including two on a takedown, two more on a nearfall and one on an escape move.

Looking back, Renfroe might have taken a different approach against Line, who capped a perfect 48-0 season.

"I think I would have controlled the match — like more my style," Renfroe said. "I would have pushed him more

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DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK | PHOTO

Wayne Memorial's Dimitrus Renfroe (right) tries to score points on eventual 215-pound MHSAA Division 1 Individual Wrestling finals champion Prescott Line of Oxford at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MHSAA BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS CLASS A
at LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Friday, March 9: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Monday, March 12 at Detroit Cass Tech vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit district champion.)
at WAYNE MEMORIAL
Friday, March 9: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 12 at Gibraltar Carlson vs. Milan district champion.)
CLASS D
at WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Friday, March 9: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 6 p.m. Monday, March 12 at Bloomfield Hills Roeper vs. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian district champion.)
MHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL GIRLS REGIONAL FINAL CLASS D
at WATERFORD OUR LADY
Thursday, March 8: Lutheran Westland vs. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, Tuesday, March 13 at Waterford Kettering vs. Bay City All Saints Central regional champion.)
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Friday, March 9

(NJCAA District 9 Playoffs)
S'craft at Flint Mott, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Tuesday, March 6
(NJCAA District H Playoffs)
S'craft at Flint Mott, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
MHSAA DIVISION 1 FINALS
(at EMU's Jones Natatorium)
Friday, March 9
 Preliminary heats, noon.
Saturday, March 11
 Final heats, noon.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
MHSAA FINALS
(at Gr. Rapids Kenowa Hills)
Friday, March 8
 Team Competition, 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 9
 Division 2 individual, noon.
 Division 1 individual, 3:30 p.m.

Steep slope

Cougars' Hill does in Stevenson

By Ed Wright
 Observer Staff Writer

Thanks to a "Hill" of a shooting performance and a couple of crunch-time gems by a pair of seniors who weren't ready to turn in their uniforms for the final time, Garden City's boys basketball team is alive and well in the Class A District 19 tournament at Livonia Franklin.

Winners of just six of 20 games in the regular season, the Cougars played like world-beaters Monday night, dispatching Livonia Stevenson, 63-61, in an opening-round game that was jam-packed with thrills.

Earlier this season, the Spartans handily defeated the Cougars.

Stevenson's season ended with a 12-9 mark.

"Somehow, the switch went on for our team a couple of weeks ago," said GC coach Greg Williamson, whose team won its third straight. "It's been neat to see. They've kind of re-committed themselves. You can see it on the court the way they pull for each other."

Garden City was led by senior sharp-shooter CJ Hill, who buried six deep-corner 3-point shots on the way to a 22-point night.

"When we practiced here (at Franklin) on Sunday, I really liked the rims," Hill said. "They're very friendly. Once I made my first shot and got in a groove, my shot felt really good."

Sophomore guard Kevin Brown-Bayko played like a senior for the Cougars, accumulating 10 points, five steals and six rebounds.

Seniors Tyler Steele and Matt Stark added nine and seven points, respectively. More importantly, they hooked up on the single biggest play of the night — just 15 seconds before Stark made the second most important play.

With GC leading 60-59 and 22 seconds left, Brown-Bayko missed the front end of a one-and-one free-throw opportunity, but the 5-foot-11 Stark somehow managed to slice in between a pair of taller Stevenson rebound-



ED WRIGHT | PHOTO

Stevenson's Joshua Campbell elevates over Garden City's Kevin Brown-Bayko in Monday's Class A district opener.

ers and tip the ball to Steele, who caught it just in front of the free-throw line.

Steele took one dribble before releasing a floater that filled the net — while getting fouled. He swished the free throw to extend the Cougars' lead to 63-59 with 18.7 seconds left.

The Spartans cut their deficit in half — 63-61 — with 9.4 ticks on the clock when Austin Bumpus converted a put-back on the other end.

After nearly picking off the ensuing Garden City inbounds pass, Stevenson quickly fouled Hill, who misfired on a pair of freebies with 7.4 seconds to play.

Sophomore Devin Kelly grabbed the rebound then launched a long pass down the left sideline toward teammate Joseph Mims, but Stark — playing free safety — elevated high to intercept the pass with 1.8 seconds remaining.

Stark was fouled and missed a pair of free throws, but Stevenson couldn't secure a rebound before the buzzer sound-

ed. "We picked the wrong time to have one of our worst defensive games all season," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "Not necessarily points-wise, but the way we gave up so many uncontested 'threes' and they beat us back-door a couple times. That's not Stevenson defense; it's not the way we played all season."

"I give Garden City a lot of credit. Hill shot really well. But there is no excuse for us to go out and play the way we did. I feel really bad for our five seniors. Hopefully, this will be a teaching moment for our sophomores and juniors."

Josh Campbell scored a team-high 20 points for Stevenson. Carey Cobb added 16 points and seven rebounds, while Bumpus finished with 10 points and 10 boards for the Spartans.

The Cougars prevailed despite hitting just 9-of-19 free throws, while Stevenson hit 5-of-9.

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John Glenn cages Tigers in district

By Brad Emons
 Observer Staff Writer

Three good quarters of good basketball was more than good enough Monday night **BOYS HOOPS** for Westland John Glenn in the Class A district boys opener at Wayne Memorial.

The Rockets shot 20-of-39 from the floor during the first 24 minutes while building a commanding 47-26 lead en route to a convincing 59-42 victory over Belleville.

John Glenn, which improved to 17-4 overall, had beaten the Tigers by only four, 55-51, in a Jan. 3 meeting.

"Obviously we wanted to eliminate our turnovers, get it to our main people — Eric (Coville) in the post, Nick (Daniels) on the perimeter, and Desmond (Cervera), and Isaac (Everette) obviously," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "I thought we were really rolling and doing a good job, but for whatever reason we got into that little funk (fourth quarter). But we

got through it. We had to make a couple of reminders.

"Any time you can beat Belleville it's a huge win for your program ... because they're Belleville."

Daniels, a junior guard, and Everette, a sophomore forward, each tallied 16 points.

Coville, a senior center, added 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Daniels also dished out seven assists, while senior point-guard Marquise Graves added five.

Jamie Pearson, who had 21 in the previous meeting against the Rockets, finished with a game-high 22, but 10 of those came in the final period after Glenn led by as many as 24 late in the third.

"We know that Jamie Pearson, number three, and number 23 (Bryce Moon) and number five (Jay Roberson) are really good," Young said. "Jamie is the real deal. He got going a little bit. He's hard to guard because he can take you off the dribble and shoot

it. He's long and he's bigger. He's a really good player. Obviously that's the key to try and keep him under control — and we did for the most part."

No other player scored in double figures for the Tigers, who bowed out with a 10-11 record. Moon finished with seven, while Roberson was held to a single field goal.

Glenn's defense stymied the Tigers, who shot only 14-of-45 from the floor (31.1 percent). And to make matters worse, Belleville made only 11-of-19 from the foul line (57.8 percent).

The victory puts Glenn in the district semifinals Wednesday against state-ranked Romulus (17-3). The first game of the double-header, starting at 5:30 p.m., pits host Wayne (8-12) against Inkster.

"It's why you play high school ball to be in big games like this and have a chance to move on in the state tournament," Young said. "That's why we do what we do."

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Trojans' rally falls short, 48-45

By Brad Emons
 Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville proved to be a "tough out" in the opening round of the Class B district Monday night.

But the host Trojans' furious fourth-quarter rally came up short as Ferndale University High escaped with a 48-45 victory.

University High (16-5) rolled to a 65-39 victory a previous meeting between the two teams on Jan. 27, but the rematch proved to be much closer.

The Driving Eagles jumped out to a 13-4 first-quarter lead, only to have the Trojans cut the deficit to one, 46-45, with 17.5 seconds left in the final

period thanks to a three-pointer from Damien Quarles.

Clarenceville immediately fouled and University High missed the subsequent free throw.

On what proved to be the final possession Clarenceville, the Driving Eagles were able to force a jump ball with just under three seconds left.

But the possession arrow remained in favor of University High, which converted two free throws to sew up the win.

Jalen Johnson and Anthony Martin tallied 11 and 10 points, respectively, for University High, which led 37-26 after three quarters before being outscored 19-11 in the fourth.

Clarenceville senior Sam Brown led all scorers with 20, while Quarles added 13 in his final game.

"The effort was great and defensively we really worked hard," said Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson, whose team finished 7-14 overall. "We missed so many shots the first half and had way too many turnovers. A couple of makeable shots here-and-there and we could have been right there."

University High made only 15-of-33 free throws (45.4 percent), while Clarenceville was just 12-of-24 (50 percent).

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS

MHSAA GIRLS GYMNASTICS REGIONAL RESULTS

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3. Grose Pointe United, 139.725; 4. Livonia Blue, 139.675; 5. Saline, 138.450; 6. Plymouth, 137.925; 7. Adrian, 137.225; 8. Livonia Red, 136.250; 9. Northville, 123.450; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 110.800; 11. Tecumseh, 63.525; 12. Dearborn Fordson, 15.950.

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6. Morgan Soper (Salem), 9.025; 7. (tie) Andrea Melotti (Salem), Reagan Engstrom (Ply.), 8.950; 14. Maggie McGowen (Red), 8.725.

Uneven bars: 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.400; 2. Ade Jepperson (Salem), 8.975; 3. (tie) Ramirez (Salem), Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.900 each; 5. Jordan Toor (Saline), 8.850; 6. Abessinio (GPU), 8.800; 7. Jacobs (Salem), 8.675; 8. (tie) Melotti (Salem), Madi Kaiser (GPU), 8.575; 10. Sarah Hogan (Blue), 8.550; 13. (tie) Olson (Blue) and Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 8.400 each.

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8.600; 13. (tie) McGowen (Red), 8.575.

Floor: 1. Jacobs (Salem), 9.600; 2. Kitz (Blue), 9.525; 3. Jane McCurry (Ply.), 9.500; 4. Kennedy Lewis (Ply.), 9.400; 5. Soper (Salem), 9.325; 6. Abessinio (GPU), 9.300; 7. Richart (Saline), 9.275; 8. Kelsey Flanagan (Saline), 9.250; 14. Prebola (Red), 9.125; 19. (tie) Mallory Dorton (Red), 8.925.

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BLAZERS

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obviously an even game. You can't spot a team that good 14 points."

Junior point-guard Andie Anastos had 12 points, nine rebounds and eight assists in the loss. Junior guard Sara Ewen and senior guard Briana Combs added 11 points apiece.

"We wanted to play

at a fast pace," Coratti said. "There were maybe two or three possessions when we were down seven that I'd like to take back, but I'm happy with our kids' effort."

The Blazers went virtually the whole state tourney without 5-foot-10 starting senior center Morgan Chops, who tore her ACL and sprained her MCL in the district tournament opener against Livonia Churchill (on Feb. 27).

"It hurts," Coratti said. "She's a senior leader, a captain. She's started for two years. She's our best defensive player."

"There are a lot of plays looking back that we're going to kick ourselves ... but overall, I'm extremely proud of our seniors. And I'm extremely proud of our kids for playing until the last minute."

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Pats can't solve Thurston riddle

By Ed Wright
 Observer Staff Writer

Playing against Redford Thurston's boys basketball team is a lot like playing the board game "Clue."

Coach Brian Bates' team is so versatile, you never know which Eagle is going to get you — or where.

On Monday night, Rayshaun Bradley and J'Sean Jones got Livonia Franklin in the paint: Bradley with some intimidating down-low shot-blocking and Jones with some slick offensive rebounding (especially for a 5-foot-11 guard).

The Eagles advanced to Wednesday Class A district semifinal against cross-township rival Redford Union when they held off a valiant effort by the host Patriots, 54-51, in a super-competitive first-round game.

Although he scored just two points, Bradley was a force inside, registering three gym-shaking blocks while altering several other shots.

Jones tallied 10 points — six the direct result of offensive rebounds — to go along with six rebounds and three steals.

"I like to rebound," said Jones, who is also a slick ball-handler. "When the shot goes up, I'm going to crash the boards, regardless of whether someone is trying to box me out. I'm going to get the ball."

"J'Sean is a physical kid

and he's not afraid of contact," Bates said. "He not only gets a lot of rebounds, but he'll go down low, get some passes and take the ball up strong."

The Patriots also had a tough time containing sophomore Rayvlon Croon, who racked up 19 points, 12 rebounds and three steals.

Junior guard Xzavier Bowen was also solid for the Eagles, netting 11 points.

Franklin was led by 6-7 post player Jake Barham, who capped his stellar senior season with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

"We wanted to get Jake more touches than we did," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said, "but because of turnovers, we weren't able to."

Senior 6-footer Deion Grubbs contributed 11 points and six boards to the Patriots' cause before fouling out with less than a minute to play.

Bradley's most impactful block occurred with 1:15 left and the Eagles nursing a 50-49 lead. Franklin's David Kramer attacked the basket strong, but Bradley elevated high to deny the potential lead-changing shot.

Thurston's final four points — two each by Bowen and Jones — came from the free-throw line.

After Bowen lined a pair of free throws with 8.5 seconds to play, giving Thurston a 54-51 advan-

tage, Franklin grabbed the rebound and pushed the ball up court to senior Tommy Smith, whose 28-foot triple try from the deep right wing rolled around the rim before bouncing out as the buzzer sounded.

"I thought it was another great effort tonight," said Rheault, whose team finished 6-15. "But like it's been in several games this year, I felt like we beat ourselves with turnovers and poor free-throw shooting. I thought we played good defense and I thought we rebounded well, but in key situations in the end, they made plays and we didn't. They exposed our weaknesses."

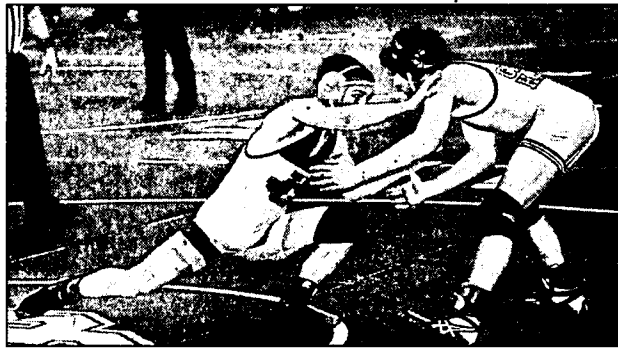
The Patriots played without junior forward Olushakin Cole, a season-long contributor who broke a bone in his foot during the team's Sunday practice. Franklin led 16-14 after the first quarter thanks to six interior points by Barham and a pair of 'threes' from Smith.

Thurston stormed back with a 17-point second quarter to take a 31-26 halftime lead. Croon was the catalyst, scoring nine points and grabbing five boards in the quarter.

The Patriots clawed back to within 44-41 after three quarters, setting the stage for the dramatic final eight minutes.

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Mann leads Rocket placers



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK | PHOTO

Westland John Glenn junior Travis Mann (left) took fourth-place in the 152-pound class at the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Wrestling finals Saturday at the Palace.

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Junior Travis Mann's fourth-place finish paced Westland John Glenn's strong showing in last weekend's MHSAA Division 1 Individual Wrestling Finals held at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Mann, a 152-pounder who finished 43-7 on the year, fell to eventual state champion Aaron Calderon of Brighton in a second-round, 9-7, in overtime.

Other state placers for John Glenn included Kyle Gillies (103), fifth; Anthony Long (152) and Danny Croft (171), eighth.

Mann had defeated Calderon in last month's Kensington Lakes Activities Association finals.

"I'm sure that match will motivate Travis for his senior year and his dream of being a state champion," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "He was definitely the toughest kid in our room mentally and physically."

"We bumped him up to 160 half the season when he was giving away 10

pounds - plus, he won almost every match at 160. He is that kid that is always ready for a battle when he puts his foot on the line."

Gillies, also a junior, finished the year at 49-7 and is now a two-time state medalist.

"Kyle has been our most consistent performer over the last three years," Polk said. "He is approaching his 150th win with one year to go. He is also a great student in the classroom with a 3.5-plus G.P.A. Kyle is the type of kid that makes the room better for everyone in several ways. He has dedicated a lot of time to wrestle and we look forward to his senior year."

Long, meanwhile, rode Mann's coattails en route to a fine 34-19 season.

"Anthony was one of our hardest workers this season," Polk said. "I'm very happy that he finished his career with All-State Honors - no one deserved it more. He was a great kid to have in practice always making everyone laugh and

having a good time while working hard.

"He is one of those guys that would do exactly what the coaches asked him to do - study film, stay after practice, go up a weight. Anthony didn't care as long as he got to compete."

Croft posted a 48-14 record as a senior. His uncle, Glenn assistant coach Eric Schambbers, was a two-time state medalist for the Rockets.

"Danny was around as a kid back then watching our meets," Polk said. "He was in weight class that was very equal and several kids beat up on each other all season. In the end all his hard work paid off when he was standing on the podium."

"We were all very proud of him - and all our guys. He is also a great student and I'm sure will amount to something great in life. I am glad that Anthony and Danny will go up on our All-State Wall of Fame this season."

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Patriot pride

Martinez brothers 3rd, 5th at Palace

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

There may never be another combination in the Livonia Franklin wrestling mats like the Martinez brothers.

Gabe, a 119-pound senior, capped his stellar career with a third-place finish in the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Wrestling Finals held last weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Meanwhile, younger brother Danny, a junior, took fifth at 112.

The two combined for an overall record of 116-8 with identical 58-4 marks this season.

Gabe Martinez' only loss came during the semifinals against eventual state champion Justin Oliver of Davison (on a 14-4 major decision).

"Gabe has wrestled so well for us all year," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "He really peaked at the right time. He wrestled most of the year at 125 and was bumped up to 130 quite a bit, but he always wanted to see good competition."

"He's just a super nice kid off the mat. Other coaches and competitors can't even believe how nice he is sometimes - but that's just his personality. He has had quite a career."

Chiola indicated Gabe Martinez had extra motivation coming into this season.

"He didn't place last year and I know it really bothered him all year," the Franklin coach said. "Every practice was done just as hard as the one before - he never took an easy day. I'm glad it all paid off for him."

After losing an 8-5 second-round decision to Doug Zundel of Roseville, Danny Martinez battled back to place



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK | PHOTO

Livonia Franklin's Gabe Martinez (left) took third place at 119 pounds in the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Wrestling finals Saturday at the Palace with a 6-2 win over Brighton's Jordan Amine.

fifth. "Danny is one of the more skilled wrestlers we have ever had at Franklin," Chiola said. "I thought he had a legitimate shot to be champion, but he fell short. There were about four or five kids in the mix that could have won it, but he still has next year. He really showed a lot of improvement over the season."

Chiola is looking forward to Danny Martinez's return next season.

"He is a lot like Gabe in the fact that he is super nice and an extremely hard worker," Chiola said. "Both of them excel in the classroom, which is great also. Danny has been so solid all year, I'm really glad he could end his season with a state medal."

The Patriots' Jordan Atienza (140) and Allen Steele (160) both return next season after going 1-2 each at the Palace.

Atienza finished with a 53-7 mark.

"Jordan had a very tough weight, but I thought he wrestled very well," Chiola said. "He didn't even make it out of districts last year,

so to get to the blood round of 'states' this year was a big improvement. He does a lot in the off-season, so I'm sure he will be on a mission to finish the job next year."

Steele posted a record of 49-11 overall.

"He had two heart-breaking losses," Chiola said. "He has really improved since last year and had some big wins for us up a weight all year. He came in prepared and wrestled well - he just lost two overtime matches to two solid kids. Hopefully this will motivate him for next year."

Franklin's other state qualifier, 145-pounder Ryan Derry (145), graduates after going 28-6.

"Derry just fell into an old story that I've seen before," Chiola said. "He wrestles a certain way all year to get here, and then feels he has to change everything completely because it's the state tournament. He did not show what kind of wrestler he was this weekend. He had a good year for us though."

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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING AREA FINALIST RESULTS DIVISION 1

Dimitrus Renfro, Wayne, 215 pounds (runner-up): d. Zack VanOverbeke (New Baltimore Anchor Bay), 6-3; d. Brandon Kolka (Saginaw Heritage), 7-2; d. Serge Andreou (Rochester Stoney Creek), 9-5; lost to Prescott Line (Oxford), 5-1. **Final record:** 49-3.

Jake Range, Livonia Stevenson, 215 (sixth place): lost by technical fall to Prescott Line (Oxford), 18-3; won by injury default over Joel Wenk (Caledonia); won by major dec. over Brandon Kolka (Saginaw Heritage), 14-2; d. Garrett Kelly (Grand Haven), 10-3; lost by major dec. to Bryan Smith (Temperance Bedford), 12-4; lost to Benjamin Dominguez (Southgate), 5-3. **Final record:** 44-12.

Manny Haddad, Livonia Churchill, 285: pinned by Miquel Correa (Holland West Ottawa), 4:41; pinned by Lamonte Baker (Macomb L'Arse Creuse North), 2:34. **Final record:** 25-16.

Kylie Gillies, Westland John Glenn, 103 (fifth): won by major dec. over Dan Curtis (Oxford), 14-4; d. Lincoln Olson (Davison), 11-7; d. Brandon Harris (Plymouth), 2:02; d. Connor McDill (Utica Eisenhower), 3-2; lost by major dec. of Trevor Zdebski (Novi Detroit Catholic Central), 9-1; d. Justin Kim (Rochester), 7-4. **Final record:** 49-7.

Danny Martinez, Livonia Franklin, 112 (fifth): d. Jay Jay

Brickley (Grand Ledge), 12-6; d. dec. by Doug Zundel (Roseville), 8-5; d. Alex Bualteng (Battle Creek Lakeview), 11-4; d. Jacob Gorial (Hartland), 4-3; d. by Shayne Wireman (Holt), 5-2; d. Brickley, 4-3. **Final record:** 58-4.

Gabe Martinez, Franklin, 119, (third): won by major dec. over Cameron Wilkie (Clarkston), 12-0; d. Zach Henderson (Hudsonville), 3-1 (overtime); lost by major dec. over Justin Oliver (Davison), 14-4; d. Jordan Markey (Ypsilanti Lincoln), 6-4; d. Jordan Amine (Brighton), 6-2. **Final record:** 58-4.

Jesse O'Neal, John Glenn, 130: pinned by Dominick Trevino (Holt), 2:53; lost by major dec. to Christian Lauderback (Walled Lake Northern), 12-4. **Final record:** 27-22.

Jordan Atienza, Franklin, 140: d. by Rocco Borg (Oxford), 5-1; won by tech. fall over A.J. Presley (Holt), 16-1; pinned by Dean Vettesse (Rochester), 2:06. **Final record:** 53-7.

Allen Parker, Wayne, 140: pinned by Dean Vettesse (Rochester), 4:24; d. by Ryan Law (Birmingham Seaholm), 11-8. **Final record:** 36-14.

Ryan Derry, Franklin, 145: pinned by Curtis Brownell (Grand Ledge), 1:54; d. by Zach Marsh (Canton), 9-7. **Final record:** 28-6.

Travis Mann, John Glenn, 152 (fourth): won by major dec. over Carson Whaley (Grand Blanc), 14-5; d. by Aaron Calderon (Brighton), 9-7 (OT); won by ma-

JOR dec. over Davon Jackson (Bay City Central), 9-1; d. Nick Vandemeer (Clarkston), 7-2; won by major dec. over Travis Vanderveen (Portage Central), 15-5; d. by Dakota Juarez (Grand Haven), 5-2. **Final record:** 43-7.

Anthony Long, John Glenn, 152 (eighth): d. Davon Jackson (Bay City Central), 12-6; d. by Travis Vanderveen (Portage Central), 9-6; d. Carson Whaley (Grand Blanc), 4-3; lost by major dec. to Dakota Juarez (Grand Haven), 14-1; d. by Nick Vandemeer (Clarkston), 9-2. **Final record:** 34-19.

Allen Steele, Franklin, 160: d. Derick Waters (Sterling Heights), 5-0; d. by Shane Powell (Birmingham Brother Rice), 6-4 (OT); d. by Nick Mason (CC), 3-1 (OT). **Final record:** 49-11.

Danny Croft, John Glenn, 171 (eighth): d. Andy White (Brighton), 8-5; d. by Chris Calvano (Clarkston), 8-6; pinned Thomas Broughton (Eastpointe East Detroit), 3:30; pinned by Knute Hoffman (Midford), 2:52; d. by Cody DeVoe (Rochester), 7-4. **Final record:** 48-14.

Zachary Francis, Lutheran High Westland, 125: d. by Josh Wendling (New Lothrop), 7-5; d. Cole Mench (Lawton), 9-4 (OT); d. by Zach Mack (Mio), 6-4. **Final record:** 44-4.

Caleb Richter, Lutheran Westland, 125: pinned by Matt Mata (Marlette), 0:10; lost by tech. fall to Richard Bentley (St. Ignace), 16-1. **Final record:** 28-19.

RENFROE

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at my pace because he was tired at the time. He wasn't as well conditioned and I could have used that to be more effective.

"I slipped under him and he slipped behind me and got a couple of points."

Renfro, however, has come a long ways since his freshman days at Wayne.

"I never planned on wrestling," he said. "I played football, so my coaches got me to come out. My friend Mike Wallace got me out. There was a little friendly bet that if he'd dropped me, I'd have to come out and wrestle. He was only 130 pounds and I was 170 pounds ... so I didn't think he'd drop me, but

he ended up dropping me and that motivated me to come out even more. He was one grade older and he transferred to Romulus my sophomore year."

Renfro's future remains bright.

"I think I'll probably continue wrestling, maybe Michigan State," he said. "I don't know yet because everything is a process. I could also play football, but more than likely I'll wrestle in college."

And the sport of wrestling has given him structure and discipline.

"It's hard work, dedication and whatever you put into it, that's what you come out with," Renfro said. "Coach (Steve) Vasiloff and I have been through a lot. I really appreciate all what he put in. We have a good relationship and I'd like to thank him a lot."

Range takes 6th

Livonia Stevenson's Jake Range may have been one of the busiest in the Division 1 state finals as the senior had a total of six matches en route to a sixth-place finish in the 215-pound class.

Range, who finished 44-12 on the year, lost his opener on a technical fall to eventual state champion Prescott Line of Oxford before reeling off three straight wins including a walkover over Joel Wenk (Caledonia) followed by a 14-2 major decision over Brandon Kolka (Saginaw Heritage) and 10-3 decision over Garret Kelly (Grand Haven).

Range then fell 12-4 to third-place finisher Bryan Smith of Bedford and 5-3 to Southgate's Ben Dominguez in the fifth-place final.

Pereira goal lifts Ladywood icers

Hannah Pereira's third-period goal proved to be the difference Monday as Livonia Ladywood opened the Division 1 state girls hockey playoffs with a 3-2 win over Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett in a game played at Edgar Arena.

The Blazers, who improved to 10-13 overall, will face off against Grosse Pointe North in the state semifinals beginning at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday at Edgar.

Ladywood took 1-0 after one period on Rana Freij's unassisted goal with 9:04 left.

Just 33 seconds into the

second period, Liggett's Haleigh Bolton scored from Bella Canzano to even the count at 1-1.

And with 6:37 remaining in the same period, Abby Pelon scored from Freij to put the Blazers back up 2-1.

Aria Ganz-Waple countered for the Knights with 5:43 remaining in the third period off assists from Haley Smith and Bolton to make it 2-2.

But just eight seconds later, Pereira notched the game-winner from Lane Kolpacke.

Ladywood netminder Sarah Koch made 18 saves, while Jenna Pleva had 24 for Liggett (10-

11-1).

LADYWOOD 5, NORTHVILLE 2: Hannah Pereira notched a natural hat trick and Rana Freij added two goals as Livonia Ladywood (9-12) posted a non-league win Saturday over the Mustangs (6-17) at Edgar Arena.

The Blazers led 2-1 after one period as Freij scored twice with Abby Pelon and Brittany Galvin each adding an assist, while Marisha Hackett countered for Northville.

In the second period, Brittany Pereira scored all three Ladywood goals with assists going to Matherly and Julia Fradette.

Emily Bush scored from Chloe Koch for the Mustangs, who were outshot 28-21.

Ladywood goalie Sarah Koch made 15 saves, while Northville's Kali Maisano had 23 stops.

CHARGERS

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even though you're generating offense ... you still have to make sure you clean things up defensively. One bad break ... and we're down 1-0."

Churchill finally cracked the hot Novi goal-tender Patrick Carney at 2:11 of the second when Andrew Puihes scored the equalizer from Kevin Louwers and Brad Milks.

The Chargers continued to apply the pressure and scored at 8:10 when Michael Gambino tallied the first of his two goals on a lengthy pin-point tape-to-tape pass from sophomore defenseman Evan Gibboney.

Gambino struck again just 2:03 later to give the Chargers a two-goal cushion on a rebound tap-in with Ben Proben and Milks assisting.

"I think today they (Churchill) had great speed and had a lot of shots," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "We played very poorly in our zone. I just think we came out after an emotional win and just didn't recover. "As much as a coach,

you just try and make sure they're just ready for the next game. And Churchill was just too good for the emotional victory we had. We just physically spent it all beating CC and didn't have enough time to recover."

"And then Churchill is greatly conditioned. They're well coached. They skate hard, they shoot well. They've got good talent, so it just gets tougher and tougher."

With Novi pulling Carney for the extra attacker, the Ben Proben put it away on a breakaway effort with 25 seconds remaining.

Churchill was able to solve the Wildcats from clogging the middle of the ice.

"We thought two things," Mazzoni said. "One was to get in and get out quick enough, and quicker before they can set up. The other thing that we feel is that when we can get three guys going through the neutral zone with speed, that we'd be pretty tough to beat. At times we were able to do it today, at times we weren't."

"That kid (Carney) has been in fire since mid-Jan-

uary and they play real tight. I didn't think we'd get four."

Carney finished with a total of 36 saves, while Churchill's Alex Estes stopped 11-of-12 shots, including a couple of key stops in the final period.

"That's tough because you're standing down there and nothing's going on," Mazzoni said. "Then all sudden they score on opportunities and get some pretty good chances. You have to be mentally tough and right now Alex is playing well for us."

The win over the defending state champs puts the Chargers in the same position they were last year when the lost a four-overtime heartbreaker in the quarterfinals against Orchard Lake St. Mary.

"We knew it would be a battle," Mazzoni said. "They (Novi) went through it last year. They graduated some guys, but brought some nice guys in, and the returning guys were able to share the experience ... so, it's one game in the process and we'll wake up tomorrow find out who the next team will be."

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Young adult retreat set in Livonia

Bishop Anthony Michaels will be the guest speaker at a young adult retreat, "Following in the Footsteps of Christ," March 30-April 1 at St. Mary Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.

The event is aimed at ages 18-40 and is sponsored by the Diocese of Toledo Fellowship of St. John the Divine.

Michaels, an Iron Mountain native, earned a bachelor of arts degree in literature, science and the arts from the University of Michigan and a master of divinity degree from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in New York. He founded the Christian singing group, Kerygma, and was consecrated a bishop in 2011.

To register for the retreat, call (734) 422-0010.



Michaels

Church youths collect toys for mission

The youth group at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia is collecting new fast food toys and simple toys such as Matchbox cars and jump ropes through Sunday, March 11.

They'll pack a suitcase full of toys for Landen Koch, the church's youth intern minister, who's headed for Honduras on a mission trip this month. He'll give the donations to Living Hope Ministries in Honduras.

Koch will talk about mission trips and what it takes to prepare for one during the church's youth group meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11. During the gathering, youth group members also will write cards and notes to include with the toy donation.

Interested in donating toys to the group? Call the church at (248) 476-8222. The church is located at 20200 Merriman.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the e-mail.

Location: Oak Lanes, 1230 Middlebelt, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Fundraiser for Mt. Hope Congregational Church's youth group mission trip this summer to Pittsburgh, Pa. The trip costs \$223 per participant, in addition to transportation costs. The fundraiser will include three games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop, along with a raffle ticket entry. Cost is \$20 for bowlers, 11 and older; \$15 for children under 10. Bumper bowling will be available. 50/50 raffle tickets also will be available. Register by March 10

Contact: Kathy at (734) 261-4202 or Mt. Hope at (734) 425-7280

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Sunday, March 18

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 24

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lily and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes given to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers; tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 for students and seniors, children under 12 are free. Tickets available online or at the door

Contact: www.DetroitLutheranSingers.com; DLSingers@hotmail.com

DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 7 p.m., March 21

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: "Can-Do Detroit: Shaping an Innovative Future from a Creative Past," is a series of interviews and discussions highlighting individuals involved in Detroit's current resurgence. The second program in the series includes Rachel Lachover, associate director of CommunityNEXT, Justin Jacobs, founder of Come Play Detroit, Amit Weitzer, a member of the Detroit Area Communal Leadership Initiative, filmmaker Oren Goldenberg, and Rachel Prinstein, a member of the Detroit Young Professional Board. Admission is \$12

Contact: Eileen Polk at (248) 865-0627, or Jan Durecki at (248) 865-0628

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 14 and 21

Location: St. Michael's Catholic Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief support series for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bill Tindall as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. Register by calling the church of visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site. Began Feb. 29

Contact: (734) 261-1455; www.goodmourningministry.net

March

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 31

Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster Road, Redford

Details: Bethany Together Dance. Admission is \$12. Wear "proper" attire

Contact: Loretta from Bethany East at (586) 264-0284

BIBLE READING CAMPAIGN

Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sundays; began March 4

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, in Livonia

Details: The Story is a unique way to read the narrative portions of the Bible in chronological order in 31 weeks. Consisting of 31 chapters of carefully-selected scriptures sequenced in chronological order, The Story presents the word of God in an engaging format, reading like a novel

Contact: (734) 427-8743

BIBLE TALK

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 18 and 25

Location: Plymouth VFW Hall, 1426 Mill, Plymouth

Details: These one-hour meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. No collections will be taken. Matthew Jensen and Jason McNally are the ministers leading the sessions

Contact: (515) 851-2939

BOWL-O-RAMA

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. check-in, with bowling from 1-4 p.m. March 17

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KING, RALPH J.

March 3, 2012 age 71 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Alice. Dear father of Pauline "Wendy" & Howard. Brother of Leslie (Glenna) & Colleen Richards. Memorial Service Thursday 3 pm at the UHT Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, MI. Family will receive friends Thursday 12-3 pm. Family requests memorials to the Michigan Humane Society. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

MOUSA, SHAWKY JAMIL

Age 80, March 4, 2012. Loving husband of 60 years of Jannette. Beloved father of Noel (David) Bawulski, Patricia Mousa, Sharon (Joe) Keepers, Elizabeth (Thomas) Beter and Michelle (Ann) Mousa. Grandfather of Dylan, Erin, Shannon, Elise, Jameel, Joseph, Benjamin, Elliot, Lauren, Alexander, Tara, Aimee and Rocky and great grandfather of Olivia and Maxwell. He is also survived by his sisters Viola Sackleh and Afaf (Fuad) Foteh. Visitation Tuesday 6-8pm until his Trisagion at 8pm and Wednesday 9am until his funeral service at 10am at the Antiochian Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia, Michigan 48152. Memorials may be made to the Church Building Fund in his honor. Please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

RUSSELL, GINNY

Age 87, of Farmington Hills. Passed away March 1, 2012. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



SMITH, FRANK L.

Age 77, March 4, 2012, of Garden City, MI. Beloved husband of Doris. Loving father of Kimberly (Ed) Bailey, Kelly (Tom) Mar, Kari (Mike) Hinken, & Kristie (Rich) McLaughlin. Dear grandfather of Christopher, Rachel, Josh, Amy, Scott, Sean, Bradley, Ryan and Nathan. Great-grandfather of Julianna and Aria. Memorial Gathering Thursday 5 pm, until time of Service at 7 pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Please sign the on-line guest-book at: www.rggharris.com

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Shakespeare simplified

Schoolcraft presents edited version of 'Romeo and Juliet'

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

James Hartman labored over every word in the rendition of *Romeo and Juliet* he's directing this month at Schoolcraft College.

"The two years I worked on the script, sometimes I would sit for eight or nine hours and I'd end up with a paragraph," said Hartman, who edited Shakespeare's original play. "I thought if I had that much difficulty understanding what this is saying, can you imagine an audience that sees it?"

"People who go to Shakespeare probably miss a lot. I'm hoping with my editing work they don't miss too much. At least they'll get the bulk of what the lines mean."

Romeo and Juliet is Hartman's 60th stage production — his seventh Shakespeare play — at Schoolcraft, where he has taught drama and theater for 25 years. Hartman, whose Ph.D. is in Shakespearean acting, taught at the University of Cincinnati and Indiana University before developing the theater and drama curriculum at Schoolcraft.

He edited each of the seven Shakespeare plays that he has produced at the college.

"Each time I get a new one edited, I try to stage it to test it," said Hartman, whose first five edited Shakespeare works were published as the book, *An Actor's Edition of Shakespeare Revisited*, published in 2007. "I don't think there's any playwright around who handles the language as beautifully as Shakespeare, who writes plots and characters as cleverly as he does. The prob-

'ROMEO AND JULIET'

What: Shakespeare's tragedy about star-crossed lovers

When: 6:30 p.m. March 23-24 and 30-31, dinner theater performance; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14, performance only

Where: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Drama and theater professor James Hartman edited the script actors have memorized for this production, with the goal of making the play more understandable

Tickets: \$24 for dinner theater and \$12 for performance only. Order by phone at (734) 462-4596 or stop by the campus bookstore, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday to buy in person. The bookstore is closed for walk-in business this week during spring break, but will reopen Monday, March 12.



James R. Hartman, professor of theater and drama at Schoolcraft College, looks over his edited script of "Romeo and Juliet" while directing a rehearsal.

lem is that many people are turned off by Shake-



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Jared Withrow of Livonia and Katherine Schooler of New Hudson rehearse a scene as Romeo and Juliet.

speare because of the language. The language has changed in 400 years and someone had to address the issue of language. I took it upon myself to be that person."

Making changes

Each revision takes about two years to complete. Hartman primarily works on revisions from May-August when he's not teaching. He scrutinizes each word for clarity, substituting more modern expressions when necessary, changing syntax occasionally and cutting redundant lines to shorten the story.

"Shakespeare used a lot of words we don't have the true meaning for and I don't want to miss those. He made up words and there are Shakespearean terms we don't use today," Hartman said, pointing out the words, "hurly burly" from *MacBeth*. "Who knows what hurly burly means? We don't use that word. It means commotion."

He also substitutes nouns for pronouns to

help the audience understand who the actors are talking about. He trims lines to keep the plays at a manageable length.

"Shakespeare will say something and give four or five examples. I'll leave some examples out. Or in *Romeo and Juliet*, he has several characters essentially retell the whole story," he said. "As I started staging the play I started making changes. I edited my own editing. On that one line for the prince were cut,



Benjamin Gresko of Howell (left) as Mercutio, crosses swords with Nathan Shaw of Livonia, who plays Tybalt in the upcoming production of "Romeo and Juliet" at Schoolcraft College.

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Livonia Symphony concert rescheduled

A power outage last weekend at Clarenceville High School's auditorium forced Livonia Symphony Orchestra to postpone its "Strings of My Heart" concert.

The new concert date is Saturday, March 31 at the high school, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. The program will start at 4 p.m. and will feature the U.S. debut of David Sutton's composition, *New American Overture*. Guitarist Steven Dearing also will perform Rodrigo's

Concierto de Aranguez.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$5 for students.

All tickets that were purchased for the March 3 concert will be honored. Ticket-holders who are unable to attend the March 31 event may attend the symphony's concert on April 28.

Questions? Call the symphony's Music Hotline at (734) 421-1111 or visit the LSO website at www.livoniasymphony.org.

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Livonia residents Aaron Ruettinger (right) as Friar Laurence and Jared Withrow as Romeo, rehearse a scene from "Romeo and Juliet." Ruettinger shaved his head for the part.

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Balthasar's speech was cut.

"I want people to listen and follow the story and enjoy the language. My joy comes from watching audiences come to see Shakespeare and seeing them leave understanding it and enjoying it."

Elizabethan costumes, set

He likes simple sets that don't overpower the actors, but plans to enhance the staging in *Romeo and Juliet* with colored lighting. It's designed to help the audience focus on specific characters during the play. After he finished revising *Romeo and Juliet* last June, Hartman toyed with the idea of giving the play a contemporary spin on the stage, by setting it in 2012.

"But then I thought, am I getting too close to *West Side Story*? So, I

thought I'd keep it Elizabethan."

Actor Aaron Ruettinger of Livonia, who plays Friar Laurence, also stayed true to the period setting by shaving his head for the role.

"It was ultimately my choice. Professor Hartman brought up the idea to me. I ended up sleeping on it and thought a lot about it," said Ruettinger, a Schoolcraft student who plans to grow his hair back after the production. "I decided I need to get used to strong choices now."

Katherine Schooler of New Hudson, a Schoolcraft student who plays Juliet, credits Hartman for helping the cast understand Shakespearean acting. "The real challenge with Shakespeare is you have to know what you're saying and once you know what you're saying, it's just like anything else," she said. "Hartman has a wonderful grasp of Shakespeare. He's done a wonderful job of imparting that to the cast."



Joey Kulling of Livonia, as Benvolio (right) approaches a wounded Mercutio, played by Benjamin Gresko of Howell.

Art

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Exhibits: Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50+ photos through April 8; Gift of a Lifetime: The James Pearson Duffy Collection of drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs through March 18
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through March 23
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: Call for entries for the 4th Annual West of Center All-Media Show. Applications with jpgs on CDs must be hand-delivered or shipped to the Northville Art House to arrive by March 23. Applications are available on the Art House website at www.northvillearts.org. The show will open June 1
Current exhibit: Anarchy of the Line; Drawing Comes of Age features works by 14 artists, through March 24.
Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 29
Location: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor
Details: "Fluxus and the Essential Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free
Contact: (734) 764-0395

Comedy

COMEDY JAM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24
Location: Michigan Firehouse Museum, 110 W. Cross, Ypsilanti
Details: Fifth annual jam features Rex Havens in his one-man comedy, "Bidding You A Fond I Do" and benefits the museum. Tickets are \$25 for general seating and \$35 for premium seating
Contact: (734) 547-0663

GO COMEDY!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays
Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedynet.com

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

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

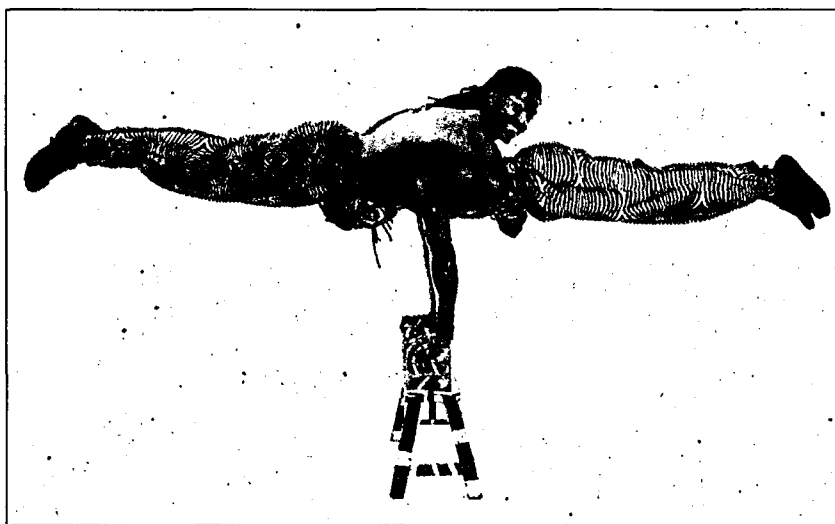
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

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. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: John DeBoer, through March 10; Tracy Smith, March 14-17; Horace HB Smith, March 21-24; Dave Landau, March 28-31
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-scomplex.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Dave Attell, March 8-10; Michael Malone, March 15-17; Tom Papa, March 22-24; Gary Valentine, March 29-31; Jay Black, April 5-7
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

GET OUT!



The Kenya Safari Acrobats will perform gravity-defying moves March 30 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Dance

CONTRA DANCE

Time/Date: Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, March 4
Location: American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington
Details: Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers' 32nd Annual Dance Extravaganza; tickets are \$10
Contact: American Legion at (248) 478-9174

DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10; doors open at 4 p.m.
Location: William Weber Performing Arts Center at Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford
Details: Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers' 32nd Annual Dance Extravaganza; tickets are \$10
Contact: www.pnacentennialdancers.org or like the group on Facebook at PNA Centennial Dancers

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.
Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates' and \$6 for Moon Dusters members
Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, March 9 and Thursday, March 15; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10; and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 11
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "The Adventures of TinTin," \$3
Coming up: "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 18 and 7 p.m. March 22; "The Iron Lady," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25 and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29
Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 10
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: "Three Stooges Festival" tickets \$5. Includes "They Stoooge to Conga," "Phony Express," "Punch Drunks," "Dizzy Doctors," "A Gem of a Jam" and "Idiots Deluxe"
Coming up: "The Quiet Man," 8 p.m. March 16 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 17, tickets \$4; Shirley Temple's "The Little Colonel," and "The Poor Little Rich Girl," 8 p.m. March 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 31, tickets, \$5
Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit
Details: Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free. "Moving to His Own Beat" celebrates the life and music of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, who fused traditional African high life music with classical jazz and funk, a unique sound he called "Afrobeat" The exhibit runs through April 1
Contact: (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs through June 17
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the current exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17
Contact: (734) 455-8940

U-M KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: The museum is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday
Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor
Details: Part II of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology's special exhibition - "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" - will run through Sunday, May 6. This special exhibition explores the story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the University of Michigan in the 1920s and 1930s.
Special event: Ancient Egypt Family Day runs 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 with hands-on activities such as hieroglyphic writing, mummy wrapping (with a doll filled with candy organs), crown making, jewelry crafting, and flower wreaths, like the one found on King Tut.
Contact: www.lsa.umich.edu/kelsey; (734) 764-9304

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Teitur, March 8; Caravan of Thieves, March 9; Hoots and Hellmouth & Small Houses, March 10; Bill Harley, March 11; The Tartan Terrors, March 13; The Jeremy Kittel Band, March 15; Sunny War, March 16; Vishten, March 17; David Wilcox, March 18; Peppino d'Agostino, March 20; Terri Clark & Jefferson Ross, March 21; The Steel Wheels, March 22; The Ragbirds, March 23; Uncle Bonsai, March 24; Gemini, March 25; Blackthorn, March 25; Rosie Thomas & Bhi Bhiman, March 26; Take a Chance Tuesday with Blame Sally, March 27; Sierra Maestra, March 28; Brian Vander Ark, March 29; The David Wax Museum, March 30; Justin Roberts & the Not Ready for Naptime Players, March 31; Elephant Revival, March 31
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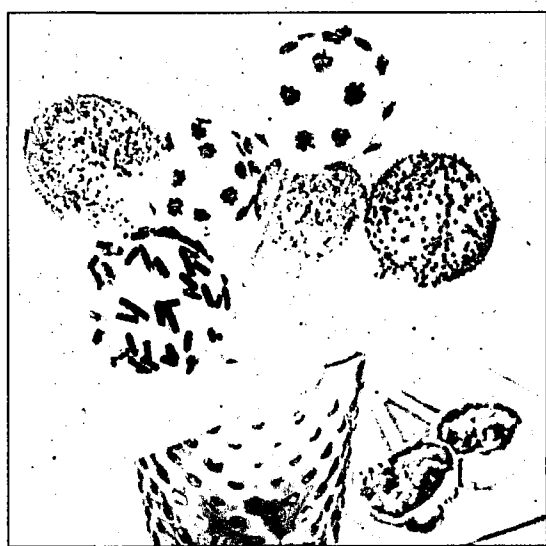
Go green with treats, drinks

Break out the green food coloring. It's time to create a little St. Patrick's Day fun in the kitchen.

"St. Patrick's Day is a perfect occasion to get playful with bold colors and bright flavors," says Mark Garcia, a chef at the McCormick & Company's McCormick Kitchens. "Our easy recipes take favorite treats, like cupcakes, shakes and brownies and add a bright green twist to make them a perfect fit for St. Patrick's Day celebrations."

To bring bright hues to your entire St. Patrick's Day spread, add a few drops of green to your favorite beverages and store-bought items. The experts in the McCormick Kitchen suggest adding five-six drops of green food coloring to 12 ounces of beer; six drops to an 8-ounce lemon-lime soda; 10-12 drops to a ½ cup of blue cheese dressing (for chicken wings); and 10-12 drops to a ½ cup of ranch or French onion dip (for chips, veggies and potato wedges).

For more recipes and additional St. Patrick's Day tips, visit McCormick.com and Facebook.com/McCormickSpice.



Luck o' the Irish Cake Pops

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Prep Time: 45 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes
Refrigerate: 2 hours
Makes 4 dozen cake pops

- 1 package (18½ ounces) yellow cake mix
- 2 teaspoons green food color
- ½ cup marshmallow creme
- 1 bag (14 ounces) white confectionery coating wafers
- Lollipop sticks
- Green sprinkles (optional)

1. Prepare cake mix as directed on package, adding food color. Bake as directed on package for 13- by 9-inch baking pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

2. Crumble cake into large bowl. Add marshmallow creme; mix until well blended. Shape into 1-inch balls. Refrigerate 2 hours.

3. Melt coating wafers as directed on package. For each Cake Pop, dip ½ inch of lollipop stick into melted coating. Insert dipped end of lollipop stick halfway into cake ball. Let stand until coating is set. Dip each cake pop into melted coating. Shake gently to remove excess coating. Sprinkle or roll cake pops in green sprinkles, if desired. Place cake pops in Styrofoam blocks. Let stand until coating is set.

Test kitchen tips: Substitute ½ cup canned vanilla frosting for the marshmallow creme. If Styrofoam blocks are not available, use upside-down foam egg cartons or a cardboard box to hold the cake pops.

Nutrition information per serving: 226 calories, fat 10g, carbohydrates 32g, cholesterol 23mg, sodium 176mg, fiber 0g, protein 2g.



Creamy Irish Coffee Martini and Peppermint Paddy Martini

Creamy Irish Coffee Martini

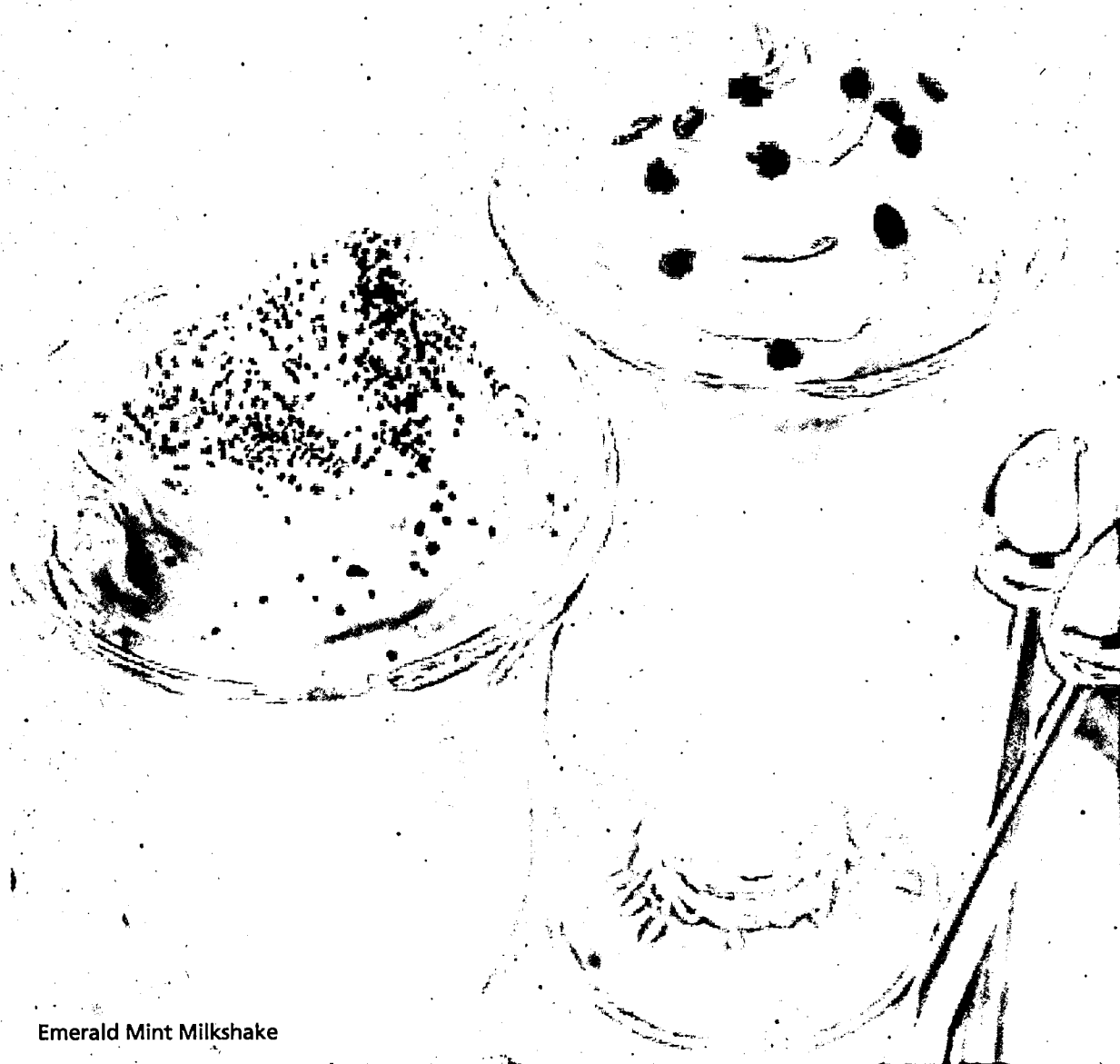
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Makes 1 serving

- 2 ounces Irish cream liqueur
- 2 ounces Irish whiskey
- 2 ounces chilled brewed strong coffee
- ½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Vanilla Whipped Cream (recipe follows)
- Green sprinkles (optional)

1. Fill cocktail shaker half full with ice. Add first 4 ingredients; shake until well mixed and chilled. Strain into martini glass.

2. Top with a dollop of Vanilla Whipped Cream and green sprinkles, if desired.
Vanilla Whipped Cream: Beat 1 cup heavy cream, ¼ cup confectioners' sugar and 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract in medium bowl with electric mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form. Makes about 2 cups.

Test kitchen tip: Wet outside rim of martini glass with pure peppermint extract. Dip glass in coarse sugar to lightly coat.



Emerald Mint Milkshake

Peppermint Paddy Martini

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Makes 4 servings

- 8 ounces Irish cream liqueur
- 2 ounces crème de cacao liqueur
- 2 ounces vanilla vodka
- 2 ounces heavy cream
- ¼ teaspoon pure peppermint extract
- Peppermint Whipped Cream, recipe follows (optional)

1. Fill cocktail shaker ¾ full with ice. Add first 5 ingredients; shake until well mixed and chilled. Strain into martini glasses.

2. Top each with a dollop of Peppermint Whipped Cream, if desired.

Peppermint Whipped Cream: Beat 1 cup heavy cream, ¼ cup confectioners' sugar and ¼ teaspoon pure peppermint extract in medium bowl with electric mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form. Makes about 2 cups.

Test kitchen tip: Wet outside rim of martini glass with pure peppermint extract. Dip glass in coarse sugar to lightly coat.

Irish Cream Swirl Brownies

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes
Makes 16 servings

- 1 package (18-20 ounces) fudge brownie mix
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- ½ cup Irish cream liqueur
- 1 egg
- ¼ teaspoon green food color

1. Prepare brownie mix as directed on package, adding vanilla. Reserve 1 cup batter. Spread remaining batter in greased 9-inch square baking pan.

2. Beat cream cheese, flour and sugar in medium bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Add Irish cream liqueur, egg and food color; beat until well blended. Pour over brownie layer in pan. Drop reserved 1 cup batter by spoonfuls over cream-cheese layer. Cut through batter with knife several times for marble effect.

3. Bake as directed on package for 9-inch square baking pan. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into squares. Serve with a small scoop of vanilla ice cream, if desired.

Test kitchen tips: For easy clean-up, line pan with foil with ends of foil extending over sides of pan. Use foil handles to remove brownie from pan. Place on cutting board and cut into squares.

If desired, 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract may be used in place of the Irish cream liqueur. Omit flour.

Nutrition information per serving: 292 calories, fat 16g, carbohydrates 34g, cholesterol 53mg, sodium 179mg, fiber 1g, protein 3g.



Turn ranch dip a green hue for St. Patrick's Day with 10-12 drops of food coloring.

Emerald Mint Milkshake

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Makes 3 servings

- 1 pint (2 cups) vanilla ice cream
- 1 cup milk
- ½ teaspoon McCormick pure peppermint extract
- ¼ teaspoon McCormick green food color
- Whipped cream and green sprinkles (optional)

1. Place ice cream, milk, peppermint extract and green food color in blender; cover. Blend on high speed until smooth.

2. Pour into glasses. Top with whipped cream and sprinkles, if desired. Serve immediately.

Test kitchen tip: For easier measurement, ¼ teaspoon food color is equal to 20-25 drops.

Nutrition information per serving: 247 calories, fat 15g, carbohydrates 23g, cholesterol 53mg, sodium 85mg, fiber 0g, protein 5g.

Green with Envy Cheesecake Bars



Green with Envy Cheesecake Bars

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes
Refrigerate: 4 hours
Makes 24 servings

- 1½ cups chocolate wafer cookie crumbs (about 30 cookies)
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon pure peppermint extract
- ¼ teaspoon green food color
- 3 eggs
- 2 ounces semi-sweet baking chocolate, melted

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix cookie crumbs and butter. Press firmly onto bottom of foil-lined 9-inch square baking pan. Refrigerate until ready to use.

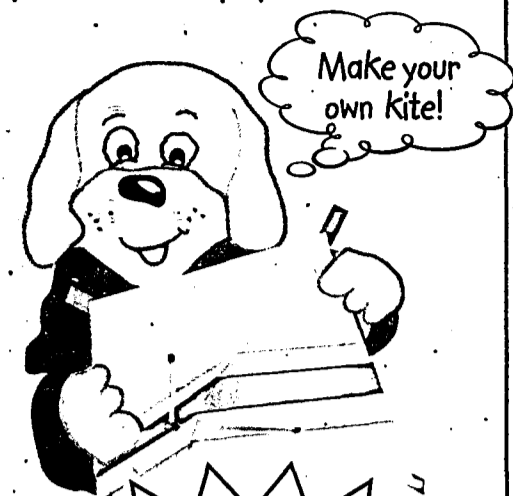
2. Beat cream cheese and sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add sour cream and peppermint extract; mix well. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating on low speed after each addition just until blended. Pour ½ of the batter over crust. Tint remaining batter green with food color. Pour over batter in pan.

3. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool completely on wire rack.

4. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Lift out of pan onto cutting board. Cut into bars. Drizzle bars with melted chocolate. Store leftover bars in refrigerator.

Nutrition information per serving: 215 calories, fat 15g, carbohydrates 16g, cholesterol 69mg, sodium 184mg, fiber 0g, protein 4g.

Spring is almost here! On the first warm day it would be fun to go outside and fly a kite; especially one that you have created yourself using your old newspapers.



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CONTEST:

Show off your kite. Send a picture of the kite that you created and decorated along with your name, community of residence and a photo. You could be featured on a future Scoop Highlights page and win great prizes.

Good Luck!

Kite Contest

Youth Name: _____

Youth Age: _____

Youth Community: _____

Parent's information to contact entry:
(Phone, email, home address)

Selected winners will have their name, age, hometown and photo in the next Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

Mail to:

Scoop the Newshound
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Deadline for submissions:

All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers by close of the business day on March 26th. Winners to be announced in the April Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

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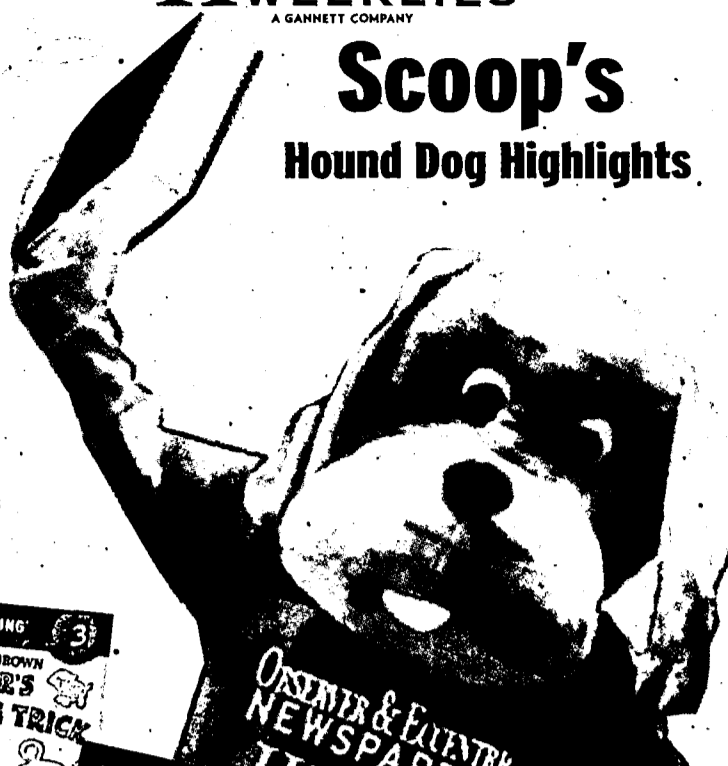
It's a great time to explore worlds of adventure by reading a good book. Here are a couple popular authors mentioned by Ms. Michele Durbin, a Canton Librarian.

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| Pre-School:
Eric Carle or
Kelko Kasza | 2nd Grade:
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| Kindergarten:
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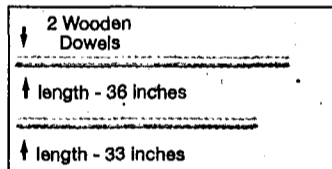
Scoop's Craft Corner

Spring is almost here and on the first warm day it would be fun to go outside and fly a kite; especially one that you have created yourself using your old newspapers. Here is an inexpensive way to have tons of fun with mom and dad inside and out.

*** PARENTS HELP IS NEEDED**

- Items needed:**
- Old newspapers
 - Two long sticks or dowels approximately 1/4" thick
 - Masking tape
 - Scissors
 - String
 - A little saw or exacto knife
 - Colorful cloth or ribbon 2" wide and one foot long
 - Art supplies for decoration

Take two wooden dowels or sticks making sure that one is longer than the other. One stick should be approximately 36 inches long and the other 33 inches long. (You can always use barbecue skewers and taped them together to get the same effect.)



Take both pieces of wood and wrap a layer of masking tape around each end like shown in this picture then use your saw or exacto-knife to make a notch in the ends. This notch is for your string.
Take a small piece of tape and place it between the two sticks on top of each other making a cross. Make sure that the right and left sides are equal distance and top is shorter than the low portion. (See illustration)

Wrap the string around the sticks multiple times to secure it.

Now wrap a single layer of string all the way

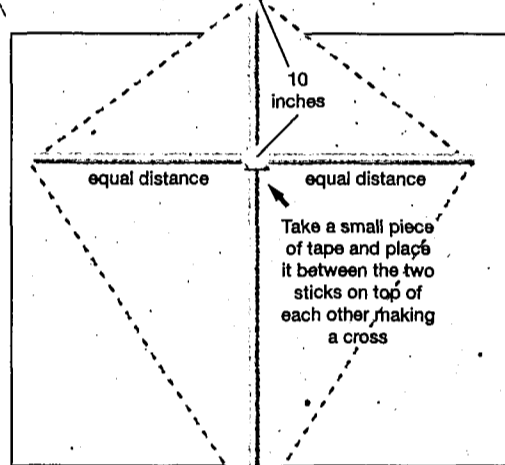
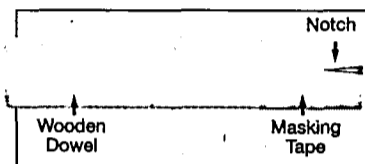
around the kite. It should go right into the notches of each stick. Make sure that the string is tight. This will make a diamond shape. You will need to make a knot securing the string to the stick. Tape over the notches so the string does not come loose.

Now lay your frame on a sheet on old newspaper. Cut the newspaper to about the same shape and size as the frame leaving a slight overlap.

Use a long piece of masking tape to fold the newspaper over the diamond shape. Tape down the edges of the newspaper over the string.

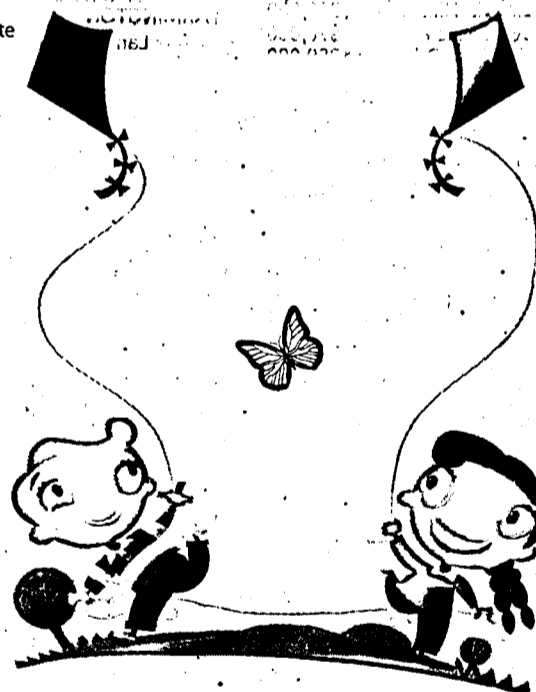
Create the handle of the kite by cutting a six feet piece of string. Tie one end to the bottom of the kite. It is also important to tie colorful pieces of cloth or ribbon every 12" to the string.

Decorate your kite using your favorite paints, markers, feathers, ribbons, etc. Get creative and make it your own.



Send a picture of the kite that you created and you could win great prize.

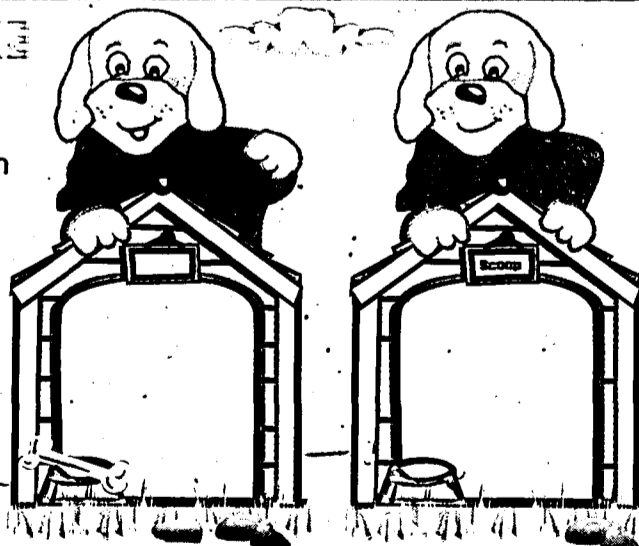
Good Luck!



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What the difference between these two pictures? Can you find all 6 of them?

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- _____
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- _____
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- _____



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5. Rock missing
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Plymouth businessman heads Building Industry Association

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan has announced its 2012 Executive Committee. BIA's president is Rich Kligman, Superb Custom Homes, in Plymouth. He and the other Executive Committee members took oath of office as part of BIA's Economic Forecast Luncheon & Industry Awards Program on Feb. 15 at the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights.

In addition to Kligman, the Executive Committee includes Salvatore (Sam) Palazzolo, Palazzolo Brothers Construction Co., Sterling Heights, moving into the position of first vice president; Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township, as treasurer; Norm Finkelstein, Norwood Homes, LTD, Farmington Hills as secretary, Robert M. Tedesco of Silverado Homes, Birmingham, as vice president; and Katie Hallett, TK Design & Architecture, Howell, in the newly created position of associate vice

president. Adorno Piccinini, Walbridge, Detroit, moves into the position of immediate past president.

Continuing in their positions are vice presidents James Clarke, Robertson Brothers Co., Bloomfield Hills, Lawrence Cohen, CohenHomes.com, LLC, Franklin and William Phillips, Windham Development Inc., Bloomfield Hills. Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer, Southfield, continues as special counsel and Michael C. Stoskopf continues as BIA's CEO.

The Executive Committee is responsible for furthering the building industry's relationship with municipal and county governments and providing representation in the state and national associations. Additionally, the committee assists in overseeing BIA's mission to provide education, information, programs, networking, political action and all other activities that advance the building industry, while making the



Rich Kligman
BIA president

American dream of home ownership a reality for Michigan families.

In addition to the swearing-in ceremony, the guest speakers were David Crowe, Ph.D., chief economist for the National

Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in Washington, D.C. and Edsel Charles, chairman, MarketGraphics Research Group in Franklin, Tenn. The speakers addressed topics pertinent to those involved in the residential and light construction industries.

The program also included the annual Industry Leadership Awards presentation to Immediate Past President Adorno Piccinini and the distinguished awards honorees.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of SE Michigan and Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing nearly 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family 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.

Court upholds nixed parking

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Does our association have to grant a parking request as a reasonable accommodation under the Fair Housing Act when the member hasn't paid his condominium dues?

A: While that decision may not be clear in Michigan, according to a recent decision in New Jersey, the member's parking accommodation request was not reasonable. In that case, the association had revoked the disabled person's parking privileges because he was substantially in arrears on his monthly assessments. The state civil rights agency



Robert Meisner

found no probable cause to support his claim and the Appeal Court upheld the decision.

The court indicated that under fair

housing law, housing providers may be liable for refusing to make a reasonable accommodation in rules, policies, practices, or services when necessary to afford a person with a disability equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. However, the court noted that the duty to provide a reasonable accommodation for a resident with

a disability does not necessarily entail the obligation to do everything possible to accommodate that person. The court reasoned that although the association may be liable for failing to provide a resident with a disability a parking space accommodation, the member's accommodation request was unreasonable because the association collected assessment fees to maintain the common areas of the community, including the parking lot, but since the member didn't make his required payments for several months, the association had a right to revoke his parking privileges. In that particular case, the association also attempted to resolve the parking issue with the member and accommodate his needs by offering a payment plan which was rejected. However, each case is fact intensive and you are best advised to consult with your association attorney who presumably has knowledge of the Fair Housing Act.

Q: Several of our neighbors in our condominium are concerned about second-hand smoke that is infiltrating our unit. Do you think we have any recourse?

A: A tough question since there may not be a specific statute or rule in your condominium that deals with this. The cases are somewhat divided about whether smoking in a unit where the smoke permeates another unit constitutes a nuisance. It would seem to me that you would have to have specific bylaw provisions limiting smoke inside of the unit in order to be reasonably successful, but that may or may not be the case depending upon the court and jurisdiction. You are best advised, if you are a board member, to consult with your association attorney.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 21-25, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

2267 Arcadia Dr	\$95,000	36607 Gaidner St	\$169,000	9010 Kinloch	\$70,000
212 Charterhouse Dr	\$127,000	NORTHVILLE		16875 Macarthur	\$48,000
1412 Hampshire Dr	\$95,000	16560 Brooklane Blvd	\$500,000	25049 Puritan	\$33,000
457 Lenox Dr	\$389,000	17445 Cameron Dr	\$315,000	9035 Tecumseh	\$37,000
42154 Tonquish Ct	\$127,000	48871 Freestone Dr	\$415,000	WESTLAND	
LIVONIA		PLYMOUTH		8702 Hugh St	\$38,000
15956 Brentwood St	\$110,000	48118 Edinburgh Dr	\$363,000	37512 Lang Ct	\$100,000
37849 Dardanelia St	\$110,000	42985 River Bend Dr	\$125,000	5818 N Berry St	\$40,000
9930 Doris St	\$102,000	REDFORD			
18617 Doris St	\$120,000	26136 Joy Rd	\$75,000		
14585 Flamingo St	\$95,000				

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 14-18, 2011 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

619 Fox Hills Dr N	\$45,000	FRANKLIN		22855 Pontiac Trl # 8	\$21,000
433 Fox Hills Dr S	\$49,000	31625 Franklin Rd	\$350,000	22200 Quail Run Cir Unit 5	\$110,000
4578 Kirkcaldy Rd	\$222,000	30815 Hickory Ln	\$84,000	61434 Rambling Way	\$100,000
2444 Loch Creek Way	\$335,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE		26268 Shumans Way	\$285,000
4267 Stoneleigh Rd	\$380,000	26825 Lathrup Blvd	\$15,000	57950 10 Mile Rd	\$165,000
5380 Wing Lake Rd	\$338,000	18318 Rainbow Dr	\$130,000	260 Washington St # 280	\$47,000
2327 Tilbury Pl	\$400,000	18168 Sunnybrook Ave	\$89,000	SOUTHFIELD	
COMMERC TOWNSHIP		MILFORD		27335 Aberdeen St	\$92,000
5504 Leafwood Dr	\$161,000	1643 Hidden Pond	\$310,000	28546 Lowell Ct S	\$29,000
3798 Loch Bend Dr	\$300,000	730 Milford Glen Dr	\$213,000	16316 Meadowood Rd	\$72,000
3517 Newton Rd	\$850,000	766 Panorama Dr	\$82,000	22571 N Bellwood Dr	\$106,000
FARMINGTON		NOVI		17400 New Hampshire Dr	\$70,000
31432 Lamar Dr	\$65,000	42864 Ashbury Dr	\$395,000	30065 Northgate Dr	\$135,000
22810 Lilac St	\$23,000	28093 Carlton Way Dr	\$105,000	30245 Pleasant Trl	\$122,000
31525 Marblehead Rd	\$129,000	24401 Cavendish Ave W	\$375,000	28802 Red Leaf Ln	\$68,000
24062 Merrilyn Ct	\$130,000	47539 Cheltenham Dr	\$520,000	1 Richmond Towne St	\$43,000
34150 State St	\$168,000	22725 Cortes St	\$47,000	28475 Tavistock Trl	\$155,000
23907 Wesley Dr	\$92,000	26412 Crestwood Dr	\$488,000	29074 Tiffany Dr E	\$41,000
FARMINGTON HILLS		26298 Fieldstone Dr	\$242,000	19700 Villa Ct E	\$50,000
22635 Colgate St	\$65,000	24239 Hampton Hill St	\$175,000	WHITE LAKE	
30779 Country Ridge Cir	\$260,000	24327 Knollwood St	\$160,000	9090 Buckingham St	\$137,000
30070 Fernhill Dr	\$164,000	44577 Midway Dr	\$299,000	1109 Castlewood St	\$288,000
39284 Horton Dr	\$218,000	24695 Nepavine	\$534,000	4344 Coastal Pkwy	\$223,000
35113 Meadow Ln	\$110,000	22381 Peachtree	\$70,000	336 Dakota Ln	\$207,000
31705 Nottingwood St	\$109,000	31074 Seneca Ln	\$200,000	585 Farnsworth St	\$91,000
34731 Pickford Dr	\$192,000	SOUTH LYON		9041 Gale Rd	\$42,000
26393 Power Rd	\$95,000	54465 Brentwood Dr	\$30,000	123 Lisa Cir	\$147,000
29307 Regents Pointe	\$100,000	228 Brookwood Dr Unit 6	\$35,000	8040 Springdale Dr	\$115,000
29959 Richmond Hl	\$350,000	679 Grand Ct	\$162,000	100 Union Lake Rd	\$36,000
23636 Springbrook Dr	\$72,000	205 Maplewood Ct Unit 7	\$27,000	2220 Wiggen Ln	\$250,000
35267 Stratton Hill Ct	\$550,000	60609 Mary Ln	\$260,000		
22684 Tulane Ave	\$21,000	871 Norchester St	\$123,000		
33794 Vista Dr	\$125,000	20908 Oak Tree Dr	\$222,000		

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1010 N Glenhurst Dr \$584,000
1437 Pierce St \$414,000
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451 Vinewood Ave \$326,000
620 W Frank St \$497,000
443 Wellesley St \$395,000
2219 Yorkshire Rd \$275,000

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4090 Justin Ct \$120,000
3900 Oakhills Dr \$310,000
4118 Wabeek Lake Dr S \$160,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
1645 Dell Rose Dr \$180,000
2960 Eastways Rd \$465,000

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"Mr. Landlord" (Jeffrey Taylor), a nationally known "Landlording Expert" and author, will cover finding qualified prospects, having tenants leave the property in move-in condition and how to increase monthly cash flow when filling vacancies at the regular meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, March 8, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. www.REIAofOAKLAND.com; (800) 747-6742.

Real Estate Career Seminar

A free Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 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.

BIA courses

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present all three courses needed for Certified Aging-in-Place designation by the National Association of Home Builders. Don Pratt, CAPS, CGB, CGR of CECS of Michigan, LLC will be the instructor for all three courses. He will cover the technical, business management and customer service skills essential for competing in this fast growing segment of residential construction.

CAPS I, Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility, will be held on Monday, March 12. CAPS II, Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility, will be held on Tuesday,



Docent Linda Smith in the kitchen at a recent home tour. Many people are looking for home improvement ideas for this spring.

March 13. Business Management, the third course required for this designation, will be held on Wednesday, March 14. Each session runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Registration for each course is \$195 per person for BIA members and \$225 per person for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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.

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	1					4		6
	6		5					
				7				9
			6			1		2
5	4			1				
6			1					
3	2				8	6		
			2					

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Word Search - Musically Inclined

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I	N	S	T	R	U	M	E	N	T	Y	Y	E	F	C	D
T	Q	A	K	F	Z	Z	H	O	W	Z	Y	H	D	H	J
L	A	L	R	X	S	O	W	T	N	R	O	N	E	T	I
J	B	A	T	R	U	C	W	O	L	A	J	J	Q	F	E
K	A	O	W	Z	L	E	M	T	X	C	J	F	Z	J	Q
O	R	A	V	E	L	Y	Z	U	U	R	M	A	D	O	C
P	I	P	U	R	G	D	T	E	E	H	S	O	N	K	L
M	E	O	V	U	Y	Q	H	J	B	B	K	B	H	H	E
E	O	I	U	S	D	T	H	S	A	E	G	J	H	G	F
T	N	S	S	A	B	F	T	U	D	G	C	Q	N	Z	T
W	E	A	M	E	U	Y	S	R	W	O	I	Y	S	K	K
W	B	C	G	M	B	E	G	O	Q	Z	S	Z	I	G	Z
S	O	P	R	A	N	O	F	H	A	K	U	V	Z	K	M
R	E	F	R	A	I	N	C	H	Q	O	M	E	O	T	M
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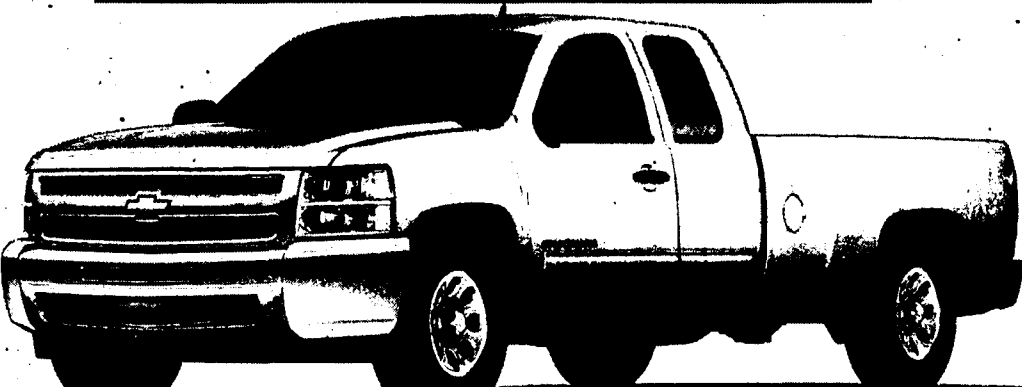
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