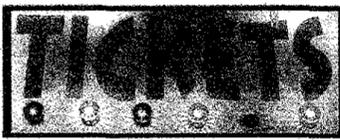


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## Developer sues city over Maida Woods vote

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

The developer fighting to build the Maida Woods subdivision has slapped the city with a lawsuit, accusing certain officials of conspiring with "disgruntled" residents to stall the project.

The civil suit, filed Wednesday in Wayne County Circuit Court, accuses six Westland City Council members of essentially seizing

property belonging to Royal Oak-based developer Kentmoor LLC.

The suit, filed by attorney Stephen Wasinger, also alleges that a council majority violated Kentmoor's civil rights by treating the company differently than other developers.

"We should be treated the same as anybody else," Wasinger told the *Observer*.

The latest suit came just six days after Kentmoor filed a lawsuit accusing a citizens

group of slander and trespassing on the Maida Woods property, on the south side of Palmer Road between Hannan and John Hix.

The new lawsuit names the city, the Westland City Council and individual council members James Godbout, Cheryl Graunstadt, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer, Dewey Reeves and Robert Stottleymer.

"We are going to defend the city and the council members on this vigorously," City Attorney Angelo Plakas said. "I think the

claims raised in the complaint are at this point premature and without merit."

With council President Charles Pickering dissenting, the six council members voted Feb. 20 to postpone a Maida Woods site plan until a state administrative judge rules on a wetlands issue.

The citizens group — the Westland Homeowners Committee for Environmental

PLEASE SEE LAWSUIT, A8



Family Nurse Practitioner Susan Szurek of Oakwood Healthcare Center at Lincoln Elementary School checks the ears of kindergartner Kelly Breuer, 5, as her mother, Jennifer, watches.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Nominating petitions for city elections available Monday

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

With six elected city positions on this year's ballot, candidates who plan to enter a political race can pick up their nominating petitions starting Monday at Westland City Hall.

This election season, Westland voters will choose a mayor, a city clerk and four City Council members.

Candidates will have to collect between 266 and 1,062 signatures of registered voters to get their names on the ballot, Clerk Eileen DeHart said.

Election hopefuls will have to turn in their petitions by June 19, and they will have until June 22 to withdraw.

Council-appointed Mayor William Wild confirmed Wednesday that he plans to seek election to an unexpired mayoral term that ends Dec. 31, 2009. Former Mayor Sandra Cicirelli resigned to become a district judge.

"I'm committed to the job, and it's my intention to run for it," Wild told the *Observer*.

Council President Charles Pickering has indicated he may oppose Wild.

"I'm seriously considering running for the office of mayor," he said Thursday. "I'm not ready to make a final decision or announcement of whether I'm running, but I'm seriously considering it."

The mayor's job pays \$95,974.

DeHart confirmed Thursday that she plans to seek a new four-year term. Her position pays \$86,989.

"I am planning to run for re-elec-

tion. I believe I have served the city of Westland well, and I have kept the campaign promises I made four years ago," she said.

Among those promises, DeHart is nearing the completion of receiving her state certification as a clerk.

Other council members James Godbout and Michael Kehrer are expected to seek re-election, along with council appointees Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves.

Johnson and Reeves won appointments in January after former Councilman Wild became mayor and after ex-Councilman Richard LeBlanc began his job as 18th District state representative.

Under city rules, candidates seeking election to LeBlanc's and Wild's seats will have to place their names on the ballot in November to fulfill only the remaining seven weeks of those two terms, which expire Dec. 31.

Candidates will have to have their names placed on another section of the ballot to compete for a full council term.

The top four vote-getters for council seats will earn a four-year term; the fourth-place finisher, a two-year term. Part-time council positions pay \$12,515 except for the president (\$13,760) and president pro tem (\$13,137).

If past council races are any indication, the incumbent council members will face opposition in their re-election efforts.

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## Making a big difference in kids' lives

### School-based clinics keep kids healthy and in class

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

When Brian Breuer walked into the Lincoln Healthcare Center, he had one question: "Do I need a flu shot?"

He was asking because it was a new year and he had been told he needed a shot every year. The second-grader was relieved to hear the answer, an empathetic no.

Brian is among youngsters in the Norwayne community taking advantage of health care offered through the Oakwood health care centers at Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns Elementary schools.

"The doctor's office wasn't open, and they were," said Brian's mother Jennifer, who has been coming to the clinic for three years. "A lot of times I didn't have a vehicle or transportation

to get the doctor's office or it was booked or swamped. I prefer to come here."

The school-based clinic has been open at Lincoln since 1998 and, with the help of a state grant, expanded services to Jefferson-Barns in January 2006.

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PLEASE SEE CLINICS, A4

## Tax assessment increases despite a decline in price of homes

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Forget the grim market for home sales.

Forget that many homeowners have had to slash their asking price to try to sell their houses.

A slump in home sales and rising foreclosures don't mean that the taxable value of homes is declining.

Just the opposite.

Take a look at the assessment notice that just arrived in the mail. In

general, Westland City Assessor James Elrod said, the taxable value has increased 3.7 percent this year.

State law requires that the taxable value be capped at the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

With the state citing a 3.7 percent increase in the inflation rate, most homeowners will find their taxes inching up.

Elrod's office braced for calls from residents who began receiving their assessment notices late last week.

"We'll get all those calls," Elrod said.

On the back of the notices, the city has included a formula to help homeowners determine how much their property taxes will increase.

"They can plug in the numbers and it'll give them an estimate of what their tax change will be," Elrod said.

For homeowners who want to challenge an increase, the assessment notices also include how and when to seek an appointment with the city's Board of Review, he said.

The Board of Review will meet on four days this month. It will hear resi-

dential appeals 1-4 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, and Thursday, March 15, and 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, and Friday, March 16.

Commercial and industrial appeals will be heard on March 16.

To schedule an appointment, call (734) 467-3160.

The hearings will be held in the council chambers at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford.

Elrod and Mayor William Wild made a program about assessments

that has started airing on city cable station WLND. The times for today and Monday are 9 p.m., with the program repeating at 3 a.m., 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to the city's Web site.

Those who have computers and who want to check the schedule — not yet listed for Tuesday and beyond — may log onto [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com). Simply click on the WLND icon.

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Bob Seger returns to Detroit to close tour.

# Pianist's performance lesson in black history

When pianist Alvin Waddel visited Churchill High School on Tuesday, organizer Maria Cimarelli staged the piano so students could watch his hands stride across the keys.

"When he crossed one hand over another, my jaw was detached from my face, I think, it just dropped," said fellow piano player, Katie Dibase, a sophomore in with the Creative and Performing Arts program.

Waddel, an accomplished artist who was asked to give a talk in honor of Black History Month, demonstrated how one music style grows out of another.

In times of slavery, black people would sing for encouragement and to pass on knowledge, he said. In the early 20th century, people would gather at juke joints to play and hear ragtime, "the first indigenous American musical style," said Waddel, a Detroit native who studied voice at the University of Michigan.

Ragtime grew out of folk singing and evolved into blues and jazz, then rhythm and blues, then bebop and eventually hip-hop. As he talked, Waddel played students samples of each style.

Rather than just considering music a "universal language," Waddel said students should understand that music can codify and express the history of whichever culture creates it.

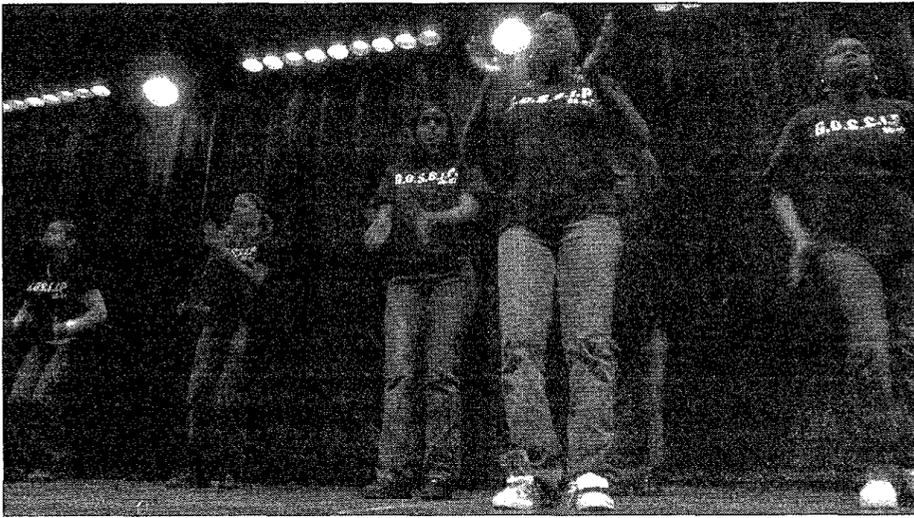
"All music doesn't mean the same thing to all people," he said.

Cimarelli, CAPA's vocal music accompanist, knows Waddel through her affiliation with Michigan Opera Theater. He is also music ministry director at a Southfield church and has performed with Three Mo Tenors and with the Rackham Symphony Orchestra in "Too Hot to Handel."

"We're trying to expose our kids to black American's influence in music and the arts," Cimarelli said. "This guy is one of the best gospel/jazz musicians around in the area. He's a very good lecturer."

Churchill's 10-member step group, Gossip, also performed.

by Rebecca Jones



Students from Churchill's step team, Gossip, perform for students before an assembly with pianist Alvin Waddel in honor of Black History Month.



Pianist Alvin Waddel talks to Churchill High School students about African-American influence in music throughout history.



In addition to wowing students with his piano playing abilities, Detroit's Alvin Waddel spoke to students at Churchill High School about the African-American influence on music and the evolution of genres from spiritual songs to jazz.

**'All music doesn't mean the same thing to all people.'**

Alvin Waddel pianist

## INFORMATION CENTRAL



We really aren't working much longer or harder now than we did a decade ago, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. So why is job dissatisfaction so common? "People crave change," says

Marti Smye in *Is It Too Late to Run Away and Join the Circus?* "But they are afraid of leaving the familiar behind ... So they stay where they are ... and feel more and more boxed in by life."

If you feel like a square peg in a round hole at your job, the Library can help you retool your career, or as Smye puts it, "go find a square hole instead."

The government keeps detailed data on the trends of working America at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and their Web site is extremely useful. Start with the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* ([www.bls.gov/oco/](http://www.bls.gov/oco/)), which details training required for a given occupation, earnings, job prospects, information about the job markets in each state, and more. Or back up and look at employment projections ([www.bls.gov/emp/](http://www.bls.gov/emp/)), with a wealth of information about the future of job markets in America. The handbook and works like it are also available in print at the Library.

The library has a number of books to help you assess where you are and where you'd like to be in your career. Richard Nelson Bolles's perennially popular *What Color Is Your Parachute?* bills itself as "a practical manual for job-hunters and career changers." Herminia Ibarra argues for experimenting first and planning later in *Working Identity: Unconventional Strategies for Reinventing Your Career*.

Look at *The Pathfinder* by Nicholas Lore, or *The Mid-Career Tune-up* by William and Rosemary Salmon for advice on changing horses in mid-stream. Or leave the rat race altogether and read Katina Jones's *The 200 Best Home Businesses* or any of the many books like it.

If you're out of practice, you might consult *Sweaty Palms: The Neglected Art of Being Interviewed*, by H. Anthony Medley. *Get Paid What You're Worth: The Expert Negotiators' Guide to Salary and Compensation* by Robin Pinkley and Gregory Northcraft, or Wendy Enelow and Louise Kursmark's *Expert Resumes for Career Changers Before You Start Seeking That Perfect Job*.

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### Highlighted Activities

**Are Your Issues in Your Tissues?:** 7 p.m. March 6. Learn about the real heart-brain connection. Join us for a viewing of *What the Bleep Do We Know?*, followed by a discussion led by Ilka Handshaw, alternative medicine practitioner, about how the power of our mind and our energy work hand in hand.

**Internet 101:** 10:30 a.m. A beginner's guide to the Internet - how do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site? No registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Microsoft Word for Beginners:** 2 p.m. March 10. Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, a word processing program that lets you create a variety of documents, including letters and resumes. Learn how to set margins, change font style and size, check spelling and print. No registration is required.

Information Central is compiled by Joshua Neds-Fox, reference librarian and Web designer at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

# Michigan tax check-off helps the Children's Trust Fund

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, is encouraging taxpayers to help prevent child abuse locally and statewide through the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) Michigan income tax check-off.

Tax check-off donations help sup-

port local child abuse prevention agencies, including Child's Hope of Western Wayne County.

"This little check-off is an easy way to make a big difference," said Anderson, who represents Livonia, Westland, Redford and Garden City.

"The children most helped by the efforts of the Children's Trust Fund are those most likely to be hard hit by our impending budget cuts, including cuts to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Community Health."

The check-off can be found on line 30 of the Michigan income tax form. The minimum \$5 donation is tax deductible in the following tax year. For more information about CTF, call (800) CHILDREN or visit the Web site, [www.michigan.gov/ctf](http://www.michigan.gov/ctf).



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## Cinderella gets her man in AAUW's production

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER



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The tale of a young woman and her glass slipper will come to life this month when the Plymouth-Canton AAUW presents its version of the fairy tale classic, *Cinderella*.

With an updated script that includes roles for more lords and ladies ... and mice ... the hourlong play will be presented Thursday through Saturday, March 8-10, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium.

"It stays true to the tale," said Melissa Uhl who is co-directing with Sandra Iannucci. Both are Plymouth residents.

This is the 47th year the Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women branch has presented live children's theater.

"That's quite awhile to do the same classic fairy tales," said Uhl.

### TRIBUTE TO FRIEND

This year's production is dedicated to longtime AAUW member Mary Tiell who lost her battle to cancer last year, but not before appearing as a card in the group's production of *Alice in Wonderland*, Uhl said.

"This is definitely a tribute to her, we definitely miss her this year," Uhl added.

This year's production will star Tricia Carney as Cinderella with Julie Brown as the Prince.

Known for her portrayal of such dastardly characters as Captain Hook and the Queen of Hearts, Sharon Belobraidich is back in the nasty role of the stepmother.

Also back is Sylvia Rozian who has been involved in the productions "almost since the beginning." The Ann Arbor res-

ident is one of four cast members who will play dual roles in the production. She will appear as the Father and as one of the lords.

"She's a trouper, she's just a sweetheart," said Uhl.

The play will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 8-9, and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt north of Ford.

The 10 a.m. Saturday show has become a big hit for Brownie and Girl Scout troops which are able to join with the cast afterwards to work on requirements for patches and badges.

"We have a couple hundred Scouts come to the performance," Uhl said. "After play, they come back into the auditorium and have fun with the cast. We started it several years ago."

Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at Fanatic U, 30409 Ford, Garden City, call (734) 266-0893; The Book Cellar, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, call (734) 455-2665; and Perkos Shoes, 33426 Five Mile, Livonia, call (734) 427-3477. They also will be available at the door on performance dates at \$6 each.

### MODERN-DAY CLASSICS

The organization takes classics like *Pinochio*, *Snow White* and *Cinderella* and crafts hour-long AAUW versions. Its first production was *Hansel and Gretel*, and the group now has a repertoire of seven plays that

they rotate through and update every few years.

Many of the cast members are teachers in the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Garden City and Redford school districts and live around the area. Belobraidich is a retired Plymouth-Canton teacher Uhl knows very well.

"Sharon was my teacher in first grade," said Uhl. "I tease her that she was wicked then and wicked now, but now I get to boss her around."

Other familiar faces are retired Garden City High School art teacher Kay Paupore who plays a mouse, Garden City teachers Diana Wilcox and Shirley Zaetta and Henry Ruff Elementary Principal Jan Blumberg.

School closing due to the weather and a first-time-ever midwinter break in the Garden City school district posed some problems with this year's production, but the cast/crew was able to work around them, Uhl said.

Everything was in place, including the scenery that had to be moved from where it's stored in the shop of a member's husband to the school in time for dress rehearsals.

While the goal is to provide quality children's theater, it also provides connection for the members.

"January through March is time for us to catch up with friends," Uhl said.

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## Livonia board debates travel to conferences

BY DAVE VARGA  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Public Schools board members debated Monday - sometimes in tense tones - the value of spending money for trustees to attend out of state conferences.

The issue was raised at a committee meeting during a conversation about setting a policy to require board discussion for any out of state conferences or board approval for any travel over, say, \$500. No decisions were made.

"I think we need a little more control over what we're doing and what we're spending," said Trustee Dan Lessard, saying during these tough times the board needs to spend its money wisely.

Trustee Steve King traveled to Washington, D.C., for a national conference in January, in part to lobby lawmakers to better fund education.

King is requesting to also travel to San Francisco in April for a conference. Cost estimates for the upcoming trip were around \$3,000, and the board's budget for conferences is \$16,500.

Trustee Tom Bailey pointed to

the "financial straits" of the district, in opposing the trip. "Just because we have a budget with money sitting in the account does not mean, oh, we can spend up to that limit with no concerns," he said.

Bailey then pointed out that King, in his first year on the board, still hasn't earned his certification as a board member by taking Michigan Association of School Boards classes. "How is this going to benefit this board?" he asked.

Bailey also asked why, instead of his earlier trip to Washington, King couldn't have visited lawmakers in Lansing.

King fired back: "Well I talked to McCotter, Stabenow and Levin, that's where they work, by the way ..." King also noted that he's been taking higher level courses, rather than just the 100-level classes to get certified. "I don't think being certified makes me a critical thinker. I don't think being certified makes me a better board member."

Trustee Rob Freeman focused on King's Washington, D.C., conference, noting that he'd promised to share information he

brought back with fellow board members.

"And I will," King added. "And we haven't seen that yet," Freeman replied.

More importantly, Freeman wanted to know how the conference could help the board make better decisions. It's professional development and making one board member better makes the team better, King said.

"We need to be fiscally responsible with all of our money and we need to start at the top," Freeman said, in announcing - as did three others - that he didn't support out of state travel currently.

"I just want to remind you about the \$28,000 in shipping that my question helped offset," King said, referring to a new math curriculum where that amount was saved.

"Mr. King did not save \$28,000," Bailey said. Though he brought up the issue, an administrator made the call to the firm to save the money.

Besides, Bailey said, "We can't use it like a bank and say, 'I saved here and I saved here, so I'm entitled to this.'"



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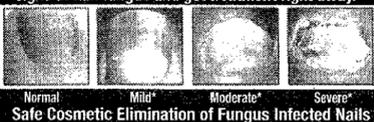
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# CLINICS

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Westland Community Schools and Oakwood Healthcare, the clinic provides services to students and their siblings living in the Lincoln, Jefferson-Barns and Adams Middle School areas. The clinics' mission is to "improve and maintain the overall health and well-being of the children and families in the Norwayne community."

**'GOOD WORK'**  
"We do a lot of good work here," said Sue Szurek, one of the two family nurse practitioners who work at the clinic. "A big part of what we do is to treat and educate children and their families to be healthy."

Also staffed by a registered nurse, social worker, physician and psychiatrist, the clinic provides flu shots and immunizations, well child and sports physicals, asthma screening and care, vision and hearing tests, counseling, parenting help and referrals.

It also offers parenting classes in such things as life skills, while the staff nurse does classroom-based health education.

The clinic was the brainchild of Cindy Swift, the former executive director of curriculum and staff development for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, and the Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation. The clinic was the answer to her question of how can you expect children to learn when they're sick and in school.

According to foundation executive director Carla O'Malley, data on the community's health showed a strong need for the clinic.

"Many of the children had lice, many weren't getting their immunizations ... it was the perfect storm for me," O'Malley said. "The community was just so needy."

The idea of a clinic was presented to the foundation board, which raised the money for it through a Bids for Kids Auction. The benefit raised more than \$200,000. The school district provided space for the clinic and utilities, while the foundation money helped pay for the nurses, staff and equipment.

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
According to O'Malley, a difference the clinic made could be seen by the end of the first year. The number of cases of head lice had dropped to zero.

"The Lincoln/Jefferson-Barns clinics is a model of partnering with a community, the schools and the hospital to help people who are the most vulnerable," O'Malley said. "It's a great partnership."

For Szurek, the clinic means helping remove three gold beads from the ear of a child who had no insurance.

"The family was thankful



Lincoln Elementary kindergartner Kelly Breuer picks out a bear from the toy box after visiting the Oakwood Healthcare Center.



Jennifer Breuer and her daughter Kelly, 5, head home after visiting the healthcare center.

because it saved a trip to the emergency room and bill they would have had to pay," she said. "They were very grateful."

But helping the community doesn't stop at the clinic's front door. In the spring, families are invited to a health fair. At Christmas, employees of the Oakwood Healthcare System adopt families and donate thousands of dollars in food and gifts.

The party is so popular that attendance is determined by a raffle. Last year, 71 families received food and gifts, 21 received just food and 219 attended the party, Szurek said.

"It's really huge," she added. "The thank yous make you cry because you realize the need is out there. At the party, they see people do care."

One parent wrote that it "was the best Christmas my family ever had. To everyone that God gave a heart to love children other than their own, I truly thank you. I only hope that next

year I will be in your shoes and be able to be a blessing to someone's family somewhere."

**GETTING INVOLVED**

The clinic also gets the families involved through its advisory board. Breuer is one of its newest members.

She has four children who visit the clinic on a regular basis. She likes the clinic's convenience and the help staffers provide. She likes it so much that "if the clinic were to move, I would follow it."

"If you don't have insurance, they help you get it," she said. "You can call and see them the same day, they try to squeeze you in ... and they're friendly."

Statistics are still pending for 2006, but according to the 2005 annual report, the clinic handled 1,519 visits and 507 clients. Through the staff's efforts in helping clients obtain health insurance, the clinic received more than \$47,000 for billing for services offered.

"It's one of the top centers for getting paid," Szurek said. "We're

bringing in money that can be invested in the clinic. It goes into our budget and we're able to add staff."

According to O'Malley, the goal of the foundation is to have the health care centers funded and provided for in the long run. This year, the May 19 Red Tie Ball for Children will raise money for the Lincoln/Jefferson-Barns centers.

"The role of the foundation is to make sure it's funded," she said. "We've actually started an endowment with funds from two families, one in Dearborn and one from Livingston County, for children in the community."

**The Lincoln Healthcare Center** is at 33800 Grand Traverse. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and 8:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday. Call for Friday office hours. The Jefferson-Barns Healthcare Center is at 32150 Dorsey. It's open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday. Both centers are closed noon to 1 p.m. daily for lunch. For more information, call (734) 728-2423.

# AROUND WESTLAND

## Bingo

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will hold a marathon bingo noon-5 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the post, 1055 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Money raised will go to support the Youth Activities Adopt A Troop project for overseas veterans.

## Poker tournament

The Westland Jaycees will hold a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament and Vegas Night on Saturday, March 10, at the Bailey Recreation Center on Ford Road.

The tournament will begin at 6 p.m. for a shot at a top prize up to \$1,000. Spots are available at the door and through pre-registration. The pre-registration price is \$50 until March 1. After that date, there will be a \$10 late registration fee.

The games in the Vegas Room will include Big Wheel, Blackjack, 7 Card and Let it Ride. Food and beverages also will be available. For more information, call (734) 226-0400 or visit the Jaycees' Web site at www.westlandjaycees.org.

## Easter activities

CrossWalk Community Church of the Nazarene will hold a Easter Eggstravaganza 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 31, at the church at 38600 Palmer Road between Hix and Newburgh in Westland.

The event is for families, especially children ages 3-12. Children through age 6 will need adult supervision. There will be an Easter egg hunt, crafts, games, prizes and snacks.

The suggested donation is \$1 per child, adults are free of charge. For more information, call (734) 721-5545.

## Open House

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool will have an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road. The preschool offer parent/Tot, 2-year-old, 3-year-old, 4-year-old programs and an enrichment program for 4-year-olds. The preschool have been in operation for 35 years and has affordable tuition, certified teachers and a parent-involved environment. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

The preschool also will hold its fourth annual Silent Auction Saturday, March 24, at Pvt. John Lysskawa VFW Post 7546 at 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person.

## Crafters wanted

Craft space is available for St. Damian's annual spring craft show Saturday, March 31, at 30055 Joy, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call (734) 721-4758 or e-mail at nelius@comast.net. Show hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission will be \$1.

## St. Patrick's Day

Join Michigan troubadour Neil Woodward for a family friendly evening celebrating the contributions of Irish folk music 6 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland.

Sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and the Grange No. 389, the evening includes an Irish style dinner and dessert served during intermission of the 7:30-9:30 p.m. concert.

Tickets cost \$12 for adults, and \$7 for children ages 12 and under. Seating is limited. Tickets are available at the Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620 or by e-mail at mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us.

## Grand opening

If you're in the area of Warren and Central City Parkway Wednesday, stop by Leo's Coney Island. The restaurant, located in the Starbucks/Qdoba plaza, will be celebrating its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 7.

## Baseball registrations

The Wayne Ford Civic League, at 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland, is registering children ages 4-10 years old for its co-ed baseball league 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through April 14 or until all the teams are filled, which ever comes first.

T-Ball players (ages 4-6) and Coach Pitch players (ages 7-8) cost \$65 per player. Mustang players (ages 9-10) cost \$80 per player. There is no residency fee charged for children living outside Westland and no fund-raising requirements associated with this year's program.

Managers, coaches and umpires are always needed. Online registration forms can be obtained at www.wayne-ford.org/youth/youth.html.

## Bingo

The Dyer Senior Center invites residents to play bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the center, 36745 Marquette, Westland. For more information, call Mary Browe at (734) 419-2020.

## Praise and worship

Westwood Community Church holds praise and worship services at 10 a.m. Sundays at 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter in Westland. The church also offers a children's church and nursery. For more information, call (734) 254-0093.

## Pancake breakfast

The Westland senior Friendship Center holds an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast second Thursday of the month at the center on Newburgh south of Ford. The cost \$4 per person for buttermilk or multi-grain pancakes, coffee, juice, low fat milk, sausage and bacon. Sugar-free syrup will be available. The center holds pancake breakfasts on the second Thursday of the month.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday	March 6, 2007	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the 2007 assessment roll:

**NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Tuesday & Wednesday**

Monday	March 12, 2007	9:00 am-5:00 pm
Tuesday	March 13, 2007	1:00 pm-9:00 pm
Wednesday	March 14, 2007	1:00 pm-9:00 pm
Thursday	March 15, 2007	9:00 am-5:00 pm
Friday	March 16, 2007	9:00 am-5:00 pm

**APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN.** Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 12, 2007.

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CLASS	PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RATIO	PROJECTED EQUALIZATION FACTOR
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The 2007 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection from March 7, 2007 through March 9, 2007 in the assessment office from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. And 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

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**Petition #2587-L. Poenaru, 7392 Kubis**  
Request for three (3) variances from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 6' x 26'10" addition to the rear of the existing non-conforming home that would be located 2.9 feet from the south side yard and would be constructed 12.5 feet from the existing home to the south.

Publish: March 4, 2007

# Variable universal life is not a good investment

My husband and I are in our early 40s and about to purchase a variable universal life (VUL) policy for my husband. In light of your comment in the Jan. 7 *Observer & Eccentric* newspapers, we were wondering about the wisdom of VUL in our case. We currently contribute 10 percent of my husband's income into a 401(k), the first 5 percent is matched. The account is expected to be very large at retirement, 20-plus years from now. We were advised that we have the textbook case to purchase a variable universal life policy because our tax bracket is expected to be a lot higher when we retire. Our adviser recommends we invest half of the money currently earmarked for our 401(k) contribution into a variable universal life policy instead. He argues that a 10- to 20-year life insurance policy would probably cover most of our life insurance needs. We have currently put as much as possible in Roth IRAs as well. Is VUL a good strategy in our situation or is there a better way? What do you suggest?

- J.T.

As far as I'm concerned, the only one who will benefit from a variable universal life policy is your agent. First, if you need additional life insurance, you should buy term life insurance. Term insurance by far is the cheapest type of life insurance and you can shop for it on the Internet. You can buy a 10- or 20-year term certain policy, which guarantees a fixed annual premium for that period of time. With the variable universal life policy, you are buying life insurance and making an investment. Unfortunately, you are paying the most for life insurance and paying the highest fees for investing.

Your adviser's recommendation that you reduce your contributions to the 401(k) plan makes no sense. Considering you are in a high tax bracket, money contributed to your 401(k) is pretaxed money. The money that is contributed into the variable universal life is posttaxed money. In addition, with a VUL you have very high investment expenses — more likely than not, substantially higher than your 401(k) plan.



**Money Matters**

Rick Bloom

When money comes out of your VUL, it is taxed at your ordinary income bracket just like money in the 401(k) plan. Therefore, there is no tax savings by using a VUL. The one issue is that the VUL is not subject to the minimum required distribution rules. However, that is a minor benefit at most and is not offset by the high cost and limited investment options in a variable universal life policy.

In your situation, I would continue to contribute the maximum to your 401(k) plan. After all, you are getting a double tax benefit — money that you are contributing is pretaxed money and all the income grows on a tax-deferred basis. If you have additional money that you can invest, then I would invest that money outside of a variable universal life policy using a variety of growth mutual funds. By using companies like Schwab or Vanguard, you have a wide variety of commission-free funds that you can select from. You can coordinate with what you have in your Roth and 401(k) plan to supplement your portfolio. By contributing outside a variable universal life policy, you also have significant tax savings. Yes, money in the VUL grows tax-deferred; however, when it comes out it is taxed at your ordinary income bracket. Money invested outside of a VUL will grow at the capital gains rate. Your capital gains rate is substantially lower than your ordinary income bracket.

The reason why so many advisers sell VULs is because of high commissions they receive and trailers. Trailers are the amounts that the advisers — or, as I like to refer to them, financial salespeople — get on a year-by-year basis. That money comes out of your account and goes to pay the salesperson, whether they service your

account or not. My recommendation for all investors is to avoid variable universal life policies. They sound good; however, the devil is in the details. If your goal is like mine to keep more money in your pocket and less in others, you need to avoid these types of policies.

Someone I know works for a company that has all of its employees' 401(k) money in an annuity. Is that a good idea for the employees? I have never heard of such a thing.

- Gail

Dear Gail: Unfortunately, it is not unusual for companies to use annuities for 401(k) plans. In fact, you see it more frequently in nonprofit organizations such as hospitals and school systems. Typically, the types of annuities are variable annuities, which allow you to invest in a variety of mutual funds. There are two distinct types of annuities, a variable annuity and a fixed annuity. Fixed annuities are similar to CDs in the fact that you get a guaranteed rate of return on your money. I am a fan of fixed annuities, but not of variable annuities.

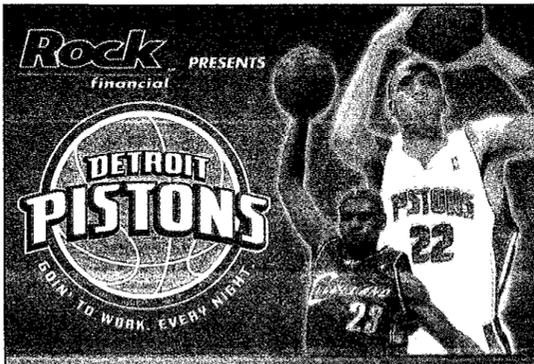
The reason that I'm not a fan of variable annuities is the high sales and administrative costs involved. These types of fees do nothing but hinder investment returns. In many variable annuities, the administrative fees and the fees within the fund themselves are very expensive. It is not unusual in a variable annuity for people to pay

between 2 and 3 percent a year in hidden unnecessary sales fees. However, not all 401(k) plans that use variable annuities have high fees. In some situations, the fees are reasonable.

My recommendation to your friend is first to examine the annuity that is being used by the company to determine all of the fees involved. One good way to do this is to look at the fees on the mutual fund options within the annuity and then to compare those fees with the same mutual fund if they purchased it outside of the annuity. If the fees are higher, then it makes sense for your friend to try to talk to the employer. My experience has been that companies that use variable annuities within 401(k) plans are typically smaller companies which do not believe they have any other options. In today's world, small companies have a variety of options and they no longer have to pay high fees for 401(k) plans.

Using a low-cost 401(k) plan is one of the few areas that are a win-win for both the employee and the employer. After all, more likely than not the employer is also contributing to the 401(k) plan and they will also save money.

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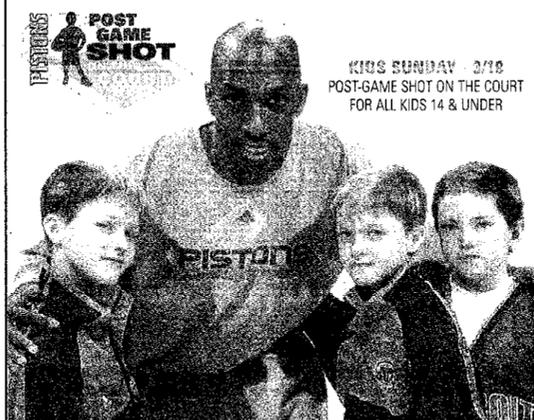


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The pain you feel may be sudden and intense as occurs in a gout attack and can mislead you and your doctor to that diagnosis. However, treatment for gout with medicine such as colchicine, will have little effect on your pain. When the problem comes from calcium in the tendon, the preferred therapy is a steroid injection at the site of maximum discomfort.

In the shoulder, "bursitis" really comes from a disruption in a shoulder tendon. As in the foot, the cause is injury to the tendon; the treatment of choice is steroid injection into the tendon. This procedure relieves irritation but does not heal the injury. The steroid dissolves the calcium improperly laid down and allows the process of repair to begin again. In most instances, this time the process proceeds properly.

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# If you want to end war, you've got to sing loud

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— Arlo Guthrie  
*Alice's Restaurant*

MoveOn.org sponsored a Congress the Decider event Feb. 22. War protesters delivered letters to their congressional representatives, telling them that they had an obligation to oppose the president's Iraq war policies.

President George W. Bush had once grandly proclaimed "I'm the decider," an imperial boast ranking with Louis XIV's "I am the state."

If the events across the country were anything like the gatherings at the offices of Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, the country's displeasure with the war in Iraq isn't even close to approaching the outcry against the war in Vietnam in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Where are the campus protests? Where are the young people outraged by the war, the president, the vice president, big oil...? Are Britney Spears' breakdowns or Paris Hilton's gallivanting so compelling that young people don't have time to think about less important things — like a war in Iraq, maybe soon in Iran?

At the protest in Livonia, the group of about 30 were predominantly middle age and older. Many of them probably have some fond memories of those glory days when they were young and angry and marched by the thousands up Woodward Avenue.

The exception was Rachel Lamontagne, a 24-year-old Wayne State student from Commerce Township, who has been encouraged by an activist mother to take her First Amendment rights seriously.

"I am so fed up with Bush," she said. She's taking classes in criminal justice, but she said what she really wants to be is a whistleblower and bring the wrath of justice down on corrupt corporations. Lamontagne is concerned that others of her generation are too politically passive.

During Vietnam, young Americans had the Selective Service to push them out of passivity. U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-New York, has advocated restoring the draft as a way to spread the sacrifice and increase the resistance. Certainly a good regard for self-preservation added to the national displeasure with Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon and their war.

Arlo Guthrie's comic epic *Alice's Restaurant* recounted how a conviction for littering made him ineligible to serve in Vietnam. Like Lamontagne, he

had an activist parent who inspired him to speak out.

It's unlikely that the protesters at McCotter's and Knollenberg's offices will change the opinions of those congressmen. Despite some quibbles over the details, McCotter and Knollenberg are supporters of the president's crusade. (No, strike that; the word has some unfortunate connotations in the Middle East — call it a mission instead.)

In a passionate speech opposing a Democratic-sponsored resolution against the president's troop surge, McCotter compared Democrats to Neville Chamberlain before World War II and to Democratic Illinois legislators who opposed the Emancipation Proclamation. The comparisons displayed McCotter's love for history and his genuine erudition. But his analogies are thin. He might as easily have compared Iraq to Britain's disastrous campaign in Afghanistan in the 1870s.

Many Democrats are scrambling to explain their support for broad presidential powers that have allowed Bush to continue his fight. At the time, in the wake of 9/11, it seemed like political suicide to stand up against the invasion of Iraq. After all, no one would want to give a free pass to a dictator as monstrous as Saddam Hussein.

And now opposing Bush is "opposing the troops." Isn't it rich how politicians hide behind young soldiers? Troops carry out assigned missions, the American people decide what those missions should be. We support the troops by stopping misguided missions as well as by properly equipping them when they are in harm's way.

In retrospect, American actions have lit a fuse too long stifled and stirred deadly animosities and power politics. The once oppressed Shi'a have now ascended to power and neighboring Iran sees an opportunity to make an ally. Meanwhile, the decline in the power of the minority Sunni causes concern for Saudi Arabia and most of the rest of the Sunni majority Middle East. In retrospect, careful diplomacy might *(might)* have prevented this.

A rising national indignation isn't enough to bother Bush, Cheney, McCotter or Knollenberg. It takes a good strong case of national outrage.

At the end of Arlo's story, he urges everyone to sing the chorus loud, to create a movement, The Alice's Restaurant Anti-Massacre Movement.

"If you want to end war and stuff, you've got to sing loud."

All together now,  
"You can get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant (exceptin' Alice)."

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# Cash and college make March a cool month for juniors

Juniors, your senior year starts now. While there's nothing quite like being a high school senior, March of your junior year is looking pretty terrific, too, thanks to the state of Michigan and some hard-working counselors.



Patrick O'Connor

What makes March so cool? Cash and college. First, about the cash. Juniors will be taking the Michigan Merit Exam March 13-14. This test replaces the MEAP test your older brothers and sisters took, and while the MEAP test gave them some money for college, MME is a much better deal. First, if you earn a good score on all four parts of the MME, you'll qualify for \$4,000 for college, no matter how much money you've saved for college, no matter how much money your parents make.

The MME is all about you and how much you know, and the four grand is a payoff for studying hard. You've always thought getting paid to go to school would be a great idea? Congratulations — your wish just came true.

The second reason the MME is a better deal has to do with the ACT, which is one part of the MME exam. You probably know the ACT is a test required by most four-year colleges as part of the application process, and taking the ACT usually requires you to give up a Saturday and about \$40. Thanks to the MME, the ACT is now free, and you get to take it on a Tuesday — so you keep the money and you get to sleep in on Saturday. With the ACT under your belt, applying to college early just got easier — and applying early in your senior year can be a big factor in getting admitted to the college of your dreams.

The state of Michigan has free ACT test preparation materials. Ask your counselor, or go to [www.michigan.gov/mme](http://www.michigan.gov/mme) for more information.

And speaking of counselors, some hard-working high school counselors and college admissions officers are throwing this huge college party for you. The Metro Detroit College Fair is Thursday, March 8, at the Burton Manor Conference Center in Livonia. More than 100 colleges will be there to talk to you about their colleges and what they have to offer. You can find out about scholarships and other forms of financial aid, and experienced counselors will be on hand to help you put your col-

lege plan together.

All of this is free, including the parking; the fair runs 9-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, go to [www.nacenet.org](http://www.nacenet.org), and look for the College Fair link in the bottom right-hand corner.

It's great the state of Michigan is giving you money for college, but it's up to you to spend it wisely. Part of making a good use of that cash, of college, and of your life is to scope out colleges that will and won't work for you, and the fair gives you that chance. Since choosing a college is kind of like buying a home (yes, a good college will feel that comfortable), bring your parents along — they know a thing or two about finding a good place to live and, admit it or not, they know a lot about you.

Plus, they'll probably spring for pizza after the fair's over, so bring your friends, too.

Once you've visited the fair and aced the MME, it's time to visit with your counselor. Counselors are busy people. There's only one counselor for every 671 students in the state of Michigan. But the good news is they care a great deal about you and your future. To make sure you get the most out of meeting with your counselor, set up an appointment to meet (rather than just dropping in) and be sure to tell your counselor you want to talk about college.

Before the meeting, type up a list of your community service work and extracurricular activities, along with awards and recognition you've received. You also want to include the classes you plan to take in your senior year, and any questions you have about college, like when to apply, colleges they might recommend, good Web sites to investigate, whatever. Make two copies of all of this, and put one in a folder to give to your counselor. This preparation will go a long way to establishing a good relationship with your counselor. So when a college asks them about you, the information you've provided and the impression you've left will both be a real plus.

The next two weeks give you a great chance to jump-start your senior year and your college search, and you could end up with free money and free, great advice at the end. We have a name for this in college counseling. It's called a deal. Take it.

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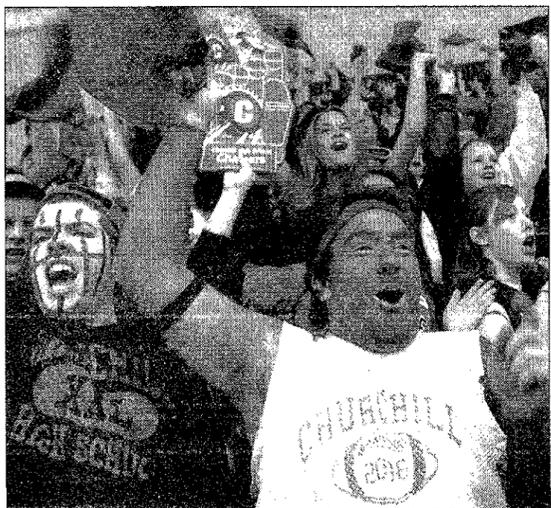
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**Red hot Chargers**

Churchill senior Tommy Lucko (left), and Nick Barbas were among the overflow crowd of students cheering on their Chargers at the pre-regional hockey game with crosstown rival Stevenson Wednesday night. Churchill, ranked No. 1 in the state, won the game 1-0.

**Westland resident joins Botsford Hospital staff**

A Westland resident, Dr. Penny Hiipakka, is the newest member of the medical staff at Botsford Hospital.

Hiipakka practices at Fairwood Medical Center on Haggerty in Plymouth.

She is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Michigan Osteopathic Association and the American College of Osteopathic Internists and the American College of Cardiology.

Hiipakka received her medical education from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She performed her Internal Medicine Tracking internship and Internal Medicine residency at Garden City Hospital.

She is currently working on a Cardiology Fellowship.

Botsford Hospital is an independent, acute care, 330-bed community hospital in Farmington Hills.

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Hiipakka

**LAWSUIT**

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Conservation and Smart Growth — has challenged a state report that says the 14-acre Maida Woods site contains 1.5 acres of state-regulated wetlands. The group believes the area could be larger.

Kentmoor's latest suit accuses the city of illegally meddling in environmental issues governed by state law. It criticizes the council majority for relying "solely on unsubstantiated fears concerning environmental issues instigated by the disgruntled individuals who opposed Kentmoor's lawful development of its property ..."

Graunstadt, the highest-ranking council member named in the suit, defended the decision to postpone the site plan vote until the state administrative judge issues a ruling on the wetlands issue.

"I was disappointed to hear that the developers felt it was necessary to file a lawsuit against the city," she said. "I think it shows me personally that it doesn't look like this business wants to be very friendly with members of our community. Regardless of where you stand on the issue, I feel the citizens exhibited their right to speak."

Graunstadt said the suit's reference to "disgruntled" citizens was "disrespectful,"

and she said she believes the city had the legal right to postpone the site plan.

"I firmly think we did the right thing," she said.

The suit seeks damages exceeding \$25,000. It states that Kentmoor has been told repeatedly by city officials that the proposed development complies with local ordinances.

The city administration had recommended Feb. 20 that the site plan be approved. Moreover, Pickering had indicated during the meeting that the council had no basis for delaying the vote.

The suit claims that the council's refusal to approve the site plan "constituted the selective enforcement of law and deprived Kentmoor of its constitutionally protected right to equal protection" compared to other companies.

The suit also alleges that council members conspired among themselves and with the citizens group to deprive Kentmoor of its rights.

The battle over Maida Woods has mushroomed into the largest fight in recent memory in Westland between a developer and a citizens group.

T.J. Andrews, an attorney for the citizens group, has accused the company of trying to force critics into keeping quiet.

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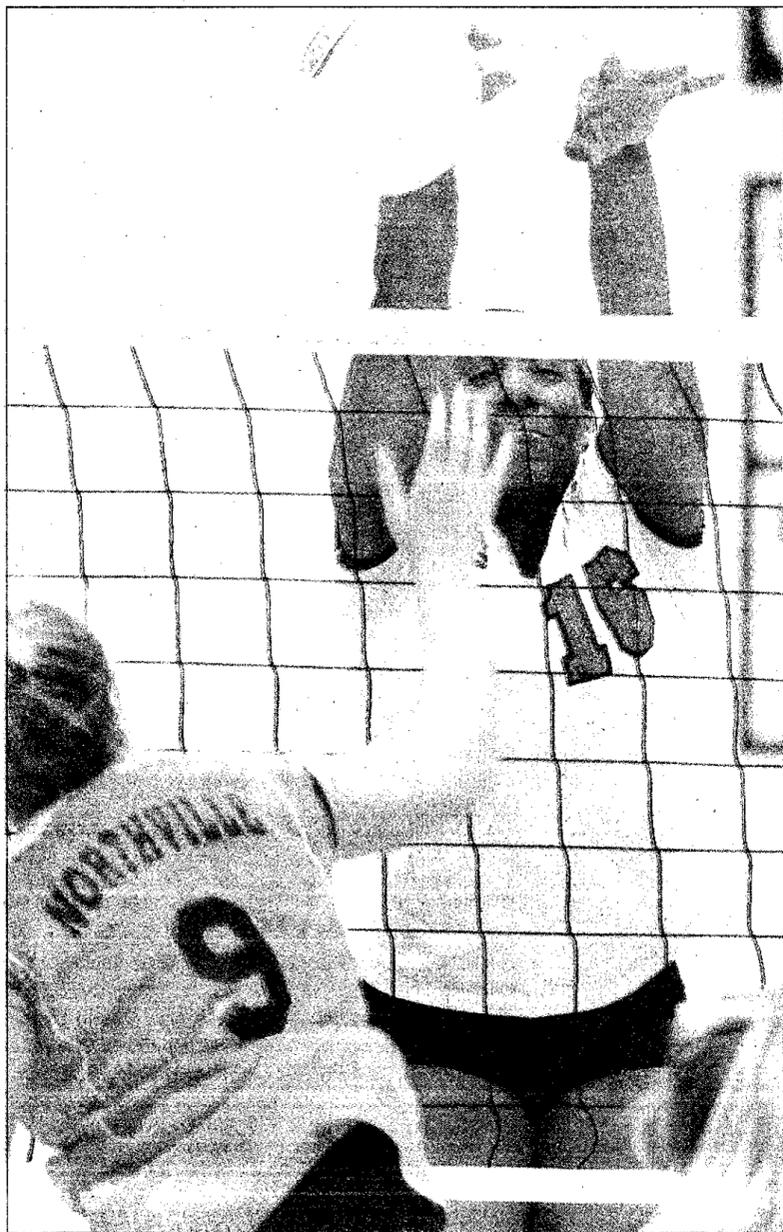
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Churchill's Kyndra Abron stuffs a shot from Northville's Amanda Marquardt during Friday's Class A district championship match.

## Tourney statement Churchill girls seize district crown vs. Salem, Northville

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Volleyball's version of March Madness started early Friday as host Livonia Churchill emerged victorious in one of the toughest Class A district girls tournaments in the state.

The Chargers, ranked No. 3, ran their record to 51-2-1 overall by ousting Western Lakes Activities Association rivals Northville (25-19, 25-19, 25-17) and Salem (25-18, 25-17, 23-25, 25-23), two teams with over 40 wins apiece this season.

The championship game was anti-climactic compared with Churchill's four-game semifinal victory over Salem, its fourth win over the Rocks this season.

Senior Lauren Krupsky and junior Kyndra Abron combined for 62 kills in the match with 36 and 26, respectively.

Setter Kelsey McKenzie added 51 assist-to-kills, while the defense was led by senior libero Kelly Archer with 32 digs. Stephanie Bradshaw added 16 digs, while McKenzie and Jordan Kerr each added 14.

"I thought Kelsey was absolutely wonderful," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, whose team overcame a 19-16 deficit in the fourth game. "She was sick with the flu all week and was under the weather today. But she came to school and came out here tonight and put it together. She did a nice job and deserves a lot of credit."

Churchill was able to offset Salem's one-two attacking duo of Teresa Coppelli and Lauren Kurtz. The pair finished with 26 and 19 kills, respectively.

"Our kids have the experience of making it to the quarterfinals and

fortunately we had something to fall back on playing Salem three times," Grenier said. "We played a very good Salem team, but we know how to take care of business and we were able to play with."

The 6-foot-2 Abron was particularly effective in the front row against the Rocks. The Michigan State recruit had one of her better nights on the year.

"Kyndra was dominant today," Grenier said. "She swung as well as she has all year and she was equal with her presence blocking. She was able to put together a great day. But everybody else did their job and did their role. They did a wonderful job as a supporting cast."

Salem's sophomore setter Jansan Falcusan had 42 assist-to-kills, while Courtney Seiler and Coppelli paced the defense with 29 and 18 digs, respectively.

"We made some minor adjustments the third game," Salem coach Amanda Suder said. "We decided to pull Teresa (Coppelli) off her middle (hitter) spot and put her off for more side shots, and it opened up that third game. But we basically played them the same way we have all year."

"But Churchill is a great team. It's the best Kyndra has played against us, and Krupsky was also on fire, too. When you have two of the best hitters in the state, it's hard to defend."

Salem defeated South Lyon, 25-23, 25-7, 25-18, in the first-round as the 6-foot Coppelli had 13 kills and nine aces. Kurtz, another 6-foot senior, added 12 kills. Falcusan finished with five aces and 23 assists, while Seiler had 17 digs.

The Rocks, who lose five seniors,

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## Sidelines

### Hein at Palace

Westland John Glenn's Andrew Hein will be among three Westland John Glenn grapplers in the Division I individual state wrestling finals, which begin Thursday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Hein, a senior, sports a 46-6 record after finishing third Feb. 24 in the Novi regional following a pin in 2:11 over Belleville's Anthony Simons in the third-place match at 171 pounds.

Hein, who faces Troy Athens senior Dan Martinez (43-15) in the opening round, will be joined by Glenn teammates Shamir Garcia (215) and Jim Wood (140).

Visit mhsaa.com for first-round individual state pairings.

### Devon-Aire Softball

Registration for the Devon-Aire Softball League will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, March 6-8, at the McKinley Elementary School (lobby), located at 9101 Hillcrest, just north of Joy between Henry Ruff and Merriman roads.

Leagues offered include Junior Boys (ages 7-12), Junior Girls (7-12) and Seniors Coed (13-18). Ages are determined as of June 1, 2007 (bring a birth certificate if new to the league).

The cost is \$40 for the first child; \$35 for each additional child.

For more information, call Devon-Aire Softball League president Tony Perez at (734) 525-2884.

### Need track coach

Westland John Glenn High School is seeking a girls track coach for the 2007 season.

For more information, call Glenn athletic administrator Brian Swinehart at (734) 419-2311; or e-mail him at swinehartb@wwcs.k12.mi.us.

### AAU boys hoops

AAU basketball tryouts for Team Michigan for boys currently in ninth-grade or 15 and younger (as of Sept. 1, 2007) will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at the Basketball Planet, located on Haggerty Road.

The head coach will be Carlos Briggs. The tryout fee is \$8.

For more information, call Ed Alberts at (248) 867-6931 or e-mail Alberts at copymaned@aol.com.

### Diesels tryouts

Tryouts for the Detroit Diesels, a minor league football team for ages 18-and-up, will be from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at High Velocity Sports Center, located at 46245 Michigan Avenue, Canton.

The cost is \$30 per person. The Diesels will once again play all their home games at Livonia Franklin High School.

For more information, call (313) 294-0890.

## Wayne boys fall in Division 1 semifinals

In just its first season of MHSAA bowling, Wayne Memorial reached the final four of the Division 1 state team boys finals Friday at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Larry Orr, the Wayne girls varsity coach, guided the Zebras on Friday. Boys coach Bob Jawor missed the tournament to be in Reno, Nev. He was participating in an American Bowling Congress Tournament.

The Zebras were ousted in the match-play semifinals by eventual state champion Port Huron Northern, 2,221-2,155. Northern beat Utica Ford for the title, 2,304-2,289.

Northern had a total of 1,034 in the Baker games (alternating shots) with scores of 176-199-206-172-237-197. Wayne

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was only 23 pins off with 1,011 on games of 206-203-176-213-174-172.

In the quarterfinals, Wayne defeated White Lake Lakeland handily, 2,221-1,982 thanks to a total of 1,001 in the Bakers on games of 221-162-173-215-203-246.

Utica Ford and Port Huron Northern finished one-two in the nine-game qualifying block, including six Bakers and three regular games, with totals of 4,611 and 4,394, respectively.

Wayne made the cut by finishing sixth with a total of 4,228.

The Zebras recorded 244-184-201-214-195-170 in the Bakers followed by regular

games of 1,002, 1,017 and 1,001 in the regular games.

### C'ville girls miss cut

After reaching the final four of the Division 2 girls state team bowling tournament a year ago, Livonia Clarenceville missed the match-play quarterfinals Friday after finishing 14th out of 18 schools with a total of 3,467 at Nottke's Lanes in Battle Creek.

The Trojans had a total of 902 in the six-block Baker set on games of 172-152-141-131-168-138 following by regular games of 866-861-838.

Coldwater, the top qualifier with 4,045, won the state title by defeating Bangor John Glenn, 2,165-1,957.

## All in the Neighborhood Warriors win district title vs. Huron Valley

Separated by campuses only 100 yards apart, Lutheran High Westland and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran met in Friday's Class D district girls volleyball final.

Lutheran Westland, ranked No. 7 in the latest statewide coaches poll, came away the victor with a 25-11, 25-17, 25-21 triumph over the host Hawks.

The Warriors, 28-4-4 overall, advance to the regional semifinals, 10 a.m. Saturday at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian vs. the Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett champion.

"I thought we played well and accomplished our mission," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We look forward to next weekend. If we play well, I feel we have a chance to make a deep run."

Kayla Gieschen had nine kills and 10 digs to pace the Warriors, while sophomore teammate Becca Refenes finished with seven kills, five solo blocks, six digs and three ace serves.

Setter Lauren Gieschen added 12 assist-to-kills and six aces, while setter Julie Jongsma finished with 11 assists.

Lauren Adlof had six kills to lead the Hawks, who finished the year 22-5-4. Setter Amanda Gruenewald collected 13 assists.

"We came out slowly, we were not moving well," Huron Valley co-coach Kris Ruth said. "We were able to build some confidence the second and third games, but it was too late."

Adlof recorded six kills and Gruenewald added 12 assists in Huron Valley's 25-22, 19-25, 25-10, 25-19 semifinal win over Wyandotte Mount Carmel.

Lutheran Westland ousted Taylor Baptist Park in the other semifinal, 25-5, 25-14, 25-15, as Refenes had 12 kills and three aces.

Other standouts for the Warriors included Kayla Gieschen (five kills, six aces, six digs); Lauren Schwecke (seven kills); Lauren Gieschen and Jongsma (seven assists each); and Katey Ramthun (three solo blocks). Jongsma also recorded four aces.

### Glenn wins opener

In Thursday's Class A district opener, Westland John Glenn needed five games to beat host Ypsilanti, 25-16, 22-25, 25-9, 20-25, 15-5. Sophomore Brittany Holbrook had 14 kills and five blocks, while senior Virginia Butler added 12 kills and six blocks to lead the Rockets' attack.

Kirstin Kirk and Amber Sportsman led the defense with 21 and 15 digs, respectively, for Glenn.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lutheran Westland sophomore Becca Refenes, shown here in an earlier Metro Conference match, was a catalyst in Friday's Class D district conquest at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

# Well-traveled prep coach takes SC reins

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER



Shivraman

Schoolcraft College's new women's soccer coach brings a wealth of experience from a number of metro Detroit high schools.

"I feel like the Larry Brown of high school soccer," joked 42-year-old Deepak Shivraman of Farmington Hills, recently hired to succeed Bill Tolstedt at Schoolcraft.

Shivraman actually was only half-joking.

He will coach Brighton High School's girls team this spring, for a ninth year; he had to step down from the helm of the Bulldogs' boys team because of his new job with the Lady Ocelots (high school and college boys teams play in the fall season).

But previous jobs included coaching the boys teams at West Bloomfield, Lake Orion and Birmingham Groves high schools and the girls squad at Farmington Hills Mercy — the latter a position he held for about 10 years.

According to Shivraman, it will be "a challenge to come close

to what Bill's accomplished in his 10 years" at Schoolcraft.

"To be fair, I haven't had a chance to see Schoolcraft play in the past," Shivraman

noted. "But (with) my style, fitness is a huge priority and... I like the possession style. I'm not into booting the ball" and chasing it into the offensive end.

Shivraman said taking over a program with such a solid reputation, which recruits players from all over the country, is something he is looking forward to.

"It's going to be a new venture," he said. "Having the opportunity to work with players at a higher level and players who are a bit more mature, it's going to be a very interesting thing."

Tolstedt, 60, recently announced his retirement to spend more time with his family. He logged a career record of 174-29-20 from 1997 through last season.

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**BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT PAIRINGS CLASS A**  
at LIVONIA STEVENSON  
Monday, March 5: (A) Redford Union vs. (B) Redford Thurston, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Stevenson vs. (D) Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 7: Farmington vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.  
Friday, March 9: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Detroit Cass Tech vs. Detroit Central district champion.)  
at ROMULUS  
Monday, March 5: (A) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Ann Arbor Huron, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 6: (C) Romulus vs. (D) Ypsilanti, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Belleville vs. (F) Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 8: Garden City vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Ypsilanti Lincoln vs. Dearborn district champion.)  
**CLASS B**  
at PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP  
Monday, March 5: (A) Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day vs. (B) Livonia Clarenceville, 6

p.m.; (C) Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. (D) Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 7: Detroit Murray-Wright vs. A-B winner; Detroit University Prep vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 9: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Warren Woods Tower vs. Detroit Renaissance district champion.)  
**CLASS D**  
at REDFORD COVENANT CHRISTIAN  
Tuesday, March 6: (A) Lutheran High Westland vs. (B) Canton Agape Christian, 6 p.m.; (C) Redford Covenant Christian vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 8 p.m.  
Thursday, March 8: Detroit Westside Christian Academy vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.  
Friday, March 9: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Hillsdale Academy vs. Webberville district champion.)  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
Thursday-Saturday, March 8-10  
State Individual Finals at Palace of Auburn Hills, TBA.  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Friday, March 9  
Division I state prelims at EMU's Jones Natatorium, noon.

**Saturday, March 10**  
Division I state finals at EMU's Jones Natatorium, noon.  
**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
Friday-Saturday, March 9-10  
State finals at Troy Athens, TBA.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
Sunday, March 4  
(at Santa Rosa, Pace, Fla.)  
Madonna vs. Purdue-Calumet, 1:30 p.m.  
Madonna vs. Urbana (Ohio), 4:30 p.m.  
Monday, March 5  
Madonna vs. Faulkner State at Bay Minette, Ala. (2), 11 a.m.  
Tuesday, March 6  
Madonna vs. Hannibal-LaGrange (Mo.) at Pace Fla. (2), 11 a.m.  
Wednesday, March 7  
Madonna vs. Purdue-Calumet (Ind.) at Gulf Breeze, Fla. (2), 11 a.m.  
Thursday, March 8  
Madonna vs. Urbana (Ohio) at Pace, Fla. (2), 1 p.m.  
Friday, March 9  
Madonna vs. Judson College (Ill.) at Bay Minette, Ala. (2), 11 a.m.  
Saturday, March 10  
Madonna vs. Fisher (Mass.) at Pensacola, Fla. Catholic (2), 10 a.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
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**Sunday, March 4**  
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Madonna vs. William Penn (Pa.), 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 7  
Madonna vs. Bethany Luth. (Minn.), 12:30 p.m.  
Madonna vs. St. Mary (Tex.), 3 p.m.  
Thursday, March 8  
Madonna vs. Judson (Ill.), 6 p.m.  
Madonna vs. William Penn (Pa.), 8:30 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Sunday, March 4  
Whalers vs. Mississauga Ice Dogs at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.  
Thursday, March 8  
Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 9  
Whalers at Erie Otters, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, March 11  
Whalers vs. Soo Greyhounds at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.  
**MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**  
Sunday, March 4  
Ignition at Milwaukee Wave, 2 p.m.  
Sunday, March 11  
Ignition at Chicago Storm, 6 p.m.  
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### Spring baseball camp

The Livonia Franklin baseball staff, led by Matt Fournier, will stage a spring baseball camp for boys and girls in grades 4-6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10 inside the high school fieldhouse.

Each camper will be assigned to groups according to age and ability.

Session I (9-11:30 a.m.) will feature hitting and base running skills. A break follows from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (bring your own sack lunch). Session II (12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.) will consist of pitching and defense.

The cost is \$25 per session or \$45 for both. For more information, call Fournier at (734) 968-0499; or e-mail mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us.

### WYAA registration

Registration for the 39th season for Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball and softball is underway and runs through March 31 at the WYAA's Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road). The WYAA offers programs

including: T-Ball (ages 5-6), Coach-Pitch with machine (7-8), Mustang (9-10), Bronco (11-12), Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16), Palomino (17-18), along with girls slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or 10 a.m. until noon Saturday and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays; leave a message.

You can also visit [www.wyaa.org](http://www.wyaa.org).

### Girls fastpitch

Registration for the 2007 Westland Lightning girls fastpitch softball program (ages 8-16) is being held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the Westland Youth Athletic Association Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland. Birth certificates are required.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640; or visit [www.wyaa.org](http://www.wyaa.org).

### Kids martial arts

Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation will offer kids martial arts for children ages 7-15 with disabilities from 5-6 p.m.

Thursdays, March 1 through April (Session I); and April 19-May 17 (Session II), at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland.

The fee is \$24 for Wayne County residents and \$25 for non-residents. The instructor is David Reicher. Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, Feb. 27.

For more information, call Margaret Martin at (734) 722-7620; or e-mail [mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us](mailto:mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us).

### Open swimming

Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation will stage open recreational swimming from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays through May 29 at the Dyer Orthopedic Pool, located on Marquette Road (between Wayne and Newburgh roads).

The one night fee is \$2 for Wayne County residents and \$3 for non-Wayne County residents. Five swim cards are \$10 for Wayne County residents and \$15 for non-residents.

For more information, call Margaret Martin at (734) 722-7620; or e-mail [mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us](mailto:mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us).

### Recumbent ride

The Wolver-Bents Recumbent Cyclists will hold a bicycle ride at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Willow Metropark's Washago Pond selter, located off Exit-11 off I-275.

The ride is open to all bicyclists.

For more information, call (734) 487-9058 or visit [www.wolverbents.org](http://www.wolverbents.org).

### CHS Hall of Fame

The Livonia Churchill Athletic Patrons will stage their fifth annual Hall of Fame dinner 6 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at Italian-American Club in Livonia.

Among the honorees are former basketball standout Ken Landini, boys basketball coach Pat Montagano and the 1972 undefeated Charger football team coached by Ken Kaestner.

Several members of the '72 football team still need to be located.

For more information, or to reserve a spot at the banquet, call the Churchill Athletic Office at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

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# MU softball coach bubbles with enthusiasm

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Al White doesn't mind tossing out superlatives when discussing his 2007 Madonna University softball team.

The ninth-year head coach insists the current squad is the most-talented and hard-working group he's had the privilege to lead.

And even with the graduation of star pitcher Erin Brockert (.21-10, 1.95 ERA in 2006) he isn't worried about how competitive the Crusaders can be this spring - starting with an Arizona tournament early this month.

"It's very exciting," said White, actually in his 17th season with the team including eight years as a pitching coach. "It's by far the most outstanding talent we've ever had."

There is only one senior (pitcher Shannon Noder, 6-4 last year) and four juniors: pitcher Liz Ballinger, 5-1 last year; outfielder Heather Richardson of Canton (.315, nine homers), catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood, .294) and first baseman Christina Finch (.321 in an injury-riddled sophomore season).

That core is supported by some young players who could quickly establish themselves and boost the Crusaders right to the top of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference standings, where they are accustomed to.

"Everybody picked us for third, (but) I really think we're going to right there at number one," emphasized White, whose team went 35-15 last year. "If we can install a never-give-up, never-quit (attitude) into these girls, like we have the last couple years, I think that's going to play a big part into this team's legacy."

"These are the hardest workers we've ever had. This program is going in the right direction. I'm very excited."

White also thinks the trip this week to the Tucson Invitational (12 games will work wonders for his team).

"We're playing California teams the second day and we know they're good," White noted. "They're always playing and they play outside. By us being so young, I think it's going to help us down the road a few years in knowing how to win."

Without Brockert, who also hit .396 last season, MU will rely on Noder to "keep us in the games. She's going to have to step up."

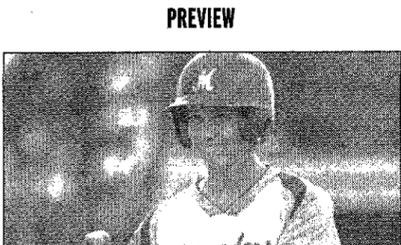
The coach also expects Ballinger to throw a lot of innings. But beyond those two, he isn't sure of his staff. Sophomore Novi product Alyssa Wagner is the number three pitcher, but she is trying to overcome a shoulder injury.

He does know he'll have rock-steady Day behind the plate.

"She knows how to catch," White said. "She caught four years at Ladywood."

Starting at first base will be Finch, who collected five homers and 18 RBI in just 81 at bats in 2006. "She missed half of last year, and we hope she'll be ready to go in Arizona."

The backup catcher is freshman Alyssa Bertrand. A strong up-the-middle combo never hurts any team, and that's what the Crusaders seemingly have in sophomore second baseman Danielle Richardson and sophomore shortstop Tedi



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Heather Richardson of Canton is one of the offensive cogs for the Madonna softball team. She will bat in the middle of the lineup and play right field for head coach Al White.

Johnston (a transfer from Oakland Community College).

Richardson hit just .248 a year ago, but White said she "brings experience as a top-notch travel player with the Computware organization. She's just a great kid, a good hitter."

As for Johnston, White had some more raves to parcel out.

"We've had outstanding shortstops in the 17 years we've had the program," he said. "She's by far the best shortstop we've ever had. She is smooth. She made one play today that I thought would be on ESPN at 6 p.m. She went to her left, got up and threw the runner out by two steps."

Freshman Brittney Scero (Canton) is slated to start at third base and will provide some power into the leadoff position.

Backing them up in the infield will be three freshmen: shortstop Ashley Bonsall (Livonia Franklin), second baseman Samantha Bell and first baseman Caitlyn Sidor (Livonia Churchill), an All-State and first-team All-Observer pick.

The mainstay of the outfield is Heather Richardson, who will play right field and bat third in the order.

"She's my number three hitter," White said. "A little bit of pressure is going to be on her."

Joining her in the outfield will be sophomore Mary Kate Setta in left and Waterford Mott All-Stater Hannah Godfrey in center. Godfrey, a sophomore, "brings speed and is very good defensively."

Setta hit .259 in part-time duty, but could break out with much-needed power numbers, White noted. Outfield reserves include sophomore Kathleen Smiley (Walled Lake Western) and freshman Rachael Kethe.

White also expects to get some offensive punch out of sophomore Alison Grant, who likely will be designated hitter. Last year, Grant paced MU with 45 RBI while batting .377. She is recovering from a knee injury, which might limit any time in the field (she can catch and play first).

"We're definitely looking for power numbers out of her, both at DH and pinch hitting," White said. "We'll throw her in there down in Arizona."

After a slate of games in Indiana and Ohio following the Arizona trip, MU's home opener and WHAC opener is 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31 against Cornerstone.

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## CROWN

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finish the year at 44-9-1 overall.

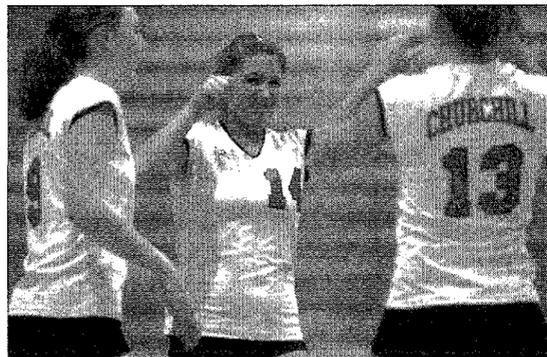
"Those seniors have been a special group," Suder said. "They've played together so long. They're like a family. Four will possibly play in college. We'll miss them a lot and they'll be hard to replace."

In the win over Northville, a rematch of last Saturday's WLAA Tournament final, the 5-11 Krupsky led the way with 19 kills and four blocks. Abron also had 19 kills and three blocks.

Digs leaders included Archer (16), Anna-Marie Gatt (10) and Kerr (9). McKenzie added 35 assists.

Joanna Foss, a 6-foot senior, led Northville with 13 kills, but no other Mustang reached double figures.

"Our serve receive broke down and generally we're stronger than that," said Northville coach Steve Anderson, whose team reached the finals with a 25-8, 25-20, 25-6 win over Canton. "I thought hitting and blocking-



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Churchill's Kelsey McKenzie (center) celebrates with teammates Jaclyn Gribeck (left) and Lauren Krupsky (right) after earning a point during Friday night's district championship against Northville.

wise, we matched up well. I thought every other part of our game was fabulous. But a critical part of our game fell apart at the wrong time. When you can't pass, you can't play."

Churchill advances to the regional semifinals, 10 a.m. Saturday at West Bloomfield to face the Southfield district champion.

Meanwhile, Northville's Anderson could only ponder

what his team with a 43-6-3 record could have done in a different district.

"I couldn't ask for more from my team," he said. "It's unfortunate they don't seed like they do in Ohio. We had three top-20 teams all in the same district, then are some other districts that are not even comparable."

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## Work with boyfriend on grades

**My boyfriend's parents don't really like me. They blame me for his slipping grades, even though I myself have a 4.0 GPA. Everytime I go over to his house, I feel uncomfortable. How do I get them to like me again?**

**Blamed**  
Garden City

Your boyfriend's parents may not actually blame you for his slipping grades, but they might feel that he spends too much time with you and not enough time on his school work. Since you have such a high GPA, it might be that school comes easier for you than it does for others. If that's the case, you might not have to spend as much time on homework or studying. But your boyfriend might. You need to talk to your boyfriend and find out why he thinks his grades are slipping. Let him know that you feel his parents blame you and that it makes you

uncomfortable. Then, develop a plan that allows the two of you to spend time together, but also allows your boyfriend to get his homework done. Maybe you can study together or do homework together. It might be a good idea to agree to "together time" as long as you both have your homework and studying done. This



**Teen Talk**

Monica Fulton

way, your boyfriend's grades might improve and his parents might feel more comfortable with him spending his time with you.

**Whenever school ends, I always plan to go home and do homework. But my friends keep coaxing me and I end up procrastinating and hanging out with them instead of doing homework. I still want a social life. What should I do?**

**Procrastination King**  
Garden City

The simple answer is Just Do It! Make the choice to do your homework and then follow through. Your friends should understand and support your decision. If they don't, you might want to ask yourself if these are the kinds of friends you need in your life. After a long day at school, it might be hard to head home and hit the books again. Give yourself some time to relax and hang out with your friends. But set a time when you will start your homework, and then make sure you do it! Remember, you are the one in charge of this. You have been letting your friends convince you to blow off your homework. It's time you made the choice to do what's right for you!

**How many years of college did you complete?**

**Curious**  
Garden City

This is an out-of-the-ordinary question for a teen advice column. At first, I didn't think I would put it in. But I started thinking that some of you are probably wondering the same thing. I completed my bachelor of arts degree at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. I graduated with a double major in psychology and philosophy and a minor in sociology. It took five years for me to complete all the degree requirements while I continued to work two part-time jobs. In addition, I am nearing the end of my studies for a master of arts degree in clinical psychology; I am currently in my last quarter. This degree has taken me 5 1/2 years to complete, since I continued working in my career while raising a family. My education experience has been awesome and I encourage everyone to continue learning about things that interest them after high school ends. In my house, we have a motto: "Today, do your best, have fun, and learn something you didn't know yesterday!"

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# Shamrocks



2006 Grand Marshal Brian Bonner, and United Irish Societies officers Curtis Anderson, Dennis Hayes and Mary Lou McKelvey paint shamrocks on Michigan Avenue.

## to shenanigans

### Irish paint town green to honor St. Patrick

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

One of Mike Kelly's favorite parts of the Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade is the painting of shamrocks on Michigan Avenue Friday, March 9. The event kicks off the weekend when 30 member organizations of the United Irish Societies (UIS) gather to celebrate their heritage.

The 49th annual parade steps off at 2 p.m. from Michigan and Sixth and travels to 14th through historic Corktown on Sunday, March 11. Kelly and Joe Parsky of Huntington Woods co-chair the parade that turns Detroit green.

"It's a family day to reflect on our Irish heritage and honor our ancestors to carry on our traditions, and to promote Corktown and Detroit," said Mike Kelly, a Livonia resident and member of the Knights of Equity and Ancient Order of Hibernians, Stephen Walsh Division.

Kelly's grandparents came from County Mayo. His wife Maureen's grandparents, the O'Sullivans, came from County Clare. Maureen and Mike co-chair the annual parade fund-raiser



In 2005 parade chairman Mike Kelly (right) was assisted by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

in February. Maureen, a member of Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, marches in the parade as does Mike.

The day begins with the UIS organizations gathering for a 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Senior Center and Parish, 58 Parsons at Woodward. Afterward, the Motor City Striders present the Corktown races, a fund-raiser for the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit at 11:30 a.m. For information, call Parsky at (313) 885-4772.

The theme of this year's parade is From Famine to Fortune - The Celtic Tiger since Ireland has progressed from one of the poorest countries in the European Union to one of the

PLEASE SEE CELEBRATION, C3

### Parade springs up in Oakland County

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

In all of the excitement, Steve Zanetti doesn't want anyone to lose sight of the true meaning of the St. Patrick's Day Parade stepping off at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, in Ferndale. The event is sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Norman O'Brien division in Oakland County, and travels from St. James Church on Woodward and 8 1/2 Mile north to Nine Mile then west to Livernois and ends at the American Legion. Afterwards awards will be given out at Rosie O'Grady's on Troy Street. For more information, call (248) 541-2500.

The parade was held in Royal Oak for the first four years. This year, the Ferndale Downtown Development Authority is co-sponsoring the event.

"The most important thing is the celebration of St. Patrick, our patron saint of Ireland," said Zanetti, parade chairman.

PLEASE SEE PARADE, C3

## Arts patrons invited to wear Renaissance costumes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Paula Gangopadhyay won't be wearing a Renaissance-style gown to the annual Plymouth Community Arts Council dinner dance auction on March 9, but she is encouraging guests to come in costume.

Every year, arts council patrons look forward to dressing up according to the theme of the gala and 2007 should be no exception. In past years, women and men turned out in Denim and Diamonds.

This year, An Artful Affair is drawing on a Renaissance theme for the affair that takes place 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

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Tickets are \$85, \$35 of which is tax-deductible. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

"The Renaissance theme ties in with revitalization efforts we are undertaking this year," said Gangopadhyay, who plans to wear a casually elegant gown. Gangopadhyay became the arts council's executive director in July.

"The council is going to be turning 40 in 2009. As part of strategic planning we have embarked on a campaign, Countdown to 40."

Proceeds from the dinner dance and its silent and live auctions will help fund three main areas of growth: pro-

gramming to reach out to community members of all ages, membership, and funding.

"We currently have student and family members. We want to begin focusing on expanding retail business and corporate memberships. It is very important for the entire community to support the arts," said Gangopadhyay. "As far as funding, we're looking into expanding corporate support, seeking new grants from foundations as well as the state. We just received a \$15,000 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council."

"It's all about rebirth, revitalization." In addition to inviting guests to

PLEASE SEE RENAISSANCE, C2



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New Plymouth Community Arts Council director Paula Gangopadhyay came from the Public Museum of Grand Rapids.

# Swimmer leaves Livonia to write about political sharks

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Ned Rice is a little nervous about whether or not the Fox News Channel is going to pick up his pilot series, The 1/2 Hour News Hour, but he's got the go ahead to tape two more shows. Rice never dreamed that one day he'd be writing comedy let alone reaching millions of viewers. At 10 p.m. Sunday, March 4, the mock news show returns after debuting on Feb. 18.

"It's kind of like when you watch Saturday Night Live's Weekend Update, a parody of the news. We're pretending that it's evening news with two anchors, a man and a woman, and sometimes bring on guests or correspondents," said Ned Rice, 1/2 Hour News Hour's head writer and co-creator.

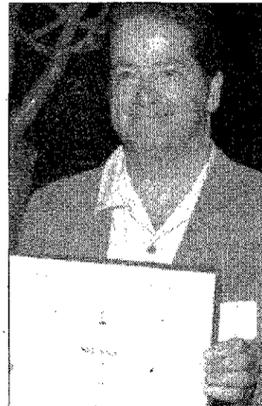
"I'm excited about this show because it's always great to have a show of your own on. I feel strongly there should be a place for everyone on TV not just making fun of Bush, and the Democrats are back. I'm a conservative. We just laugh our

heads off when I get together with people I know."

Rice was too busy practicing with the football and varsity swim teams at Stevenson High School in Livonia to even think about comedy as a career until his student years at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"I did standup at the Michigan Union and afterward went to New York, but it's pretty tough but it helped me get into TV writing," said Ned Rice, a 1977 Stevenson High School graduate. "It helps you to learn how to write a joke."

In 1989 Rice started penning scripts for Remote Control on MTV and by 1992 had moved to the West Coast. In California he bounced from the Fox show, Comic Strip Live, to the Chevy Chase show for four weeks then onto Jay Leno for two years before settling as a writer with Bill Maher for the next 7 1/2 years. Shortly after, Joel Surnow, the creator and executive producer of "24," sought him out and the two began e-mailing back and forth. In addition to Rice, Sandy Frank, a legendary writer and Harvard-trained attorney who quit law to write for David Letterman, and Julia Gorin, a stand-up comedian, work on



This photograph of Ned Rice was taken at the Academy Awards a few years ago. At the time Rice was writing for Bill Maher and the show, Politically Incorrect, which was up for an award.

showed it to Fox Television Network who turned it down then we went to Fox News Channel and they said yes. After the first two pilots they said we can do two more, but haven't been picked up weekly."

Rice admits to thinking about ideas for the show around the clock, but he isn't waiting to see if The 1/2 Hour News Hour survives.

In between taking his three dogs to the park across the street from his condo in Marina Del Ray with his wife Michelle, Rice is writing a funny love story about an unlikely teen beauty queen.

Mary Rice says Ned has always been funny. She's extremely proud of her son who's been living in California for the last 20-years.

"When he was about two my father looked at him and said that boy is a regular clown," said Mary Rice of Livonia. "He's always been fun."

"About four years ago we had a birthday party and he wrote a Jeopardy game of all the things the family did throughout the years that was funny. I have five boys and two girls and we couldn't stop laughing."

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Bidding on auction items is always one of the most exciting parts of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's gala evening.

## RENAISSANCE

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come in Renaissance attire, volunteers plan to decorate the hall at Laurel Manor with pillars and busts of David, Michelangelo's classic sculpture.

"We want to kind of create that ambiance," said Gangopadhyay. "We'll have close to 200 items - unique artwork, vacation packages, autographed sports memorabilia, dinner and tickets to

museums, sports events and zoos. We will be publishing a list of items on the Web site (www.plymoutharts.com).

"So many of us do these fundraisers," said Gangopadhyay. "This is the arts council's major fund-raiser and supports arts education for the entire western Wayne area. When funding for schools is declining it's important for us to keep offering these opportunities."

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## Arts group offers classes, exhibit opportunities

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) begins classes Wednesday, March 7, at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call Laraine Walowich at (734) 838-1204 or send e-mail to vaalinfo@sbcglobal.net.

Among the daytime and evening offerings are creative paintings classes with Marj Chellstorp, drawing and portraiture with Lin Baum, new ways with watercolor with

Edee Joppich, a monotype sampler with Laura Whitesides-Host, and mixed media with Audrey DiMarco-Terry.

Workshops focus on monotypes with Lily Dudgeon during one or two day sessions March 30-31, using the wet-in-wet watercolor technique to paint spring flowers April 19-21 (Joppich), and spatter painting flowers and gardens May-18-19 (Chellstorp). Gwen Tomkow shows how to use a variety of brushes to

capture your favorite things (May 4-5).

VAAL's next meeting is March 15 and features speaker Edee Joppich discussing design and composition. The group's spring show will be held May 1-31 at Livonia City Hall. There is also the opportunity to exhibit in Art from the Heart, Livonia's annual arts and crafts fair, to be held June 9-10.

For details, call VAAL president Virginia Bosak at (734) 432-5976.

## CELEBRATION

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wealthiest. "We have a calling of the clans, the Irish families that march," said Kelly. "We have novelty groups like high school bands, pipe bands, dignitaries, Roger McCarville and the United Wheelchair Association, and Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans leading the mounted division. New this year is the Irish Settlers Association. Afterwards, we go back to our organization for corned beef and cabbage and Irish entertainment."

Karen Tait leads the Birmingham Celtic Pipes and Drums Corps. She and husband George, a piper, have marched in the parade for 30 years. This year, George will watch from the sidelines because of his arthritic hips. George has been playing bagpipes for 35 years and still rehearses with the band every Tuesday night at Birmingham Chrysler Jeep, the Troy dealership that sponsors the corps. George and the band perform the rest of the year at concerts, parties and weddings around town (www.celtic-pipes-and-drums.com). Daughter Kristen Tait, a percussionist with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, teaches the drum corps. The band offers lessons in pipes and drums, and is always looking for individuals to join the 28 members ranging in age from 11 to 81.

"The parade is just a wonderful holiday for the Irish," said Karen Tait, the Pipe Major.

"We do fund-raisers for the United Irish Societies so they give us the honor to lead the parade," added George Tait who's Scottish. "With bagpipes, there's not much difference between Irish and Scottish. We're all brothers under the skin."

George is especially looking



The Birmingham Celtic Pipes and Drums Corps leads off the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Michigan Avenue Sunday, March 11.

## PARADE

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"We started the parade because we needed to celebrate the Irish in the area, to celebrate Irish heritage, to show pride, to bring the Irish community together, and to help the businesses and promote goodwill. It's a family-oriented parade, not all floats. It's marchers and clans. Everybody's welcome to march. We're a nonprofit organization and it costs for police overtime and city workers so a donation is welcome."

Carolyn Christopher, a member of parade committee, is inviting everyone to come out and have a good time. Christopher will be announcing the parade on the judges' stand near the Twisted Shamrock.

"The restaurants will all have entertainment," said Christopher, who lives in Berkley and works at O'Brien Services, an automotive repair facility in Ferndale where a green bus is housed and maintained and decorated for the parades in Ferndale and Detroit.

"We started the parade to bring a little bit of Irish to the suburbs. Last year, we had floats, bagpipes, and this year we've asked the Ferndale Honor Guard through the Police Department to lead the parade."

Last year, a contingent of more than 100 dogs and their owners paraded behind the Clancy clan. The effort is being organized again this year by Uppity Puppy co-owners Kim



Gwen Dietrich of Canton and her 5 1/2-month-old Irish Wolfhound, Clancy Callahan, marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Royal Oak last year.

O'Brien of Ortonville and Patty Livernois of West Bloomfield. To register, call (248) 336-2380.

"We're so excited," said O'Brien.

"We're asking \$5 per furry child. Each furry child that pays \$5 will get a shamrock bandana. We're collecting the \$5 per walker to benefit the

Animal Welfare Society and Small Paws Rescue, Michigan-based nonprofits. We hope to reach 150 this year. We're still looking for walkers.

"This is going to be huge. I don't think they've ever shut down Woodward at this end for a parade."

O'Brien is bringing Larry, her 13 1/2-year-old Irish Wolfhound/Briard. Livernois is carrying Truffles, her Bichon in a backpack. Once again this year they will be giving out shamrock cookies from their Uppity Puppy shop to the dogs.

Last year, Clancy Callahan loved the homemade cookies made from all natural ingredients. The 5 1/2-month-old Irish Wolfhound marched in the parade in Royal Oak with his owner Gwen Dietrich of Canton.

"Everybody's Irish that day," said Dietrich who's a mix of German, Austrian and Ukrainian. "It was a green event. I like to think of it as a St. Paddy's Mardi Gras-like celebration."

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**Berkley High School Class of 1987**

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**Bishop Borgess Class of 1987**

A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

**Dearborn Fordson Class of 1977**

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1967**

A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efnhs67@yahoo.com

**Detroit Chadsey Class of 1957**

A 50th Reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

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**Detroit Denby Class of 1957**

A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 7, 8, and 9, 2007, at the Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron. Seeking lost graduates, January/June classes. If you are not yet on the mailing list, please email maroonowl@aol.com or call (248) 642-0249.

**Detroit Girls Catholic Central Class of 1967**

Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall. Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586)446-9011 or Mary Mezzardi, (Winowicki) at mmezzardi@hotmail.com.

**Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1967**

A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia. Seeking January, June and summer graduates from 1967. For information, call Ellen (Nelhoff) VanderRoest at (248)684-7705 or email chuckandevan@comcast.net.

**Detroit Holy Redeemer Class of 1957**

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 12, 2007, at O'Kelley KofC Council, Dearborn. In interested in attending or know the whereabouts or former classmates, contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol.com or phone (734)261-3346.

**Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1957**

Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734)425-8278.

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A 45-year reunion will be held in Sept., 15, 2007 at Warren Valley Country Club, Dearborn Heights. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other

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**Detroit Southwestern Class of 1957**

A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

**Epiphany Grade School Class of 1966**

A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

**Ferdale Lincoln High Class of 1947 January and June**

60th class reunion, Aug. 3, 4 and 5 at The Hilton Hotel on Crooks Road in Troy. For information or details contact: Treva (Powell)Hamill, 248-667-1601, bobtreva@aol.com or Dick Reising, 248-623-9060, dreisings@sbccglobal.net

**Fordson High School Class of 1969**

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebriidge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

**Garden City High School Class of 1987**

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryl (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

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A 10-year reunion is planned for June 9, 2007, at the Crowne Plaza in Romulus. For more information and to update your address, visit the reunion website at www.gchs97reunion.com.

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**WEDDING**



**Marino-Curtiss**

Caroline Suzanne Curtiss and Mark Ashton Marino were wed July 8, 2006, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating.

The bride is the daughter of James and Suzanne Curtiss of Plymouth. She is a 1995 graduate of Mercy High School, a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan and 2002 graduate of Notre Dame Law School. She is an attorney with the firm of Leader, Berkon.

The groom is the son of Anthony and Deborah Marino of Mandeville, Louisiana. He is a 1994 graduate of Holy Cross High School, a 1998 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a 2001 graduate of Northwestern Law School. He is employed a real estate broker.

The bride was attended by Kelly Ainsworth, maid of honor and bride's friend; Kelly Marion, groom's sister; Meghan Covino, bride's friend; Jennifer Eng, bride's friend; Rachel Stockhausen, bride's friend; Elena Tantille, bride's cousin.

The groom was attended by Gregory Marino, best man and groom's brother; Ross Cannizaro, friend of the groom; Kevin Cantrelle, friend of the groom; Brad Diggs, groom's cousin; and Stuart Marino, groom's brother.

A reception was held at the Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield. The couple honeymooned in Tahiti and Bora Bora. They are making their home in Manhattan.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Cole-Keyes**

Gerald and Patricia Cole of Wyandotte announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Shannon Cole to Justin Michael Keyes of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a teacher at the Burger School in Garden City.

The prospective groom is the son of Russ and Cathy Keyes of Westland. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and a teacher in Wyandotte at the Lincoln Center. A Saturday, June 30, 2007



wedding is planned for Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church with Pastor Karl Travis officiating. A reception will be held at Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club.

**Stout-Clos**

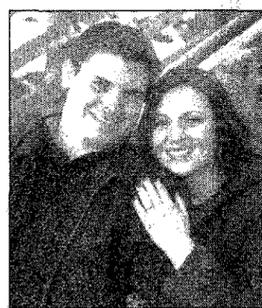
David and Lynn Stout of Fremont announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Marcel Stout, to William Clos, the son of Charles and Elizabeth Clos of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be, a West Bloomfield resident, earned bachelor's and masters' degrees from Michigan State University and is an elementary art teacher in the Troy School District.

The prospective groom, also of West Bloomfield, is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and the Michigan State School of Law, and is an attorney with Asker Clos & Perlmutter, P.C., in Westland.

A July 28, 2007 wedding is planned at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Muskegon, with Fr. Ernest Bernott officiating.

The bride-to-be is to be attended by Matron of Honor



Kate Glancy and bridesmaids Nicole DeMol and Melissa Clos. The prospective groom is to be attended by Best Man Andrew Clos and groomsmen Thomas Clos, John Stout, Rudolfo Pacheco and Paul Urbiel.

The couple plans to take a honeymoon cruise to the Western Caribbean before settling into their home in West Bloomfield.

**BIRTH**

**Ella Grace Tomlinson**

Jeff and Kelly Tomlinson of Florence, Ky., announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Grace, on Dec. 4, 2006. The Tomlinsons are former residents of Livonia.

Grandparents are John and Luanne Woodley of Livonia, Len and Cindy Gallagher of Clarkston and Mark and Monica Tomlinson of Plymouth.



Great-grandparents are Pat Hope of Livonia, Ilsa deArmas of Redford and Pat Cardinal of Livonia.

**ANNIVERSARY**

**Mastersons celebrate**

**50th anniversary**

Edward H. and Helen V. (Gustus) Masterson of Livonia celebrated their 50th anniversary March 2.

The Mastersons were married March 2, 1957, at St. James Catholic Church in Ferndale.

They have lived in Livonia for 45 years.

The Mastersons have five children: Edward Jr. of Westland; Kevin of Westland; Leslie of Livonia; Steve of Livonia; and Shane of Livonia.

They have three grandchildren.



Edward Masterson has been retired for 20 years. Helen Masterson has been retired for 14 years.

The couple enjoy music, traveling and playing cards.



Edward Masterson plays guitar. They will celebrate their anniversary March 10 at a party for 50 people at the Moose Hall.

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**Open House**  
 Thursday, March 15 at the Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty Road (between 7-8 Mile Roads on the east side of Haggerty.) Cocktails and

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**Shamrock card and game night**  
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**Breakfast meeting**  
 Saturday, March 17, at Leon's Family Dining, 30249 Ford Road, Garden City. For details, contact Kathy M. at (734)513-9479.

**Lenten Mass**  
 9 a.m. Sunday, March 25, Felician Sister Chapel at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Use Newburgh exit. Breakfast to follow Mass. For details contact Kathy M. (734)513-9479.

**Together Dance**  
 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford. Limited to 450 paid admissions only. Proper attire. \$12 admission. For more information, call Loretta from Bethany East at (586)264-0284.



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**BETTY BARNETT MORRIS**

Age 84, of Bloomfield Township, died February 19th in Miami, FL. She was born October 26, 1922, in Pueblo, CO. Betty Morris was a graduate of Eastman School of Music. She taught school in Grosse Pointe, MI, Upper Darby, PA and the Birmingham School District until she retired in 1986. Predeceased by husband Eugene Morris in 2001, she is survived by one daughter, Betty Jeanne of Pembroke Pines, FL, one son, Charles Kevin of Miami, FL, and two grandchildren, Perry and Caryn. A service is scheduled for March 9th at the Baptist Church in Great Valley, 945 N Valley Forge Rd, Devon, PA 19333. The family suggests memorial tributes may be made in her name to the Humane Society or the Arthritis Foundation.

**HELENA M. HYMA**

Age 90, died February 28, 2007. Beloved wife of the late George A., dear mother of George M. (Annabelle). Grandmother of Ruthie (Eddie) Zelmanski, great-grandmother of Eddie; sister of Walter (Virginia) Messer and twin sister Elizabeth (the late Earl) Halsey. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Memorial service was 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-1335. Memorials to the church.

**LILLIAN MILCZAREK**

Age 92 of Oxford, OH formerly of Punta Gorda, FL and Garden City, MI. She passed away February 5, 2007 at McCullough-Hyde Hospital. She was born January 17, 1915 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Wladyslaw Dul and Alexandra (Szram) Dul. She was a member of the Oxford, OH Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Advance Funeral Home & Crematory, Fairfield, OH is serving the family. For condolences, more family information and loving thoughts at: www.advancefuneralhome.com

**ROBERT W. WILLIAMS**

Age 86, February 27, 2007. Beloved husband of Constance. Loving father of Carol (Richard) LaPensee, Gerald (Brenda) and Bruce (Heidi). Dear grandfather of Nick and Christopher LaPensee, Mary and Elizabeth Williams. No services. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734) 422-6720 in charge of arrangements.



**ROBERT D. DEN UYL**

After a long battle with Parkinson's disease Bob died in his home in Vero Beach on February 25th, 2007. He was born October 14, 1926 in Detroit and lived in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. After graduating from D.U.S. at 17 in 1944 he enlisted in the Merchant Marines in the second World War. After the war he went to the University of Michigan for two years and pledge Chi Psi Fraternity. He transferred to the University of Colorado in Boulder and graduated with an M.B.A. in June, 1949. Seven days later he and the former Andrea Jorgenson were married in Kenilworth, Illinois on June 18. They lived in Birmingham, Michigan and moved to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, where they still have a home. They have three children, Douglas Den Uyl 1950, Bruce Den Uyl 1952, Marcia Dietz 1955. He started his own Manufacturer's Rep. business in 1957 and besides work he loved sports, especially handball, tennis and windsurfing and traveling to many places. He has a home at Macatawa, Michigan near Holland, where his father Simon and his mother Marjorie grew up before moving to Detroit. Besides his wife, he has a brother Richard and seven grandchildren, Julia and Deborah Den Uyl, Clark and Eric Den Uyl, and Lindsey, Andria and Erica Dietz. He is a 60 year member of the D.A.C. of Detroit and also belongs to the 100 Club. A service will be held on Saturday at 11:00 A.M. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero, the 3rd of March. Another service will be planned in the spring in Bloomfield Hills, MI, so the grandchildren can attend. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Humane Society, the Parkinson's Foundation or Hospice in Vero or Bloomfield. Arrangements are under the direction of the Thomas S. Lowther Funeral Home and Crematory.

**TOIVO W. HUURTO**

Age 90, March 1, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Ina. Loving father of Judith (Robert) Witt, Kathleen Bentley and Cheryl (James) Jones. Cherished grandfather of ten, great-grandfather of three. Funeral Friday 1 PM (In-state 12 noon) at St. John Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, Redford. Visitation Wednesday 2-9 PM at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington, (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to the church. www.thayer-rock.com

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## Hyperbaric oxygen therapy

### Series of treatments changes lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Randall McGhee was far from irritated when his wife asked him to slow down as they walked through Northland Mall in Southfield. The 53-year-old Detroit police officer was happy since his spry steps were a sign that he'd fully regained his health.

At one point, McGhee was nearly forced into retirement because he couldn't walk. While recuperating from arthroscopic knee surgery, he contracted a staph infection and had to be admitted to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Upon release, his physician referred him to Dr. Bruce Ruben for treatment. After 1 1/2 months of intravenous antibiotics, McGhee was depressed to learn the infection returned only one week later. That's when Ruben suggested McGhee undergo hyperbaric oxygen therapy in a glass, cylindrical chamber at Ruben's O2, The Complete Hyperbaric, Infusion & Wound Care Center in Farmington Hills. After seven months on medical leave, McGhee was finally able to return to work as a patrol officer thanks to 30 hyperbaric oxygen treatments.

"I kept thinking my infection would come back, but it didn't," said McGhee.

#### INFECTION NEARLY HEALED

Gene Dean looks comfortable inside the chamber built for one person. The 54-year-old Novi man is nearing the end of 40 treatments for a bone infection that resulted from an automobile accident. Ruben says Dean's leg is 80 percent healed.

An infectious disease specialist, Ruben developed an interest in wound care about four years ago. On Thursday, he installed a second chamber after seeing how hyperbaric therapy saved the limbs of several patients at the center by inundating the body with oxygen.



Mamie Martin talks about the benefits she received with treatments in a Hyperbaric Chamber under the care of Dr. Bruce Ruben at the O2 offices in Farmington Hills.

Wounds fester and fail to heal when not enough oxygen-enriched blood reaches the area. A single hyperbaric treatment increases oxygen in the body by as much as 10 times. These high levels are carried in the blood to help heal wounds and damaged tissue.

While 80 percent of Ruben's patients receive hyperbaric therapy for diabetic ulcers, bone infections or radiation damage from oral cancer treatments, the high-levels of oxygen can be used for a variety of conditions including crush injuries caused by accidents, carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation, brain and certain other abscesses, skin grafts, and decompression sickness. Ruben even treated one young girl with a nontraumatic brain injury.

"In the 1950s the Navy realized those scuba diving who would come up too fast would get the bends or decompression sickness," said Ruben. "Since then they've found excellent medical uses for the chamber."

Mamie Martin suffered with a limb-threatening bone infection. After undergoing 40 hyperbaric oxygen treatments, the 90-year-old Detroit woman is back doing housework and looks forward to going flowers and vegetables in her garden this summer.



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Dr. Bruce Ruben of O2, The Complete Hyperbaric, Infusion & Wound Care Center in Farmington Hills talks about the benefits of Hyperbaric Chamber treatments.

"I was fearful they might have to amputate my toe," said Martin.

#### UP AND AROUND

Charlotte Adams was afraid doctors might have to surgically remove her foot after a toe became infected while she was doing aerobics in the swimming pool. The 85-year-old Westland woman was unaware of the injury due to neuropathy which can cause numbness.

"At one point I was unable to walk," said Adams. "I'm claustrophobic and thought I'd never make it through the treatments, but losing my foot did not appeal to me."

Once Adams overcame her fear of being trapped inside the chamber, she grew to like the 1 1/2 to 2 hours she spent there for each treatment. Without the therapy she probably wouldn't be able to attend a March 20 fundraiser at Schoolcraft College. Adams is a member of the advisory board for the

Women's Resource Center at the college in Livonia.

"It's a most fantastic feeling," said Adams. "You don't feel anything. You're very comfortable."

McGhee is claustrophobic as well so it helped to be able to see wife Alicia standing alongside the chamber. Ruben prefers the monoplace to the multiplace chambers where several patients at a time receive therapy. A monoplace chamber allows family members to be in the same room with the patient. Mamie Martin shared her time inside the chamber with her niece and grand-niece.

"It's like taking a nap. You can take a nap, turn the TV on to a program I like," said Gene Dean.

Except for a feeling of fullness in the ears, hyperbaric treatment is painless and heals

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wounds so effectively that Ruben has not only added a second chamber at his Farmington Hills center but has become a partner in the Infection Care Specialists at the Lake Center in West Bloomfield where hyperbaric therapy is also available.

## GROWING TREND

Robert David of Advanced Therapies International in Auburn Hills says wound care centers using hyperbaric therapy are growing in popularity. He currently is serving as a consultant to proposed facilities in Chicago, Missouri and Bloomfield Township.

"A number of patients (at O2) they were able to save two feet," said Robert David. "Afterwards, one of the patients did a cancer walk."

Garden City Hospital's Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Center of Michigan has seen success with a number of conditions since opening in August 2006 with two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. Since then the Garden City Hospital center has added a third due to demand caused by patient volume in the area. For the last 14 years, the hospital has had a special wound nurse on staff.

"We've had patients with diabetic foot wounds, soft tissue radiation injury, deep bone infections known as osteomyelitis, and venous leg ulcers that have been doing very well," said Scott Filgo, director.

"As volume expands we might go to a fourth or convert to a multiphase."

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## Hospital hosts prostate screening

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Prostate Screening and Men's Health Day 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Men can receive a prostate screening and learn about medical and health information.

The screening consists of a blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), Total Cholesterol and HDL, a prostate exam by a physician, and a blood pressure check.

A \$10 donation to the new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center is

optional. Appointments fill quickly. To register, call (734) 655-8963.

It is suggested that men 40 years and older get tested. PSA results and other forms of screening allow men to access prostate cancer treatment during the early stages of their disease. Whether immediate treatment is required or not, symptoms can be monitored by your doctor if the condition worsens. Prostate cancer is the second most prevalent cancer among men. Early screening and early detection can save lives.

## Excercise, will help you sleep

**Matt from Ann Arbor e-mails saying that he is having a hard time sleeping, but he does not want to take any medication. He asks if there is anything naturally that he can do to get some more shut-eye.**

Good question, Matt. There are so many people who have a tough time getting good sleep. Most people are just doing the wrong thing right before they go to bed. The first no-no is drinking alcohol. While it may help you get to sleep initially, it tends to disturb your sleep later in the night, leaving you feeling sleepy the next day.



**Peter's Principles**

Peter Nielsen

Next, you should be exercising! It will help you fall asleep at night, but make sure you do it early in the day and not right before bedtime. Another thing that will keep you up at night is stress. If you bring work home with you, finish it up early in the evening so it does not linger into your bedroom. The same thing with food, don't eat right before bedtime. Finally, try to go to bed at the same time every night and avoid those

long naps during the day.

**Rich from Canton is concerned about prostate health. He has been hearing for years that pumpkin seeds help promote a healthy prostate and e-mails for the lowdown.**

Rich, unfortunately research shows that claims about pumpkin seeds and prostate health are most likely false. The seeds have been used for centuries to promote urinary tract health. Some research shows that extract from the seeds can promote healthy urinary flow, but studies trying to link the seeds to prostate health have been a wash so far.

However, don't toss out that pack of pumpkin seeds just yet. They are still a very healthy snack food! In fact, the seeds have just 148 calories and 12 grams of heart healthy fat for every ounce. Halloween may be history, but it wouldn't hurt to keep a pumpkin around the house year-round.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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## Catch your breath

Women's Lung Health Conference and Luncheon begins at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Troy Marriott Hotel. Hosted by American Lung Association, the event features speakers on topics of interest to laypersons and medical professionals including lung cancer and women, COPD, healthy homes, hazards of mainstream industry personal care and cosmetics products, tobacco marketing to women, nutrition, smoking cessation, clean air, asthma, infections, and pulmonary hypertension. Cost is \$65 before March 12. For more information, visit www.catchyourbreathmi.org. For questions, call (248) 784-2012 or (248) 784-2000.

## CHADD meeting

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder) will be meeting Monday, March 5, at Way Elementary School on W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The parent presentation by psychologist Steve Ceresnie is on Thinking Straight about AD/HD and Mood Disorders. The adult group will have a presentation/panel on Coaching for Teens and Adults to Enhance Productivity and Life with Elyse Gilbert, Reading Specialist and ADD Coach, Kevin Roberts, Academic Coach, and Kathleen Marske, CHADD Adult group leader. Registration begins at 7 p.m., meetings at 7:30 p.m. and are free to members, \$5 per non-member families. Call (248) 988-6716 or visit www.eocch.homestead.com.

## Health classes

New Techniques in Stress Reduction: Learn to manage stress, anxiety, cravings and more by balancing your body's energy system and increase its flow by gently tapping on selected points on the body 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 5. Instructor Brenda Strausz is a psychotherapist and energy practitioner.

Natural and Holistic Medicine: Treatments for Depression, Bio-Identical Hormones, Vitamin Therapies, an interactive course that covers Complimentary and Alternative Medicine, Acupuncture and other holistic approaches to health care and wellness. Learn about ailments that have not been effectively addressed by conventional medicine, an overview of herbal medicine, and weight loss 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7. Instructor is Robert C. Levine, an M.D. practicing natural and holistic medicine and acupuncture internal medicine.

Cost for both classes is \$24 each at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. To register call (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

MS program

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter hosts Building Emotional Bank Accounts, a program dedicated to building safety and trust in relationships tested by the challenges of MS 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at NMSS Michigan Chapter Education Center, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield. Cost is \$5. Call (800) 243-5767.

## Eat your way thin

Dr. Carol A. Fischer presents a free workshop to help you learn why diets do not work, ways to avoid weight gain, how to lose weight with diet/nutrition and exercise 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Alfred Noble Library in Livonia. Learn what to eat, when to eat, how to eat. Learn why eating fat will not make you fat. Seating is limited, reservations requested. No charge. Call (734) 425-8588.

## Half hour to health

Dr. Daniel Laframboise, chiropractor, presents Half Hour to Health Workshop at 6:15 p.m., in his office at 18444 Farmington Road, Livonia. March 6 topic is The Best Kept Health Secret. No charge. Seating limited. To register, call (248) 474-5252.

## After I'm gone

Parents and care givers can plan now to help ensure loved ones with developmental disabilities are cared for in the future during seminars 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Arc Detroit Building, 51 West Hancock. After I'm Gone features presentations on estate planning, property rights transfers, insurance issues, social security, and items vital to planning for the future. If interested in attending, call Arc Detroit at (313) 831-0202 weekdays during business hours.

## Less stress with pressure point

Dr. Carol A. Fischer presents the free workshop where you learn to perform a 5- to 10-minute massage therapy technique that can be used to relieve headaches, neck tension, and stress 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Contours Express, 6558 Wayne Road (Hunter Plaza), Westland. No charge. Please bring a partner. Seating is limited, reservations requested. Call (734) 425-8588.

## Our Body lecture series

Dr. Conrad Nagle, corporate chief of diagnostic imaging for Beaumont Hospital is the first speaker in a series in conjunction with the Our Body: The Universe Within exhibit at the Detroit Science Center. Admission to the lecture is free with paid general admission. RSVPs are required to attend these events and seating is limited. To RSVP, send e-mail to events@sciencedetroit.org with event date and names of those attending. Museum hours are extended to 10 p.m. on event dates (except April 26) to allow atten-

dees to view the exhibit. There is a separate admission charge for the exhibit. Conrad speaks at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, on Our Health in a Picture: Is an Image Worth a Thousand Words?; 8 a.m. April 26, the topic is Can Michigan Make Employee Health a Competitive Advantage?; 7 p.m. May 3, Why Should Bone Health Matter to You?; 7 p.m. May 24, Preventing Obesity in Children, Where Do We Begin?; and 7 p.m. June 14, Does Family History Accurately Predict Your Future Health? Our Body: The Universe Within is an educational exhibition comprised of actual human bodies and organs, and exposes the inner workings of human anatomy by presenting actual human specimens, anatomical displays, reproductions of historic anatomical artwork and more. Tickets are \$24.95 adults, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 children. General admission is free with the purchase of an exhibit ticket. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. Advance tickets are on sale at www.detroitsciencecenter.org. For information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit the website, http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

## Yoga workshop

The Energy of Health, a weekend workshop with Michael Glicker, energy healer and teacher March 9-11, sponsored by Yoga Association of Greater Detroit. Participants may attend one, two or all three sessions. For more information to register, call (313) 562-5937 or (248) 545-2685, or send e-mail to a.pleasant@att.net.

## Replacement seminar

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Angelo Sorce addresses the latest technologies and current surgical techniques in hip and knee replacement surgery 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. No charge. To register, call (313) 586-5347.

## Project Hope benefit

Women's Division for Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) present Casino Royale, James Bond Party with Casino games, strolling supper, music, silent auction, raffle prizes 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Oakland Hills Country Club, 3951 West Maple, Bloomfield Hills. Benefits Women's Division for Project HOPE which since 1958 has worked to develop and implement programs around the world to share health education and medical technology. Tickets \$100, \$125, \$150. Reservations and information, contact Serena Orsini at (248) 646-0289 or e-mail to sebbieo@aol.com, or Gwen Bowly at (313) 393-9428 or e-mail to gjbowlby@comcast.net.

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Donna Law with Sam and Chestmutt. Law is caring for the two dogs until their owner returns from serving in Iraq.

## Drive to help soldiers serving in Iraq

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

If there's a pet owner with a crisis, Donna Law will be there to assist in every way possible.

When one U.S. soldier was deployed to Iraq, the Redford woman took in his two dogs Sam and Chestmutt.

But Law wanted to do even more so she's collecting items to make the soldier's life as bearable as possible in the hostile country.

From now through March 17 at Pet Supplies Plus in Canton, Law is accepting donations of travel size mouth spray, disposable razors, shaving cream, hand sanitizing spray, bacterial wipes, lip therapy or ChapStick, cough drops, gum, tooth paste and folding tooth brushes, as well as calling cards for the soldier and five men under his command to phone home (must say overseas calling or be a Costco, WalMart, Smart, or Old Middle Eastern Calling Card with a camel on it).

Surplus items will be passed

on to other U.S. soldiers serving there.

An Adopt a Pet day is being held in conjunction with the drive from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17. Both efforts are being orchestrated by Law's Mutts & Mutts Rescue, Michigan Coonhound Rescue and the store.

Canton story manager Ted Linden says he hopes the drive will inspire different organizations such as the Boy and Girl Scouts to collect items for the men and women serving in Iraq.

"I believe no animal should be forgotten no matter what the crisis the owner may be facing and if you need us we'll be there to help you in any way we can," said Donna Law.

"We're looking for deodorants, granola bars without chocolate which melts, Kleenex, cough drops, emergency or pocket-size containers of Bayer Aspirin, Roloids, small First Aid kits."

Law would like to help many of the soldiers serving in Iraq by caring for their animals, but

space doesn't allow so she's looking to purchase property. But her biggest need right now is a van to rescue and transport the dogs. Her van had 176,000 miles on it when the engine died. She borrowed an old Buick from her parents but only two dogs fit in the back seat and a puppy on the lap of a volunteer who sits in the passenger seat.

People have been generous so far. Last semester's sixth hour special education class at Garden City High School with Amy Kierszkowski in room 215 A collected \$50.76 plus a dog jacket, squeaky toy, leash, and treats for Sam and Chestmutt.

Law started rescuing animals in 1988 and her Mutts & Mutts Rescue became a non-profit in 2001. If you can help, call (313) 538-1383. To see a list of the animals up for adoption, visit [www.muttsandmutts.petfinder.org](http://www.muttsandmutts.petfinder.org).

Pet Supplies Plus is on Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor in Canton.

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## Exhibit explores cultural diversity

One Great Tapestry – A Celebration and Exploration of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity continues on display through March 9, in the second floor Exhibition Gallery in the Library Wing at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

The show's title was inspired by the lyrics of the song Weave us Together, and was taken from the words, "We are many colors, we are many textures, yet we are entwined with one another, in one great tapestry." The show draws attention to the beauty of diversity and acknowledges the need for education and for healing negative conceptions regarding race and ethnicity.

The exhibit showcases the work of 13 visual artists working in a variety of mediums. Some of the artists featured are Patricia Izzo, Olena Sydoruk, Anthony Bacon, Jean Paul Abou-Dib, and Asha Walidah.

A significant contribution to the exhibit is a contemporary Asian art collection loaned to the university by Oliver Aguilar and Richard Phillips.

The works have been in major museums and exhibi-



This woodblock print is by Fang Lijun. It is from the collection of Oliver Aguilar and Richard Phillips.

tions in the U.S., Europe and Asia, and have been featured in books, respected art magazines and on the cover of Newsweek.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. For more information, contact Nancy Paton,

the exhibit curator, at (734) 259-2934, or send e-mail to [nancypaton@yahoo.com](mailto:nancypaton@yahoo.com). Madonna University Gallery director, Jeanne Moore can be reached at (248) 875-7332, or by e-mail at [jartdirect@comcast.net](mailto:jartdirect@comcast.net).

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