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# Fatal police shooting lawsuit settled

### LeAnne Rogers Staff Write

A civil lawsuit over the fatal shooting of a Westland man by police has been settled for an

undisclosed amount of money. "There is a confidentiality agreement. I can confirm that there was a settlement," said attorney James Craig of Fieger Law, who represented Cheryl Hart, mother of the dead man 'It has been resolved. I wish I

could talk about it but I can't.' The Westland city council approved the settlement earli-er this month without comment. The Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority represented the city in the lawsuit. Attorney Gregory Roberts, who handled the case for MMRMA, didn't respond to calls seeking comment. Filed in federal court, the

lawsuit had sought \$10 million in damages over the Nov. 8,

2014, death of Troy Hart, 27, who lived with family members on Calhoun Court. That's a couple of short blocks from where he was shot near Grand Traverse and Clare Court.

Police were called after Hart, who suffered from a genetic disorder that impaired his development, had left the house shirtless and armed with a large hunting knife after arguing with family members. Police reported that Hart

had been arguing with his brother and making threats to harm someone when they lo-cated him on the street. Officers reported trying to calm Hart, who continued to be agitated. The two officers who responded reported shooting when Hart came at them with

the knife. The Wayne County Prose-cutor's Office reviewed the case and found insufficient evidence for any criminal

charges to be brought in the

shooting. The lawsuit filed on behalf of Hart's mother Cheryl charged that officers used excessive force, violated Hart's 14th Amendment rights to life and liberty and violated the Americans with Disabilities Act requiring accommodations for his mental disabil-

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Paul Chisholm and 9-year-old daughter Ginger Chisholm work on the mural in the butterfly garden.

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# 'Amazing what's happened'

Murals help revitalize area, boost neighborhood pride

> Julie Brown Staff Write

Paul Chisholm was hard at work on a recent Monday morning in the Monarch Butterfly Refuge and Children's Fairy Garden, painting a butterfly mural. Nearby was daughter Ginger, 9, who attends Elliot Elementary in the Wayne-Westland district. He's lived in Westland some 16 years and has

headed up mural painting efforts at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center in Westland's "I actually am an elementary school art teacher

and I'll start teaching English next year," said Chis-

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Paul Chisholm references his phone while painting.

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# City clerks will send out revised absentee ballots

# English charged with leaving accident

LeAnne Rogers Staff Write

A former Wayne city manager has been charged with failing to stop at a personal

injury accident. Robert English, 60, of Wayne entered a not-guilty plea at his arraignment in Wayne 29th District. He is free on bond on the charge, which is a misdemeanor.

The accident occurred Jan. 27 in the area of Hoover Elementary School just before 9 a.m. Wayne Police report being dispatched on a report of hit and-run traffic crash involving

a pedestrian. The pedestrian was identified as a 7-year old boy, who reported minor injuries



According to the police report, a vehicle trav-eling south on English

Fourth struck a child crossing the street just north of Stellwagen not using a crosswalk. Witnesses reported that the driver stopped, got out and checked on the condition of the youngster, then got back into the car and dropped off a child at the school before leav-

ing. Following an investigation, police said the driver was identified as English, who was re-ported to have denied knowledge of hitting a pedestrian. Police forwarded their investi gation to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office which rosecutor's Office, which didn't return the matter with a warrant until earlier this month.

To avoid a conflict of interest, the charge against English will be heard in Westland 18th District Court, which has ren jurisaiction the Wayne Court. A pretrial hearing is scheduled for July 14 before Judge Sandra Cicirelli. English was also charged with failing to stop at the scene of a property damage accident after hitting a parked car Sept. 4, 2014, in the parking lot of Kroger at Merriman and Michigan Avenue in Westland. A

**Diane Gale Andreassi** and David Veselenak Staff Writers

City clerks will send out newly printed absentee ballots for the August primary follow-ing the sudden death of State. Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dear-born Heights, June 25 while hiking in Oregon.

Plawecki, 54, was serving



includes the cities of Dear-born Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livoni, and Westland. She was running, unop-

posed, as a Democrat, Two Republicans, Robert Pope and Dale Prosser, are on the Aug. 2 primary ballot.

Precinct delegates in the 11th District will nominate three people to serve on a setion committee and they will determine who the Democratic candidate is, explained Katie Carey, Democratic Caucus press secretary.

## Absentee ballot changes

Livonia City Clerk Susan Nash said she received word from Wayne County to not send out ballots to voters who live in the 11th State House District, which includes precincts 35A, 35B

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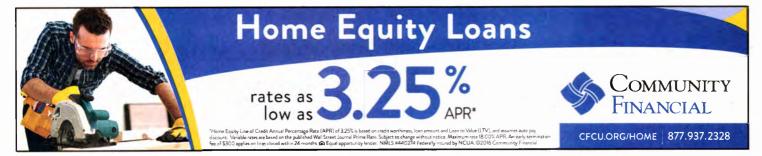
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holm, 48. He studied at Central Michigan Univer-sity and Wayne State

University, and has an English minor. "They needed to do some restructuring," the artist said of his school district employer. "I said 'I'm up to the challenge. His master's of arts de gree in education is from Wayne State, and he's been with Wayne-Westland 25 years teaching. In the summer of 2014,

Chisholm led efforts down the street from Jefferson-Barns in paint ing an outdoor mural adjacent to the city's then-Dorsey Center. "We based the theme on photos from Norwayne's history," he recalled.

# 'They picked up brushes'

"As we were working, people from the neighborhood would walk by They were really excited something positive was happening. They wanted to be a part of it. They picked up brushes," said Chisholm, who encour-aged all including those aged all, including those who were hesitant about their skills as artists.

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Elementary and high school students helped in that work, said Chisholm, who will teach this fall at both Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools.

At Jefferson-Barns, two murals adorn walls in the Library Reading Room, work done by Chisholm in the summer of 2015. "I was here last summer when they were basically gutting this building," he recalled "It's amazing what's hap-pened."

The Community Vitality Center now houses a number of social services, some city efforts, and even has a Norwayne Boxing Gym. Chisholm talked with Reading Room volunteers who suggested a tree, based "how knowledge grows and branches out."

The Reading Room also has a friendly dragon mural Chisholm did; that effort included a contest for kids for which one

child won a bicycle prize. Now, Chisholm's work-ing outdoors with Ginger's help, using latex paint from Home Depot He's volunteering some and is compensated some for his work. "It should last for years," he said of his

outdoor mural work,

description of the vehicle that fled.

In that incident, police reported that after leav-

ing the scene, English called police from the

Wayne Kroger, located

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further west on Michigan

Paul Chisholm at work on his mural

adjacent to the Library Reading Room. He tips his hat to garden volum teers Annette Kutnick and Diane Richards.

"They put countless hours in. That was just an empty courtyard. Now it's like a haven, an oasis. They trusted me to execute what they talked about," he said of the butterfly mural in the garden. Staff at Home Depot helped with paint recommendations for outdoors

"It should last for

Avenue, to report some one had hit his vehicle

while at that location. The Wayne officers

who responded turned

the matter over to West-

land Police, because the crash had happened in

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years," Chisholm said. "They just kind of said 'Here's what you want"

at Home Depot. Chisholm, who lives near Garden City Park, taught at Wayne-West-land's Lincoln Elementary eight or nine years That school was torn down, a fate originally planned also for Jefferson.

# 'Sense of pride and ownership'

"It was really cool to see what happened to this

that city. English entered a guilty plea to a reduced charge of failing to report an accident the following month and paid \$325 fines/cost.

English began working for the city in 1984, hav-

provide medical treat-ment to Hart, shot three times. "He was handcuffed

with three bullet wounds but received no medical care. We have a witness who indicates he stayed in the ambulance for 30 minutes," Craig had said earlier. "He didn't die until he arrived at the

be requested up to 2 p.m. Saturday before the primary at the city clerks' offices in all communi-

ties. Fred Woodhams, Secretary of State spokes-man, said, "No new absentee ballots will be sent out with Rep. Plawecki's name on them. When the Democrats select the new person, that name will be on the primary election ballot. That will probably happen in a week or so, and when that happens new ballots will be printed with the new person's name on them."

### Sad news

State Sen. David Knezek, a Democrat who also represents Dearborn eights, broke the news of Plawecki's death on Facebook on Saturday. He said in the post that Plawecki championed several issues ranging from children to seniors, veterans, education.

energy and health policy. Plawecki was a former medical technologist and teacher. She taught math, science and religion at elementary and secondary levels. In the House she sponsored bills on environmental protec-

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Johnson, a Norwayne resident, has also been key in the effort. Johnson has long been

active in the Norwayne Community Citizens Council. Housing in Norwayne was put up in the early 1940s by the federal government's National Housing Agency to house World War II defense workers, including those at the Willow Run Bomber Plant. "I like to be involved in

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building which was sup-posed to be demolished," Chisholm said. "You could

tell a lot of people wanted the perception of the area

to be elevated. You could

tell there was a sense of

community. There was a

He's pleased to hear of

Norwayne neighborhood get-togethers. Joanne

Campbell, Housing and

director for the city of

Community Development

Westland, has been a big

ing been hired as a meter

reader. Before his retire-

assistant city manager, he

served as acting public works director and per-

sonnel director. Working as a contract

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In addition to the in-

vestigation by the prose-cutor's office, the West-

land Police Department

conducted a separate

internal investigation into the fatal shooting.

school funding and cam-

For the last decade, Plawecki worked at St.

Robert Bellarmine in Redford and coached the

school's Science Olym-piad team. She was a

member of the National Science Teachers Associ-

ation and the Detroit Area Council of Teachers

Garden City School

Fisher praised Plawecki

as a "champion" of school

"Rep. Plawecki was

great to work with," Fisher said. "She was an ad-

vocate for public educa-

tion and all things that

were Garden City. She

tician she was a true advocate. She was a great

listener. It wasn't about the politics for her, it was

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her professional teaching

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**Surviving family** 

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the community. I like to be a part of what's hap-pening," Chisholm said, chatting in the Library Reading Room. A child came by to check out a book and Chisholm book, and Chisholm helped the boy with that.

The Reading Room surface, cinder block common in schools, is pebbled and rough. It absorbed paint, he said, and was different from working on canvas. The larger surface made a different in the artwork. too.

He was "making mistakes as I go along, learning from mistakes." He hopes to finish the butterfly mural outdoors this summer, and will follow that one with a fairy garden theme mural out doors.

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employee, English served as city manager from December 2010 until he resigned in September 2013

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That investigation found officers acted in accordance with department policy and took actions necessary to protect their lives and the lives of others

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25 years and had three daughters, Rachel, Lauren and Monica. She is the daughter of Kathleen and the late Jerome Paw loski. She is the sister of Christopher (Mitzi) Paw-loski, Frances (Bradley) Wilson, Gerard (Mi-chelle) Pawloski, James (Deborah) Pawloski, Mary (Eric Elliott) Paw loski and Alan (Tamara) Pawloski. She was the sister-in-law of Mary Ann (James) Vial, Joseph Plawecki, Christine Plawecki and Catherine Bammel. She was also the aunt to 15.

Memorial visitation is from 5-8 p.m. June 30 and from 2-8 p.m. July 1 with a 7 p.m. evening service July 1 at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Road, Garden City (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). A memorial gather-ing will be at 10 a.m. July 2 at Church of the Divine Child, 1055 N. Silvery Lane at Wilson in Dear born.

Family suggests me-morials to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Project Dignity Outreach.

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AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE USE OF PORTIONS OF STREET, ALLEY AND PUBLIC GROUND.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS.

1. The report and recommendation of the City Planning Commission, dated May 12, tting forth its resolution #05-37-2016 on Petition 2015-07-03-01 submitted by Ignacio Section 1. 2016

The lawsuit charged the police department didn't train officers to deal with people having mental disabilities. The complaint also charges that officers failed to

# BALLOTS

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and 35C.

In Garden City, the absentee ballots had already been sent June 24 and were expected to be received by residents June 27, a couple of days after Plawecki's death. New ballots will be is sued, explained Allyson Bettis, City Clerk-Treasurer.

"We want to, first of all, express our sympathies to Rep. Plawecki's family," Bettis said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them. We had already on Friday mailed out the ballots for our absentee voters. Those ballots will not be valid." New ballots will be sent as soon as the candi-

date for the Democrats is chosen.

Absentee ballots can

and Jacklyn Salazar, requesting to vacate part of an existing utility easement, located on the north side of Weymouth Drive between Levan Road and Newburgh Road (37190 Weymouth Drive) in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, is hereby accepted and adopted and the Council does hereby approve all proceedings on said Petition 2015-07-03-01, it appearing that a public hearing thereon was held on May 10, 2016, as provided by law and that the proper notices of such hearing were given.

Pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, Section 2. the City of City of Livonia's use of the following property is hereby vacated

Public Utilities Easement: Land in the N.W. ¼ of Section 8, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

The Southerly 2.00 feet of the Northerly 12.00' of Lot 113, Caliburn Estates Subdivision No. 3, a subdivision of part of the Northwest ¼ of Section 8, T. 1S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia as recorded in Liber 110, Pages 1 thru 5 of plats, Wayne County Records.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 5. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and shall take effect immediately upon publication.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, June 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 23rd day of June, 2016

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

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Approved as to form

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney Dated: June 23, 2016

Published: June 30, 2016

Dearborn Heights, Plawecki was married to Judge Mark Plawecki for

A 20-year resident of



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Cassandra Oliver of Westland kisses the altar at the end of the last Mass held this past Sunday at St. Damian Church. She was married in the church and her children were also raised in the

The Rev. Krzysztof Nowak and Bishop Francis Reiss hold the

last Mass at St. Damian Church this past Sunday in Westland.

# Final mass at St. Damian recalls past, looks to future

### Scott Daniel Staff Write

Since its founding, St. Damian Catholic Church has had members of the Fox family in attendance for weekly mass

nearly every Sunday. Maryann helped get the Westland house of worship off the ground in 1955. Then Peggy carried on kept the faith by sending her children to school from kindergarten through the eighth grade. On St Damian's final Sunday, the third generation was "It's sad that it's clos-

ing," said Fox, who drove all the way from South Lyon to attend the last mass. "It's a place where I met a lot of good friends that I still call friends."

According to parish ioners, the Fox family's story wasn't uncommon for the Joy Road church. Having seen thousands of baptisms, marriage ceremonies and eulogies over the years, St. Da-mian was more than just brick and mortar for many.

"I'm one of the origi-nal parishioners," said Frances Mulkiten, who knew the end was near for her church for quite some time. "I've had a hard time with it, but I must keep plowing ahead."

Plowing ahead is exactly what the Arch-diocese of Detroit's had in mind when it decided to merge the flocks of St. Damian. Divine Sav



Longtime church secretary Peggy Fox, along with Maryann and Bernie Fox, join the many parishioners as St. Damian Church celebrates its final Mass.

ior Parish and St. Theodore earlier this year. Nearly \$3 million in debt among the churches forced the Archdiocese to make the dramatic decision. "It was burdensome,"

Sister Gemma Legelosf said of the poor fi-nances. "So, combined, maybe we can get out of debt and move on. That's the plan.

The nun, who worked with each of the churches the past sever-al years, attended closing services for all

three Sunday. It was a bitter, but necessary

pill, she said. "It's like any grieving process," Legelosf said. "You go through all the stages of grief - loss, grief, anger, denial ... It's sort of like a death. But there's also a rising and I'd like to believe that we are the church, not the buildings.

The new church will be housed in the former St. Theodore, which sits on Wayne Road north of Cowan. It will be known as "St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy." Fr. Kenneth Mazur will preside over the new congregation. "It's going to be a tough transition," said parishioner Karen

Eldred, "only because it's different. But change is necessary, so I understand that." Eldred taught at St. Damian for 17 years, finishing her tenure as an eighth-grade instruc-tor She was lucles tor. She was lucky enough to find a job at Cabrini Middle School in Allen Park, but will miss St. Damian.

"My husband and I were in the Air Force," she said. "After we re-tired, we came back to Michigan and I got hired here. My kids went to this school and graduat-ed. My husband passed away last year and was buried from this church. It meant a lot to me, this church, it was home."

parish.

While many will make the move, Lege losf said some parish-ioners will be lost. "Some people's faith is shaken to the core," she said. "Some people

can't take it and have Gone to other churches. It's very sad. We will probably lose 30 percent of our people." Bishop Francis Reiss baland delivare the final

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helped deliver the final mass at St. Damian. He urged worshipers not to despair and remember the church's larger mis-sion of delivering hope.

"We can cherish the past," Reiss said, "but we most move forward as a community."

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# Lincoln use pact gets nod; W-W board talks money, mourns Plawecki

### Julie Brown Staff Write

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education has authorized a pact with the city of Westland on the former Lincoln Elementary site in the Norwayne neighborhood. The school was demolished, and the school district and city have reached a \$1, five-year agreement in which the city will maintain the space. That grew out of dis-

cussions to have more open space in the Norwayne area. "It allows them to

continue to revitalize the Norwayne area," school board Treasurer Charles "Tray" Griffin said. "This is just another part of that. This is the right thing to do." The school board,

with members Frederick Weaver and Tom Buckalew having excused absences, was focused on money Monday night. Superintendent Mi-

chele Harmala noted the signing of the school State Aid bill, "which is both a good thing and a bad thing from our per-spective," she said.

The state now covers community colleges and nonpublic schools "to help cover the cost of state mandates. Lam very disappointed," Harmala said. She noted Harmala said. She holed that diminishes funds for K-12 education. Agreed Griffin, "I'm disappointed in the state." He noted limits imposed on local tax collection by the Hea collection by the Hea-dlee Amendment. "We're also a district that's fiscally responsible. I've got to com-mend this board. It's going to take some more really tough decisions," added Griffin, who al-luded to the recent vote to close Tinkham Alternative High School and eliminate adult education for those over age 19 in Wayne-Westland. The board voted unanimously Monday to adopt the intermediate school district of Wavne RESA's Regional En-hancement Millage Proposal resolution. That vote would be on this November's ballot provided enough school districts agree. The school board also reviewed budget matters Monday, with Jim

Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent of Administration & Business Services, noting, "A lot of collaboration and staff involvement has

taken place." Additional information and events will im-pact the budget, Larson-Shidler explained.

'We benefit from a mild winter," he said of utilities, praising build-ing and grounds staff on that. In the 2013-14 "po-lar vortex" winter, util-ities spending was al-most triple

most triple. Larson-Shidler also noted the significance of "at-risk" funding for students, which covers such things as free or reduced-price lunches,

intervention specialists and after-school tutor-

and after-school tutor-ing, among others. For the 2016-17 bud-get, there's a drop of 300 full-time equivalent students, with an in-crease of \$120 per stu-dent from the state. "The loss of students is arroting a harger.

is creating a larger loss," Larson-Shidler said. The per-pupil fund-ing stands at \$7,511 with enrollment of 11,316. A total of 6.7 FTE teaching roles will be dropped. He also noted the

need to lease 10 additional school buses following the Michigan State Po-lice inspection which "red-tagged" 12 buses followed by several others having transmis-

# CITY OF GARDEN CITY SUMMER TAX NOTICE

The 2016 summer taxes will be payable from July 1, 2016 The 2016 summer taxes will be payable from July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016 without penalty. Beginning September 1, 2016 a 4% penalty and ½% interest per month will be added to the unpaid taxes. Beginning March 1, 2017 all unpaid 2016 REAL property taxes must be paid to the Wayne County Treasurer, The International Center Building, 400 Monroe, 5th floor, Detroit, Mi 48226 with an additional 4% administration fee plus 1% per month interest computed from March 1, 2017

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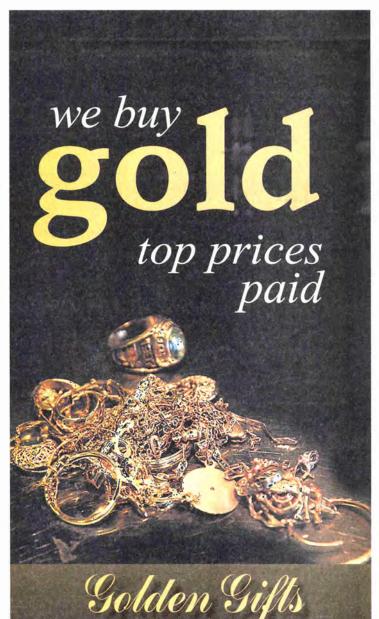
The Wayne-Westland Community Schools announces the sponsorship of the ervice Program for Children ood

sion/engine problems. The board also paused to remember state Rep. Julie Pla-wecki, who passed away at age 54 over the weekend. "She was a true

friend of public education. She will be sorely missed," said Harmala, who praised Plawecki for studying bills before voting on them. Board Vice President Carol Middel said, "She

was a friend to our students and a friend to our educators. She was a gift to us and we will miss her going forward.

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Wayne, MI 48184

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Did you know that the interior of your car is probably the hottest place most people will visit in their lifetime (unless you are into saunas). The average temperature inside your car can increase within



the first 10 minutes anywhere from 10-20 degrees. Over 30 minutes, the temperature increases by an average of over one degree per minute. If you park and go inside a store for 30 minutes on a 90-degree day, your car will be over 120 degrees F when you return to it. After an hour, the vehicle will be 43 degrees hotter than the outside

temperature. The reason a car gets hotter than the air around it and a house or office is because it's a greenhouse on wheels. The glass allows sun-light to pass through freely. Once inside the vehicle, much of the light is absorbed by the interior and turned into

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along her Social Secu-

A resident in the 29000 block of Lacy told police June 26 that her sprinkler system wasn't working. When she checked, she said a 14 inch compose pipe

14-inch copper pipe was missing. The pipe

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-17

June 21, 2016

June 21, 2016 A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of June 7; requests from Great Heights Youth Development and Wayne Main Street for sidewalk sales; Site Plan 2016-06; resignation of James Henley from Personnel Board; reappointments of: Mary Anne Daily, Janice Kendrick & Barbara Heidmann to Commission on Aging; Curt Burton & Hal Hultman to Dang. Bldgs.; Timothy McClure, James Summer, Margaret Harlow, Cynthia Schofield & Andrew Raisanen; Thomas Daily, Bill Copland & Cynthia Adams to the Cemetery Board; Don Quarles, David Story & Harold Rediske Jr. to the Planning Commission; Albert Damitio to the Historical Commission; First Reading of Ordinance #2016-05; municipal contract with SMART; Du-All Cleaning; PSA with Stantec for the EQ Basin; resolution for Retiree Healthcare; resolution for Public Safety; lease with Public Housing; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Recess to Closed Session at 9:47 returned to Open Session at 10:12, Adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

NO. 3009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 050 OF TITLE 13, CHAPTER 28 (INDUSTRIAL WASTE SURCHARGE) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

Section 1. Section 050 of Title 13, Chapter 28 the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended

13.28.050 Schedule of charges. Industrial waste pollutant strength surcharges are adopted herein, made effective with the first billing on and after July 1, 2016, for users of the wastewater system of the City of Livonia, and are to be computed as

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# WESTLAND COP CALLS

# Fraud

» A Westland woman told police that on June 20 that she was alerted to suspicious transactions on her credit card There were five separate trans actions totaling over \$103 that were made in Illinois. She said she was in Michigan at the time and had possession of her credit card. » On June 24, a West-

land woman told police that someone unsuccessfully tried to open an Amazon account using her personal information. She said her bank had

Open Session at 10:12, Adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

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is hereby amended to read as follows

Published: June 30, 2016

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# Purse theft suspect uses Houdini-like methods to get out of handcuffs

Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

A Canton woman, who City Hospital last week, is believed to have stolen the Good Samaritan's

City police were trans-porting the 45-year-old Canton suspect to the police station, on multiple arrest charges, the wom-an apparently slipped out of her handcuffs and made sure to let the offiescapades. The victim, a 44-year-old Belleville woman, told police she had taken her mother to the Garden City Hospital emergency room and went outside

for a few moments to take a break. She told police the Canton woman ap-proached her and "asked her for a light," a police report said.

lighter for her cigarette.

They reportedly talked briefly before the Belle-

The Belleville woman said she went to her vehicle and gave the suspect a

ville woman went back inside the emergency room to check on her mother.

A short time later, the Belleville woman came back out to her vehicle, which she said she left unlocked, to move it to the entrance to pick up her mother. She noticed her black and silver purse was missing

She reported the theft to Garden City Hospital security officers who reportedly found the suspect sitting on a street curb near Arcola and Beechwood. When Garden City

police arrived they reportedly saw the suspect sitting on a curb thumb-ing through various cards for Social Security, debit, medical insurance and a Bridge Card, as well as photographs and band

aids. The Canton woman was charged with larceny and resisting an officer. She also had a felony warrant out for her arrest from another community.

The stolen purse was reportedly concealed inside the suspect's backpack, a police report said.

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# NO. 3007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 120 OF TITLE 13, CHAPTER 20 (LIVONIA SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 120 of Title 13, Chapter 20 the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.120 Disposal and maintenance rates (sewer). A. Effective with the first billing on and after July 1, 2016, the fixed quarterly charge for sewage system maintenance, determined by water meter size, shall be as follows:

METER SIZE	QUARTERLY CHARGE						
5/8 Inch			\$	44.10			
3/4 Inch		1	\$	44.10			
1 Inch			\$	44.10			
1 1/2" Meter			\$	129.62			
2" Meter			\$	166.38			
3" Meter			\$	218.62			
4" Meter			\$	334.05			
6" Meter			\$	899.95			
8" Meter			\$	2,520.88			
10" Meter			\$	7,266.83			

B. 1. In addition to the fixed quarterly maintenance charge, effective with the first billing on and after July 1, 2016, there will be a charge for sewage system use, which shall be assessed at the following rates:

Base Charge		
Wayne County per 100 cubic feet of water used	\$	1.44
City of Livonia per 100 cubic feet of water used	\$	0.53
Base Charge per 100 cubic feet of water used	<u>\$</u>	1.97
Large User (meters sizes 1.5 inch or larger)		
Charge per 100 cubic feet of water used	\$	1.20
Total Charge for Large Users per 100 cubic feet of water used	\$	3.17

2. For each dwelling unit with an unmetered water supply, there shall be a flat quarterly sewage system charge of:

\$ 84.10

3. Users other than single-family and two-family residential shall be subject to monthly Industrial Waste Control Meter Charges, determined by meter size, in the following amounts:

# = Pollutant strength surcharge fee in dollars for the billing period.

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Computation of Industrial Waste Pollutant Strength Surcharge The industrial waste pollutant strength surcharge shall be computed in accordance

with the following formula: SC = 0.0624 V [a (BOD-275) + b (TSS-350) + c (P-12) + d (FOG-100)]

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Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

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planets and greenhouse effects? Simple: It is never a good idea to leave your child or pet

in a vehicle when "run-ning into a store." It is just not safe for the child or pet. I know, "I'll crack the window right? Although this

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would allow some air inside the vehicle, re-searchers have found that the vehicle still heats faster than it cools. The temperature will still rise to a dangerous level given enough time.

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If you see an animal or person left in the vehicle, gather information: Note the make and model, and write down the license plate of the vehicle. Contact the police and monitor the vehicle. Do not confront anyone yourself, let the police talk with the individual: You want to be safe as well. There are a lot of hot places in the universe, the inside of your car can be one as well.

If you have questions or comments, email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com, or mail them to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police Brighton Post. 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.



ly pass back through the glass. One last thing: Temperatures in a vehi cle can get hot even on cool days.

	= Volume of waste discharged in the billing period in Mcf (1,000 cubic feet).	METER SIZE	MONTHLY INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGE
BOD	<ul> <li>Five-day biochemical oxygen demand of the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).</li> </ul>	5/8 Inch 3/4 Inch	\$ 5.65 \$ 8.48
TSS	<ul> <li>Total suspended solids in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).</li> </ul>	1 Inch 1 1/2" Meter	\$ 14.13 \$ 31.08
Р	= Phosphorus in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).	2" Meter 3" Meter	\$ 45.20 \$ 81.93
FOG	<ul> <li>Fats, oils, and grease in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).</li> </ul>	4" Meter 6" Meter	\$ 113.00 \$ 169.50
a, b, c, d	= Surcharge rates in dollars/pound for treating BOD, TSS, P and FOG, respectively.	8" Meter 10" Meter 12" Meter	\$ 282.50 \$ 395.50 \$ 452.00
0.624	= Factor which converts Mcf to MM lbs.	14" Meter	\$ 565.00
а	= dollars/pound for treating BOD = \$0.491/pound greater than 275 mg/l.	16" Meter 18" Meter	\$ 678.00
		20" Meter	\$ 791.00 \$ 904.00
b	= dollars/pound for treating TSS = \$0.498/pound greater than 350 mg/l.	24" Meter	\$ 1,017,00
с	= dollars/pound for treating $P = $7.346$ /pound greater than 12 mg/l.	30" Meter	\$ 1,130.00
to the extent Section 3. S	<ul> <li>= dollars/pound for treating FOG = \$0.473/pound greater than 100 mg/l.</li> <li>All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.</li> <li>Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this</li> </ul>	to the extent necessary to give this ordinance <u>Section 3.</u> Should any portion of this ordina	nces in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only full force and effect. ance be held invalid for any reason, such holding lidity of any of the remaining portions of this
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The fore	Susan M. Nash, City Clerk going ordinance was authenticated by me on this 23rd day of June, 2016.	The foregoing ordinance was authentica	ted by me on this 23rd day of June, 2016.
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The brief rain ended and the skies cleared enough for a pretty sunset.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Zeyad Hannonn grills kabob at the Skewers House of Kabob booth.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Spree favorites Steve King and the Dittilies rock the crowd.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Mary and David Rigo of Novi watch the Round Up ride.

# Spree 66 ends with a bang

**David Veselenak** Staff Writer

It was a week of fun, food and fire-

works. The 66th annual Livonia Spree ended Sunday night with the annual fireworks show and thousands of people looking on. It was a fitting end to the annual celebration of Livonia, said Spree chair-map Rich Shoraca celebration of Livona, man Rich Skaggs. "Everything was excellent," he said. "I can't say one bad thing about Spree." Skaggs said he with crowds

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Spree chairman	Skaggs said.
spreechannian	Thousands came

to Ford Field to ride rides, find something good to eat or, for some folks, dig their faces into some pies. Skaggs said some events, such as the pancake breakfast, did seem to see more people than usual. Livonia police said they did not have

any major incidents reported to them over the five-day festival. And of course, the fireworks show,

Skaggs said, was second-to-none. "Beautiful, absolutely beautiful," he

said. "To me, they've never been better.

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As they do every year, the fireworks closed out Spree.



Mason Hart and Jessica Huddleston, riding the Sizzler. They are both Livonia residents.



Two years ago, Charles M. McDonald bought this 1937 Buick Roadmaster series 80 Limousine sight-unseen from a seller in New Jersey. It's unrestored, and completely original, kind of like Charles. He is from Livonia





BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Marie Lewandowski serves sweet corn at the Livonia Lions Club trailer. She has volunteered for 27 years.

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Mike and Diane Hicks of Westland take a look at a 1956 Plymouth Belvedere Sport Sedan. Mike is moving closer to the auto as Diane backs away. This may have something to do with the "for sale" sign posted in the window



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Amanda Materne and Mike Marlolo, of the band Parallel Fifth, entertain the crowd in the main tent.

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Waiting for fireworks, Chris Glowacki of Garden City plays with 3-year-old goddaughter Aubrey Rhodes.

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# **BUSINESS**

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Bill and Barb Bicknell took over running the family owned Garden City Miniature Golf in 1999.

# **OHM board moves**

OHM Advisors, an architectural, engineering and planning firm committed to Ad-

vancing Communi-

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Cavallaro

Cavallaro. PE to its seven-member board of directors and of Daniel Fredendall as

board chairman. Cavallaro is managing director of the firm's Michigan offices and oversees the operation of five regional offices. He is a senior member of the firm's Environmental and Water Resources Group, which delivers innovative solutions for a variety of water-related issues facing communities.

Cavallaro is a member of the Huron River Watershed Council, the Society of American Military Engineers, and the Amer ican Council of Engineering Companies. Fredendall is OHM



**BUSINESS BRIEFS** 

ments With nearly 35 years of transportation and construction engineering experience, Fredendall is also the firm's principal in charge for MDOT, as well as for several road commissions and communities. He's been in-volved with the firm's largest projects to date and was instrumental in the firm being selected to lead the development of Michigan's first diverg-

Cole, Newton & Duran CPAs announced Bryan Besco joined as chief marketing officer to lead the firm's marketing and business development strategy. With more than 17 years of marketing experience, Besco will be responsible for serving as a strategic partner to



ing partner and firm Besco leaders regard-

In 1964, Garden City Miniature Golf was built. In 1967, James and Patricia Bicknell pur-

chased the business, and

it has been family owned and operated since then.

that takes great pride in being passed down to a

second generation. This year the business is celebrating its 50th sea-

son. Bill Bicknell has

worked at the golf

course since he was 15

years old and has been involved with the golf

course since that time. In 1999, Bill and Barb

Bicknell took over oper-ating the golf course on

a full-time basis. Many

the

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manag-

It's a family business

ing brand and marketing programs and activ-ities, and the development of various go-to-market deliver-

Besco has led the marketing depart-ments for accounting firms of various sizes for the past 15 years working with partners on developing individual and industry/ser-vice line growth marketing plans. He has been responsible for leading marketing operations and utilizing established pro-grams to expand in-

Besco has also led partners and business development exec-utives on developing marketing programs that generate opportunities for new business revenue.

improvements and spe-cialty features have been added over the years. Bill has created all of the water features. and this year Bill and Barb created a tree art

garden. The Bicknells take great pride in the 18-hole course, designed to be a challenge and fun for all ages

Garden City Mini Golf has affordable pricing so family and friends can enjoy them-selves all season long. Several specials are offered all season. There is a Loyalty Rewards Punch Card (10 rounds and you receive a free game). The course also offers a free g<mark>a</mark>me to a group of four or more

Mini-golf course celebrates 50th season

And, of course, there's the famous last hole. Golfers who make the putt and ring the bell receive a free game. Groups of 10 or more receive a discount if reservations are made in advance. The business also provides fundrais

ing opportunities. Every year as the temperatures go down, the business closes its gates for a week and reopens in late Septem-ber for Haunted Golf, which has become a major local attraction The davtime Haunted Golf is less scary for

younger children. Once the sun goes down, that's when things get scary, with live actors throughout the course and many haunted displays. If you (or your child) don't want to be scared, a wristband is offered that will keep the monsters away.

Garden City Miniature Golf has been a member of the Garden City Business Alliance since November 2015.

Garden City Miniature Golf is located at 29060 Ford Road (one block east of Middlebelt) in Garden City. The website is www.gardencity-minigolf.com and phone number is 734-425-9816.

# Hospital golf outing tops \$300K goal

St. Mary Mercy Livo-nia hosted its 21st annual Tee it Up Golf Classic, presented by the St. Ma-ry Mercy Medical Staff, at Oakland Hills Country Club on June 20, This event surpassed its goal of \$300,000 and sold out in record time to benefit the hospital's Community Health and Wellness programs.

The event was made possible through its top sponsors: presenting sponsor St. Mary Mercy Medical Staff; diamond sponsor Cerner; and graphite sponsors An-esthesia Associates of Ann Arbor and Men-delson Kornblum Orthopedic & Spine Special-

ists. Passion from the St. Mary Mercy Medical Staff to improve the health and wellness of the community was the driving force behind the 2016 beneficiary of the Golf Classic —the hospi-tal's community outreach programs. Cerner has a mission to contribute to the systemic improvement of health care de-livery and the health of communities, which is especially important for hospitals as they work toward population health management.

Donations raised through the event will help the hospital imple-



The Physicians Trophy is presented to Dr. K.C. Joseph by Dr. Rakesh Patel.

ment programs to achieve the goals it set in response to a Community Health Needs Assessment. Access to care, obesity and behavioral health were identified as areas in which additional resources, services or programs were needed to meet the needs of the community.

The 21st annual Tee it Up Golf Classic took place on both the newly renovated North Course and Prestigious South Course, and included both lunch and dinner. The closing program was emceed by health reporter Lila Lazarus

Since its inception, the Tee it Up Golf Classic has generated over \$2.75 million toward the vital million toward the vital work being done each day at St. Mary Mercy. The Golf Classic has not only played an integral part in the hospital's fundraising efforts, but has also become one of the signature outings in the signature outrings in the community and the premier golf outing for Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. For more information, call the St. Mary Mercy Livonia Development

Livonia Development Office at 734-655-2980, or visit stmarymercy.org/ annualgolfclassic

# Must-have tech gadgets for summer

ve reached peak technology status. Remem-ber how the emergence of cell phones helped us downsize the number of necessary digital de-vices? The cell phone became not only your phone but your MP3 player, camera, video camera, key ring, wallet and more. But the rise of the Internet of Things (IOT) has seemingly reversed that trend and helped the electronics market shift from entertainment devices, to useful productivity de-vices. That's not to say that the TV, radio or yo



turers like Arlo for \$500 or less. With both Nest and Arlo, buyers receive access to the cloud where they can store 24 hours of video coverage. Own-ers can purchase more space for a monthly fee. It is the perfect solution for the business traveler, snowbirds or for summer vacationers. Arlo, D-Link and others, offer motionactivated cameras. Some such as NetAtmo offer facial recognition and can send text alerts when something is up.

beach tote that has been developed by a company called Earth Beach Products.

# **Mosquito repellers**

Some mosquito deterrents like citronella candles are hardly consid-ered technical. But a trendy, synthetic lantern might be. Thermacell offers a \$29.99 lantern that will keep a 15x15 area free of those pesky bugs. At that price, it makes sense on a patio, porch or deck to help keep us outdoors longer.

# Watershot Pro

firm's finance, market-ing, human resources, and technology depart-

ing diamond interchange.

# New marketing officer

# NO. 3008

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 130 OF TITLE 13, CHAPTER 20 (LIVONIA SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS

Section 1. Section 130 of Title 13, Chapter 20 the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.130 Special rates—For designated uses. A. Effective with the first billing on and after July 1, 2016, where sewage disposal service is furnished to users not situated within the city, the sewage disposal rate for such users shall be as follows:

1. For all unmetered houses or residential dwellings connected to and using the facilities of the sewage disposal system, such rate shall be a flat rate of seventy-eight dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$78.59) per quarter.

2. For all customers connected to and using the facilities of the sewage disposal system for which consumption data may be obtained, such rate shall be equal to the appropriate base rate established in 13.20.120(B)(1), plus the appropriate quarterly fixed charge as determined by meter size established in 13.20.120(A).

B. The minimum quarterly sewage disposal charge to commercial or industrial users shall be \$4.50 per quarter

C. All seasonal users with kitchen or bathroom facilities shall pay 50% of the current per unit sewage charge, i.e

> \$ 0.72 \$ 0.26

\$ 0.98

Base Charge	
Wayne County per 100 cubic feet	
City of Livonia per 100 cubic feet	
Base Charge per 100 cubic feet	
0,	



dustry and service line market share.

Large User (meters sizes 1.5 inch or larger)	
Charge per 100 cubic feet	\$ 0.60
Total Base Charge for Large Users per	\$1.58
100 cubic feet of water used	

D. The above rates do not include any rates imposed by the county for the treatment and disposal of sewage through its sewage treatment and disposal facilities. Any such rate shall be included and specified as a separate item in bills sent to users as hereinafter provided

 $\underline{Section~2}, \ All \ ordinances \ or \ parts \ of \ ordinances \ in \ conflict \ herewith \ are \ hereby \ repealed \ only \ to \ the \ extent \ necessary \ to \ give \ this \ ordinance \ full \ force \ and \ effect.$ 

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of

Livonia held Monday, June 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 23rd day of June, 2016.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney Dated: June 23, 2016

Publish: June 30, 2016

1995 desktop computer wasn't useful — new unitasking devices are simply more functional and affordable and have pushed more tech devices into consideration.

# Security cameras

Previously, a homeowner who wanted peace of mind could sign up for an expensive monthly or yearly contract with a home security company. Expensive top-end video monitoring systems were also available for the one percent. Today, vou can secure your home as easily as an add on package from your cable provider, or a wireless self-install device

Nest, the famous smart thermostat provider offers a home security camera for as low as \$150. Any homeowner and renter can grab one for less than the cost of an upgraded phone and install it in less than an hour. For those with larger homes, you can grab a three-pack of cams from Nest or other manufac-

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# Digital thermometers

Advanced and enhanced summer grilling is as easy as a digital thermometer. And that doesn't mean vour standard meat thermometer with a digital display. Bluetooth and WIFI enabled temperature gauges are available for the professional smoker. to the novice griller. And while nobody needs a digital thermometer that connects to their phone - it certainly saves you unnecessary trips to the grill, smoker or oven. The Weber Style for instance, offers two prongs (which is what you want) to measure the air temperature as well as internal temperature. A two-prong meat thermometer can run \$40-\$100. Of course if you think this is a waste of money, then I don't need to tell you about the more than \$200 solar-powered

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Finally for the trav elers, outdoor enthusi-asts and photography pros, the Watershot Pro can help you capture shots in and around water without worrying about your phone insurance coverage. Retailing for \$139, the Watershot Pro is safe to use up to 195 feet - which should be considered "extreme waterproof".

# Notebook:

Just when you thought it was safe to buy video games, Microsoft and Sony announced updated versions of their respective Xbox and PlavStation devices. In June at E3. Microsoft announced a virtual reality and 4K capable XBOX which is expected to hit the market next year. Sony also recently announced up-dates with 4K, but may not have virtual reality capabilities.

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# Jefferson-Barns the place to be this summer

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Joanne Campbell, the city of Westland's Housing and Com-munity Development director, is pleased with the Library Reading Room that opened last fall at the Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center in

"It's a wonderful neigh-borhood resource," said Camp-bell, who'd strolled from her office at Jefferson-Barns to the brightly colored Reading Room full of books. "It's all run by volunteers and all of the books have been donated.' Library Reading Room

hours are noon to 4 p.m. Mon-day, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 4-8 p.m. Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The Jefferson-Barns Commu-nity Vitality Center is at 32150 Dorsey St., east of Venoy and south of Palmer Road. Its phone is 734-595-0288.

Many books are on shelves to suit all kinds of reading tastes. The Library Reading Room differs from traditional public libraries — you can check out any two books and bring back any two others, even not from the collection there. The goal is to encourage reading. The Jefferson-Barns Com-

munity Vitality Center also houses a Learning Center geared to school-age children. Campbell explained it has computer access — 30 Chro-mebooks, thanks to a Michigan State Police youth program-ming grant from last summer. The Learning Center also

involves Westland Police Department community police officers who are involved in

nentoring, Campbell added. Jefferson-Barns is also hosting the "Meet Up and Eat Up" summer lunch program noon to 1 p.m. July 5 through Aug. 18. Mondays through Thursdays. That program, which gets federal government which gets federal government dollars, is for those age 18 and under, with no fee for it or any center programming, "which is amazing," Campbell said. Center staff and volunteers

rely on grants and donations, she explained.

"Oh, my gosh, unbelievably so," Campbell said in revital-ization of Norwayne related to Jefferson-Barns opening last year as a community center. "I really had no idea what to ex-pact. It's really become the pect. It's really become the focal point of the Norwayne community. It's here for every-one to come and enjoy." The center houses the Nor-wayne Boxing Gym with box-

ing instruction for all ages. You can participate in boxing matches, or come for the fun. The Boxing Gym program includes access to academic tutoring, community service and exercise.

Boxing Gym hours are 1-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Call coach Erskine Wade at 313-425-1999 for more information. In addition, Jefferson-Barns

will host "Computer Game Design with Scratch" which recently started and runs through Aug. 11 from 1-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Contact jbllnorwayne@gmail.com or call 734-595-0288 for details. In "Computer Game De-sign," you can create your own video games. Participants design and program their own

design and program their own video games using code and computer science. They learn

The "Survivors Walk" kicks off the start of Livonia's Relay for Life.

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# Relay for Life raises \$111,000 for American Cancer Society

### **Brad Kadrich** Staff Write

Apparently, a shortened Relay for Life event agrees with Livonia walkers.

For the second straight year, the American Cancer Society-sponsored event was shortened from the traditional 24-hour walk to a more concise

12-hour relay. And the 2016 Relay for Life was quite the success, drawing some 500 walkers, including teams from schools, business es, civic organizations and others who helped the event raise some \$111,000.

"It was awesome," Amer-ican Red Cross coordinator Liz Evans said. "I think a lot of people like the shorter event. We had a lot of school teams, and a lot of walkers who were very enthusiastic. The field was packed all day."

While acknowledging the event couldn't be pulled off without the help of the hun-dreds of volunteers who make the acnual walk reached this the annual walk possible, this year's Livonia event included. for the first time, the participa tion of a youth committee.

Evans said youth committee representative Marian Petrie was particularly impressive in giving her opening-ceremony

speech. "She showed everyone you're never too young to make a difference," Evans said.





TOM BEAUDOIN Madonna student Cynthia McDonald does face painting for Sophia Lee at the Relay for Life held in Livonia.

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First year team Live Generously Team Hope gathers for a photo before the start of the annual Relay for Life.

gaming concepts while build ing racing games, mazes and more. No previous computer experience is necessary

# Shred day

On Saturday, July 9, DFCU Financial will offer residents the opportunity to have their paper records and data storage materials shredded and recycled during the Community Shred Day at the Livonia branch location at Newburgh and Seven Mile.

This free event aims to raise public awareness of the need to securely destroy confidential materials to prevent identity theft and fraud, as well as to encourage recycling. Materials will be collected

on July 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the credit union at the corner of Newburgh and Seven Mile (enter off Newburgh) in Livonia. The drop-off event is open to the public. There is a maximum of five boxes/bags limit per vehicle. For more information, contact Peggy Richard at peggy.richard@dfcufinancial.com or call

# 313-322-8239.

Acceptable items for shred-ding include bank statements, forms, receipts, old check-books, unwanted/expired credit cards, junk mail, file folders and binders and all envelopes

### Kindergarten program

South Redford School District is offering a tuition-free Kindergarten Readiness Program (with the exception of a one-time-only material fee of \$75) to all children who reside in South Redford and will be 4 by Sept. 1. The children attend three-hour classes, Monday through Thursday, morning or afternoon sessions.

The preschoolers participate in activities designed to encourage the development of readi-ness skills necessary for a successful kindergarten experience

Parents interested in more information may contact the Kindergarten Readiness teach-

ers at 313-535-4000, Ext. 1036. Registration packets are avail-able the the district's Jan Jacobs building located at 26141 Schoolcraft, Redford. The Kindergarten Readiness Program is located in the same building.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS** 

### Citizens for peace

The Citizens for Peace will present the program "The Syrian Refugee Crisis: We Are All Related" at its July 12 meeting at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) at 7 p.m. Patrick McLean, board

member of the Syrian Amer-ican Rescue Network, will share information about the people coming to our state to escape the war in Syria, and what is being done to help them. SARN's mission is to provide humanitarian and economic support to refugees as they reach self-sufficiency in Michigan. For more informa-tion, call 734-425-0079 or visit www.citizens4peace.com

# **Evening with butterflies**

TOM BEAUDOIN



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"An Evening with the Butterflies" takes place 6-8 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman in Westland. The event features harpist Deborah Gabrion. Stroll through the habitat and see the butterflies as you enjoy beautiful harp music. Refreshments will be served; \$10 donation per person. All donations will go to Monarch Watch

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# **OPINION**

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

# **OUR VIEWS**

# Flying our flag on the Fourth shows respect

There are a variety of times during the course of a given year the American flag moves front and center as citizens pay tribute to their country, its freedoms

and the men and women who fight for them. There's the recent Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veter-ans Day and, Monday — Independence Day — all de-signed to allow American citizens the opportunity to pay their respects not only to their country, but to its most visible symbol.

And when they do, it's important they do it proper-ly. If you're displaying an American flag, Public Law 94-344, The Federal Flag Code, contains some guide-lines. (If you're worried about how deep the federal government is getting into our lives, know this: The code contains no penalties, though some states have

code contains no penaities, though some states have their own codes and may impose penalties.) Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during the new and wind storms unloss it on all wroth rain, snow and wind storms, unless it is an all-weath er flag.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## **Vote for Mason**

In May, I attended the Michigan Democratic Party's Legacy Awards Dinner featuring guest speaker Congressman John Lewis. Mr. Lewis is a champion of the modern Civil Rights movement, which found its birth in the 1960s. During the march in

Selma, as he crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge, Mr. Lewis was the first to be beaten by police officers who did not do their duty to serve and protect but chose to at-tempt to stop the Civil Rights movement and to protect the racist policies of the Jim Crow south. Mr. Lewis was beaten up but never

beaten down. I have never held public office nor do I ever imagine that I would However, I am concerned about my city, my county and my neigh-borhood. I also clearly realized that Mr. Lewis' appeal is what has always been my philoso-phy of what it meant to be a Democrat. We must always stand

for strong principles of inclusion and equality. And we must be willing to embrace the entire community and work on advancing the harmony It should be displayed often, but especially on na-

tional and state holidays and special occasions. When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the

top. This one seems to be "violated," for lack of a better term, more often. During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart.

Here's one that gets violated occasionally in school gymnasiums or football fields: When the flag hangs from a staff in a church or public place, it should appear to the audience on the left, the speaker's right. When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a

fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Here are a couple of things not to do with the American flag:

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It is based on these

principles I endorse Sue Mason for the 12th Dis-

trict of the Wayne Coun-ty Board of Commission-

ers. This endorsement is

» Her 40-year rela-tionship as a respected journalist covering the cities of Westland, Gar-

den City and Inkster. She is aware of the issues

facing these communi-ties and will be able to

immediately address these issues when elect-

» Her understanding

that the County Commis-sioners must build a

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Warren Evans and his staff in making Wayne County strong again. » Her willingness to support plans to finish the jail project with a strong commitment to oversight and ethics compliance.

» Her understanding that the County Commissioners are being paid well and the position should not be considered

"a part-time position." » Her understanding that we must provide the necessary funding to the County Prosecutor to complete the testing of warehoused rape kits and bring justice to the many women who were victims of these horrific assaults.

There are few issues more progressive than advancing women in the political process. West-land is blessed to have Sue Mason as a candidate for the 12th District

» Do not let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.
» Do not place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia or designs of any kind.
» Do not use it as apparel, bedding or drapery. It should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.
» Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion

» Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or any-thing else intended for temporary use and discard. There are more and you can find them on the web-

these guidelines give you a good idea of ways to treat the American flag with respect. During ceremonies such as the recent Memorial

Day activities, proper respect is paid to this coun-try's military men and women, who have given so

As the Fourth of July approaches, it's important to remember the American flag, the symbol of our country, deserves the same respect.

of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. In the spirit of Kay Beard, a progressive Democrat and the long-est-serving member of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, I support another strong and principled woman, Sue Mason, for the 12th District of the Wayne County Board of Com-missioners, with great

joy and without apology. Sue Mason has received the endorsement of the 13th District Democratic Party Organization. Vote Sue Mason for County Commissioner.

Hank Johnson Westland

# Crying shame

In the Sunday, June 26, 2016, edition of the Wayne-Westland Obser er, a very nice tribute was written about Jim and Margaret Harlow's 51 years of business in

Westland. It's great to hear of a "main street" business being successful for so many years. But, I do want to take exception to the quote from Margaret Harlow, "The new com-pany is keeping the em-

ployees ... My friend, Carlos, is a special-needs young man. He worked at Har-low Tire for approximately two hours a day, two days a week. The job was a big morale booster for him. It gave him work experience and personal pride. Unfortunately, on the

new owner's agenda was to let him go. His ser-vices were no longer needed. Four hours a week couldn't be costing them that much. Personally I think that letting him go is a shame, a crying shame.

Vince Maylone Wayne

# CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 13 6/20/16

Presiding: President Godbout Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer 123: Minutes of regular meeting on 5/16/16. - Bid for Calcium Chloride to Suburban Calcium Chloride Sales; amt. \$0.24/gallon. - 1 yr. Contract w/Synergy Energy for hauling recyclables services. - Excess Workers Comp Agrmnt. w/Willis of MI; annual premiums \$69,151. Consulting Svcs. Agrmnt. w/Plante Moran Cresa for Facility Assessment & Capital Improvement Plan at Sanior Cir: cost not to ex \$17,000. Consuming Sves. Agrmnt. wirfante Moran Cresa for Facility Assessment & Capital Improvement Plan at Senior Ctr.; cost not to ex. \$17,000.
- Adopt. Budget Amendment 2015/16-04; 3rd Quarter.
- Intro Budget Amendment 2017-01; Operating Fund \$404,525 & Street Lighting Fund \$2,400. Waive Procedure to intro & adopt Budget Amendment 2017-01, Operating Fund \$404,525 & Street Lighting Fund \$2,400. - Adopt Budget Amendment 2017-01; Operating Fund \$404,525 & Street Lighting Fund \$2,400. Amendment to 2017-01 Admin Fee Schedule Amendment to 2017-01 Admin Fee Schedule.
Adoption NSP Resolution-33810 Casco Court.
Ext. deadline to pay 2016 summer taxes to 8/31/16.
124: Appr. Atty recommendation re. Robinson v. City.
126: Adoption of Prepared resolution to abandon, vacate & terminate 20' wide alley abutting Lots 1-41 & 42-61 Block E, Ford Warren Park Sub, e. side of Newburgh, s. of Ford.
127: Appr. prop. land div, & combo, PID #001-99-0001-000 through -0007-000, s. side of Ann Arbor Trail, w. of Inkster w/contingencies.
130: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,956,721.44..
Mtg. adj. at 8:19 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout Council President

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Richard LeBlanc City Clerk

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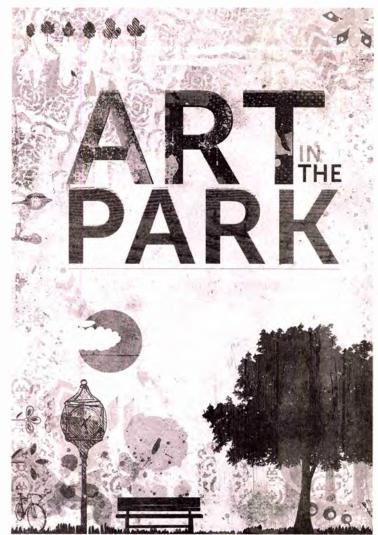
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 040 OF TITLE 13, CHAPTER 08 (WATER SERVICE RATES AND REVENUES) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

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# THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 040 of Title 13, Chapter 08 the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby amended to read as follows

13.08.040 Consumption rates. Effective with the first billing on and after July 1. 2016, water use will be charged at the following rates:

CHARGE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT PER 100 CUBIC FEET						
Base Charge							
GLWA per 100 cubic feet of water used	\$ 1.93						
City of Livonia per 100 cubic feet of water used	\$ 0.53						
Use Charge per 100 cubic feet of water used	\$ 2.46						
Large User (meters sizes 1.5 inch or larger)							
Charge per 100 cubic feet of water used	<u>\$ 1.20</u>						
Total Use Charge for Large Users	<u>\$ 3.66</u>						
per 100 cubic feet of water used							

Rates presently established shall continue for bills issued before July 1, 2016.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only Section 2. to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding Section 3. shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, June 20, 2016, at  $7{:}00~{\rm p.m.}$ 

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 23rd day of June, 2016.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form: Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney Dated: June 23, 2016

Published: June 30, 2016





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PREP SWIMMING

# Dunworth leaves Mercy, CC swim coaching posts

Marlins won six state titles under his leadership

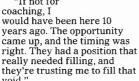
### Dan O'Meara Staff Write

Shannon Dunworth isn't retiring and doesn't rule out a return to coaching at some future date, but one of the area's top swim mentors is

leaving the sport. The highly successful coach of the Farmington Hills Mercy girls and Detroit Catholic Central boys recent-ly moved to Texas to work with his brothers in their business. "I love coaching dearly,"

Dunworth said. "To me,

there's no bet-ter job. Unfortunately, it was difficult for me to continue coaching and still make a living. "If not for Dunworth



void Dunworth, 59, has a solid business background, having owned and operated his own company – Different Strokes Swim Shop with stores in Livonia and St. Clair Shores – for 38 years.

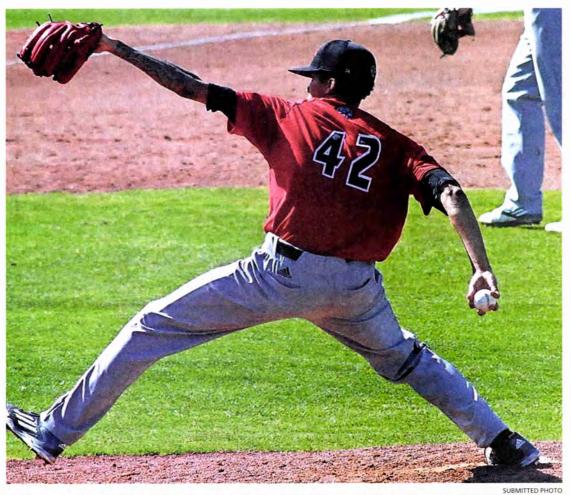
His brothers own Celling Biosciences, which deals in the research, development and manufacture of a variety of medical devices. Their business is a leader in making devices used in orthopedic procedures and the procure ment of adult stem cells, according to Dunworth.

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In a dozen seasons at Mercy, Shannon Dunworth's teams won six state titles, had four runner-up finishes and placed third twice.

**MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL** 



Six-foot-4 Sterling Sharp of Farmington Hills made a good impression on front-office personnel during a workout in Washington, D.C.

# **Ex-Raider Sharp adapts** to new role in pro ball

Sharp

# Blazers had successful run during Combs' era in softball

Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Scott Combs softball era is over at Livonia Ladywood after the nine-year coach announced his resignation Tuesday.

Combs, who guided the Blaz-ers to one MHSAA Division 2 championship (2012), two state runner-up finishes (2014 and 2009) and six final fours, finished with a 284-85 overall record. He cited increased commit-

ment to coaching the University of Michigan Dearborn women's program, along with being presi-dent of Compuware Girls Fastpitch organization, as reasons for stepping down. Combs, who lives in North-ville, informed Ladywood princi-

"It's been a great nine years," Combs said. "I can't thank the families and the coaches enough at the school. It's just time to move on. I'm far, far too busy doing college and and high school. It was just a decision my family and I made "

family and I made." In his final season at Lady-wood, the Blazers finished 32-13 overall and reached the state semifinals before losing to Vicksburg, 7-5. Ladywood loses six seniors to graduation including Erika Selakowski, Rozlyn Price,





# Farmington Hills pitcher and Nationals draftee gets start in Gulf Coast League

# Dan O'Meara

After being drafted earlier this month by the Washington Nationals, Sterling Sharp has moved to the next stage of his baseball career and is living the life of a minor leaguer. The Farmington Hills

resident was assigned to the club's rookie team in the Gulf Coast League and is based at the Nationals Training Center in Viera, Fla.

"I love it down here, Sharp said, adding each day begins at 7 a.m. "It's just like going to school, but it's baseball

"We do team defense and then individual defense, and we have a couple breaks in between. The coach decides then if

he wants to have a simulated game or not.

Sharp, a former all-Observer pitcher at North Far-mington High School, and his new teammates were sched-

uled to play their first game Friday against the GCL Mets

In addition to their train ing, the rookie Nationals had played three three-inning, intrasquad games since reporting to camp June 15.

The right-handed Sharp pitched one inning of one game. He faced four batters the results being a strikeout, groundout, teammate error and walk.

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IT'S WHAT everyone's talking about.

FILE PHOTO The Blazers won 284 softball games in nine seasons under Scott Combs

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# RUNNING

# NYC Marathon – former sprinter going long, longer

Koback running polar opposite lottery events

Running has treated Bradley Koback, 29, of Royal Oak very well in 2016. From the grueling scenic vistas of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in July for the 274participant Tahoe Rim Trail 50 Mile Endurance Run to the 50,000-plus entrants in the world's largest marathon through New York City in November, Koback is making the most of his two lottery-accepted races in 2016

most of his two lottery-accepted races in 2016. And a special honor in October makes for a banner year for the former Wisconsin high school and college sprinter

"Is it feasible when I finish a marathon, could I get to the finish line and then turn around and go all the way back to the start?" It is a question Koback started asking himself after completing his first marathons in 2013-14.

"Why not give it a shot?" He said leading up to his first ultra in April 2015. "So I signed up for the American River 50. ... When I did all my research, that was the most beginnerfriendly course — even though after doing it, it was really not easy by any means." Running 400 meters very fast was Koback's specialty in

Running 400 meters very fast was Koback's specialty in high school and college. After graduating from Amherst High School in Wisconsin, he attended and ran track for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where he was part of the 1,600-meter relay team that won a Division III national championship in 2008. However it was a ruptured

However it was a ruptured Achilles, along with fellow high school running buddy Tim



Olson, that eventually got Koback running 40,000-plus meters instead of 400.

After graduating from college, moving to Los Angeles and following ultra-marathoner Olson's career, Koback ran his first marathon in 2013.

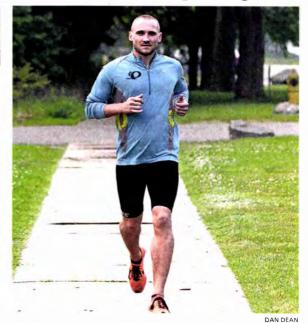
"I needed to get competitive again.... As far as racing, I couldn't do sprints anymore," he said. "I had done 10Ks and upwards of half-marathons before so I was, like, OK, let's try something longer, so I did the L.A. Marathon."

Koback, a lab technician at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital, talked as we dodged light rain under a Market Fresh store canopy at 13 Mile and Southfield roads, interrupting a recent run through the Birmingham area.

Fueling his competitive nature and a new-found way to experience places he had never been, Koback followed his first L.A. Marathon by running it again in 2014, along with the San Diego and San Francisco marathons.

"It is an amazing thing. I had never been to any of these places," he said. "It gives me the perfect opportunity to go visit and actually immerse myself and run through all these areas that a lot people even when they go and visit never get a chance to." Immerse himself he will

Immerse himself he will July 16, when he attempts his second 50-miler in Nevada. According to the race website, the event is located on the



Bradley Koback of Royal Oak runs north along Southfield Road between 14 Mile and Maple in Birmingham during a recent training run.

northeast side of Lake Tahoe, with the highest point of the run just below the 9,214-foot Snow Valley Peak. The 2016 TCS New York

The 2016 TCS New York City Marathon is about as opposite an experience one could find compared to the running events at Tahoe.

"I got an email for it. I thought, well, I have never been to New York, I will give it a shot," he said. "I got the email and it said congratulations you got in. I was just amazed, I didn't expect to get in. I knew I did not qualify, but it was amazing. I am superstoked."

Before heading to New York in November, Koback has some business to attend to in Wisconsin. On Oct. 15, he will skip his planned running of the Detroit Free Press Talmer Bank Marathon and will instead reunite with his collegiate 1,600-meter relay teammates as they are inducted into the UW-Stevens Point Hall of Fame, honoring the foursome's national championship.

national championship. If you are in a runner signed up for the TCS New York City

# BRADLEY KOBACK, 29, ROYAL OAK

Running Group/charity: Team RWB and Project Purple. Koback decided to team up with Project Purple for New York because "they are not only one of the main charity sponsors for the NYC marathon, but also my uncle has just been recently been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and I promised to run in his honor, as well as bring awareness to the disease and all others affected by the illness."

Number of Marathons: 9-Full, 5-Half, 1-50 mile ultra Favorite running song: | almost never run with music, but when |

need it, "High" by Sun City. Shoes: Nike Flyknit Racer Watch/GPS: Garmin Forerunner 235

GPS Favorite energy Gel/bar: Clif Shot Bloks - Black Cherry

Nip guards or Glide?: BodyGlide -I've learned my lesson by leaving it behind!

Best advice for a newbie: When deciding on a race, pick one that you have an emotional attachment to and are passionate about. The emotional engagement will help you persevere when you find yourself in a tough part of the race or wanting to quit.

Marathon, drop me an email. I would love to profile others from Michigan and maybe even go for a run together as we prepare for this iconic event.

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# DUNWORTH

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"It's really cutting edge," he said. "They have a huge team that works down here, and they have sales reps all over the country."

Dunworth, who was hired to fill the role of chief operating officer, said he will be coaching the people around him.

him. "I'm hoping to find the same semblance of coaching people in the business world as I have in the pool," he said. "When you own the busi-

when you own the business, you're the guy who opens the doors and takes out the garbage. Even though I have zero medical background, I do know the business end of it."

Dunworth said the decision to leave coaching was tough. He was fortunate to work with "great people, great kids and great administrators" and hasn't closed the door on coaching again. "For the time being, I have

"For the time being, I have to get my ducks in a row and make a living," he said. "My business in Livonia is still doing fine. I made a decision to broaden my horizon and take on other responsibility."

# First coaching stint

Dunworth coached the boys and girls teams at his alma mater, Dearborn High School, for 15 years until he gave that up in 1995 to con-



Shannon Dunworth hasn't ruled out a return to coaching at some time either in Michigan or Texas.

runner-up finishes.

'Sure, why not?' and it was

# SHARP

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"Honestly, it's like summer ball, but we're getting paid and competing for spots," Sharp said. "They treat you like professionals. The coaches aren't breathing down your back and telling you what to do.

"The practices are 75 percent making sure things are under control and you're perfecting what you already do. You do what got you drafted.

You do what got you drafted. "If there are little things we need to tweak, they'll address that and we'll work on it. But they drafted you for a reason. They stress that a lot."

The majority of the players are recent draftees and free agents, but there are a few extended spring-training guys and Major Leaguers doing rehab work, Sharp said.

After playing for three college teams in three years, Sharp, who turned 21 two weeks ago, figured it was time to go to the next level when he was picked in the 22nd round of the Major League Draft

of the Major League Draft. He began his collegiate career at Eastern Michigan, but a coaching change at the end of his first year caused him to transfer to Darton State College in Albany, Ga. After one season there,

After one season there, Sharp followed Eric Peterson, the former pitching coach at EMU, to Drury University, an NCAA Division II school in Engine die Mo



SUBMITTED PHOTO Sterling Sharp pitched for EMU, Darton State College and Drury University during his collegiate career.

in the minor leagues and the long bus trips. It shouldn't be too bad in

It shouldn't be too bad in the GCL. All the games start at either noon or 1 p.m., and Sharp doesn't anticipate any trips longer than four hours. All the rookies are housed in a hotel at the team's expense.

"Some ex-teamnates and guys I played against told me how it would be, and it's pretty much how they explained it," Sharp said.

Sharp said. "The road trips are just like summer ball the past two years up north in Madison, Wis. They won't bother me; I'm used to that.

"The second language is the thing I was most unpre-pared for. We have a lot of Spanish-speaking players in the clubourse Webs loarning the clubhouse. We're learning Spanish, and they're learning English, too. It's too early for Sharp to know what plans the team might have for him in the short term, but that will de pend a lot on how he performs as the season unfolds. "They just want us to get the feel of throwing every day like a professional does and to see that our arms are taken care of before they start put ting the pieces together,' ' he said Like any draftee and player with a shot to make it, Sharp has the dream of one day making it to the Major Leagues.

ent Strokes.

He has had a management team running those stores since he returned to coaching in 2004, replacing Jim Downs at Mercy. He started coaching at CC the following year. "When I came back, that's

"When I came back, that's when I realized what a cherished time in my life it is and how fortunate I was during that period," Dunworth said.

"I want the kids to know they're not going to miss a beat, and I'll still be engaged in what they're doing from afar. My heart will be there for a long, long time.

for a long, long time. "That has to do, not with the sport of swimming, but the people you get to work with. If I was a hockey coach, I'd feel the exact same way."

### **Teams among best**

Dunworth had great success at Mercy during his 12 seasons (2004-15) at the school, winning the Catholic League every year and six state championships. The Marlins won four

The Marlins won four straight titles in Division 2 (2007-10) and two in Division 1 (2011 and 2013). He also coached Mercy to four state warding," Dunworth said. "Winning is the result. You aim for that result, but that doesn't change. I loved coaching at CC as much as I did Mercy. The results there, in my eyes, were equally successful.

"In the moment, it's fun to be successful. When the moment is over, it's over. You're just wanting that moment again. You're always craving the next fix."

# **Enjoys the process**

The fix for Dunworth is the day-to-day process of training, striving to be better and working toward a goal. He's never been interested in the tally, he said.

"Some people like to hunt, and some people like to hang trophies of what they hunted," he said. "I'd like to just be hunting instead of thinking, 'Where is this going to go in my living room?"

While he was out of coaching, Dunworth said he had several phone calls from people trying to coax him back into it.

"One day, I said, 'Why am I saying no?' One day, I said, made," he said.

# Didn't plan to leave

When the boys season ended in March, Dunworth said he had every intention of returning to Mercy and CC. It was shortly after that the discussions about going to Texas intensified, and he had to make a decision.

"I was kind of glad it took me by surprise," he said. "The last thing I wanted was a parade year."

Dunworth sent each swimmer a letter, informing her/ him of his decision and thanking them for their contributions to the program and for being an important part of his life.

"Some kids were disappointed," he said. "Some came to see me and expressed their appreciation. The last thing I was looking for was to generate some kind of response. "The response I did get

"The response I did get was a lot of maturity in their approach to it. It's nice to know they're going to miss you, but it's also nice to know you prepared them well enough for the next page." Springfield, Mo.

"It was a rough junior year," Sharp said, adding he was pleased to have the chance to get into pro ball after a "not-so-good year. It was best for me to get in and not worry about going through another good or bad season of college. "When you look at the num-

"When you look at the numbers, they weren't the numbers that get people drafted, usually. Throughout the season, the Nationals stayed in contact, and my agent kept saying they were interested."

Sharp, who was 2-5 with a 5.90 earned run average, 43 strikeouts and 21 walks in 50% innings, performed well during a pre-draft workout with the Nationals in Washington, D.C.

"I think that helped a lot because they could see the potential and the frame I have, the way my arm works with my body," Sharp said. "It was a good bullpen opportunity. I threw 20 pitches in front of the GM and front-office guys."

Sharp, who also was an all-Observer basketball player at North Farmington, had heard all the stories about life "I know it's a long process," he said. "I have to stay confident and have a belief in myself.

"Making it in three years is still pretty fast for guys to go from rookie league to the bigs. I just have to stay on the right path and keep working toward it.

"I believe I have some of the best stuff in the minor leagues. I have to keep going out there and putting up zeroes. Hopefully, I'll get a chance to move up and perform at the next level."

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# PDL SOCCER

# Bucks jump-start offense against Toronto

Landell notches natural hat trick in 6-0 soccer victory

### **Brad Emons** Staff Write

The Michigan Bucks returned June 23 to Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac and rediscovered their potent of-fense in a 6-0 Premier Development League win over Toron-to FC U23 Academy.

The victory kept the Bucks (6-2-0, 18 points) in second place in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference, four points ahead of the Derby City Rovers (4-2-2, 14 points) and seven points behind Kitche-ner-Waterloo United (8-1-1, 25 points), but the Bucks have two games in hand on K-W.

Against Toronto (1-6-4, seven points), the Bucks dominated

from the opening whistle. In the 42nd minute, Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Ann Arbor/Western Michigan University) launched a 60-yard punt to forward Ben Fitzpatrick, who took a nice touch to bring the ball down and then blew by his defender and ripped a shot from 16 yards out that left Toronto keeper Darren MacLeod no chance for the first goal of the match.

Bucks leading scorer Andre Landell (England/Tiffin University) kept the attack going by scoring a natural hat trick that included goals on either side of halftime

In the 44th minute, Landell Owens (England) and used his speed to get past the back line and finished his chance to make it 2-0.

Just a minute later, Marco Charalambous (Cyprus/Butler) found Landell and the English forward made it two for two on his chances and the Bucks took a 3-0 lead into halftime.

The second half started the same way the first half ended. when Russell Cicerone (Bloom field Hills/University of Buffalo) cruised down the left flank from the opening kick and found Landell sitting in the box, where he finished his third goal on his third shot of the game, all coming in a four-minute span

Landell leads the Bucks with seven goals this season. In the 57th minute, Owens launched a corner kick to the

back post and found defender Alexi Souahy (France/Bowling Green), who one-timed his shot to make it 5-0.

Cicerone, who played high school soccer at Birmingham Brother Rice, closed out the scoring with the game's best finish when he made a solo run through three Toronto defenders before smacking home his fourth goal of the campaign.

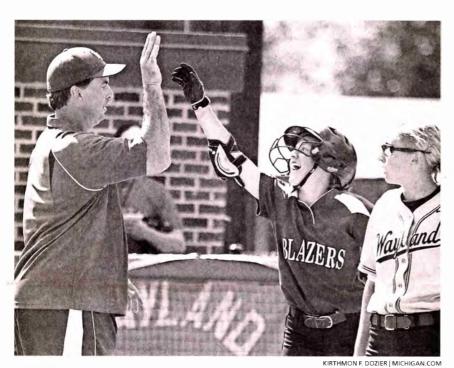
The Bucks were scheduled to play Tuesday at Derby City in Louisville and then Friday against K-W United at Wilfrid Laurier University in their toughest road stretch of the season.

"We gave away points when we played there last week in a game we should have won, so gainst we should have won, so this time we are going to try and get the job done right," said Gary Parsons, Bucks director of coaching. "Three points against Derby would put some breathing room between us and them for the final playoff spot them for the final playoff spot and would really add some urgency to Friday's rematch with K-W.

"If we can clean up the mistakes we made on defense and finish a few chances in Louisville like we did against Toron to, I like our chances to keep on track. All of our guys know how difficult this next week will be how and I think we are ready for the challenge.

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Michigan Bucks' Ben Fitzpatrick (center) charges past a pair of Toronto FC defenders.



Livonia Ladywood's Scott Combs (left) guided the Blazers to one state championship, two runner-up finishes and six final fours in nine girls softball seasons

# COMBS

Continued from Page B1

M.K. Warner, Alexa Flores, Sydney Triest and Maddie Hass

"I wanted to finish out this class," Combs said. "They've been a great, great class ... three final fours. But it was the end of the line, and I wish everyone well. I've got great memories and it will be exremely hard to drive by the field and see it. But all good things come to an end.

Combs, a native of Battle Creek who played baseball at Kalamazoo College, produced over 20 all-state players and for the Blazers who earned Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year and Miss Softball honors in 2012 following the Blazers' state championship run

In 2013, first baseman Ce-leste Fidge (Toledo) also earned Miss Softball honors.

Combs led Ladywood to eight straight district titles along with seven regional crowns. The Blazers also cap-tured two Catholic League A-B Division championships (2011 and 2012).

"We had good representation in that tough Catholic League and we were by far the smallest school in there," Combs said of the Central Division. "But I greatly appr ciated playing in the highest

three seasons at UM-Dear-born. This spring, the Wolves finished 31-18 overall, includ-ing a 12-6 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Combs also wanted to spend more time devoted to following his son Scott, who is a standout three-sport athlete entering his senior year this fall at Dearborn Divine Child. His wife Pauline manages his law office.

"It was pulling me and it took so much effort that I really couldn't continue doing that," Combs said of the Lady-wood job. "I'm also expanding Compuware a little bit Some-Compuware a little bit. Something had to give. And with this class going out on such

# **HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL**

# Mercy star wins spot on All-America team

Krzywiecki

### Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Abby Krzywiecki can add another honor to her impres sive resume as a softball

player. The Mercy High School star was named to the 2016 FloSoftball All-America first team as an infielder Saturday.

Krzywiecki was selected Miss Softers a week earlier by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Asso-

ciation.

A Division 1 all-stater and perennial all-Observer honoree, Krzywiecki played first base and was the No. 2 pitch er for the Marlins.

She was a major factor in Mercy winning its first state

championship in softball with a 4-0 win over Macomb Dako-ta June 18 at Michigan State University. Krzywiecki, who will play

JAY DUNWELL

college ball at South Alabama, had a .526 career batting average. She had 46 doubles, 48 home runs and 238 RBIs.

As a pitcher, she was 51-5 with two saves, 11 shutouts and a 2.02 earned run average. She had 317 strikeouts and 99

walks in 351 innings. Krzywiecki set a state record for single-season home runs this year with 20. She also led the Marlins (43-2) with a .558 average and 94 RBIs

She was 12-1 in the pitching circle with a 1.66 ERA, 81 strikeouts and 13 walks in 92% innings.

# **U.S. OLYMPIC SWIM TRIALS**

# Canton's Schmitt earns berth in 200 free final

### Dan O'Meara Staff Write

Allison Schmitt of Canton qualified for the final race in the women's 200-meter free-style at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in swimming Tuesday.

Schmitt, the gold medalist that event at the 2012





Schmitt

Tucker

sent as many to the collegiate ranks

His daughter Briana, now at Bowling Green State University, was a standout pitcher division. It really got us ready for the state tournament.

Combs, who has his own law practice, has gone 76-71 in

high note, it was the right time to do it.'

the mound, giving up a run and three walks, and Brendan

Wetmore earned the save with

two innings of scoreless relief.

setback for Southfield after

giving up three runs in three

The Rams, who outhit the Lightning 4-3, were bolstered by one-hit, one-run efforts from Pat Downing and Nolan

Anthony DiPonio went 1

Mike Warner suffered the

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in that event at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, was second in her semifinal heat at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Neb

She was seeded third in the final Wednesday evening. Nineteen-year-old Katie Le-decky had the top semifinal time of 155 10 time at 1:55.10.

Leah Smith swam 1:56.73, Schmitt 1:57.05 and Missy Franklin, another former Olympian, 1:57.33.

The 26-year-old Schmitt went 1:57.77 and was fourth in the preliminary round earlier Tuesday. Smith and Franklin are 21-year-olds.

On Monday, Schmitt fin-ished fifth in the women's 400 freestyle final and failed to make the U.S. team. The top two make the cut. Schmitt went 4:06.66 and

was third in a semifinal heat earlier Monday. She swam 4:09.25 in the final.

Schmitt, who has six med-als from the previous two Olympics, was the 2012 silver medalist in the 400 freestyle.

Miranda Tucker of Ply mouth was eighth in the final race of the women's 100 breaststroke Tuesday evening with a time of 1:08.19

The top two placers and Olympic team members are Lilly King and Katie Meili with respective times of 1:05.20 and 1:06.07

Tucker, who swims for Indiana University, qualified for the final Monday night with a semifinal time of 1:07.60, securing the eighth and last spot.

The top three swimmers in each semifinal heat are automatic qualifiers for the final. Those with the next two fastest times also advance to the final.

Tucker went 1:08.49 in the preliminary round Monday and swam nearly a minute faster in the semifinal to get into the final.

She swam for Waterford United in high school and is a member of the Livonia Community Swim Club.

The U.S. Olympic Trials continue through Sunday. The Olympic Games take place Aug. 5-21 in Rio de Janeiro. Brazil. Swimming competition is scheduled for Aug. 6-13.

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SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

# Rams win pitchers' duel over Lightning strong three-inning stint on

Ed Wright Staff Write

Michigan Ram Tyler Lowe proved a wooden bat can hit a ball as far as an aluminum bat as long as the swing mechan-

ics are sound. In a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played June 22 at Bicentennial Park, Lowe's first-inning round tripper was the catalyst for the Rams' 3-1 victory over the Southfield Lightning.

The result bumped the red-hot Rams' record to 10-3-1 while the Lightning smoldered to 4-9. It was the fifth consecutive victory for the Rams

Ravi Mahanti earned the win for the Rams after vielding just two hits and striking



TOM BEAUDOIN Tyler Lowe rocked a two-run homer in the win over Southfield.

out a pair in two frames of worl

Mike Kanitra turned in a

in Southfield's lone run.

innings.

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safeties. Brent Kline knocked

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for-2 for the winners, and Alex Peczynski added an RBI Marques Irving stroked two of the Lightning's three

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Contact: 734-846-4615 or

ommunitychurch4u.com

Roman Catholic Church

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. and 8

and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses;

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

» Our Lady of Good Counsel

a.m. weekday Masses; 8 a.m. Saturday Mass; 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacra-

ment, 7-8 a.m. Monday-Friday; Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m.

Monday through 3 p.m. Friday in the Day Chapel; Sacrament of Reconciliation, starting at noon Thursday and 2-3:45 p.m. Sat-

Location: 47650 N. Territorial

» Plymouth Baptist Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45

Location: 42021 Ann Arbor

Details: Both services feature

contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and

preschool programs available at

Prince of Peace Lutheran

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour

Location: 37775 Palmer, West-

» Riverside Park Church of

Time/Date: 5 p.m. every second

Details: "Sunday Night Lights"

service designed for younger families; other services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m.

Time/Date: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Contact: 734-464-0990

» Salem Bible Church

Sunday, 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 9481 W. Six Mile,

» St. Andrew's Episcopal

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Location: 16360 Hubbard,

Contact: 734-421-8451 or

standrewslivonia@mi.rr.com

» St. John Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday; traditional worship at 9

a.m. Sunday; and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Beginning Oct. 11, one 10 a.m. service Sunday.

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

» St. Matthew's United

Time/Date: Contemporary

Location: 30900 Six Mile,

» St. Paul's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Location: 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia

Contact: 734-422-6038

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service, 11:30 a.m. fourth Sun-day of the month

Contact: 248-474-0584

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Contact: 248-349-0674:

Location: 11771 Newburgh,

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Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

# JULY CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 16

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hub bard, Livonia

Details: The lot will open for participants at 8 a.m. Cars must be in place no later than 11 a.m \$10 covers participation and car owner's goodie bag. Voting will take place throughout the day, with the awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m. .Door prizes will be drawn every hour and there will be additional activities and food available

# Contact: livoniastmichael.org COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, July 22 Location: Connection Church,

3855 S. Sheldon, Canton Details: Women and girls, 12 and over, from more than 30 churches will gather for worship to live music and an after party with appetizers, a coffee and cocoa bar and giveaways. The outreach focus for the event is Grace's Table, an organization that works with teen mothers and their children. Lisa An-derson, founder, will be the quest speaker. CommonGround will collect diapers, sizes 2-6, refill packages of moist wipes, \$10 Meijer gas cards and \$10 Starbucks gift cards, for dona tion to Grace's Table Contact: 734-397-1777

# CONCERT

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 30 Location: Church of the Holy

Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road, Highland Details: The Paradise Band,

Elvis Lives and The Soulmen perform in an outdoor concert \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door

Contact: 248-887-5364; holyspi ritconcert.ezevent.com

# **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Free Christian music festival with Wise 4 Salvation, 11 a.m.; REIGN, noon; Reggie Williams, 1 p.m.; Redemption Road, 2 p.m.; Krymsyn Grayce, 3 p.m.; Second Day Story, 4 p.m.; The Well House Band, 5 p.m.; and Veracity, 6 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be on site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift drawings will be held at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket

### Contact: 313-937-2424: hosan natabor.org

### **VACATION BIBLE** SCHOOL

Time: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday Thursday, July 13-14 Location: Celebration Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, between Joy and W. Chicago Road, Livonia

Details: For children, 4 through starting fifth grade. The theme is Deep Sea Discovery. Activities include Bible stories, music, art, science and games. A family meal is available 5:30-6 p.m. No fee, but registration is required Contact: 734-421-0749 Monday-Thursday mornings, or online at www.celebrationlc .com

# ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

**Our Lady of Loretto** Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly, Redford Township Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000 Faith Community Wesleyan Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every

Saturday Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia Details: Instructor Wendy

Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

# Contact: 313-408-3364 FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

# Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and in-tercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com MOMS

### **Christ Our Savior Lutheran** Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington

Road, Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mother of infants through kindergart-

ners Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where

# moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767 PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service Contact: 313-563-0162

# PRAYER

St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thurs-

day Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

# Contact: 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon. Canton Details: Praying silently or

aloud together; prayer requests welcomed. Contact: 734-459-3333 for

additional information Recyclina

**Risen Christ Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third

Saturday of the month Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of

# **RELIGION CALENDAR**

313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **Steve's Family Restaurant** Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and pu. free. Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Contact: Child care, 248-374-Details: Widowed men of all

ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group celebrate where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399 SONG CIRCLE

fourth Thursday

# Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield **Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in trans-

literation as well as the original Hebrew

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email ncyellen879@att.net SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

dails Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Wood-haven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act. Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retire ment.com

# **Connection Church**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Can

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connec-tionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Incation: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland

Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011 Merriman Road Baptist

Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

» Fireside Church of God Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m

Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh.

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@fire-sidechog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available Contact: 734-421-8451 St. Thomas a' Becket

Church Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-

6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Details: Celebrate Recovery 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large hangups (addictive and com print order of service is avail able. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immedi-ately after service. Elevator and oulsive behaviors); child care is

7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/ handicap parking Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road Contact: 734-421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m.

worship service with Commu-

nion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill

» Good Shepherd Evangelical

Contact: 734-427-3660

Lutheran Church (WELS)

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday

Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile.

Contact: Rev. Thomas E.

Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

» Grace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional

Sunday service and 10:30 a.m contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15

Location: 46001 Warren Road,

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna Univer-

Location: Trinity Church, 34500

Hall on the Madonna University

Contact: www.HisChurchAngli-

Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge

ampus, 36600 Schoolcraft,

can.org; 248-442-0HCA

» Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10

a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m.

» Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11

Location: 9600 Leverne, west

of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford

» In His Presence Ministries

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Location: 26500 Grand River

Contact: 313-533-1956; detroi-

» Nativity United Church of

Time/Date: 11 a.m. service with

Plumb Line Church with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Praise Group, Sunday school and child care.

Coffee at 10:45 a.m. Traditional

school or child care. Coffee after

Sunday worship service at 2 p.m. with Bastien. No Sunday

Location: 9435 Henry Ruff

Contact: 734-421-5406

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uritan, Redford

Contact: 313-255-6330

How to reach us:

SMITH

Road at West Chicago Road,

New Beginnings United

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: 16175 Delaware at

the service at 3 p.m.

Contact: 313-937-2424

Wednesday worship in the

Location: 30650 Six Mile,

Contact: 734-427-1414

between Canton Center and

Beck, Canton Township

Contact: 734-637-8160

» His Church Anglican

school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m.

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# THRIFT STORE St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Plymouth

TOUR

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May Location: 9401 General Driv illey Executive Plaza, Suite 100,

Details: Women's fellowship is

question to know God more in their lives.

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon

designed for women with a

Contact: 734-637-7618

first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey

Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar

Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality

and holiness of Father Solanus

a humble Capuchin friar credit-ed with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compas-

sionate counsel. No reservations

are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour,

although donations are accept-

Contact: 313-579-2100. Ext. 149:

» Adat Shalom Synagogue

a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

» Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11

a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

» Congregation Bet Chave-

Time/Date: Services are held 7

**Location:** At the shared facil-ities of Cherry Hill United Meth-odist Church, 321 S. Ridge,

Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist

Contact: www.Facebook.com/

betchaverim or email to be

Due Season Christian

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible

Location: Stevenson High

School on Six Mile, west of

Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational,

multicultural, full gospel church

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit

» Faith Community Presby

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

vorship; 9 a.m. Bible study

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile.

**Details:** Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School

Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-

» Faith Community Wesley-

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p.m. the third Friday of the month

Details: Reformed Jewish

Robin Liberatore

Contact: 734-522-6830

Contact: 248-851-5100

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### Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazel wood at 734-765-5476

# EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile,

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

# SINGLES

**Detroit World Outreach** 

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce. those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

### » Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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runs Aug. 8-12

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m. Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

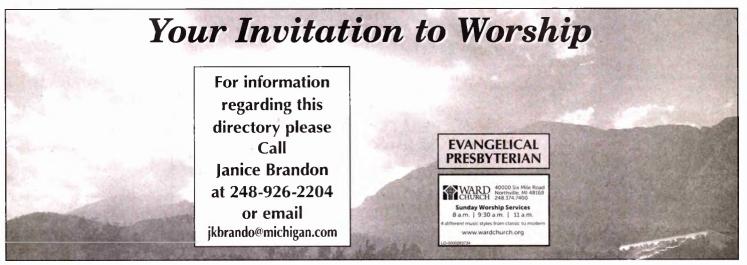
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

» Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at

JOHN L June 20, 2016 Age 82 of Wayne. Beloved husband of Loretta. Dear father of Brian (Lora), Gienn (Christine), and Keith (Kim). Step father of Laurie (Lesa) Spangler and Julie Spangler. Brother of Chuck (Mickey). Grandfather of eight and great grandfather were from Uhf Funeral Home, Westland, Tuesday, June 28th. Please view memorial and send tributes at JOHN L June 20, 2016 Age 82 send tributes at www.uhtfh.com

JEFFREY THOMAS Age 53 June 24, 2016. Jeff was born July 12, 1962 to Thomas and Kathleen Tituskin and and Kathleen Tituskin and attended Franklin High School in Livonia, ML He is survived by his parents Thomas and Kathleen, siblings Adam, Andrew (Dawn), Julie (Dennis) Gilmore and Becky Beitz. The family will receive friends: July 2, 2016, 1-4p.m. Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile Pd. Bedfred MI 4920 Rd., Redford, MI 48239.



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# **GRILLING? OF FIRE SAFETY** PRECAUTIONS

As summer continues, home chefs everywhere are reaching for their grills, eager to enjoy barbecue season. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends that grillers pay particular attention to safety in the spring and summer months when home fires involving grilling in-

cidents occur most often. Three out of five households own a gas grill, according to NFPA's latest "Home Grill Fires" report, which translates to a lot of tasty meals. But it also means there's an increased risk of home fires. In 2009-13, an annual average of 8,900 home fires involved grills, hibachis or barbecues, and close to half of all injuries involving grills were due to thermal burns. While nearly half of the people who grill do so year-round, July is the peak month for grilling fires followed by May, June and August June and August

Although gas grills contribute to a higher number of home fires overall than their charcoal counterparts, NFPA reminds everyone that all types of grills pose a risk for fires and burn injuries. More than one-quarter (27 percent) of home structure grill fires started on an exterior balcony or open porch, and another 27 percent started in a courtyard, terrace or patio. Eight percent began in the kitchen, according to the

patio. Eight percent began in the kitchen, according to the report. "As friends and families prepare for a fun grilling season together, be sure the grill is working properly and review safety tips," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy for NFPA. "Failing to properly clean the grill or having the grill too close to something that could burn are the leading causes of fires. It's good practice to check for damage before using the grill for the first time each year, and to check the entire grill regularly." When grilling, NFPA suggests the following: » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

outdoors » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

» Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

» Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the trays below

» Never leave your grill unattended. For more information and resources, including tips for

outdoor cooking with portable grills, visit www.nfpa.org/grilling or download NFPA's safety tips sheet on grilling for easy access. There is information online on checking propane hoses for leaks.

# crease marks the 51st consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

Total housing inventory at the end of May rose 1.4 percent to 2.15 million existing homes available for sale, but is still 5.7 percent lower than a year ago (2.28 million). Unsold inventory is at a 4.7-month sup-ply at the current sales pace, which is unchanged from April. "Existing inventory remains subdued throughout much of the country and continues to lag even last year's deficient amount," added Yun. "While new home construction has thankfully crept higher so far this year, there's still a glaring need for even more, to help alleviate the supply pressures that are severely limiting choices and pushing prices out of reach for plenty of prospec-tive first-time buyers."

represented an average of 30 percent.

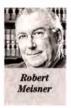
According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage inched backward from 3.61 percent in April to 3.60 percent in May y

# Write legislators on Nonprofit Corporation Act changes

Q: My condominium Board is out of control and has acted totally irrespon-sibly in terms of the man-agement of our condo and the retention of experts, including our attorney. I want to sue them, but am wondering what effect the new Nonprofit Corporation Act has on it?

A: The new changes to the Nonprofit Corporation Act, which were politically moti-vated during

the lame duck session of the legislature in December 2014, make it very difficult for a member of the association to sue a Board mem-



ber for acts or omissions which are irresponsible. Under the old rule, only volunteer members of the Board of Directors had various protections under the Michigan Nonprofit Corpora-tion Act which we wholeheartedly supported on be-half of our community association clients. Now, whether or not you are compensated as a Director, and even if you are processly negligent which is an extremely difficult standard to meet, you are free from liability. In short, it is actu-ally easier to sue a govern-mental official which has governmental immunity unless they have committed gross negligence than it is to sue a member of a Board of Directors. This is outrageous and community association members who are involved in a nonprofit association should write their Michigan legislators to demand a retraction of this unreasonable provision and you should seek redress with an experienced commu-nity association lawyer who may be able to find a loophole that allows you to take recourse

Q: We live in a condominium community with 42 units on a small lake. They are site condominiums and the pricing is between \$350,000 to \$500,000. The one entrance/exit is always open and monitored with a surveillance camera. There have only been two at-tempted break-ins in twenty years. We have recently been told that going to a gated community would increase our condominium values by at least \$20,000 per unit. Is there any truth to that?

A: I can only speak from my legal standpoint as to the effect that a gated community will have on the market value of your units. To the extent there is a perception that there is more security in the condominium, then the units may be worth more money, but how much is not known except as may be determined by the market However, you do incur additional expense in having a gated community and the threshold for liability for security issues may be lower because of that perception. You are best advised to consult with an experienced realtor in your area for his or her opinion.

THINKSTOCK Industry report: Home sale prices on a climb

Existing-home sales sprang ahead in May to their highest pace in almost a decade, while the uptick in demand this spring amidst lagging supply levels pushed the median sales price to an all-time high, ac-cording to the National Associ-ation of Realtors. All major

sustained period of ultra-low mortgage rates has certainly been a worthy incentive to buy a home, but the primary driver in the increase in sales is more homeowners realizing the equity they've accumulated in recent years and finally decid ing to trade-up or downsize he said. "With first-time buy-ers still struggling to enter the market, repeat buyers using the proceeds from the sale of their previous home as their down payment are making up the bulk of home purchases right now. Added Yun, "Barring fur-ther deceleration in job growth that could ultimately temper demand from these repeat buyers, sales have the poten-tial to mostly maintain their current pace through the summer Surpassing the peak median sales price set last June (\$236,300), the median exist-ing-home price for all housing types in May was \$239,700, up 4.7 percent from May 2015 (\$228,900). May's price in-

regions except for the Midwest saw strong sales increases last month

Total existing-home sales, which are completed trans actions that include singlefamily homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, grew 1.8 percent to a season ally adjusted annual rate of 5.53 million in May from a downwardly revised 5.43 mil-lion in April. With last month's gain, sales are now up 4.5 percent from May 2015 (5.29 mil-lion) and are at their highest annual pace since February 2007 (5.79 million). Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says existing sales

continue to hum along, rising in May for the third consec-utive month. "This spring's

The share of first-time buy-ers was 30 percent in May, down from 32 percent both in April and a year ago. Firsttime buyers in all of 2015 also

is the lowest since May 2013 (3.54 percent). The average commitment rate for all of 2015 was 3.85 percent

Properties typically stayed on the market for 32 days in May (39 days in April), which is below a year ago (40 days) and the shortest time since NAR began tracking in May 2011 Short sales were on the market the longest at a median of 103 days in May, while foreclosures sold in 51 days and non-distressed homes took 30 days. Forty-nine percent of homes sold in May were on the market for less than a month — the highest percentage since NAR began tracking.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice

# Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in

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Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m.

each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

# Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Midd southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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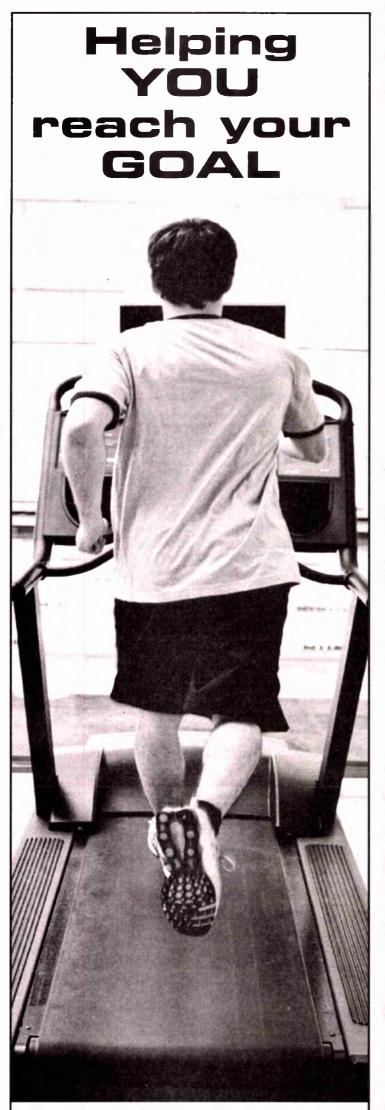


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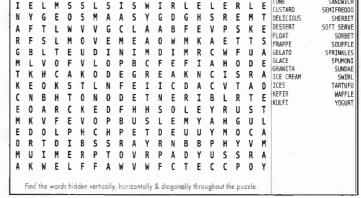
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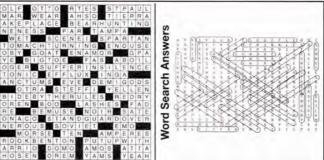
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