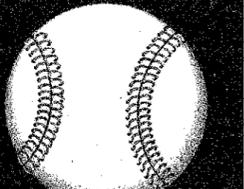




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Police still seek information in woman's death

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Five weeks after an 18-year-old woman was found fatally shot in a Westland apartment, Wayne County authorities still haven't ruled her death a murder or suicide.

Candace Marie Marcou of Farmington Hills was found dead the morning of Feb. 21 inside her boyfriend's Woodbridge Pond apartment, on Newburgh south of Joy.

"At this time, the official manner of death has been ruled undetermined by the Wayne

County Medical Examiner's Office," said Westland police Sgt. David Heater. "That doesn't mean we're not going to continue investigating it."

Rather, police are urging anyone who may have information about Marcou's death to call the Westland Police Department's detective bureau during daytime business hours at (734) 721-6311.

Marcou died of a gunshot wound to the head. Her boyfriend reported the death as a suicide, and he has been released from cus-

tody as the investigation continues.

Marcou's death stunned those who knew her.

"There was no indication from the family and friends that she was depressed or suicidal," Heater said. "The family and friends are greatly troubled by this death."

Marcou was nearing her one-year anniversary working at the Bob Evans restaurant at Middlebelt and I-96 in Livonia. General manager Missy Chapman called the death "a huge shock to everybody."

"She was always funny, to the point that she would make a joke at her own expense - anything for a laugh and to keep the spirits high," Chapman said. "She was very dependable as a worker."

Those who knew Marcou have described her as a strong-willed teenager who always tried hard to improve her life.

"She was a fighter," Chapman said. "Nobody believes that she took her own life."

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Rehearsing music from The Incredibles are John Glenn senior Daniel Fabrey (left) and Wayne Memorial senior Pat Brown.

Musicians ready for Disney experience

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The world will literally be watching when students from Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools perform at two locations in Walt Disney World in Florida later this month.

More than 150 students, 25 pairs of chaperones and their respective music directors, Scott Cramer from John Glenn and Matthew Diroff from Wayne Memorial, will be in Florida April 17-22 to attend a Disney workshop and perform at the theme park.

"They're going to go onstage for the world at Disney," Cramer said. "It's an opportunity a lot of students might never have via their family. It's a great week for them to explore and branch off."

The students are members of the two schools' symphonic bands and orchestras. They've been divided into two groups and will perform in concerts in the park.

The A group - about 58 students - will perform in Downtown Disney, while the B group - 105 students - will perform in Epcot. A few of the students will perform with both groups.

They also will perform in a workshop where they will have the opportunity to work with Disney professionals and learn what they do.

"It builds on what we talk about in class," Cramer said. "They learn about planning,



Percussion players John Glenn junior Mike Hensel and Mike Masternak talk over the music with Wayne Memorial band director Matthew Diroff.

time management and what's expected at that high of a level."

The bands will be traditional concert bands, performing marches and a mix of contemporary Disney music, including several pieces from the *Star Wars* movies and *The Incredibles*.

"We have a nice variety, so people are able to sit down and tap their toes," Cramer said. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

This the fourth time Cramer has taken Glenn musicians to Walt Disney World and

PLEASE SEE DISNEY, A7

IN CONCERT

What: The combined Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High Schools' concert and symphonic bands performing the music they will present at Walt Disney World in Florida later this month.

When: 7 p.m. Monday, April 2.

Where: Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St. Wayne.

Cost: Free of charge, however, donations will be accepted.

Greenfield agrees to pay restitution to civic league

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A former Wayne-Ford Civic League president was ordered Friday to repay \$16,000 for embezzling from the Westland-based nonprofit organization.

Neal Greenfield, 43, of Westland has agreed to pay the money after pleading no contest in January to embezzling between \$1,000 and \$20,000.

An amount hasn't been settled for Greenfield's ex-wife, Shari Greenfield of Livonia,

the league's former vice president. Her restitution hearing will continue April 20.

Abed Hammoud, lead attorney for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, confirmed the latest developments following a ruling Friday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Gregory Dean Bill.

Neal Greenfield's \$16,000 tab will bring to \$32,000 the amount so far returned to the civic league, said Vic Barra, the new president. Police already had turned

PLEASE SEE RESTITUTION, A6

New library director ready to start work

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Chosen in a nationwide search to become the new Westland library director, Cheryl Napsha didn't mince words Thursday when asked whether she plans to accept the job.

"I'm on the way," she said. Napsha, 51, plans to start her new job May 1, leaving behind her position as library director in Bethel Park, Pa., near Pittsburgh. She confirmed her decision during a telephone interview.

Napsha seemed eager to start her \$78,500-a-year job here, after the Westland Library Board voted 4-0 in mid-March to hire her. She easily beat her Thursday deadline for accepting.

Napsha has 20 years of library experience, including seven years as Bethel Park's director. She cited a few reasons why she was drawn to the Westland job.

"I like the area, and I think

that Michigan is doing some interesting things in library service. There's an openness there," she said. "And I was really drawn to the staff. I think they'll be fun to work with."

With a \$2.3 million budget and 46 employees, the Westland library is larger than the Bethel Park facility she oversees.

Still, Napsha said, "for a town that size, it's not a huge facility. But I'm not yet familiar enough with the area to see how it fits in."

If, indeed, library officials ever decide to expand the Westland facility, Napsha has had experience in such matters. She helped lead a renovation in Bethel Park.

Befitting a library director, Napsha described herself as an avid reader. She enjoys mysteries, legal thrillers, women's novels and biographies.

But, it's her experience and her responses during candidate interviews that won over the

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Linda Ellen Burrell
Burrell, 67, of Traverse City, died March 18.

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Pamela Gay Galor (nee Butsky)
Galor, of Redford Township, died March 16.

H
Katherine Ann (Jackson) Hall
Hall, 60, of Canton, died March 28.

V
Virginia M. Hemenway
Hemenway, 81, of Rochester Hills, died March 24.

L
Milton P. Lilley
Lilley, 80, of Farmington, died March 16.

Bill Lloyd Jr.
Lloyd, 53, of White Lake Township, died March 24.

Earl H. Long
Long, 82, of Canton Township, died March 25.

Alfred Vidrio
Vidrio, 73, of Bloomfield Township, died March 22.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

CORRECTION

The correct phone number for Scalawags restaurant in Rochester Hills featured in Thursday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is (248) 299-3355.

Church presents annual Easter pageant

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The passion of Christ will come to life next weekend when Merriman Road Baptist Church presents its ninth annual Easter pageant.

The one-hour musical drama will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the sanctuary of the church on Merriman south of Ford in Garden City.

Written by pastor Wayne Parker, the drama tells the story of Christ's crucifixion as seen through the eyes of Mary Magdalene and Salomé, who witnessed the crucifixion and was present at the tomb. It was performed six years ago and is back with new music and a different ending.

"The story hasn't changed, the ending has," said Parker. "This time there will be a heaven scene with Jesus sitting on the throne. Previously, it ended with his ascension into heaven."

More than 80 church members are involved in the production which features the church choir and drama ministry. In addition to those performing and singing, church members are doing the make-up, costuming and designing and building the sets.

The production is under the direction of John Rowe and Russ Weathers who inherited the job when the original director fell ill. According to Weathers, the changes in the production were decided by the previous director.

Those changes include a more dramatic depiction of the crucifixion.

"We reworked the hill so we can nail him on while laying down and then raise him up," said Parker. "It's pretty dramatic."

The production is somewhat of a family affair for members. Luann Englehart's son Haylee



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Appearing in Merriman Road Baptist Church's ninth annual Easter pageant are Deena Sciatto, Emily Weathers, Evan Parker, Ethan Englehart, Kaitlynn Grone, Mia Adkisson, Michael Weathers, Christopher Grone, Elizabeth Sciatto and Haylee Englehart.

and son Ethan are playing children in the production while husband Clifford is one of the disciples.

"As a family, it's the first time we've done it," the Westland resident said. "It's nice for the kids to get to do something like this with their dad."

It's also a family affair for the Parkers. Wayne Parker is handling lighting for the production. His wife, Cindy, plays the role of an older Mary Magdalene, while daughter Autumn is the young Mary Magdalene and daughter Shannon is an Angel.

Son Caleb is Judas while son Evan is playing the role of Jesus.

"The difficult part is making it as real as I can for people without making it look corny,"

said Evan Parker.

A freshman at Wayne State University, Evan Parker had been in theatrical productions while at Garden City High School. He also appeared in the Easter pageant as a child and then helped with the lights and staging.

He said he was "kind of a shoe-in" for the role.

"They needed someone light enough to fit on the cross," he said.

To accommodate the production, the sanctuary has been transformed into a theatrical set. A house on one side of the stage is a scrim which depending on the lighting provides the setting for interior or exterior scenes.

Stairs have been painted to look like stones and lead the

way to heaven and the throne. Below it, at center stage, is Christ's tomb.

"One thing that surprises me was the hours that are put in behind the scenes," said Weathers. "The set they used for years pretty much fell apart. This is pretty much all new."

Parker estimates the church members have been working on the production for six weeks. Friday was the first time that the choir and the cast came together for rehearsal.

The Easter pageant is free of charge and opened to the public.

"We typically fill the church, but never have had to turn anyone away," Parker said.

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Pajamas: An Anthology of Humor Writing from the New Yorker. Inside this book, you will find witty essays by authors such as Woody Allen, E.B. White and John Updike.

Books by authors such as Erma Bombeck, James Thurber and Andy Rooney will be found in this general area as well.

Many of the most well known comedians have written books on their observations of life or have compiled their anecdotes. These books can be found in the 818 section.

The *Late Night with David Letterman Book of Top Ten Lists* has all of the best of his wacky lists. There is another edition called *David Letterman's Book of Top Ten Lists and Zesty Lo-Cal Chicken Recipes*. Just the title should make you laugh!

Dave Barry's deadpan wit on love and marriage can be found in his many books such as *Bad Habits* or *Dave Barry Is Not Taking This Sitting Down*. He is always good for exposing the insanities of life.

Some of these authors are in our audio book section, too.

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Highlighted Activities
Internet 101: 7 p.m. April 2.
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.

Stress Reduction: 7 p.m. April 3.
Join us for our final installment of our medical lecture series hosted by The Doctor's Speaker Bureau and featuring Dr. Brian K. Brackney. Learn ways to feel better and enjoy life more - stress free.

Law of Attraction: 7 p.m. April 10.
Join us for a viewing of the *Secret*, 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.

National Library Week is April 15-21. "Come together @ your library."
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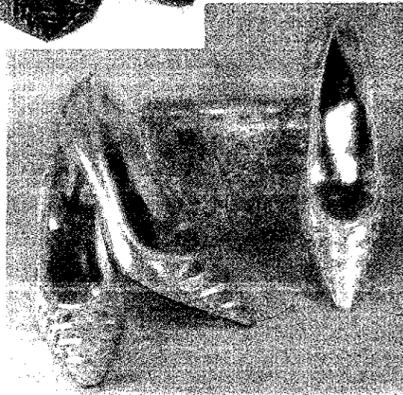
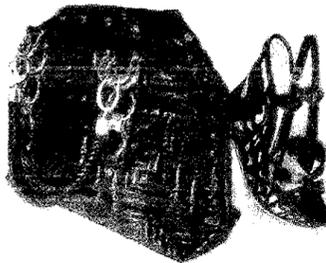
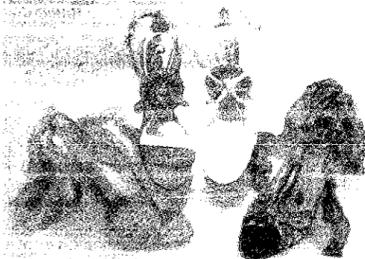
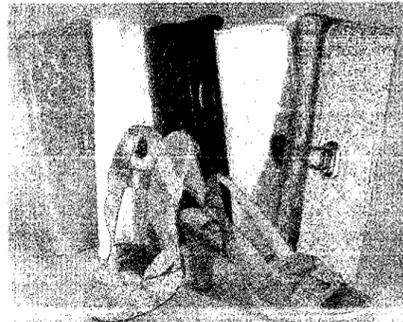
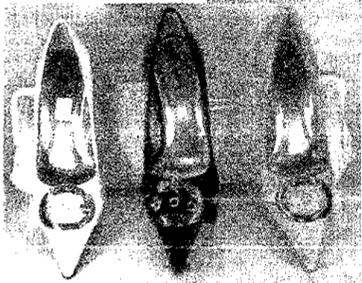
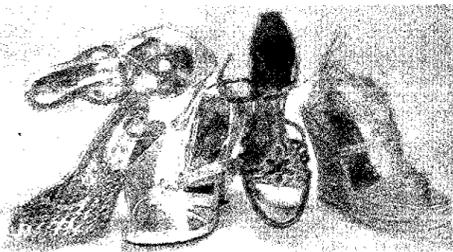
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Pull-out communities douse regional fire plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The concept of a regional fire department may have gone up in flames when four communities doused any chance by deciding this week to pull out of discussions.

Plymouth, Livonia and Northville Township representatives decided Monday to spend up to \$15,000 each for a study by consultant Plante Moran on the regionalization of fire and EMS services.

However, Livonia's director of public safety, Pete Kunst, said while they want the feasibility study to identify potential cost savings, the city's involvement in regional talks ended when Plymouth Township announced it wasn't going to pay for the study, and opted out of further talks.

"If Plymouth Township is out of the conversation, then I don't see any reason to continue the discussion at this time," Kunst said. "If you look at the geography and the different borders, it really doesn't make sense to go in this direction if Plymouth Township isn't part of the discussion."

"It doesn't mean Livonia and Northville Township wouldn't have discussion on areas that might save money," he said. "It makes sense for us to talk to them."

Also opting out of talks were Canton Township and Westland, leaving only the city of Plymouth and Northville Township ready to move forward.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said the Plymouth Community Fire Department has the lowest cost of any of the communities in the discussions, and he sees no need to spend \$15,000 to tell him that.

Westland Fire Chief Mike Reddy said he's taken a look at a similar feasibility study conducted for Downriver communities and said it answers some questions, but leaves others unanswered.

"We weren't interested unless it could show a benefit in improved service without additional cost," Edwards said. "The other departments are operating at a higher cost than we are, so we would have to raise our costs to meet theirs."

"If they're not talking personnel reduction, then it's not worth talking about," he said. "There would have to be a combined cut of \$6 million among all the departments to come down to our current rate per-resident. The idea is flawed all the way around."

Township Trustee Chuck Curmi didn't agree. "How do you know it's not possible if you don't investigate it?" Curmi said. "You don't know until you do the analysis. You can't make a decision without the data."

The news was disappointing to Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who has pushed ahead with fire department regionalization efforts ever since the City Commission made it the No. 1 goal for 2007.

"Regionalization is dead, I'd have to say," Dwyer said. "I still think it's the right thing, and down the road I think we will see it everywhere. But, at least I now know what option is out."

"Then we're going to look hard at public safety," said

Dwyer of a plan to cross-train police to also be firefighters. "If it's a cheaper price and a better product, we'll do it. If not, the next option will be to continue with the fire agreement with Plymouth Township."

The city of Plymouth has already negotiated a provision in the police contract that addresses the public safety concept.

Dwyer lamented it's the second time Plymouth Township has blocked the city's efforts to regionalize services.

"They blocked us when we tried to regionalize dispatch," said Dwyer. "It's frustrating, to say the least."

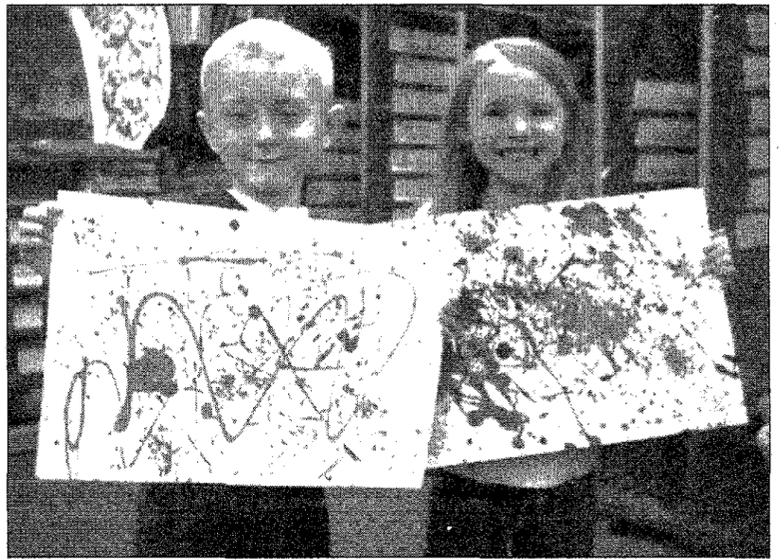
Westland Fire Chief Mike Reddy said he's taken a look at a similar feasibility study conducted for Downriver communities and said it answers some questions, but leaves others unanswered.

"We know the study doesn't get in-depth on how really to consolidate," Reddy said, "like how to deal with personnel and unions, and how four different communities would deal with contracts, pensions and insurance. The study doesn't address the real hurdles."

"I can't ask my residents to pay for a study that I've already done research on myself and know the issues," he said.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack made it known earlier that when it was time to "ask for the check" his community would opt out.

"We're hard-pressed to see any benefit for Canton residents," Yack said of regionalization. "We have the best of the best, and Canton residents have gotten used to it. What we've tried to do is be as efficient as we can, spreading our three fire stations in a way to create maximum coverage in the community. Our response times are real strong."



Showing off their completed expressionist artwork are Cameron Cramier, *The Light of Blue*, and Aubrianna Kolb, *The Fireworks*.



Ivy Davis has a baster to do her splatter painting in the style of Jackson Pollock.

Kindergartners paint like the grand masters

Kindergartners at Schweitzer Elementary School in Westland got up close and personal with a few famous artists, then tried their hand at creating their own masterpieces.

According to teacher Anne McKolay, the youngsters studied the work of Picasso, Leonardo DaVinci, Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh and Georgia O'Keeffe as well as Jackson Pollock, a leading abstract expressionist who used the method of splattering paint onto canvas.

The students used watercolor to paint flowers like O'Keeffe and did Van Gogh's *Sunflower* and *Starry Night*.

"They did 'action painting,' another name for Jackson Pollock is Action Jackson," McKolay said, adding that "the children splattered the paint using brushes, bottles, sticks, toothbrushes and a baster."

"The children used movement to make the design," she added.

Fill spring break with activities

Students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and many neighboring districts will be spring break next, and there certainly won't be a shortage of activities offered by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

Star off spring break with a bowling party at Westland Bowl 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 9. The cost is \$5 per student in kindergarten through eighth-grade for three games of bowling, a hot dog and a beverage, prizes, and other special activities.

Parents are encouraged to participate with their children, but can not bowl on bumper lanes.

Westland Bowl is located at 5940 N. Wayne Road, just south of Avondale. Call (734) 722-7570 for more information. Pre-register by April 6.

If you have an interest in golf, you can take a swing at the department's simulators at the Westland Municipal Golf Course 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, April 10. The simulators are just like golfing on a real golf course.

The event is open to students grades 1-6 and costs \$5 per student. The golf course is at 500 S. Merriman. For additional information, call the golf course at 721-6660. Pre-register by April 6.

Hoops Basketball will hold a clinic 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, April 11, where kids can learn the fundamentals of basketball, including dribbling, passing, shooting and defense.

Participants will improve their basketball skills through a variety of fun, challenging games and drills, including 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 games, free throw contests and beat the counselor events.

The clinic is open to students in grades 1-8 or ages 7-13. The cost is \$15 per student. Wear comfortable clothes, athletic shoes and bring a water bottle with your name on it.

For more information, call Ron Levin at Hoops Basketball at (248) 496-3268. Pre-register by April 9.

Get ready for soccer season by learning technical skills and the fundamentals of soccer with the Detroit Rockers Soccer Team 2-4 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Bailey Recreation Center.

Players will learn how to reach the next level with the most important technical skills and techniques through individual attention and game situation drills.

The cost is \$15 per student. This event is open to students in grades 1-8. Wear comfortable clothes, athletic shoes and

bring a bottle of water with your name on it. The Bailey Center is at 36651 Ford, just east of Newburgh. For more information, call (734) 427-6017. Pre-register by April 9.

There will be a spring teen dance 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the Bailey Center. Enjoy a disc jockey, pizza, snacks and soda at the well-supervised event is sponsored by the Westland Jaycees and is open to students in grades 6-8.

The cost is \$5 per person in advance and \$8 at the door. For more information or to register, call (734) 226-0400 or by e-mail at youthdance1020@yahoo.com. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Also on Friday, April 13, take advantage of special rates and surprises at the Concrete Jungle Skate Park.

You must have your own skates or skate board to attend. Helmets, elbow pads and knee pads are available for rent.

The event is open to all ages and will start at 4 p.m. and run until 6 p.m. Cost is \$1 per skater. Concrete Jungle Skate Park is located at the Bailey Recreation Center.

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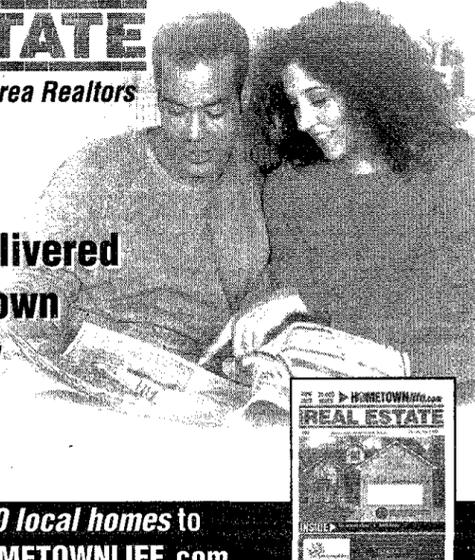
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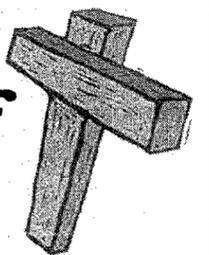
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Easter baskets

Children are welcome to visit Westland's Bailey Recreation Center to make Easter eggs and decorate baskets 4:30-6 p.m. Monday, April 2. Cost is \$7 a child and is open to children ages 3-12. Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Supplies are included.

Parents are encouraged to bring a camera to take pictures of their children with the Easter Bunny. The Bailey Center is located behind City Hall on Ford Road east of Newburgh. To register, call (734) 722-7620.

Senior prescriptions

Westland's Senior Resource Department has announced a trip to Canada so seniors can obtain discounted prescription medications. The program is open to Westland residents over age 50 and senior Friendship Center members.

Prescriptions must be hand delivered to the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, by 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 3. Call (734) 722-7628 to reserve a seat on the bus prior to taking prescriptions to the center.

The bus will leave the center at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 5, and will return by 12:30 p.m.

Tax help

Senior citizens with low to moderate incomes can get help preparing their taxes through an AARP program offered at the Westland senior Friendship Center, on Newburgh Road south of Ford. Sessions will continue 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Monday and Friday through April 13, but appointments are necessary. Call (734) 722-7628.

Relay fund-raiser

Mayor William Wild and his Wild's Walkers Relay for Life team will sponsor "Tips for the Cure" 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at Malarkey's Irish Pub in Westland.

All tips will benefit this year's Relay for Life event for the American Cancer Society. Those attending the Malarkey's event also will be invited to join Wild's team at the Relay event, starting at 10 a.m. June 9 in Jaycee Park.

Malarkey's is located at 35750 Warren Road, just west of Westland Shopping Center. For more information, call (734) 467-3200.

Senior medicines

The Consumer Health Education Center and a local pharmacist will discuss safe and effective use of over-the-counter medicines during a program scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. The program is free and includes refreshments, raffles, gift bags and live barbershop music. Call (734) 722-7628 to reserve a spot.

Democratic Dinner

Presidential candidate John Edwards will be the keynote speaker at the Michigan Democratic Party's 2007 Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner Saturday, April 21, at Cobo Center in Detroit. For more information, call the Michigan Democratic Party at (517) 371-5410 or Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard at (313) 224-0902.

Open skating

Residents can enjoy open skating noon-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, noon-1:45 p.m. and 6-6:50 p.m. Friday and 1-2:20 p.m. Saturday at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, just north of Ford. Admission is \$2.50 for children and senior citizens and \$3.50 for adults during the week and \$1 more on Saturday. Skate rental is \$2.50.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

St. Damian School is holding its Spring Mom 2 Mom Sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 30055 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Westland. Rental is \$20 per table rental and \$5 per rack. Call Dawn at (734) 983-0221 for more information.

Marathon bingo

Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will hold a marathon bingo noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Proceeds will support the post's veterans projects.

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.

DIRECTOR

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Westland Library Board. One trustee, Daniel Bourdeau, pointed to Napsha's "proven record of work with libraries that have had varying levels of challenges."

Westland library watchers hope that Napsha will be a good fit with the board, the employees and the community. They have called for an end to turmoil that resulted in the firing of two previous directors within a two-year period.

Napsha indicated she will lead the Westland library but let her employees do their jobs.

When asked to describe her management style, she said, "I give them a lot of room to be creative. I just stand back and let them be wonderful. I try not to stand between them and greatness."

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MHS offers Summer Tails day camps

It's back by popular demand. The Michigan Humane Society's Summer Tails Day Camp is returning for a second season with seven one-week sessions at its three animal care centers.

Summer Tails Day Camp is a week-long camp offering hands-on, interactive animal learning experience for children ages 7-13. The camps will meet 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and offered the weeks of June 25, July 16 and July 23 at the Berman adoption center in Westland, the weeks of July 30 and Aug. 6 at the Detroit adoption center and the weeks of Aug., 20 and 27 at the Rochester Hills adoption center.

Summer Tails Day Camp is age-appropriate, with program materials suited to learning

styles and maturity level. The program is open to "Junior Paw Pals," (children ages 7-8), "Paw Pals," (ages 9-11) and "Senior Paw Pals," (ages 12-13). "Summer Tails offers kids with a love for animals the opportunity to experience animal welfare first-hand," says Kimberly Korona, community humane initiatives coordinator at the Michigan Humane Society. "Kids are immersed in a week-long session of fun and educational activities teaching humane values toward animals and people."

To provide the optimal learning experience for each "Paw Pal," MHS has collaborated with other animal welfare organizations to expand and enhance knowledge of animal issues, humane training techniques and veterinary medi-

cine.

Children will learn about ferrets from members of the Midwest Fellowship, and may even get a visit with one of the stars of the Animal Planet series, "ANIMAL COPS: DETROIT." And, of course, everyone will spend plenty of quality time with the animals at MHS.

"Respect and compassion for animals is a critical component of any well rounded educational program," added Korona. "Summer Tails makes learning a fun and interactive experience."

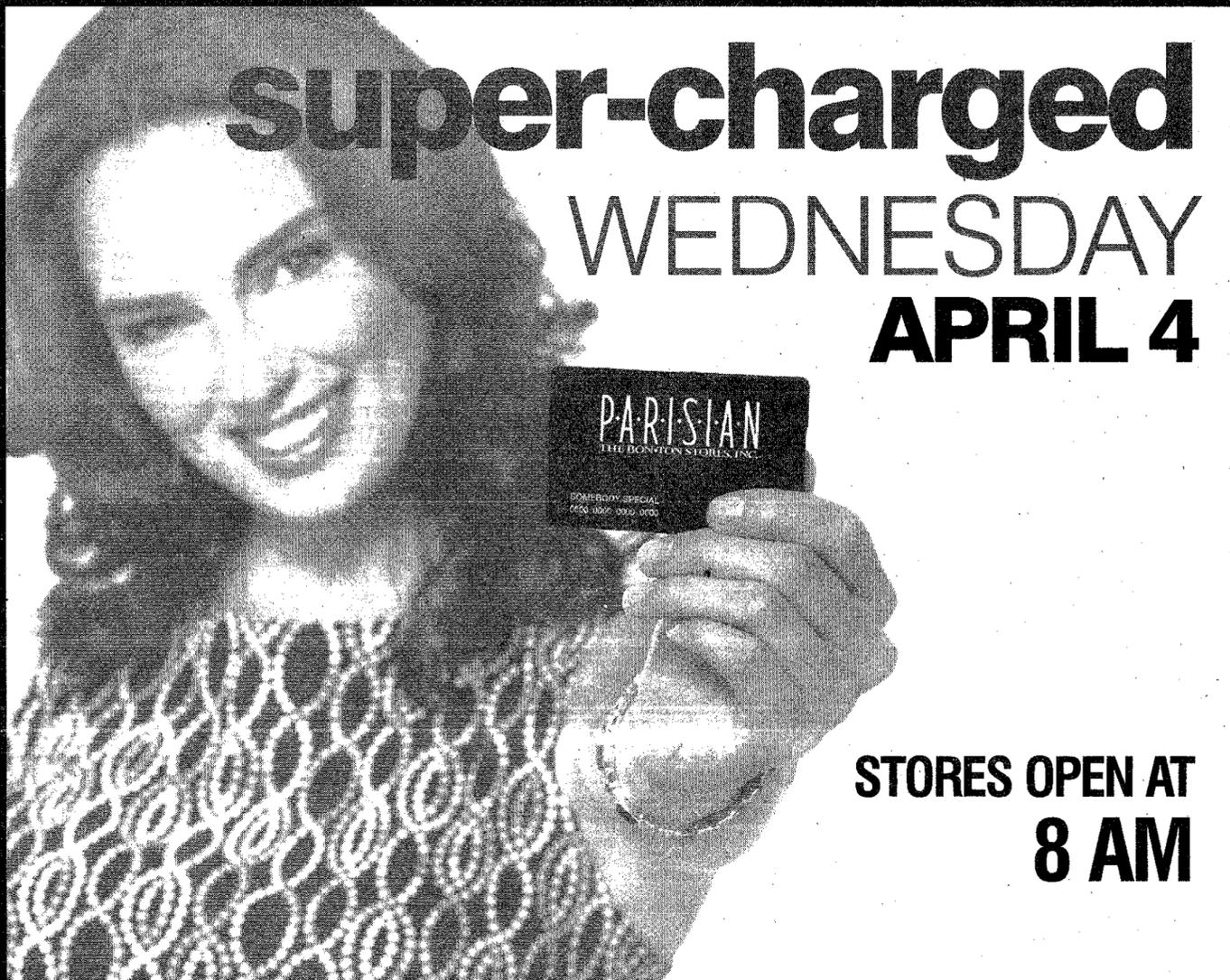
A scholarship program is available to ensure Summer Tails Day Camp is available for all children interested in attending. Registration and scholarship forms are available at all three MHS locations

-7401 Chrysler Dr. in Detroit; 3600 W. Auburn Road in Rochester Hills and 900 N. Newburgh in Westland.

For more information about Summer Tails Day Camp, visit the MHS Web site at www.michiganhumane.org, or contact Kimberly Korona at (248) 799-7400, Ext. 127 or by e-mail at kkorona@michiganhumane.org.

The Michigan Humane Society is a private, nonprofit organization which cares for more than 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary centers.

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RESTITUTION

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over \$16,000 seized during their criminal investigation, Barra said.

The civic league, on Wayne Road south of Ford, sponsors such events as bingo to support youth baseball, senior citizen programs and other community activities.

Barra, who became president after Neal Greenfield was ousted in 2004, had accepted the amount of restitution ordered for his predecessor. Neal Greenfield is supposed to pay \$10,000 by Thursday and the remaining \$6,000 in monthly increments of \$500.

"I feel that the judge worked very hard with all parties concerned to come to this agreement," Barra said Friday. "We are satisfied that a fair amount of restitution was recommended in light of the financial circumstances

that the defendants have found themselves in."

Judge Bill has said that Neal Greenfield is working to get his truck-driving license and that Shari Greenfield is employed as a restaurant/bar waitress.

Barra and others had been upset in February when Bill decided to place the Greenfields on probation for three years, rather than giving them time in jail. Bill had told the *Observer* his goal was to force the defendants to repay money.

Earlier, Hammoud had said he would seek restitution of more than \$150,000, but he said new league officials and Neal Greenfield had accepted the \$16,000 amount.

Moreover, the amount Shari Greenfield will have to repay hasn't been decided.

Bill also has ordered the Greenfields to perform 100 hours of community service and to avoid contacting the

league. He also has warned them to find "legitimate employment" for at least 30 hours a week.

Bill also has threatened to place the Greenfields in prison if they violate their probation. They pleaded no contest to a charge that carries a possible five-year term behind bars.

Barra, meanwhile, said he has turned his focus to restoring the civic league's image. The state has allowed the organization to resume bingo.

"As interesting as it's all been, I need to remain focused on the future of the civic league. I'm relieved that the bulk of this situation is behind us now," Barra said.

He described bingo activities as drawing crowds.

"Bingo is going absolutely wonderful," he said. "The people are here, they're playing and they're having fun."

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Named to the honor roll for the second marking period at Stevenson Middle School were:

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John Burger, Courtney Burns, Erica Burzlaff, Brenna Bush, Kameron Caldwell, Adrian Carey, Ashley Carey, Kendall Carter, Matthew Castaldini, Servina Ceno, Jacob Charron, Quintin Cheek, Sunroop Cheema, Ashley Christensen, Tasha Christensen, De'Janae Clark, Brittany Cobb, Marisa Colosimo, Ashley Compton, Jordyn Coniam, Dylan Cook.

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Contract Documents may be examined at the Livonia Public Schools Maintenance Department Office at 15125 Farmington Road, from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Bid forms, specifications and drawings are available at the Maintenance Department of the Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

A mandatory site inspection is required and will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at Livonia Career Technical Center, 8965 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150 at 10:00 am.

Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 am on the Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at the Board of Education Administrative Services Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. The bids will be publicly opened and read at that time. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

All questions regarding this bid should be directed to Jim McMuldroch, District Engineer at (734) 744-2500, ext. 42158.

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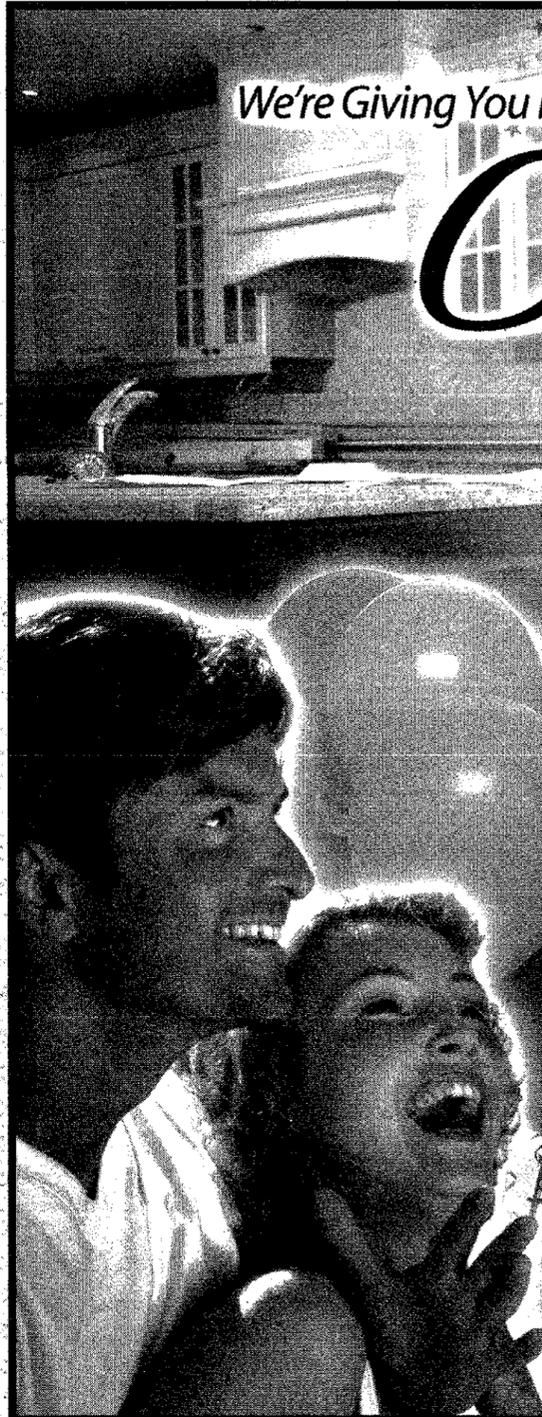
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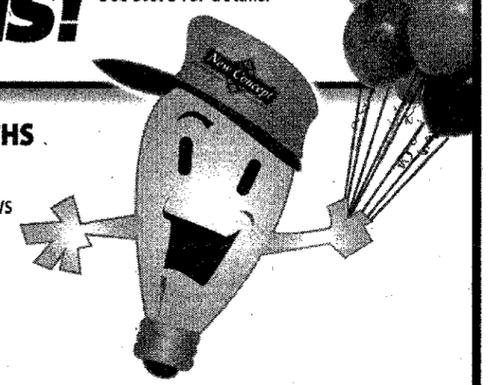
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DISNEY

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the first for Diroff and his Wayne Memorial students. The two men have been talking about a joint venture.

This one has worked out well, especially with Cramer's organizational experience, Diroff said.

"It's a nice way for the students to go on a trip and for the students to get exposure to their counterparts," he said. "Scott also has a lot of experience, especially the organizational aspect, that's been great. I've learned a lot."

Planning for the trip began in November 2005. They had to apply and send a recording to Disney to see if they would be accepted. According to the teachers, the trip was pretty much planned before it was mentioned to the students.

"We tested the waters by asking the kids if they'd liked to go to Disney World. Matt's kids were all over it," Cramer said.

Rehearsals began in early February. The students have been gathering at John Glenn for three hours twice a week, with each group rehearsing 1 1/2 hours.

They will take a break from rehearsing to perform the music in a concert at 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Stockmeyer Auditorium on the Wayne Memorial High School campus in Wayne.

"It'll give parents who are not going down to see what their kids will be doing," Cramer said.

"They'll have a captive audience, it'll be a nice opportunity for them," Diroff said. "I'd love to see the auditorium packed."

The two teachers see the trip as a catalyst for other ventures, possibly an honors group that would meet after school and perform music they might not get to do.

The students will leave by bus for Florida after school April 17, and both teachers admit that there are plenty of people who need thanking for helping make it possible.

"It's taken more than us," Diroff said. "Everyone played a part in this. We're just getting on the bus and going."

"We're just a small part of this," he added.



Wayne Memorial senior Ann Veloz (foreground) and junior Cindy Aslanian play the flute for the combined band.



John Glenn junior Bobbi Scheffer warms up on her standup bass before the start of rehearsals for Monday's concert and a visit to Walt Disney World.

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Senior Alliance honors employee for service

The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, recently honored long-time employee Georgia Bradford who has retired after 23 years with the agency.

Bradford was the guest of honor at a retirement celebration held at the Woodlands of Van Buren.

During her years as a TSA Program Specialist, she was able to act as an advocate for many aging individuals.

She provided seniors with information about Medicare, health insurance and senior transportation and also worked as a good-will activist within her



Bradford

community. The Romulus resident demonstrated outstanding benevolence while she worked as the President of her church's Mission Society, providing

assistance to the sick and homebound.

"The Senior Alliance has been truly lucky and very blessed to have such dedicated and accomplished employees like Mrs. Bradford," said TSA's Executive Director Bob Brown.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Democrats meet "Iraq for Sale... The War Profiteers," a documentary on the waste and fraud in military spending on the war in Iraq, will be sponsored by the 11th Congressional District Democrats at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the Quality Inn, 30375 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Melanie Goldberg, immigration attorney and member of the Coordinating Council of Detroit Area Peace With Justice Network, will discuss the topic and lead a question-and-answer session following the film. For more information, call (248) 624-4753.

Career Day/Youth Summit Ford Motor Company and the Detroit Branch NAACP will host the seventh annual Career Day and Youth Summit 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Cobo Conference Center in Detroit. The half-day event includes interactive workshops and a college and university career fair, all designed to prepare

students for their futures. Ford will also award \$20,000 in scholarships to the winners of an essay competition. Admission is free, and pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, visit www.fordnaacpcareerday.com online or call (313) 203-7038.

Peace benefit set A strolling supper fund-raiser will be held by the Citizens for Peace from 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 30, at Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan, in Livonia, to finance a peace book collection for the Civic Center Library. The event will involve dramatizations of historical peacemakers, views of the Peace Collection Bibliography and the sharing of an evening with peace-minded people. For more information or to register for the event, phone (248) 863-7705 (after 5 p.m.) or (248) 476-0791.

Lunchtime lecture Learn more about advance directives for medical care at a free lunch-time lecture noon-1 p.m. Friday, March 30, hosted by Eldercare Resources at Madonna University. Attorney Sharon S. Miller, an assistant professor of gerontology at Madonna, will educate people on designating surrogate medical decision-makers should they become unable to make their own choices. Miller will share her knowledge of living wills, power of attorney

and health care proxies. Coffee, tea, and fruit will be provided, and participants are invited to bring a bag lunch. The lecture will be in Room 2213 of the Academic Building of Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road at Levan Road, Livonia. For more information, call Sharon Miller at (734) 432-5531.

Crafters wanted Crafters and vendors are wanted for a spring craft show and bazaar at the Inkster Recreational Center, at 2025 Middlebelt. The show will be 1-6 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Cost is \$30 per booth. Send an e-mail to Vdotson@twmi.r.com or call (734) 595-1083 for an application.

Hospice care help sought Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort, and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided; the next training session is April 14, 21 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Explore Girl Scouting Girls ages 5-17 can discover how much Girl Scouts has to offer all. Scouting isn't just about camping and cookies anymore. Girls learn a lot about themselves, and the world around them, form lasting friendships, become more confident, independent, helpful and resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community service and challenge themselves and develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. See what Girl Scouts has to offer. Call (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2688).

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Senior dinners The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3-3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-5010.

Crochet & Knit A crochet and knit group meets 9:30 a.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center on Newburgh near Marquette. Beverly Kaminski is the instructor. Participants should bring a type "G" crochet hook. Those interested can sign up at the center's front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

Visually Impaired The Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs) support group meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N.

Newburgh, Westland. Participants share information and meet others. Those interested in joining can be scheduled on a bus route for transportation. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

Hearing checks Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free, 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

Exercise Simply Jazzercise is designed for exercisers older than 50. The program provides a low to moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates simple dance routines with walking or jogging patterns and resistance exercises. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and exercise mat are suggested. Classes are 10:15 a.m. Monday, 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. Friday, at \$3 per person per class. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

Travel Group The Friendship Travel Group meets 1 p.m. the second Friday of each month (unless a large event is scheduled) in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Programs include celebration of birthdays, door prizes, description of new classes or programs, speakers from tour companies, overview of day/overnight trips and refreshments. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Eating Disorders Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. All meetings are closed - for people of all ages with eating disorders and are free of charge. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 324-3089.

Advocacy group The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. For more information, call (734) 362-8825.

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 28 meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Weigh-

in is 6-6:45 p.m. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

Menopause & More A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. For more information, call (734) 655-1100.

Support group A support group for people with chronic illness meets on Fridays every other week, at the Westside Mental Health Services, 32932 W. Warren, Suite 103, Westland. The support group is a service of Awareness Counseling Services. There is a \$10 for each meeting which will be facilitated by a professional. For more information, call (734) 513-8295 or (313) 562-2800.

AIM Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

Childbirth classes Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a refresher childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teens. For information on programs, call (734) 458-4330.

Childbirth Association Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes are available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean birth preparation are also offered. Call (734) 459-7477.

Fibromyalgia The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

HISTORIC

Pioneer trek The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that affected the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. For information, call (734) 326-1110.

Friends of Eloise The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between

Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. Call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Friends of Museum Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday each month except December at the Collins House, located at the museum complex, 857 N. Wayne Road. Call Jim Franklin at (734) 595-8119. Everyone is welcome.

ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday Cozy Corner Family Dining, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call Vicki Brannon at (734) 467-7224 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

Suburban GOP Women's Club The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host immigration attorney Kathleen Poppenger answering questions on America's problems with illegal immigration at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$18. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

Vietnam Vets The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, on S. Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road. If you served in the U.S. military between 1964 and 1975, even, if not, "in country" (combat zone) you are still eligible to become a member. Visit the Web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA for more information.

Friends of library The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library organization meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The group also holds a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

In Harmony The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quizzing can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

Civil Air Patrol Emergency service is just one of the congressionally mandated missions of the Civil Air Patrol, which includes ground and air search-and-rescue operations. The Civil Air Patrol, which is the official U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is made up of civilian volunteers. To learn more about CAP or training as an air crew or ground team member, contact the Willow Run Composite Squadron (MI-260). Call Capt. Dane Hansen, deputy commander/recruiter, at (734) 485-3021 or visit the Web site www.members.home.net/capliberators/.

NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the City of Westland: (APPENDIX A)

Table with 4 columns: 2006 PRIVATE WEEDS PAR_NUM, 2006 PRIVATE WEEDS PAR_NUM, 2006 PRIVATE WEEDS PAR_NUM, 2006 PRIVATE WEEDS PAR_NUM. Lists various parcel numbers for noxious weed removal.

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of 2006. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll.

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Date: April 12, 2007 Time: 1:30 p.m. EST Place: Board of Education Wayne-Westland Community Schools 36745 Marquette Westland, MI 48185

Attn: Sheila King, Supervisor of Business

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after March 22, 2007.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC., Architects - Engineers - Planners, 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; the MCGRAW-HILL CONSTRUCTION DODGE PLAN ROOM, Detroit, Michigan; or the CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is on the proposal execution form.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date for receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Owner.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.



NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ANNUAL ELECTION SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BIENNIAL ELECTION CITY OF GARDEN CITY, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID DISTRICTS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annual election for the School District of the City of Garden City, and the biennial election for the Schoolcraft Community College District, Garden City, will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

The last day for receiving registrations for the election will be Monday, April 9, 2007. Persons registering after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2007, will not be eligible to vote at the May 8, 2007 election.

Under the provisions of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 as amended, registrations will not be taken by school officials and only persons who have registered as general electors with the appropriate Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside, or through registration at a Secretary of State driver's license bureau, are registered school electors.

At the annual election of the Garden City School District there will be elected one (1) Member of the Board of Education for a four-year term, ending June 30, 2011. The candidates for said office to the Board of Education are as follows:

ONE (1) FOUR YEAR TERM (one shall be elected)

Michael Daniel Bachko James Larkin Brian W. Nowka

At the biennial election of the Schoolcraft College District, Garden City, there will be elected three (3) trustees at-large for six (6) year terms ending June 30, 2013.

THREE (3) 6-YEAR TERMS (three shall be elected)

Mary Breen Brian D. Broderick James G. Fausone Joan A. Gebhardt Ron Randall

This notice is given by order of the Garden City Clerk Allyson Bettis.

Third-grader Jenna Salyer gives the clues to her character, Dolly Madison, during Grant Elementary School's wax museum.



Grant's wax show 'better than a party'

When Grant Elementary opens a wax museum, everybody comes.

Dolly Madison was there along with a couple other first ladies, three Harry Houdinis, Abe Lincoln, Grandma Moses and Chief Pontiac.

On Tuesday, third-graders depicted these famous Americans and dressed the part. "Some of them went all out," said teacher Ann Jenkins.

Visitors, from parents to classmates in other grades, got three clues and three guesses.

Jake McDowell found a mustache and big white wig at a party store to portray "one of the greatest mathematicians."

As Albert Einstein, McDowell knew that E=MC squared. As a third-grader, it took him just a second to answer that six times four is

24.

Travis Cote was the third president, Thomas Jefferson. He also invented the dumb waiter.

"I couldn't think of anything else," Cote said, explaining why he noted that second accomplishment. "Everybody's saying they didn't know that, so that's good."

Sean O'Connell, who wore fingerless gloves and a shirt emblazoned with logos, replenished between sessions by squirting water from an orange sports bottle — just like the real Lance Armstrong.

Thomas Hartwig was Harry Houdini.

"One of my most famous tricks is when I was locked in a box and lowered into the Detroit River," the third-grader said, with his hands cuffed in



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Grant Elementary School was home to its very own wax museum Tuesday, inviting parents and students to browse the talking exhibits.

front of him and a plastic chain draped around his body. Hartwig has never attempted to break out of a locked box, "but I could escape from all of these," he said.

Third-grader Eric Estes,

another Houdini, said the wax museum was "better than a party."

"I like pretending that we're famous," he said.

By Rebecca Jones

Rally supports anti-bullying bill

State Senator Glenn Anderson — a longtime proponent to fight bullying in schools — joined Gov. Jennifer Granholm and hundreds of parents, educators, and children who united Thursday at the Capitol to support Matt's Safe School Law.

The legislation is intended to help stem the social torment known to cause poor school performance and depression and even force some children to drop out of school.

"Bullying affects real kids in a real way," said Anderson, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City, Livonia and Redford.

The bill has passed the House and now moves to the Senate, where Anderson is sponsoring a Senate version of the bill. He also had proposed such a bill as a former state representative.

"As adults and lawmakers, we have a duty to do everything we can to help kids succeed, and that begins with making school a safe place to learn and grow," Anderson said.

Under Matt's Safe School Law, schools would be required to implement a bullying policy that defines bullying and puts in place a policy that outlines the consequences of such behavior.

This year's version of the bill also extends the policy to Internet bullying — for instance, harassment done over instant messaging on school property or similar activity with the use of a school-sponsored Internet service provider.

"Intimidation and fear have no place in our schools. No child in Michigan should have to be the victim of a schoolyard bully, and no child should have their learning disrupted by an unruly child," Granholm said in a press release. "To give our children the world-class education they need, we need to make sure all schools are safe and that is why I support tough, anti-bullying legislation like Matt's Safe School Law."

In a radio interview earlier in the day, Anderson stressed the school performance issues associated with bullying. He explained that, while children hear from adults that they must do well academically to succeed, they often experience substantial harassment from their peers as a result of that success.

Granholm, state Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-Lyndon Township, and Sean Kosofsky, Triangle Foundation director of policy, also spoke Thursday. The Michigan Safe Schools Coalition hosted the event.

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These changes parallel what is happening in the blood vessels surrounding the fingers. Initially, cold exposure causes spasm of the small blood vessels; the vessels shut down and blood ceases to flow to the digits affected. This lack of blood supply causes the finger to look white. Blueness occurs because the blood remaining in the fingers becomes desaturated of oxygen causing the finger to look blue. Finally, the spasm ends, the blood vessel opens up and blood flows to the finger at an accelerated rate; this change brings a red color to the finger.

Usually, Raynaud's is a nuisance. If spasm of the blood vessel lasts long enough or occurs frequently, it is possible that the affected finger will develop a skin ulcer or even gangrene. As a result of these possibilities, Raynauds needs treatment. That therapy may be as simple as wearing gloves even in mild exposure to cold. If Raynauds worsens, then use of medication to keep blood vessels open is in order.

Certain rheumatologic conditions can cause Raynauds. These conditions are scleroderma, systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatoid arthritis. Your doctor will screen for them. If present, then treatment for the Raynauds would include therapy for the underlying rheumatic disease.

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No load funds are a better investment

Dear Rick: My adviser told me that if you hold a mutual fund long term, generally over five years, that there is very little difference between a load and no-load fund. Do you agree? Jessica

Dear Jessica:

First, let me explain what a load is. The load refers to the commission that you pay to purchase a mutual fund. For example, in a mutual fund that has an 8 percent load, if you invest \$10,000, \$850 right off the top goes to the salesperson while the remaining \$9,150 goes into the investment. If you go into a true no-load fund, like the funds I recommend, and invest \$10,000, the entire \$10,000 goes to work for you. Therefore, when your salesperson tells you that over the long run there is no difference between load and no-load fund, he/she is not telling you the truth. All things being equal, in a no-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

load fund you have more money invested will mean more money ends up in your pocket. When you look at the independent studies they all reach the same conclusion - the average commission-free fund (no load) out performs the average commission fund (load) even if you do not take the commissions into effect. When I've spoken to commission-based financial advisers, who sell commission-based mutual funds, they generally state that the commission is how they are compensated and that they are entitled to a fair compensation for the services performed. I

have no problem with a professionals being compensated for professional services. My problem is when it comes to mutual funds, commissions and sales incentives are generally undisclosed. A professional should have no problem discussing their fees. I'm always suspicious when fees are undisclosed. On the whole, I do not favor commissions in the financial world. They create a conflict of interest. The best commissioned salespeople I know never worry about commissions, they worry about taking care of their clients. However, there are too many commissioned salespeople that are only concerned with the commissions and the sales incentives, such as free trips. That is why in the great majority of cases, I recommend that investors invest commission-free.

Dear Rick: I have just turned 60 and it has been recommended I purchase a long-term care policy. Do you recommend these types of policies?

Barry

Dear Barry: In the past, I had been very much opposed to long-term care policies and the reason had nothing to do with the need for these types of policies but rather that it was very difficult to collect on these types of policies. The insurance companies made it difficult to file a claim and that is why I generally did not recommend these types of policies. In today's world, because of government intervention, these policies have gotten better, however, the adage of "let the buyer beware" still applies. In all too many cases it is still very difficult to collect on these policies. If someone purchases a long-term care policy, the most important thing to examine in

a company is how it pays claims. All too often, people will receive competitive bids on long-term care and purchase the cheapest policy. The least expensive policy isn't necessarily the best policy because many companies make it very difficult to collect. Just like with any other type of insurance, I believe long-term care insurance should be needs-based. Unfortunately, long-term care insurance is not purchased, it is sold. Too many seniors purchase a policy when they don't need it. Before purchasing this type of policy, do independent research on long-term care policies in general. One source is AARP which has some very good information regarding long-term care policies on their Web site, www.aarp.org. The first issue is to determine is need. Don't believe what the salespeople tell you that everyone is going to end up in a nursing home and everyone

will lose all their money. This is not the case. If it were, the insurance industry would never offer this type of policy. The great majority of people don't end up in nursing homes and do not lose all their money. The question you should ask yourself before purchasing long-term care is if you are unable to care for yourself, do you have the resources to protect yourself? If not, long-term care is an alternative. However, as I mentioned earlier, take your time, do your homework. Shop around, receive a number of independent bids and then decide what policy fits your situation.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

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PLAID will study economic impact of segregation to area

BY SCOTT HEINZMAN

We all know times are tough economically for southeast Michigan. The domestic auto industry is in decline. Our region needs to attract the types of businesses which will be viable for the foreseeable future.

PLAID formed in 1992 to promote the importance of diversity. Our mission statement reads — PLAID (People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity) is a group of people who believe in actively promoting the acceptance of all people because a community's diversity is a strength.

This is particularly relevant, as our area must compete with other metropolitan regions to recruit high-tech businesses. They seek cosmopolitan centers, places where workers they may recruit from anywhere on the planet will feel comfortable. Greater Detroit is generally not considered cosmopolitan.

Our reputation as the most segregated urban center in America is counterproductive to business attraction. Metro Detroit is not high on most professionals' list of cool places to live. This is a disadvantage.

PLAID is dedicating itself in 2007 to study the extent to which segregation impacts our region economically. We intend to share our findings in the near future.

We invite any person or group to share any resources viewed as useful to this undertaking. Specifically, we look for counsel from the business, academic, faith-based and social justice communities. Also, we look to engage interested citizens in whatever capacity they wish to contribute.

It is also our hope to build good relationships as this project unfolds. We hope to see barriers based upon racial divisions, ethnic ignorance and accompanying negative stereotypes further dissolve.

Progress has been made, but we still have a long way to go. The longer we remain segregated, the longer we put off the kinds of regional cooperation necessary to revitalize our region.

The expansion of Cobo Convention Center underscores the big picture. Area leaders such as Robert Ficano, Kwame Kilpatrick, L. Brooks Patterson, the Ilitch family and many others acknowledge the regional importance of Cobo.

Similarly, the condition of our core city has everything to do with our regional well-being. Neither Livonia, Dearborn, Sterling Heights, Rochester, Trenton or any other suburb has the capacity to create a thriving downtown.

Only Detroit has the concentration of office buildings, museums, stadiums, universities, and other attractions necessary for a thriving, dynamic, attractive cosmopolitan urban center. We only hurt ourselves if we continue to isolate ourselves using Telegraph Road and Eight Mile as attitudinal boundaries.

Such attitudes are certainly a two-way street. Many people in the suburbs are afraid to go into Detroit. Many people of color fear going into the suburbs. What do Americans of varied descent have to fear from each other?

Ironically, Livonia is comparable to Detroit 40 years ago. It is almost completely developed with no way to expand borders. Both municipalities are challenged to attract new businesses while redeveloping vacated property.

Self-integration and candid, respectful dialogue among people from differing cultures will encourage understanding and inevitably, trust. Denial and defensiveness do not foster constructive relationships.

It is not fictitious to say European-Americans and African-Americans have been sufficiently separated as to have evolved into separate cultures. Each culture identifies with its own people, distrusting the other culture.

The history of humankind is filled with clan mentality. As cultures clash, there is territorialism, which can breed oppression and violence. Often, one culture is dominant wielding either political and/or economic power.

Clan mentality tends to reward its own, whether it is just or not; yet, history teaches us those who expand inclusiveness realize greater peace and prosperity.

As we ponder our economic vitality, we would serve ourselves by addressing the racial divide. "Those" people on the opposite side of attitudinal boundaries are also our people. They are fellow Americans. They are our brothers and sisters in spirit.

If we are to compete at a global level, we must value regional cooperation over whatever forces divide us.

PLAID strives to encourage cooperative approaches.

Anyone wishing to help is invited to contribute as they see fit. We seek information, expert speakers, written materials, films, presentations or anything else which helps us better understand how segregation affects us economically.

PLAID meets the first Monday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Scott Heinzman is co-chair of PLAID and can be reached at (734) 462-2423 or at sheinzman@twm1.rr.com.

Condemning Islamic terrorism is not attack on Arabs, Muslims

BY PAOLO MOTTA

I am writing in response to the March 18 Sunday Perspectives column titled, "Hateful rhetoric won't help ease tensions in Middle East." In the column, Terry Ahwal characterizes vocal condemnation of Islamic terrorism as hateful and ignorant. Her perspective is troubling on many counts.

First, Ms. Ahwal seems to ignore or trivialize the atrocious acts committed by terrorists acting in the name of Islam. Here's an abbreviated list: 1993 World Trade Center Bombing (six killed); 1998 bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania (224 killed); bombing of the U.S.S. Cole (17 killed); Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center (almost 3,000 killed); October 2002 bombing of a Bali nightclub (over 200 killed); March 2004 bombings in Spain (191 killed); July 2005 London bombings (53 killed). A complete list includes many more acts with many more deaths and injuries. The perpetrators of all of these incidents claimed to be acting in the name of Islam. Accurately identifying our enemy is not hateful; it is a necessary step in defending ourselves.

Second, Ms. Ahwal equates the condemnation of Islamic terrorism as an attack on all Muslims and Arabs. This is a gross mischaracterization. None of the persons identified in her article — Thomas Friedman, Glenn Beck, or the president — claims that all Muslims or all Arabs are terrorists. Living in southeast Michigan, we live and work among the largest population of Muslims and Arabs in the U.S. We recognize them as our co-workers, neighbors and friends and as hard-working, peaceful people. Accurately identifying and fighting radical Islamists committing acts of terror is no more an indictment against all Muslims than identifying and prosecuting teachers who molest children is an indictment against all teachers. Assuming all Muslims or Arabs are terrorists is wrong. Failing to accurately identify our enemies as radical Islamists for the mistaken belief that we are offending all Muslims is dangerous.

One of the most disheartening aspects of the war on Islamic radicals has been the reluctance of peaceful Muslims to strongly denounce the violence of Islamic terrorists. It is this reluctance on the part of moderate Muslims that causes many people to question whether Islam itself is to blame for the terrorist threat. Ms. Ahwal only compounds this problem when she criticizes the president or Thomas Friedman rather than those who are committing the violence. Has Ms. Ahwal written any columns denouncing Islamic terrorists for killing innocent civilians, including fellow Muslims?

Third, it is not hateful to defend ourselves against a threat to our existence. We are facing an enemy who wishes to kill us and destroy our way of life. The Islamic terrorists attack all whom they consider to be "infidels" and seek to eradicate any society that is not governed by Sharia law. Let's be clear. These are radicals who plan unprovoked attacks on thousands of civilians, issue death warrants for

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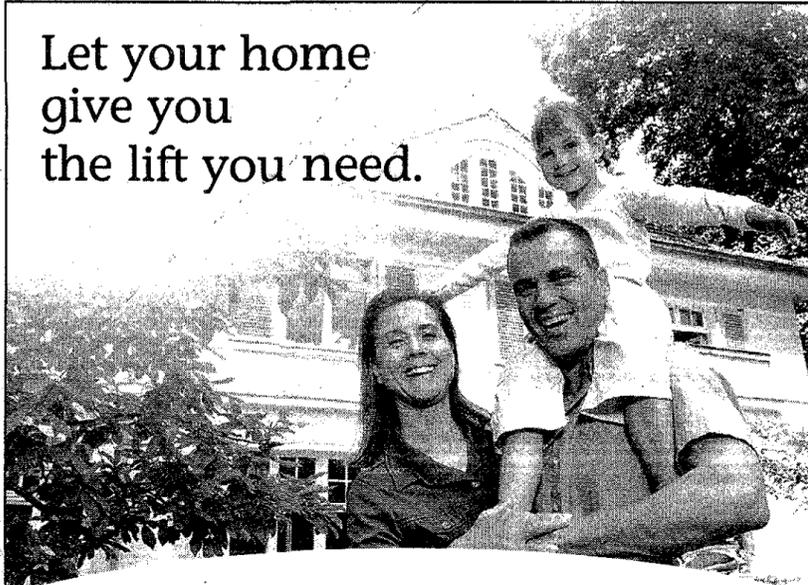
authors of books and cartoons, and behead journalists. It would be irresponsible for our government not to actively defend our country against those who wish to destroy us. In the years following the first World Trade Center bombing, we ignored the growing threat of Islamic terror. As a consequence, thousands of innocent Americans were murdered.

Ms. Ahwal's comments obfuscate the real issues that must be addressed in the war on terror. We must not be covered into refusing to identify and fight our enemy for fear of being labeled anti-Muslim or anti-Arab. It is not hate or ignorance that is motivating our war against Islamic terrorists; it is self-defense. Moderate Muslims in Afghanistan and Iraq, those who have most closely seen the danger of Islamic radicals, have joined us in the war against Islamic terror. Until moderate Muslims across the globe are willing to join in the fight against those who commit violence in the name of Islam, people of all religions and cultures will remain vulnerable to the threat of Islamic terror.

Rather than listen to those who would attack our resolve to defend ourselves with mistaken claims of hate and ignorance, we would be better served by remembering the response by Hamid Karzai, president of Afghanistan, to a reporter in a September 2006 press conference at The White House: "(Terrorism was hurting us way before Iraq or September 11th. The President (Bush) mentioned some examples of it. These extremist forces were killing people in Afghanistan and around for years closing schools, burning mosques, killing children uprooting vineyards, with vine trees, grapes hanging on them, forcing populations to poverty and misery. They came to America on September 11th, but they were attacking you before September 11th in other parts of the world. We are a witness in Afghanistan to what they are and how they can hurt. You are a witness in New York. Do you forget people jumping off the 80th floor or 70th floor when the planes hit them? Can you imagine what will be for a man or a woman to jump off that high? Who did that? And where are they now? And how do we fight them, how do we get rid of them, other than going after them? Should we wait for them to come and kill us again? That's why we need more action around the world, in Afghanistan and elsewhere, to get them defeated — extremism, their allies, terrorists and the like."

Paolo Motta is a resident of Canton.

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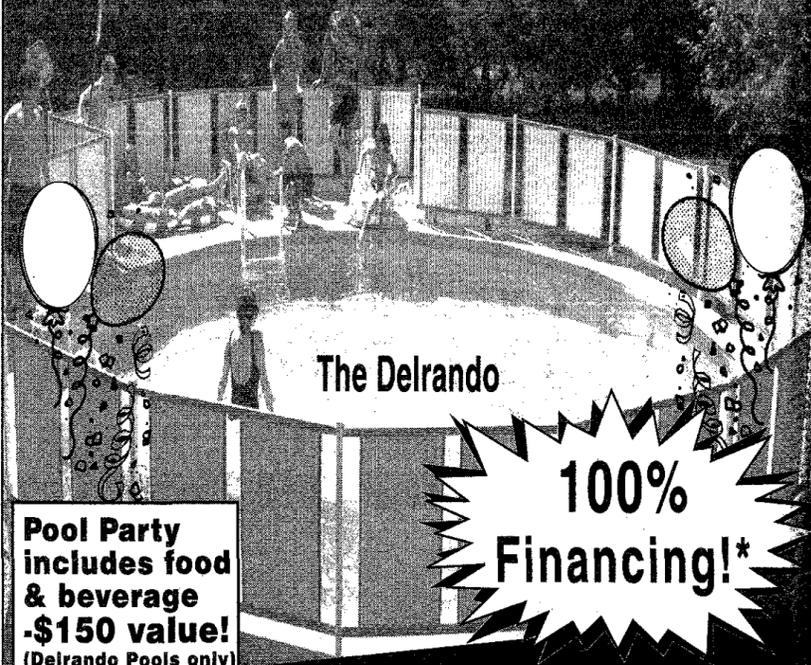
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Clerk, sheriff create one-stop office for permits

Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett and Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans are collaborating to offer county residents a one-stop office to obtain a permit to carry concealed weapon.

Instead of going to downtown Detroit to apply, they will be able to visit the Clerk's "one-stop-shop" at the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol office in Westland, 3100 Henry Ruff Road, to apply for a concealed weapons permit.

The new service is part of the Garrett's new satellite office at the Sheriff's western Wayne County headquarters.

In addition, a step has been eliminated for all citizens who visit the Clerk's downtown office to apply for a CCW license. In the past, they had to apply in the downtown office and travel to the Wayne County Sheriff's Road Patrol office in Westland to be fingerprinted. Those citizens now will be able to process their application in a one-stop visit by having their fingerprinting conducted at the downtown location when they initially



Richard and Margi Rothwell of Redford were the first customers at Wayne County's new one-stop satellite office. On the left is County Clerk Cathy Garrett and on the right is Sheriff Warren Evans.

apply for the permit.

The Clerk's Office has purchased a state-of-the-art fingerprinting machine and the staff will receive specialized training from the Sheriff's Office.

"I'm always assessing ways to more conveniently serve the citizens of Wayne County," stated Clerk Garrett. "I'm pleased that two Wayne County gov-

ernment offices are working together to improve services for our citizens."

Applicants applying for CCW permits at the Clerk's downtown location will only have to make one trip because their CCW permit, if approved, will be mailed to them. In the past, they had to make a second trip to personally pick up the CCW permit.

Improvements in technology have reduced the previous on-average fingerprinting processing time from five weeks to one week. In the very near future, applicants will be able to go online to WayneCountyClerk.com to track the status of their application in real time.

Wayne County issues approximately 4,500 CCW permits each year.

"We have done a great deal in the past two years to reduce the wait for law abiding citizens to receive a CCW permit and this one-stop shop is the final piece of the puzzle," Sheriff Evans said. "Now citizens will be able to apply for and receive their permits in as convenient and expedient a manner as possible."

The Clerk's Western Wayne Satellite Office also will be staffed to provide a number of the most requested Clerk services, including: Assumed Names; Birth/Death Certificates; Marriage Licenses; Passports and Notary Public.

Rep. McCotter will hold teleconference Town Hall

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) is inviting constituents to take part in a live teleconference Town Hall 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3.

The Town Hall, which will also be webcast live (audio only) on the internet, will cover several topics, including the war in Iraq, Health Care, and the budget.

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Webcast system requirements: Internet Explorer version 5 or later, Windows Media Player 8 or greater, and an Internet connection of 28.8 Kbps or greater (dial up speed), plus speakers or soundcard with built-in speaker.

Marshmallow drop Friday

Wayne County will stage its annual Marshmallow Drop 11 a.m. Friday, April 6, at Nankin Mills Park in Westland.

Thousands of marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter to be turned in for prizes. Only one marshmallow is needed to receive a treat,

so each child will receive one! This event is sponsored by Wayne County Parks and is open to ages 4 and up. Nankin Mills Park is located on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

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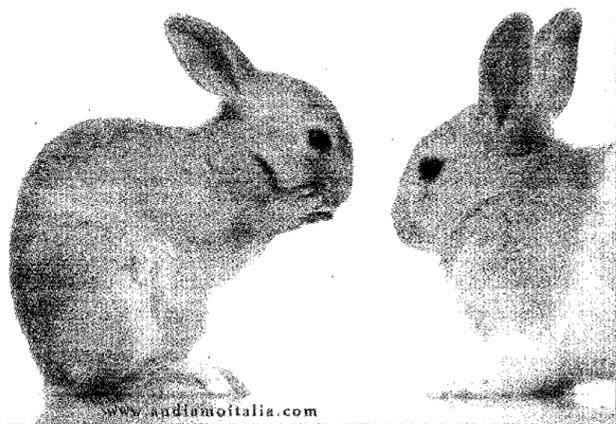
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Churchill gets inside track for '07 season

Stevenson girls not far behind

See capsule outlook of area girls track teams B5

PREVIEW

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Call it the carry-over effect.

Livonia Churchill's success last fall in girls cross country (runner-up in the state) and during the winter in volleyball (Class A state champs) will more than likely rub off again this spring on its girls track and field squad.



Frey

The Chargers are defending Western Lakes Activities

Association and Division I regional champions with 12 members returning that have earned either first-, second- or third-team All-Observer honors.

Two pivotal members of the state championship volleyball team, Kyndra Abron and Lauren Krupsky, lead a talented cast that will be tough to beat.

Abron, a junior, placed eighth in the Division I state in the shot put and won the WLAA title with a throw of 39 feet, 5 inches. She was also discus champion in the WLAA with a heave of 118-11.

Krupsky, a senior, took seventh in the state in the discus with a throw of 120 feet. She also threw a season-best 36-7.5 in the shot put.

Churchill also has plenty of depth in the sprints and distance events despite the losses of first-team All-Area picks Lache Wilkins and Kylen Cieslak.

"We lost some excellent athletes to graduation, but we are still a veteran driven team," fourth-year coach Keith McDonald said. "Our varsity athletes have experience in big

meets. We're hoping this will pay dividends again for us this season."

Regional runner-up Stevenson should be formidable again despite the loss of stand-out 800-meter runner Lisa Arrowsmith, who took fourth in the Division I state meet (2:16.75).

Senior Kristen Frey earned first-team All-Area honors in the 1,600 (5:04.9) and led the Spartans last year with a team-high 152.5 points.

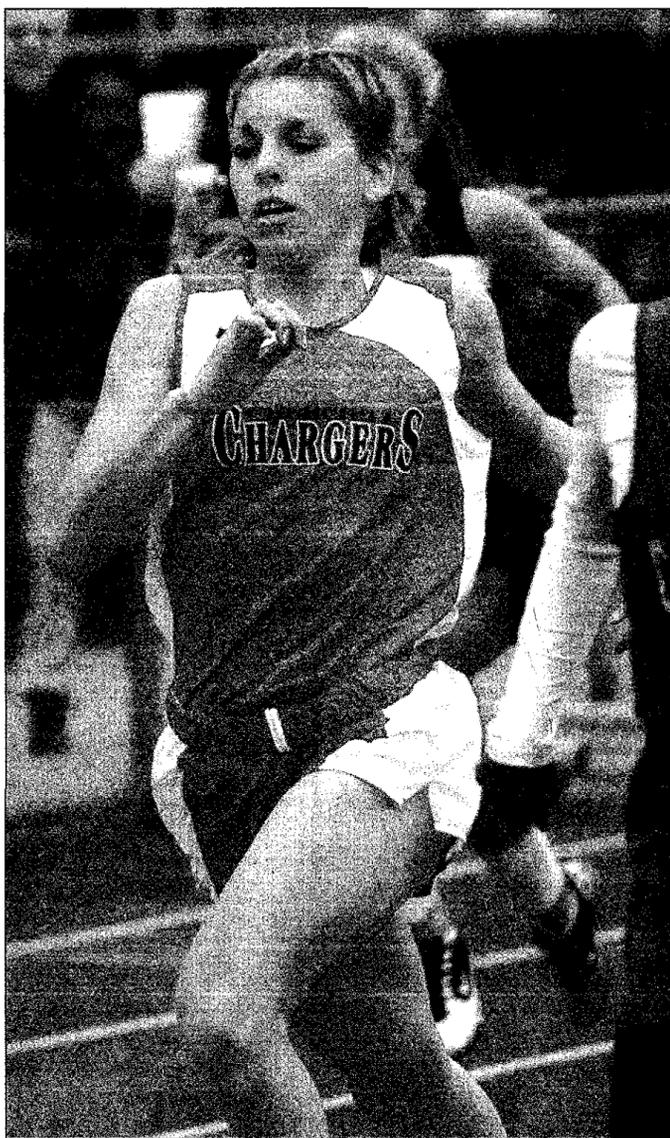
Third-place regional finisher Livonia Franklin is coming off its best season ever under seventh-year coach Dave Bjorklund, who lost All-Area high jumper Alyssa Supplee to graduation. Four-year senior thrower Robyn Whalen leads the returnees.

New Westland John Glenn coach Alan McGowan, who takes over for Carmella Turrentine, boasts one of the area's top sprinters in junior Ashley Parker, who went 25.6 last spring to earn first-team All-Area accolades.

Rival Wayne Memorial, meanwhile, hopes to be improved and avoid the cellar in the WLAA. Livonia Ladywood also has a new coach in Lori Brauer, who takes over for Marcus Colonna. The Blazers took fourth in last year's Catholic League A-B Division meet and added a third at the Division II regional.

In the Metro Conference, Lutheran High Westland, led by sprinter Lauren Schewecke, looks to improve upon its runner-up finish along with a third place showing at the Division IV regional.

Fellow conference member Livonia Clarenceville, will try and improve on its fifth-place showing in last year's Metro meet.



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Sprinter Mandi Coppola returns for Livonia Churchill, which will defend its Western Lakes Activities Association and Division I regional titles.

SIDELINES

All-State bowlers

Livonia Clarenceville senior Danielle Fecso recently earned second-team All-State honors in Division 2 by the Michigan Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association.



Fecso

Fecso averaged 193 over 60 games and held the girls high average in the Wayne-

Oakland Bowling Conference, along with the high two-game series (459).

The Division 2 state quarterfinalist and first-team All-Conference pick plans to bowl collegiately and study journalism.

Wayne Memorial senior Trey Reynes, who helped the Zebras to the Division 1 team semifinals, earned third-team All-State honors. Reynes averaged 222 in league play and 238 in tournaments, including two-game sets of 562 and 567, along with a 761 three-game set.

MU loses pair

One day after scoring 23 runs in a wild win, Madonna University could not even score once in a doubleheader loss to visiting Indiana Tech, dropping 7-0 and 2-0 decisions.

In game one of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill, Pete Pignatello scattered three hits, did not walk a batter and struck out 12 as he completely baffled Madonna hitters.

Collecting two of those hits, including a double, was Madonna freshman catcher Zach Flavin, whose fifth-inning single broke up Pignatello's perfect game-bid. The other MU safety was tallied by freshman outfielder Rikco Rhoades.

Meanwhile, Indiana Tech (14-6-1, 2-0) scored three runs in the third against MU starting pitcher Eric Wendling and it was more than enough offense.

In the second game, it was Josh Judy's time to blank the Crusaders. He gave up just four hits and walked two, while fanning 10. Judy outdueled Madonna senior pitcher Josh Regits, who took a tough loss (7 innings, 4 hits, 1 earned run, 12 strikeouts). Both Indiana Tech runs came in the fourth. Senior shortstop Kyle Fedorka, senior outfielder Manny Alvarado (Southfield), senior third baseman Gary VanAllen and Rhoades each registered a hit.

With the double defeat, Madonna fell to 11-9 overall and 0-2 in the WHAC.

Chargers on Fox

FoxSportsNet Detroit will air a replay of the state Class A girls championship volleyball match held March 17 at University Arena in Kalamazoo between Livonia Churchill and North Branch beginning at noon Sunday, April 8. Additional airings of the match will be determined (consult your local listings).

Patriots win opener for new coach

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASEBALL

Livonia Franklin made more big defensive plays than host Garden City on Friday and the Patriots came away with a 6-4 season-opening victory.

The Patriots scored four runs in the top of the first, two coming in on a double by senior second baseman Matt Mills, and never trailed - although the Cougars had several scoring opportunities they failed to cash in on.

"We had a bad first inning," said Garden City head coach Steve Herman. "If we make them earn it they don't score four runs. They had a couple nice hits, though."

Cougars senior starting pitcher Brett Lackey turned it around after the rough start, and gave his team a

chance to bounce back.

Finishing strong with three scoreless innings was senior Matt Fitzgibbon, who allowed just one hit and struck out five Pats.

"Pitching will make or break us," Herman continued. "But we only had one bad inning. Lackey settled down and Fitz pitched very well for the last three innings. This is a learning game for us."

Kicking off the opening rally for the Patriots was left fielder Tyler Canyock, who singled. Lackey walked two and a run came in on a fielder's choice, setting the table for Mills who made it 3-0 with his drive.

"We were kind of joking with him that might be the hardest-hit ball

he's had in his four years at the school," said Franklin first-year head coach Matt Fournier, opening with a victory. "But it was key, we got three just like that when it looked like we might only get one."

Trailing 4-0, however, Garden City showed some mettle. Senior catcher Josh Hudson (1-for-2, two walks, three RBI) delivered a bases-loaded single to center to score Brendon Gnida and Lackey, who both walked against Franklin starter Jesse Carpenter.

But Carpenter, who pitched four innings for the victory, managed to escape without further trouble as an indecisive Garden City baserunner got hung up between second and third.

Franklin got a run right back in

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MHSAA sports season switch awaits appeal

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is bracing for a long-awaited decision as early as Monday in its ongoing court case against Communities for Equity.

The Grand Rapids-based group, which filed a class-action lawsuit nine years ago, claims girls sports are discriminated against because of the scheduling of seasons, most notably basketball (in the fall) and volleyball (in the winter).

A review of lower court rulings of the case was on the docket and discussed Friday by the U.S. Supreme Court, which could announce as early as April 2 whether to hear the case or not.

In 2001, a federal district judge in Kalamazoo ruled that the seasons discriminated against girls on three grounds, including the U.S. Constitution under Title IX provisions.

The MHSAA has appealed in various stages to both the 6th Circuit of Appeals in Cincinnati along with the U.S. Supreme Court.

If the Supreme Court decides to hear the case, it's likely it will delay any change of the MHSAA sports calendar for the 2007-08 season.

The MHSAA, however, has alerted its member schools that it has devised a contingency plan to flip-flop seasons if rebuffed in its most recent appeal. The change in seasons may affect as many as 120,000 high school athletes.

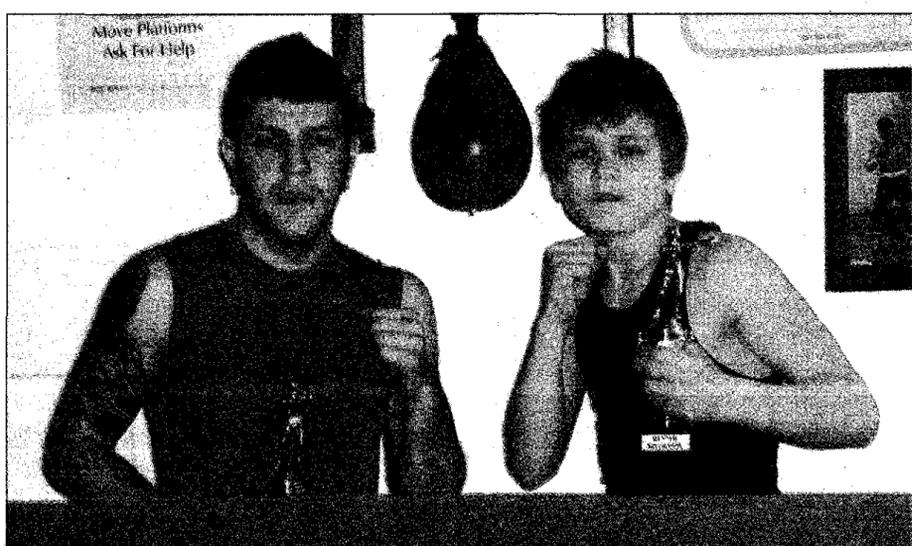
The revised seasons for girls includes moving volleyball to the fall; basketball to the winter; tennis to the spring; and golf to the fall.

The boys seasons that will change includes tennis to the fall and golf to the spring.

The case originated from a lawsuit filed in 1998 by Jay Roberts-Eveland and Diane Madsen, mothers of two area female athletes citing the MHSAA's seasons, contrary to the rest of the country, limits chances for winning athletic scholarships.

The MHSAA counters that different athletic seasons for boys and girls maximizes participation opportunities.

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Punching power

The Dynamic Boxing Club of Westland came away with two victories March 16 in an amateur card held in Sarnia, Ontario. Josh Ivezaj (right) captured the 105-pound weight class when he stopped Ryan Rogers of Sarnia in the first round. Teammate Adam Graham (left) won a unanimous decision over Mike Mayers of Sarnia in an exciting bout. Dynamic's Sean Sedgeman (not pictured) lost on a split decision to James Moore of Sarnia.

Churchill girls stellar in 3-2 win vs. Pioneer

Livonia Churchill got an early season confidence boost Friday with a 3-2 girls soccer victory at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Chargers, coming off a scoreless deadlock in Wednesday's opener against Northville, upped their record to 1-0-1 overall as Bailey Brandon had a goal and assist.

Churchill's Alisha Lussiez opened the scoring midway through the first half on an assist from Brandon before Pioneer (1-1-1) answered with goal to make it 1-1.

The Chargers went into halftime leading 2-1 on Brandon's goal from Julianne Puroll with 16 minutes to play.

Hannah Otto's unassisted goal five minutes into the second half gave Churchill a two-goal cushion before Pioneer cut the deficit to one with 25 minutes to go.

"It was a good overall team effort," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit. "I thought Andrea Lopez and Lindsey Marlow did a nice job in the back, while Alisha (Lussiez) and Bailey (Brandon) controlled the midfield.

"We carried the play, but did not get behind them much at all. Things got a little chaotic at the end on both sides, but we played through the adversity. It was a good win."

Stefanie Turner made four saves for the Chargers.

WAYNE 3, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Captain Samantha Dye and Chrissy Jones each tallied a goal and assist Friday as host Wayne Memorial (1-0)

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opened its season with non-conference win over Livonia Clarenceville (1-1).

Clarenceville's Amanda Moody scored on a penalty kick in the first half to give the Trojans a 1-0, but Whitney Jacobs answered with a goal to make it 1-1.

Dye scored the go-ahead goal midway through the second half and Jones added an insurance goal with four minutes remaining to give rookie coach Evan Baker his first win as the Zebras' varsity coach.

Elizabeth Hardy also had an assist in the victory, while Baker also praised the play of junior captain Danielle Borg, who was a stand-out defensively.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg made nine saves in the loss, while Nickole Jarvis went all the way in goal for the Zebras.

NOVI 4, STEVENSON 0: The Two-time defending Division I state champion Wildcats got two goals apiece from Stephanie Crawford and Katie Chaklos in a non-league win Friday over host Livonia Stevenson (1-2-1).

"Novi's definitely the best team we've seen," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "They're packed with talent and there's a reason they're two-time defending state champs."

Crawford scored the game-winner at the 14-minute mark of the first half when she slipped behind Spartan defender Jamie Chandler and slipped a one-timer into the corner.

"I thought Jamie did well against Crawford," Pinta said. "She's one of the best forwards in the state, and very tough to stop.

"Our goal was to try and get to half ahead or tie, and we almost got there. Unfortunately a player like Crawford only needs one chance. None-the-less, I was happy with our half"

Rachel Simari played most of the night in goal for Stevenson.

FOLEY 7, LADYWOOD 2: In a Catholic League game played Thursday, visiting Madison Heights Bishop Foley rolled the victory over Livonia Ladywood and spoil the debut of rookie coach Brent Petkus.

Kaitlyn Vitale scored both goals for the Blazers (0-1).

CHURCHILL 0, NORTHVILLE 0: The defense stood out Wednesday as host Livonia Churchill (0-0-1) battled the Mustangs (1-0-1) to a scoreless draw.

"I thought we dominated the first half, we hit the post at the 25-minute mark and had a couple of other good chances that were cleared off the end line," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Northville came at us the second half, but no real clear-cut chances. The team played well and I'm happy with the play and the result."

Hebestreit singled out the play of his backline defense led by Andrea Lopez, Jessica Stroud, Lindsey Marlow and Tessa Allen, along with the play of outside-midfielders Alyssa Mira and Kayla Johnson.

Churchill goalkeeper Stefanie Turner made a pair of saves, while Northville's Liz Watza stopped nine shots.

STEVENSON 3, FRANKLIN 0: Livonia Stevenson (1-1-1) tallied a pair of first-half goals Wednesday to beat visiting Livonia Franklin (1-1).

"It was an ugly game," Franklin coach Chris Pinta said. "Franklin packed the numbers back to make it difficult to score on them, and it worked to an extent.

"In the second half, Franklin opened it up a bit in terms of formation, which allowed us to create some more opportunities. We just struggled to finish. I thought they (Franklin) did a

solid job pressuring us and frustrating our forwards and midfielders."

The Spartans got on the board at the 10-minute mark on Victoria Slavin's left-footed drive.

Ten minutes later, Rachel Stevens made it 2-0 off a deflection from Kat Griffith's header off a corner kick.

The Spartans added an insurance goal midway through the second half when Kaitlyn O'Hara whipped a ball into the box and off a Patriot defender and into the net.

Slavin was then taken down in the box, but Franklin keeper Erica Pepper, a standout all night, stopped Taleen Mergian's penalty shot.

"On the whole, I'm satisfied with the way we played," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "It's still early in the season, and we have a few things to fine-tune, but I think we had a good showing. Erica did a great job of helping to keep us in the game. We had major contributions from everyone in trying to keep our game organized and find our times to attack."

CLARENCEVILLE 8, SUMMIT NORTH 2: Trevor Johnson wasted little time in notching his first victory as varsity coach Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (1-0) got a pair of hat tricks from Amanda Moody and Kristen Jolly in a non-conference win over Romulus Summit North Academy (0-1).

"It's always good to get that first win, but we'll see in the next two games if we're real," said Johnson, who took over the program in only its second varsity season from Jake O'Brien.

Chelsea Gregg, who started in goal before giving way to Amber Cummin, also scored along with teammate Nour Saad for the Trojans, who led 6-0 at halftime.

Amber Powell tallied both goals for Summit North.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 2
John Glenn at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3
Garden City at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Inkster at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. South at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4
W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Central, 4:30 p.m.
Inkster at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, April 2
Churchill at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3
Churchill at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Divine Child, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Inkster at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Immac. Concept. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4
Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Inkster at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 2
Stevenson at Wayne, 4 p.m.
S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Thurston, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3
N.B. Huron at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4
W.L. Western at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Millford, 7 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Monday, April 2
W.L. Central at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3
Blazer Inv. at Ladywood, 3:30 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.
Tri-Meet at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4
Franklin at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 5
Franklin at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Ypsi Lincoln at Wayne, 4 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Monday, April 2
Franklin at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Ypsi Lincoln at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3
Wayne at Garden City, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4
Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 5
Wayne vs. Lincoln Park at Woodlands-Van Buren, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Monday, April 2
Franklin vs. Thurston at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4
Wayne vs. Lincoln Park at Woodlands-Van Buren, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 5
John Glenn vs. N.B. Huron at Fellows Creek, 3:15 p.m.
Friday, April 6
Wayne vs. Lincoln Park at Woodlands-Van Buren, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
Monday, April 2
Ladywood at Mercy, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3
Madonna at Siena Hts. (2), 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4
Madonna at Aquinas, (2), 1 p.m.
Thursday, April 5
Madonna at Indiana- N'west, 2 p.m.
Friday, April 6
Madonna at St. Xavier (III), 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 7
Madonna at St. Xavier (II), noon.
Sunday, April 8
Madonna at Aquinas College (2), 3 p.m.

Friday, April 6
(St. Francis, Ill. Tournament)
Madonna vs. St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.
Madonna vs. Ind. Wesleyan, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 7
(St. Francis, Ill. Tournament)
Madonna vs. Lindenwood (Mo.), 10 a.m.
Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.), 1:30 p.m.
Madonna vs. Harris-Stowe (Mo.), 3:15 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
WESTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Friday, April 6
Whalers vs. Kitchener Rangers at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, April 8
Whalers at Kitchener Rangers, 7 p.m.

Twice is nice: Franklin sweeps Novi in doubleheader

Livonia Franklin scored three times in the top of the seventh inning of the second game Friday to complete a doubleheader sweep of host Novi in non-league girls softball action.

After winning the first game, 7-1, the Patriots rallied for a 3-1 victory in the nightcap as freshman pitcher Alecia Geraghty scattered eight hits and a walk to pick up the win.

Franklin improves to 3-1 overall.

With one out, Kelsey Garbutt reached base on an infield error followed by Geraghty's single of the game. Nicole Emery's single brought home Garbutt with the game-winning run and Brittany Taylor's sacrifice fly scored the

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ninth-grader with the go-ahead run. Allison Bonsall then singled home Emery.

Novi senior pitcher Brittany Luka allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out one over seven innings.

In the opener, sophomore hurler Natalie Sanborn improved to 2-0 as she allowed just four hits and one walk over seven innings. She fanned three.

Offensively, Brittany Taylor led the Patriots going 3-for-4 with two RBI. Heather Jaroh added two hits and two RBI, while Sanborn helped her own cause with an RBI single.

Luka, who went six innings

before giving way to reliever Paige Hogan, took the loss for Wildcats (0-2), managed by former Livonia Ladywood coach Bob Lulek.

LATHRUP 11, CLARENCEVILLE 1: In a non-conference matchup Friday, host Livonia Clarenceville (0-2) managed just one hit in a setback to Southfield-Lathrup.

Senior Jenna Mrjak reached base twice and collected the only hit for the Trojans, a bunt single.

Brittany Foxhall went 2-for-4 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored for the Chargers. Martina Hooke added two hits and an RBI.

Winning pitcher Destiney Finch went all seven innings, striking out 17 of the 29 batters she faced. Finch walked six.

Lathrup led 1-0 after three innings, but scored three times in the fourth to break the game open thanks to three consecutive Clarenceville errors. The Chargers added four in the fifth, one in the six and two more in the seventh.

Losing pitcher Abby Sochacki allowed 10 hits, struck out eight and walked only two in seven innings.

"Abby's stat line does not look good to the reader, but she had tremendous improvement compared to the last game," Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire said. "She threw strikes and did what I asked her to do."

STEVENSON 16, DEARBORN 2: Janice Hollandsworth went 3-for-5, including a homer and triple, to propel Livonia Stevenson (1-0) to a season-opening victory Thursday over the host Pioneers.

The Spartans collected 18 hits in the five-inning mercy. Laura Deacon went 3-for-3 with a triple and three RBI, while Kathleen Hoehn belted a 3-run homer to spark an 11-run fourth inning.

Winning pitcher Jamie Johnson worked the first three innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits and two walks. She struck out six. Deacon finished up, fanning four and walking two in two innings of work.

FRANKLIN 3-2, A.A. HURON 2-11: In a non-league season opener Wednesday, visiting Livonia Franklin (1-1) and Ann Arbor Huron (1-1) divided a twinbill.

Franklin took the opener, 3-2, as winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn allowed three hits and three walks in outdueling Huron starter Andi Martin.

Brittany Taylor, who led off the game with a first-pitch homer over the 220-foot mark, collected three hits and two RBI for the Patriots. Briauna Taylor and Sanborn added two hits apiece. Briauna also had two stolen bases.

Huron took the nightcap, 11-2, as winning pitcher Kristy Arbour gave up just two hits.

Lindsey White and Martin each collected three hits, while Rebecca Friedman and Arbour added two apiece.

Franklin starter Alecia Geraghty took the loss. She was relieved by junior Meghan Schemanske. The pair gave up a total of six walks and seven hits. The Patriots committed three errors.

Briauna Taylor had an RBI single, while Sanborn knocked in the other run.

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Blazers' coach Holland eyes improvement

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood's lacrosse program remains a work in progress, but second-year coach Julie Holland says brighter days are ahead.

Holland became the team's coach two weeks after the 2006 season had already started. She literally hit the ground running as the Blazers wound up a respectable 7-8 overall.

"I expect this season to go smoother for us," Holland said. "I saw a lot of last year as a transition season, with a new coach

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joining a few weeks into the season with a different style of coaching."

The Blazers lost first-team All-Stater Chelsea Nugent to graduation. Also gone are Paige Ryan, Meghann Swiderek and Danielle Greco.

Among the leading returnees are senior attackers Holly Brake and Lauren Anastos.

"Holly (Brake) loves to play, and she works hard every second she's out there," Holland said. "She reads the game well.

"Lauren (Anastos) makes a

coach's job a lot easier. She's like Todd Bertuzzi - she gets the ball and takes it to the net. Creating scoring chances means scoring goals. She has that drive and desire that you cannot teach a player."

Also back is center Rachel Killian and midfielder Kathryn Lorenz - both seniors.

"Rachel (Killian) was outstanding last year, maybe not getting the recognition she deserved playing behind our star center Paige Ryan," Holland said. "But she'll be very strong for us."

Meanwhile, Sarah Tarrant and Caitlin Cox will anchor the

defensive wing positions.

"Both are highly skills and will both be leaders for our new, young defensemen," Holland said.

Junior center and midfielder Ellen Gwozdek, a standout on last year's JV squad, and defender Kelly Lorenz (Kathryn's sister), are among the promising newcomers.

"We have 14 seniors on the team this year," Holland said. "Some have played for four years, some have played a little less, but they bring with them experience.

"We have a lot of girls this year that want to give it their all,

knowing this may be the last time they pick up a lacrosse stick. Their fundamentals are great, we need to work on putting it all together. Making sure they are in the right place at the right time, looking for passes and being support.

"I can see the desire to win, the desire to play hard, but it will be my job to bring that out in them on the field. I have high expectations for the season.

And despite a season-opening 9-1 loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer, the Ladywood coach remains optimistic.

"We're still trying to find our

place among the sea of other high school girls lacrosse teams," she said, "and it's a goal of ours to turn it into more of a program."

"I played on the first (Farmington Hills) Mercy team when we were a good team in Division B - But, now they rival the rest of the teams in the state. I would like to see Ladywood grow to that level of competition, but that takes hard work. We had girls begin attending camp and play indoor for the first time. The off-season training is so important."

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All the stars aligned last year for the Livonia Stevenson boys track and field squad.

The Spartans enjoyed one of their most productive seasons in school history by winning the Western Lakes Activities Association meet and the Division I regional title.

Fourth-year coach Scott Shaw also had the fastest 400-meter relay team in the state going 42.76 and breaking the school record of 43.5 (set in 1974).

All four members of that 400 and first-team All-Observer 800 relay team - Nana Adomako, Pat Clagens, Kevin Murawski and Brian Chandler - have either graduated or departed.

But Shaw's team is far from being gutted as first-team All-Observer pick Matt Rzepka, a senior, returns in the 1,600 run where he clocked an impressive 4:21.84, good enough for sixth place in the Division I state meet.

Rzepka also posted a stellar time with an area best 1:57.73.

And Shaw has two of the area's top field event performers in the White brothers - Mitchell, a high jumper who has already cleared 6 feet, 8 inches indoors, and Myles, who soared 21-2 in the long jump last spring.

"It won't be as easy this year, Shaw said. "It's going to be more of a challenge. We have some young guys, but we'll see how they'll develop."

It may be more of a challenge because of longtime rival and fellow Lakes Division member Livonia Churchill.

The Chargers were the Lakes dual meet champions, and finished second at both the regional and Observerland Relays.

Coach Rick Austin, now in his 12th season, may have the team to beat as he returns a slew of talent despite the graduation losses of

first-team All-Observer picks Ryan Santa (pole vault) and Timothy Howse (3,200 run).

First-team All-Area selection David St. Amant placed eighth in the 400 at the state meet with a time of 50.21 after winning the WLA title in 49.8. Teammate Brandon Grysko, a sophomore, set a school-record in the 1,600 with a seventh-place finish in the Division I state meet (4:21.96).

Churchill's first-team All-Area 1,600 relay team of St. Amant, Andrew LaBerge, Billy Gutowski and Jacob McDonald also remains intact after posting a sixth place finish in Division I (3:24.19).

"We come into the season with many outstanding veterans who are hungry and have the desire to win a WLA conference championship," Austin said. "They will have to out-compete several quality teams in the area to do that. Depth and leadership in all of the events will help us."

Livonia Franklin, 4-2 in dual meets last year, will get a boost from 13-foot pole vaulter

Mike Sylvester, a senior.

Westland John Glenn, meanwhile, could break into the upper echelon of the WLA thanks to the return of sprinter Larry Dawkins and discus state qualifier Bryan Henley.

Wayne Memorial fourth-year coach Lee Grizzell has additional numbers (35) and could have one of the area's best sprint teams led by Casey Wolfe, Keivin Lewis, Antwain Calloway and the Freeman brothers, Alan and David.

In the Metro Conference, Lutheran High Westland will miss first-team All-Area pick Paul Rosin (300 hurdles), but will be favored to repeat its title thanks to the return of sophomore distance runner Spencer Lyle.

Livonia Clarenceville, third overall in the Metro, may have its best team under sixth-year coach Dean Bergeron, who returns senior sprinter John Stewart, who placed in last year's Division III state meet with a time of 22.6.

BOYS TRACK CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Rick Austin, 12th year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: second (Division I regional); fourth (WLA meet); Lakes Division champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Ryan Santa (first-team All-Area pole vault); Timothy Howse (first-team All-Area 3,200); Chuck Elstone.
Leading returnees: David St. Amant, Sr., 400-1,600 relay (first-team All-Area); Brandon Grysko, Jr., distance (first-team All-Area 1,600); Jacob McDonald, Sr., hurdles-high jump-1,600 relay (first-team All-Area); Billy Gutowski, Jr., sprints-jumps-1,600 relay (first-team All-Area); Andrew LaBerge, Sr., hurdles-1,600 relay (first-team All-Area); John Robinson, Sr., throws; Mark Zehner, Sr., hurdles; Brad Evans, Sr., middle distance; Ryan Fiehart, Jr., hurdles; Darin Carey, Jr., sprints; Daniel Widmayer, Sr., sprints; Derek Peterman, Soph., pole vault; Joseph Tessner, Jr., pole vault; Brian Robertson, Sr., distance; Mark Waterbury, Soph., middle distance; Duane Najarian, Jr., throws; Kyle Snider, Soph., sprints; Travis Tomey, Soph., sprints; Emanuel Dixon, Jr., sprints.

Promising newcomers: Ryan Whittum, Jr., hurdles; Michael Berger, Sr., sprints; Mike Bargerstock, Jr., throws; Eric Purull, Sr., middle distance.
Austin's 2007 outlook: "Promising newcomers should make us pretty solid across the board. The coaching staff is looking forward to this team improving as the season progresses. There are a lot of opportunities for our underclassmen to step up and score."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Nic Houstoukakis, third year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's finish: seventh (WLA meet); 10th (Division I regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Kris Bolterud (third-team All-Area discus); Alan Culbertson (third-team All-Area 300 hurdles); Darius Williams (third-team All-Area 100 dash); Andrew Bell, Justin Bending, Anthony Farthing, Tim Gault, Tommy Hartley, Dennis Tullio, Justin Polehna.

Leading returnees: Mike Sylvester, Sr., pole vault (third-team All-Area); Alvin Duncan, Sr., sprints; Elliot Smith, Sr., middle distance; Brandon Straub, Sr., sprints; Mike Wood, Sr., throws-middle distance; Doug Cole, Jr., distance; Nick Fenner, Jr., pole vault; Calib Gill, Jr., hurdles-high



Brandon Grysko Churchill



David St. Amant Churchill



Matt Rzepka Stevenson

jump; Stuart Gregory, Jr., middle distance; Cole Kelly, Jr., sprints; Michael Kratochiv, Jr., distance; Joe Morris, Jr., distance; Darel Myree, Jr., sprints; Evan Sirena, Jr., distance; Alan Spennburgh, Jr., distance; Israel Woolfork, Jr., sprints-jumps; Kevin Beadle, Soph., hurdles-pole vault-high jump; David Fortin, Soph., throws; Dylan Taylor, Soph., middle distance; Paul Voegel, Soph., sprints; Peter Walblay, Soph., distance.

Promising newcomers: Mike Birney, Jr., throws; Gerard Mincey, Soph., sprints; Nate Coleman, Fr., throws; Mike Beasley, Fr., middle distance; Robert Freed, Jr., distance; Sean McAuliffe, Fr., throws.
Houstakakis' 2007 outlook: "Our senior class is very small in numbers compared to the junior, sophomore and freshman classes. Although we may be filling varsity spots with underclassmen, we feel we have quality students with a lot of athletic potential. We really feel this team will improve a ton as the season goes on because they work hard every day."

"Mike Kratochiv and Evan Sirena are coming off good cross country seasons and are primed to improve this track season. "Mike Sylvester had a great year in the pole vault (13 feet) and intends to improve upon his accomplishments. "We have lots of competition happening with our sprints because we graduate most of our sprinters with the exception of Cole Kelly. We feel we definitely have some speed in the younger classes to compete and field a competitive sprints team with Brandon Straub, Israel Woolfork, Gerard Mincey and Darel Myree to name a few. We have big and athletic throws this year so we're hoping that can translate into distance for them, but we are young in that department with

the exception of senior Mike Wood."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Scott Shaw, fourth year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: WLA champions; Division I regional champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Nana Adomako (first-team All-Area 100 dash; 400 and 800 relays); Geoff Leskie (second-team All-Area shot put); Brian Chandler (first-team All-Area 400 and 800 relays; second-team 200); Pat Clagens (first-team All-Area 400 and 800 relays); Dan Wilson (first-team All-Area 3,200 relay); second-team All-Area 1,600); Justin Black (first-team All-Area 3,200 relay).
Leading returnees: Matt Rzepka, Sr., 800-1,600 (first-team All-Area 1,600; 3,200 relay); Mitchell White, Jr., 200-high jump (second-team All-Area high jump); Myles White Jr., long jump-hurdles (second-team All-Area long jump); Mike Gibbons, Jr. 800 (first-team All-Area 3,200 relay); Dan Cragel, Sr., 400-relays; Dave McIntyre, Sr. distance; Dave Simor, Soph., long jump.

Promising newcomers: Nate Sergison, Soph., 200-400; Derek Buskey, Jr., 400-relays; Steve Eideh, Soph., sprints; Brad Doak, Sr., shot put-discus; Matt Broome, Jr., shot put-discus; Pat York, Jr., high jump-middle distance.
Shaw's 2007 outlook: "We're looking to rebuild the sprints. Our 4 x 100 relay is going to be three sophomores and a freshman. We're going to stick them together and let them go through it. "Rzepka, Gibbons, York and McIntyre will lead our middle distance and distance teams. The White brothers had a good indoor season. "Our people in the throws need to do a

little better, but they're coming along."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Jess Shough, 21st year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: sixth (WLA meet); eighth (Division I regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Greg Copeland (third-team All-Area shot put); Alante Whiting, George Easter, Andrew Galuszka, Mike Jacobs, David Range, Kevin Hanka.

Leading returnees: Larry Dawkins, Jr., sprints (third-team All-Area 100 dash); Bryan Henley, Sr. throws (state qualifier in discus); Ian Thornton, Sr., sprints-high jump; Curtis Jackson, Sr., sprints; Zach Bozigan, Jr., throws; Corey Davis, Jr., sprints-hurdles; Jim Wood, Sr., middle distance; Hamed Ajetunmbi, Sr., hurdles-relays; D'Angelo Boston, Sr., sprints-high jump; Shawn Anthony, Sr., hurdles-high jump; Mike Gardner, Jr., distance; James Kelly, Jr., throws; Gary Lawrence, Jr., pole vault-distance; Ryan Lockhart, Jr., pole vault-distance; Dan McCahill, Jr., distance; Daris Smith, Jr., middle distance; Jeff Adkins, Jr., distance.

Promising newcomers: Kenny Groves, Soph., pole vault; Nelson Kenne, Fr., sprints; Jajuan Marks, Fr., sprints; Sergio Pavan, Fr., sprints; Khari Stargell, Fr., sprints-long jump; Blake Wester, Soph., shot put; Jackie Wilson, Sr., middle distance.
Shough's 2007 outlook: "After finally getting to the upper echelon of the league last season, we look to move up to the elite level this season. "We have a good core of returning veterans who are working hard and want to have a great season."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Lee Grizzell, fourth year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).

Last year's finish: 12th (WLA meet); tie for 14th (Division I regional).
Notable losses to graduation: None.
Leading returnees: Casey Wolfe, Sr., sprints; Kevin Lewis, Sr., 400-800; Antwain Calloway, Soph., sprints; Alan Freeman, Soph., sprints; David Freeman, Jr., sprints; James Holbrook, Sr., 1,600-3,200; Jacob Schofield, Jr., distance; Renaldo Powell, Soph., hurdles; Austin Hassen, Jr., throws; Adam Goring, Sr., throws; Mike Gray, Soph., 400; Matt Mills, Soph., 800.

Promising newcomers: Anthony Baskin, Soph., sprints-high jump; Migal Crowe, Sr., sprints-high jump; Eric Williams, Soph., sprints; Tony Prough, Sr., sprints.
Grizzell's 2007 outlook: "We have around

35 kids out this year. It's a good number, the most we've had since I've been there.

"I'd say we're pretty deep in the sprints, 400 on down. I think we'll be really good in the 400, 800 and 1,600 relays, we have a lot of depth. We took third in the conference in the 1,600 relay with four freshmen, and we have Keivin Lewis back last year from injury, which should help. "We have a lot of new guys, getting them used to handoffs in relays, and get some of the young kids into jumping events. If we can convert some of those kids into the high jump and long jump, we can have a successful season. "We have a really good sophomore class. We lost two to transfers."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Dean Bergeron, sixth year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's finish: third (Metro Conference); ninth (Division II regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Terrill Alston, Ray Gardner, Saiffulah Khan, Raymon Moore.
Leading returnees: John Stewart, Sr., 100-200-400-long jump (third-team All-Area 200); Brandon Page, Sr., throws-long jump-sprint relays; Dan Kubera, Sr., hurdles-sprints; Joe LaBate, Sr., middle distance; Corey Brown, Sr., throws; Marcus Watkins, Sr., throws-sprints; Terrence Sanders, Sr., middle distance; Kris Thomas, Sr., sprints-high jump; Steve Aguilar, Jr., throws; Ryan Glass, Jr., sprints-middle distance; Aaron McCuller, Jr., sprints; Matt Neal, Jr., throws; Joey Nelson, Jr., high jump-middle distance; Matt Parent, Jr., distance; Jacob Todd, Jr., sprints-middle distance; Derek Zink, Jr., middle distance; Tony Brandt, Soph., hurdles; Eden Croteau, Soph., hurdles; Matt Garant, Soph., high jump-middle distance; Joe Haapala, Soph., throws; Andrew Jasmer, Soph., throws; Brad Pozniak, Soph., sprints.

Promising newcomers: Daniel Steinholtz, Sr., sprints (exchange student from Sweden); Andres Cardenas, Sr., hurdles-middle distance (exchange student from Colombia); Phillip Grashop, Jr., field events-middle distance (exchange student from Germany); Daniel Pepaj, Jr., hurdles-middle distance; Jeremy Gainer, Soph., sprints-relays.
Bergeron's 2007 outlook: "We have about 47 out right now, but it's a smaller number than the last two years. We lost some guys to academic ineligibility. "We hope to compete for a Metro Conference championship. We need to develop hurdlers, high jumpers and depth in the distance events."

"Joe (LaBate) should compete for a conference championship in the 800. Parent took sixth last year in the 3,200 at the conference and should be up there this year. They also have a chance to qualify for state as individuals.

"We're expecting big things from Stewart this season.

"He's a state qualifier. He placed last year in the Division III meet in the 200. Page has a chance in the long jump and shot put. I would also like to think we could qualify a relay.

"One positive we have this year is coach (Ralph Temby full-time, along with assistants) Darryl Stewart and Anthony Saliciccoli."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Mike Unger, 28th year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's finish: Metro Conference and Division IV regional champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Paul Rosin (first-team All-Area 300 hurdles); James Refenes, Rob Considine, Steve Schmit, Zach Fabris.

Leading returnees: Spencer Lyle, Soph., distance (state qualifier and third-team All-Area 1,600; 3,200 relay); Alex Edwards, Sr., shot put; Joe Girolamo, Sr., distance (state qualifier 800 and 3,200 relay); Justin Hempel, Sr., hurdles-pole vault (state qualifier 400 relay); James Kempf, Jr., high jump-sprints; Josh Rice, Jr., distance; Paul Rilet, Jr., hurdles-pole vault; Joe Krueger, Soph., throws; Brad LaRose, Soph., pole vault; Zach Robinson, Soph., sprints; Bob Schwartz, Soph., hurdles.

Promising newcomers: Paul Rockrohr, Sr., throws (transfer); Jim Rockrohr, Jr., distance (transfer).
Unger's 2007 outlook: "Our goal is to do the best we can individually, so collectively we can hopefully win our conference championship. "The other goal we have is to qualify as many individuals and relays to the state meet as possible. As usual, (Macomb) Lutheran North will be the team to beat in our conference with (Bloomfield Hills) Cranbrook also having a stronger team this year."

GIRLS TRACK CAPSULE OUTLOOK

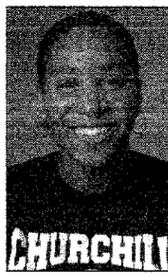
LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Keith McDonald, fourth year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: Division I regional, WLA meet, Western Division, River Rat Invitational and Livonia Public Schools Invitational champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Kylen Cieslak (first-team All-Area 3,200; second-team 3,200 relay); Lache Wilkins (first-team All-Area 100 dash; 800 and 1,600 relays); Alicia Fedrigo (first-team All-Area 800 and 1,600 relays); Jackie Demers, Briquette Michaelis.
Leading returnees: Kyndra Abron, Jr., throws (first-team All-Area shot put); Lauren Krupsky, Sr., throws (first-team All-Area discus); Kristin Zgorecki, Sr. jumps-pole vault (third-team All-Area pole vault); Tauri Rothermel, Sr., hurdles (first-team All-Area 1,600 relay; second-team All-Area 300 hurdles); Mandi Coppola, Sr., sprints (first-team All-Area 800 relay; second-team All-Area 800 relay and 100 dash); Nicole Thornberry, Sr., sprints (first-team All-Area 800 and 1,600 relays; second-team 400 relay; third-team 400); Rachel McFarlane, Jr., distance (second-team All-Area 1,600; 3,200 relay); Megan Macerattini, Sr. distance (third-team All-Area 3,200); Erica Hope, Sr. (second-team All-Area 3,200 relay); Kallie Hobbins, Sr., throws (third-team All-Area discus); Brittini Strong, Sr., distance; Sarah Niezoda, Jr., distance; Kim Verellen, Jr., distance; Meghan Murray, Jr., distance; Lindsey Graciak, Soph., distance (second-team All-Area 3,200 relay); Sarah LaBerge, Jr., sprints; Deondra Powers, Sr., sprints; Milan Boyer, Sr., sprints; Jackie Griebek, Jr., jumps; Alysa Bradshaw, Soph., jumps; Liz Buttery, Sr. jumps; Eren Ural, Jr., pole vault; Jennifer Olmstead, Jr., pole vault; Sharon Rayford, Jr., pole vault; Natalie Jedruszko, Sr., hurdles; Malory Lukas, Jr., hurdles; Margarita Lazarevska, Jr., hurdles; Nicole Bergeski, Sr., throws; Stephanie Bradshaw, Sr., throws; Shannon Getchen, Soph., throws.

Promising newcomers: Sara Kroll, Fr., distance; Jenny Szuba, Fr., distance; Chrissy Maleske, Fr., distance; Anna-Marie Gatt, Sr., distance; Kristen Barczuk, Jr., sprints; Meghan Catalan, Jr., sprints; Cierra Yetts, Fr., jumps; Alicia DiMauro, Soph., jumps; Courtney Simpson, Fr., jumps.

McDonald's 2007 outlook: "The team is looking to continue the successes they had last season. I'm confident that this team has the talent and the dedication needed to compete with the other excellent teams in the area like Stevenson and Northville. "I think both the regional and conference meets will be much more competitive this year."



Kyndra Abron Churchill



Lauren Krupsky Churchill



Ashley Parker John Glenn

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Dave Bjorklund, seventh year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's finish: first (Patriot Relays); second (Stafford, South Lyon and Raider relays); third (Division I regional); fifth (WLA meet).

Notable losses to graduation: Alyssa Supplee (first-team All-Area shot put); Jenna Hudy (second-team All-Area shot put).
Leading returnees: Robyn Whalen, Sr., throws (second-team All-Area discus; two-time state qualifier); Megan Wilson, Sr., long jump-sprints-relays (second-team All-Area long jump); Casey Lynett, Sr., hurdles-relays (third-team All-Area 300 hurdles); Kari Saarela, Sr., distance; Allison Milican, Sr., distance; Laura Marshall, Sr., middle distance; Devan Watley, Sr., distance; Kelly Tapella, Jr., pole vault; Meghan Powers, Soph., pole vault-high jump; Sam Culp, Soph., high jump; Samantha Campbell, Soph., hurdles.

Promising newcomers: Jenny Butkowski, Soph., high jump-400; Seneca Scott, Fr., middle distance-300 hurdles; Liz Hollaway, Fr. 400-high jump; Monica Hardy, Fr., sprints-long jump; Victoria Church, Fr., distance; Tiffany VanOrden, Fr. distance.
Bjorklund's 2007 outlook: "We are coming off our most successful season ever with four state qualifiers. Losing Hudy and Supplee to graduation is a lot of points, especially in the big meets. "However, Whalen, Wilson and Lynett can still score some big wins for us and are in excellent shape. Whalen placed in the indoor state finals (sixth) and took first at the Wolverine Invitational. "We should improve a lot in the distance events this season, as Saarela had an outstanding cross country season and worked hard this winter, along with the rest of the team. "We also have some new talent in the 400

and 800, and are still strong in the pole vault with Tapella and Powers. We're looking to develop new talent in the high jump, long jump and throws, and improve in the sprints."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Kelly Graham, fourth year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: second (Division I regional); third (WLA meet).

Notable losses to graduation: Lisa Arrowsmith (first-team All-Area 800 and 3,200 relay; second-team 1,600 relay); Rebecca Reberg (second-team All-Area 800; first-team 3,200 relay); Diane Burek (second-team All-Area 100 hurdles; third-team 400 relay); Marielle Kulling (third-team All-Area 400 relay); Megan Liwinski, Meghan Burke.
Leading returnees: Kristen Frey, Sr., distance (first-team All-Area 1,600; 3,200 relay); Amber Cicala, Sr., distance (first-team All-Area 3,200 relay; third-team 800); Stephanie Perez, Sr., distance; Kara Piorowski, Sr., high jump; Allie Plisko, Sr., long jump; Maria Winkler, Sr., pole vault (second-team All-Area); Maame Adomako, Jr., throws; Becca Bartek, Jr., throws; Michelle David, Jr., throws; Colette Fodera, Jr., throws; Brittany Gentile, Jr., sprints-hurdles (third-team All-Area 100 hurdles); Denee Meier, Jr., middle distance (second-team All-Area 1,600 relay); Brittany Mrozek, Jr., sprints (second-team All-Area 1,600 relay; third-team All-Area 400); Chelsea Pashnick, Jr., long jump-sprints (third-team All-Area 400 relay).

Promising newcomers: Becky Adamcheck, Fr., sprints; Renee Boudreau, Fr., sprints; Courtney Calka, Soph., distance; Katie Glynn, Fr., distance; Brooke Knochel, Soph., sprints; Claire LeBlanc, Fr., distance; Mary O'Donahue, Soph., long jump-sprints; Sarah Opyke, Fr., distance; Emily Schifano, Jr., high jump; Rosie Schifano, Fr., high jump;

Shireen Saah, Fr., throws.
Graham's 2007 outlook: "With a squad of 105 to date, we have a great group of returning varsity veterans that I'm excited to see how they fare this season. We had a huge loss of talent from graduation last year and I'm counting on my veterans to fill their shoes in their respective events and make a name for themselves. "I'm also very excited to see some of our new additions to the team this year who will fill some of the voids. Obviously, our main goal again this season is to be as competitive as we can, stay healthy, and have a sound presence at the regional, conference and state meet levels."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Alan McGowan, first year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: ninth (WLA meet); 11th (Division I regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Asia Rush, Shantel Davenport.
Leading returnees: Ashley Parker, Jr., sprints (first-team All-Area 200; second-team 800 relay); Chanel Payne, Soph., sprints-long jump (third-team All-Area long jump; 800 relay); Kija Coits, Sr., high jump-300 hurdles; Stacey Richardson, Jr., distance; Ashley Montgomery, Jr., sprints (third-team All-Area 800 relay); Jamie Mellias, 200-800 relay-pole vault (third-team All-Area 800 relay); Amanda Femat, Sr., hurdles; Amara Ogbuaku, Jr., sprints; Sierra Richardson, Sr., throws.
Promising newcomers: Sade Adams, Fr., sprints-high jump; Carly Pitrago, Soph., throws; Cierra Madison, Soph., sprints; Lakeysa Smith, Soph., sprints; Shaylynn Brewer, Soph., sprints; Brittany Wright, Soph., 400; Danielle Gunther, Jr., 800-1,600; Kyla Orr, Jr., 800; Stephanie Tieppo, Jr., 800; Ryan Anderson, Soph., throws.

McGowan's 2007 outlook: "We are returning a large portion of our team. Our main nucleus of sprinters return from last year. Ashley Parker and Chanel Payne lead a very talented group of sprinters. We missed the state meet in both the sprint relays - 400 by 3-tenths of a second; the 800 by 0.9 - and we return everyone on both relays. "The girls have been working hard and are determined to make it this year. I have a lot of expectations for this group of girls. They are talented enough to score a lot of points at meets. We are finally building some depth to the program and we're able to field three top-caliber girls in almost every meet. I'm very excited to get the season going."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Kevin Miller, seventh year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's finish: 12th (WLA meet).
Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Kathy Hansen, Sr., throws; Nastassia Goines, Jr., hurdles-long jump-sprints; Claire Moro, Jr., distance; Melissa Smith, Jr., distance; Krystal Nichols, Jr., distance; Denique Pace, Jr., sprints; Andrea Poindexter, Sr., throws.
Promising newcomers: Candy Williams, Fr., sprints.
Miller's 2007 outlook: "Our 2007 season should be a very good one for us. We have almost doubled the size of our team, which was too small to compete in the past. We have a group of young women who are working hard in practice every day. "The team members have been producing very good times in their time trials so far. Many have come close to personal records or set PRs. It's going to be an exciting season watching these girls develop into very fine runners, jumpers and throwers."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Lori Brauer, first year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's finish: third (Division II regional); fourth (Catholic League A-B Division meet).

Notable losses to graduation: Jessica Theisen, Stephanie Misco, Justin O'Malley.
Leading returnees: Paige Evans, Sr., throws (third-team All-Area shot put); Katie Morasso, Soph., sprints (second-team All-Area 400); Stephanie DiGianadomo, Sr., distance-high jump (state qualifier); Jenae Bahoura, Sr., hurdles-long jump; Emily Rozanski, Sr., sprints-long jump; Emily Bambach, Jr., distance; Jordan Collins, Jr., distance.
Promising newcomers: Kasey Cox, Soph., distance; Danielle Kanclerz, Fr., distance; Megan Yanik, Fr., sprints-hurdles; Meridith Houska, Fr., throws-sprints; Maureen Murphy, Fr., sprints; Cathy Wojanowski, Fr., distance.
Brauer's 2007 outlook: "With five strong sprinters leading our team of predominantly freshmen and sophomore athletes, I'm very excited about our season. We have a talented group of juniors who I feel will make an impact. "I am looking forward to the remarkable efforts by the senior athletes. They have been working hard to get to this point in their high school track and field careers, and I believe they are ready to step up and make it their best season. We have a talented and competitive team. A first-year head coach could not ask for more."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Brady Gustafson, second year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's finish: fifth (Metro Conference meet).
Notable losses to graduation: Ashley Myree,

Jan Green.
Leading returnees: Brittany Taylor, Soph., sprints; Enyoma Okochukwu, Sr. (captain), 400-relays; Cheney Kemp, Jr., throws.
Promising newcomers: Shelby Dermery, Fr., 300 hurdles-1,600 relays; Aneta Elliott, Soph., sprints-high jump-long jump; Kat Hall, Fr. 100 hurdles-sprints; Ashley Devon, Fr., sprints-discus; Ashley Hall, Jr., middle distance-discus.

Gustafson's 2007 outlook: "After coming off a successful season last year based on the strength of our senior sprinters, our team flip-flops and will rely on our middle distance runners to carry the load. We have a very young team with a great deal of potential and heart. "I expect our team to get better each week and continue to make steady climbs throughout the season as our younger athletes become acclimated to the varsity arena. "I'm very happy with the makeup of our team and look forward to a wonderful season, and a bright future for Clarenceville girls track."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Randy Clark, second year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's finish: second (Metro Conference); third (Division IV regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Nicole Barnaby, Liz Kemp.
Leading returnees: Lauren Schwecke, Sr., sprints (third-team All-Area 100 dash; state qualifier); Katherine McKenzie, Sr., 800-1,600; Ashley Taylor-Voss, Sr., 400-relays; Amy Maynard, Sr., hurdles-sprints; Erin Rauch, Sr., discus-sprints; Bekah Kroesing, Jr., pole vault-hurdles; Myrian Storck, Jr., pole vault-hurdles; Katie Krueger, Jr., shot put-discus; Olivia Rork, Jr., shot put-sprints; Megan Kohlz, Soph., sprints; Becca Refenes, Soph., shot put-discus; Kately Ramthun, Soph., 400-800; Mim Pranschke, Soph., distance.

Promising newcomers: Sara Kim, Sr., sprints; Emilie Freeman, Fr., high jump-sprints; Brittany Maynard, Fr., distance; Holly Przekop, Fr., sprints; Rachel Storck, Fr., high jump-hurdles; Nicole Zehel, Fr., 400-800.
Clark's 2007 outlook: "My assistant Jeremy Fabris, and I, are very optimistic going into the season. We have some outstanding returnees in all events. The addition of the new members will make us better than we were in 2006. "We have a total of 19 members for 2007. Injuries always play a key factor in the success of any program. Keeping everyone healthy and available makes Metro Conference and regional titles a possibility."

PATRIOTS

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the second. Garrett Gumm singled and took third on a double to left-center by Canyock. Gumm came in on a fielder's choice.

Garden City sliced the deficit to 5-3 in the third, on a bases-loaded walk by Hudson. Singles by Lackey (1-for-2, two walks) and junior shortstop Hagan Risner (2-for-4) set up the tally.

But the Patriots benefited from three Garden City errors in the fourth to make it 6-3.

Other than an RBI-single to left by junior leftfielder Paul Cole in the fifth, off Franklin sophomore reliever Michael Basner, that was all the scoring in the non-league matchup.

One reason was stellar

defense by the Patriots. The best of the lot were diving grabs by Dave Leins and Anthony Andrus at third and in center, respectively.

"The kid who started in center (Andrus) made two very good catches for us," said Fournier.

In the third, Andrus grabbed a fly ball and threw a strike to catcher Frank Pencola to nail Lackey at the plate.

Also turning in an outstanding grab in the outfield was Carpenter, who moved from the mound to center in the fifth.

Carpenter flagged down Lackey's extra-base bid in the seventh, which opened with a walk issued to Gnida. Had Lackey's drive found the gap, the Cougars could have been on their way to a game-winning rally.

Both coaches admitted first game's aren't always indicative of trends. They did see some positive signs, however.

Hudson said it was good to see the top five batters in the lineup all swing the bat extremely well against Franklin. "But we need consistency from top to bottom."

According to Fournier, whose Patriots exacted some revenge Friday against the team that knocked them out of the 2006 districts, the victory was a "team effort."

Along with the top-notch defense, the coach was glad to see the good performances from Carpenter and Basner, pitchers the team will be "leaning on heavily this year," Fournier said. "They're going to log innings for us."

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C'ville shines in baseball opener

Livonia Clarenceville's baseball team already has topped the nightmarish 2006 season.

The Trojans, who went winless a year ago, opened their 2007 campaign Wednesday at home with an 11-1 mercy-rule win in six innings over Romulus Summit North Academy.

Winning pitcher Allen Mazur allowed just one hit and one walk over six innings. He struck out five.

Mazur also helped his own cause at the plate, going 2-for-3 with three RBI. Teammate Brad Schwartz was the offensive catalyst going 3-for-4 with four RBI.

WAYNE 13, WILLOW RUN 3: Mike Green and Jamie Harris were the hitting stars Wednesday as host Wayne Memorial (1-0) opened the season with a five-inning mercy-rule victory over the Flyers (0-1).

Green went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI, while Jamie Harris went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

The Zebras broke it open with six runs on six walks and a double by Harris.

Sophomore Jon Bryant stole three bases for the Zebras and pitched the final two innings in relief, allowing no runs on no hits with a walk and three strikeouts.

Starter Ryan Collop went the first three innings, allowing one hit and three walks with two earned runs. He struck out seven.

TRACK RESULTS

BOYS TRACK RESULTS
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 76
DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS 52
 March 29 at Clarenceville
 Shot put: Nick Gorney (DHA), 38 feet, 9 inches; discus: Gorney (DHA), 119-8.5; high jump: Renaldo Wallace (DHA), 5-6; long jump: Brandon Page (C'ville), 17-1.5; 110-meter hurdles: Eden Croteau (C'ville), 20.0; 300 hurdles: Dan Kubera (C'ville), 48.0; 100 dash: John Stewart (C'ville), 11.3; 200: Stewart (C'ville), 23.3; 400: Ryan Glass (C'ville), 57.3; 800: Gremban (DHA), 2:08.9; 1,600: Gremban (DHA), 4:43.4; 3,200: Gremban (DHA), 11:30.6; 400 relay: Clarenceville (Kris Thomas, Page, Daniel Steinholtz, Jeremy Gainer), 46.6; 800 relay: Clarenceville (Kubera, Steinholtz, Gainer, Stewart), 1:41.2; 1,600 relay: Annapolis, 3:35.7; 3,200 relay: Clarenceville (Derek Zink, Glass, Matt Parent, Joe LaBate), 9:31.0.
Clarenceville Individual 2nds: Tony Brandt, 110 hurdles (20.6); Gainer, 100 dash (11.7); long jump (16-7); Jacob Todd, 400 (57.3); Steinholtz, 200 (25.5); Parent, 3,200 (11:35.4); Page, discus (114-1); shot put (37-6.5); Joey Nelson, high jump (5-2); 3rds: Thomas, 100 (12.0); Terrence Sanders, 400 (1:01.9); Zink, 800 (2:23.7); Corey Brown, shot put (36-6.75).
Dual meet records: Clarenceville, 1-0 overall; Annapolis, 0-1 overall.
NORTH FARMINGTON 68.5
JOHN GLENN 67.5
 March 28 at John Glenn
 Shot put: Bryan Henley (WJG), 46-11; discus: Troy Lambert (NF), 135-11; long jump: Shawn Anthony (WJG), 16-11; high jump: Ian Thornton (WJG), 5-10; pole vault: Gary Lawrence (WJG), 9-0; 110-meter hurdles: Hamed Ajetunmbi (WJG), 17.9; 300 hurdles: Ajetunmbi (WJG), 45.0; 100 dash: Thornton (WJG), 11.2; 200: Lary Dawkins (WJG), 22.9; 400: Ryan Leach (NF), 55.6; 800 run: Phil Johnston (NF), 2:15.5; 1,600: Mike Bowman (NF), 5:00; 3,200: Bowman (NF), 10:56; 400 relay: John Glenn (Dawkins, Thornton, Corey Davis, Jajuan Marks), 45.7; 800: John Glenn (Dawkins, Thornton, Sergio Pavan, Marks), 1:37.6; 1,600: North (Ricky Sanders, Linas Kasputis, Jeremy Browning, Leach), 3:55.1; 3,200: North (Trevor Baker, Johnston, Mike Jaisle, Bowman), 9:01.2.
Dual meet records: North, 1-0 overall; John Glenn, 0-1 overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Walleye 101

Pro walleye fisherman, author and speaker captain Lance Valentine will address Metro West Steelheaders of Livonia monthly membership meeting starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center, located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

All meetings are open to the

public. Valentine will share excerpts from his Walleye 101 series along with a wealth of information on all facets of walleye fishing in Lake Erie and the Detroit River.

A recognized marine electronics expert, Valentine has published several articles in major fishing magazines. He has also been a featured speaker at the Ultimate Fishing Show, along with other boating and outdoor shows.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS
DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS 100
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
 March 29 at Clarenceville
 Shot put: Calderon (DHA), 27 feet, 8 inches; discus: Kenner (DHA), 84-0.5; high jump: K. Castanada (DHA), 4-8; long jump: C. Castanada (DHA), 14-4.5; 100-meter hurdles: Hutchinson (DHA), 17.9; 300 hurdles: Shelby Demyre (C'ville), 59.64; 100 dash: Plewa (DHA), 14.05; 200: K. Castanada (DHA), 29.24; 400: C. Castanada (DHA), 1:00.7; 800: Feast (DHA), 2:58.33; 1,600: Gentil (DHA), 6:25.13; 3,200: Giessmann (DHA), 15:12.74; 400 relay: Clarenceville (Tia Dmchowksi, Tanya Dmchowksi, Alicia Hargrove, Ashley Devon), 1:03.5; 800 relay: Annapolis, 2:13.41; 1,600 relay: Annapolis, 4:50.48; 3,200 relay: Annapolis, 12:08.0.
Clarenceville Individual 2nds: Brittany Taylor, 100 (14.12); 200 (29.85); Demyre, 1,600 (6:25.26); Cheney Kemp, shot-put (25-3); 3rds: Kat Hall, 100 hurdles (22.23); Eniyoma Okechuckwu, 400 (1:16.08); T. Dmchowksi, 200 (33:35); Aneta Elliott, long jump (12-5); high jump (4-0).
Dual meet records: Annapolis, 1-0 overall; Clarenceville, 1-0 overall.
NORTH FARMINGTON 78
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 58
 March 28 at John Glenn
 Shot put: Ryan Anderson (WJG), 28 feet, 8 inches; discus: Sierra Richardson (WJG), 73-2; high jump: Lynita Taylor (NF), 4-10; long jump: Chanel Payne (WJG), 15-4; pole vault: Jamie Mellis (WJG), 6-6; 100-meter hurdles: Taylor (NF), 18.03; 300 hurdles: Taylor (NF), 55.4; 100 dash: Ashley Parker (WJG), 12.75; 200: Parker (WJG), 26.3; 400: Shelby Thomas (NF), 1:10.3; 800 run: Jordan Kus (NF), 2:44.1; 1,600 run: Amy Yu (NF), 6:20; 3,200 run: Jenna Garber (NF), 13:41; 400 relay: North (Nikia Washington, Danielle Zait, Keshia Washington, Charlotte Cahill); 800 relay: Glenn; 1,600 relay: North (Yu, Annie Dube, Dominique Houston, Olivia Vostal), 4:44; 3,200 relay: North (Yu, Dube, Garber, Vostal).
Dual meet records: North, 1-0 overall; Glenn, 0-1 overall.

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Playing role part of growing up

I have a question regarding my son's "thug" persona. He is a 12-year-old boy who has lived in the suburbs for his whole life yet he listens to urban music and tries to act like he is in a gangster rap video. He uses slang terms that he doesn't even seem to know the meaning of and he spends long periods of time staring into the mirror practicing his "thug looks." At first I just laughed this off as a phase, but now I'm growing concerned that his idolization of these gangster rappers is a bad omen for the future. Don't get me wrong, he is a good kid and his grades are high and he never really gets into trouble at home or at school. I guess this is where my confusion comes in, why does he idolize these rough characters so much? And should I be worried that he will follow them down the wrong path?

Your son sounds like a good kid who is trying on a new role in life. It is completely normal for kids to try on new personalities and roles as they get older. This part of the process is known as individuation and identity formation. In short, this is the life stage in which your son is developing his identity and differentiating himself from his parents. It can be a confusing time for parents as they watch their offspring take on odd characteristics, hairstyles, clothing, musical choices, etc. But this process is an essential component of adolescent development.

Even your son's current role of choice is normal. It is not uncommon for quiet, well behaved kids to suddenly try on the role of a tough, loud rule breaker. They want to know what it feels like to act in a way that is so completely opposite of their usual selves. That can be very attractive. And right now, rap is a very popular form of music that provides a wide variety of role models for our children. Unfortunately, some of the most charismatic and attractive role models are those that are the most unsettling for parents ... the hard-core gangsters whose attractiveness is firmly entrenched in their anti-establishment and parent-frightening qualities. This is not a new trend and is not usually an omen of a criminal future. If you remember back to your own adolescence, you may find that the preferred role models were something less than wholesome. (Anyone remember James Dean, Elvis, Alice Cooper, punk rock...?)

To be on the safe side, here are some basic warning signs to watch out for ... If your son loses interest in other aspects of his life such as school, activities, or hobbies; if he starts hanging out with new friends that are in trouble often; if anger and aggressive behaviors increase dramatically; and if he begins taking on a negative world view that reflects glorification of violence, crime, or drugs.

But your son's present "thuggish-ness" is probably part of a normal process and not the start of a lifelong career path. To be sure, talk to him about his music, clothing, and personality choices. Listen to the reasons that he provides and you may be surprised ... and relieved.

As an expecting mother, I have so many questions about what is best for my baby. I read books, visit Web sites, talk to friends and relatives, and bug my doctor. However, sometimes, this ends up causing me so much confusion. I mean, one source will tell me one thing and another will say to never do that. Usually, my husband and I can sort it out, but there is one area that we are still struggling with. We do not know if we should breast feed or use formula. What do you think?

Let me start off by admitting that I myself have never breast fed a baby and my experience is based solely on using a bottle ... filled with breast milk for my first born and formula for my second. In each case, my wife and I considered all of the options and circumstances and then made the best decision for us at that time. This is the process that I recommend to you. Medical professionals seem to agree that breast milk is a more natural and physically healthy option and therefore the most commonly recommended. On the other hand, other factors such as mother's work schedule, child care, and milk-producing abilities, need to be considered. As such, the best option seems to be to use breast milk if you have the time, ability, and desire to do so. However, this is not to say that formula is an unhealthy selection. For any of the reasons listed above, the use of formula may be the more appropriate choice. In the end, the decision is yours. Remember to consider all of the options carefully and do not feel that this is a life-or-death decision. As long as your child is fed healthy foods in appropriate amounts, you cannot really come up with a wrong selection.

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Cody stretches out while Mary Anne Heinrich talks about caring for the dog who's undergone three hip surgeries.

Real love

Livonia couple rescues coonhound and vice versa

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Bob and Mary Anne Heinrich thought after retiring two years ago they'd be free to take trips on the spur of the moment. The Livonia couple still plans to travel only now they're thinking of purchasing an RV to take Cody along with them.

The Heinrichs never dreamed of owning a dog let alone him becoming a member of the family. Then Cody was found wandering the back roads of Spring Arbor outside of Jackson.

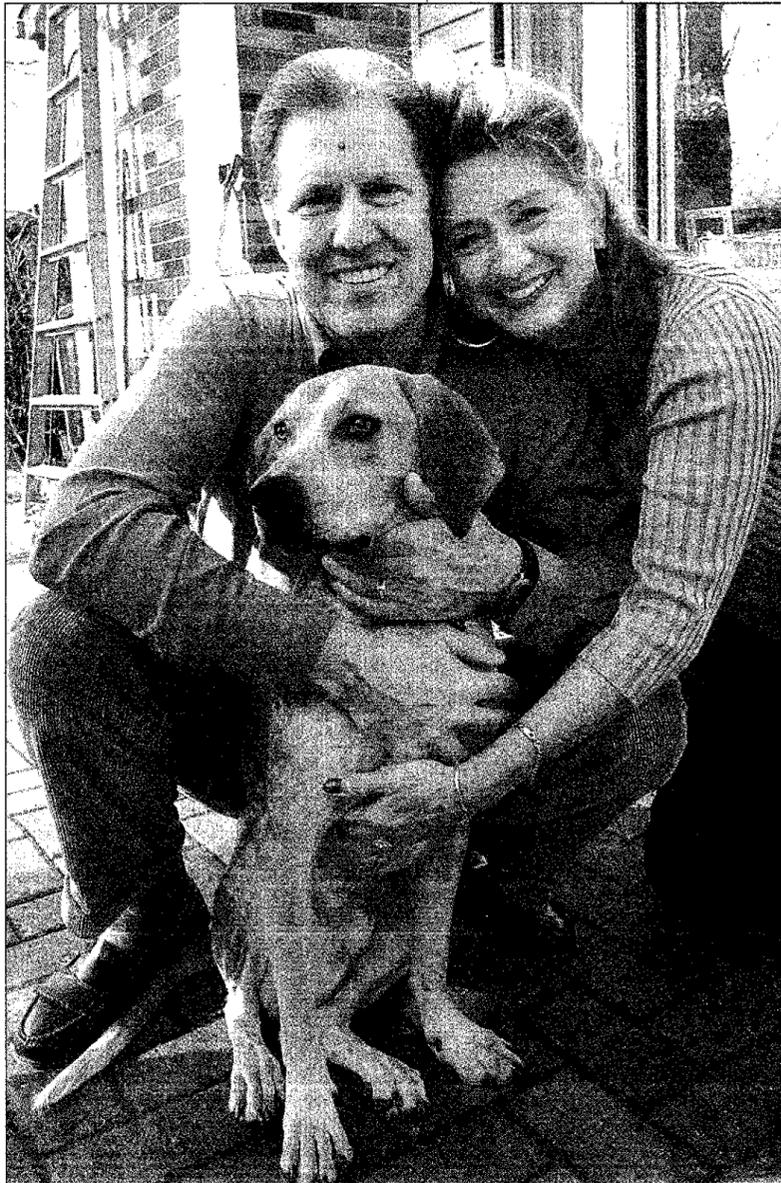
Bob is allergic to dogs and now takes medication daily to relieve the symptoms he's suffered since the couple adopted Cody. The abandoned Red Tick coonhound definitely changed their lives. The Heinrichs say Cody rescued them as much as they did him. They can't imagine life without him.

"Our daughter, Amy, is a social worker and into animal rescue and was on the Internet one day and checks Petfinder.com regularly. She saw a message from a woman who had found this hound dog, all skin and bones and walking on three legs," said Bob Heinrich. "My daughter picked him up and took him to Last Chance Rescue (a no-kill shelter) in Howell where they realized he had a problem with his leg."

'SWEETEST DOG'

Cody has hip dysplasia and required surgery in January 2006 so Amy asked her parents if they could care for him during the recuperation period. Mary Anne had fractured a hip the year before so she sympathized with Cody.

"He was just the sweetest dog," said Heinrich. "We returned him to the shel-



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Bob and Mary Anne Heinrich take a moment to show their love for Cody, the Red Tick Coonhound they adopted.

'He was just the sweetest dog. We returned him to the shelter, but they weren't successful in finding him a home so my wife took him every weekend to fairs to try to adopt him.'

Mary Anne Heinrich
Cody's new owner

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When Cody needed a second surgery on his hip in August 2006, once again he returned to live with the Heinrichs. Then in October Mary Anne convinced Bob that the dog needed training to make him more adoptable. Bob agreed the three of them should go to obedience school, but first he set some ground rules to follow during the three months Cody would live with them.

"We had an agreement that he wouldn't sleep in our bedroom," said Heinrich. "He'd already wormed his way into my wife's heart and was getting close to mine."

Before long, Cody was sleeping alongside them in his own bed. By Christmas,



Cody, a rescued Red Tick Coonhound, looks for squirrels in the front yard of his owners, Bob and Mary Anne Heinrich.

PLEASE SEE RESCUE, C2

Local fans go all out to attend Super Bowl of wrestling

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Ordinarily, Rachael Leck wouldn't go out of her way to watch wrestling, but her first trip to the Super Bowl of the sport has turned into an event.

The Westland mother is not only taking sons Benjamin, 11, Zachary, 9, and their cousin, Larry Allen, 12, to WrestleMania 23, but the four of them will join more than a dozen other friends for the festivities.

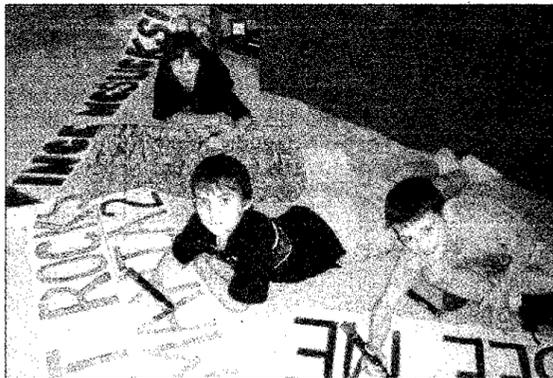
This the first time in 20 years that WrestleMania has

come to Detroit. Today, April 1, more than 70,000 fans will gather at Ford Field.

Leck recently called to confirm her reservations at the Holiday Inn downtown and learned there are no vacancies at hotels all over town.

"We made reservations at Christmas," said Rachel Leck, a single mom. "We're making kind of a big deal out of it. We're excited. Santa brought the tickets as presents."

"The kids are excited. It's all they've been talking about. They've posted it on



Larry Allen (left), and Benjamin and Zachary Leck work on posters to take to WrestleMania 23.

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, C2

PHOTO BY RACHAEL LECK

WRESTLING

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their MySpace page and have an official countdown going." Benjamin and Zachary know every wrestler by name and each has his favorite. Benjamin set his clock so he could wake up to hear an interview with John Cena on the radio Monday morning. Zachary's favorite is the Undertaker even though the younger boy finds him frightening. Zachary has asked his mother if he could sit next to her in case the Undertaker decides to stand next to him

when the lights go out and come back on again as they usually do. The Undertaker likes to make grand entrances. "Even though I'm not that crazy about wrestling I'm looking forward to seeing my kids so excited," said Leck. "It's over the top, hitting people with chairs, breaking tables with people. "My sons' goal is to be on TV. They've told their friends and family to look for them." Last weekend, Leck and her sons spent hours creating posters to carry in with them Saturday evening. "We arrive at the hotel

Saturday morning and stay Saturday and Sunday. We'll let the kids swim and hang out," said Leck. "WrestleMania starts at 7 p.m. on Sunday so we'll go early to see if they can get autographs. "They're especially looking forward to the Battle of the Billionaires. They're having a showdown between Donald Trump and Vince McMahon, WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) chairman. One will have their head shaved if their wrestler loses." lchomin@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2145

RESCUE

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Bob knew there was no separating Cody and Mary Anne. He called Last Chance Rescue and had the adoption papers drawn up. On Christmas, Bob tied the papers and a ribbon around Cody's neck.

THIRD HIP SURGERY

But the story doesn't end there. In January, the couple with the big hearts noticed Cody's other leg was giving him problems. On Feb. 7, Dr. Kyle Kerstetter performed surgery on the coonhound at Michigan Veterinary Specialists in Southfield. Kerstetter said he was planning a hip replacement, but there was "very little bone left" for support so instead did a different procedure, a femoral head and neck osteotomy, to relieve the pain. He expects recovery to take up to six months for the dog who's thought to be around 2 years old. Kerstetter praises the Heinrichs for the commitment to their faithful friend. In addition to spending \$3,500 for the surgery, the couple initially paid \$500 for X-rays to diagnose the problem. On Friday, Cody begins hydrotherapy at a veterinary hospital in Union Lake. The three will make the long trip three times a week for the next month. The Heinrichs

are not concerned about the \$500 cost for therapy, but for Cody who gets car sick. But then they knew before adopting Cody that he had problems such as chronic ear infections.

THE RESCUERS

The Heinrichs have followed in daughter Amy's footsteps when it comes to rescuing animals. Neither Amy or her sister Jill, 32, were able to have a dog as kids due to allergies inherited from their father. After Amy adopted her first dog while a student at Michigan State University, she began going to shelters to rescue dogs. Today, Amy continues to rescue dogs from her home in Grass Lake. The 29-year-old woman helps her boyfriend find homes for pit bulls. "She was playing musical shelters," said Heinrich. "There's a 30-day rule if dogs don't find a home they are euthanized. Amy would pick them up from one shelter and take them to another, and then she found Last Chance Rescue with its no-kill policy." "Sometimes she would ask us to take a dog for a weekend if she had too many," added Mary Anne Heinrich. These days, Cody is the only dog romping around the Heinrichs' back yard and barking at a squirrel up on the wires overhead. During the day, Bob says Cody charges through the pain. Come evening the dog will

start to limp. That's when tender loving care becomes somewhat heavy. Cody weighs 55 pounds. "By nighttime we have to end up carrying him upstairs," said Mary Anne. As long as the three of them are together nothing else seems to matter. Bob, a 62-year-old retired banker, and Mary Anne, a retired Oakwood Hospital oncology nurse, spend all of their days together with Cody. "There's something about knowing some entity needs you," said Heinrich. "It's so rewarding for us." Mary Anne says Cody is a calming influence. When her 87-year-old mother moved in with them after Mary Anne's father died, Cody wove his way into the elderly woman's heart as well. Mary Anne smiles as she looks out onto their back yard and talks about caring for her mother and Cody. "God bless my husband," said Mary Anne. "His back yard was his pride and joy." Now little patches of brown grass remind the Heinrichs of their love for Cody. "We've gotten more out of it than what we've given," said Heinrich. "When we adopted Cody, it was her dog. Now he's our dog." For more information about Last Chance Animal Rescue, call (810) 220-9394 or visit www.lastchancerescue.org. lchomin@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-

Passover holiday to begin Monday at sundown

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Ask Martha Gordon what she likes best about Passover and the Livonia woman will tell you "it's the joy of the holiday."

Gordon doesn't mind the work that goes into preparing for the observance that commemorates the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. Prior to the beginning of the holiday at sundown on Monday, April 2, Gordon had to remove the everyday dishes, utensils and pans from her cupboards and replace them with items used only for the holiday feast known as seder. She also spent time shopping for special Passover foods such as matzah which symbolizes the unleavened bread the Jews took with them. In their haste to leave Egypt, the bread dough did not have time to rise. This year, the seder traditional meal occurs in Jewish homes on the first two nights, April 2-3 (Reform movement members the first and last days only).

'VERY FESTIVE'

"It's very festive, a festive dinner, singing," said Gordon, who'll be joined by her son Mitchell and friends. "Seder means order and we read from the Haggadah which tells you actually how the story goes. It's supposed to be explained so that every child understands how God led Moses out of the land of Egypt to freedom. One matzah is hidden during the reading of the story for a child to find."

Gordon says it's very important to retell the story of Passover. The feast symbolizes events that occurred during the Exodus from Egypt in about 1280 B.C.E. (Before the Common Era). Moses, the leader of the Jewish people in Egypt, had asked Pharaoh to let his people go before a series of 10 plagues descended

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Martha Gordon
Livonia

on the Egyptians. Pharaoh refused. The final plague took the lives of all first-born males in Egypt prompting Pharaoh to allow the Jews to leave.

"Matzah is called the bread of affliction. We don't eat anything with leavening in it," said Gordon, a retired pediatric registered nurse. "The traditional seder plate has a shank bone, a reminder of the lamb that was sacrificed, horseradish for a bitter herb to symbolize the bitterness that we suffered as slaves in Egypt. Charoset is a mixture made from cinnamon, apple and nuts. The consistency of it makes it look like the mortar used to make bricks as slaves. A vegetable (celery or parsnip) and a hard boiled egg symbolize spring and the rebirth."

OBSERVANCE

Although Congregation Beit Kodesh is too small to hold a seder (feast), Gordon plans to attend services at the Conservative synagogue during the Passover holiday that runs through sundown Tuesday, April 10. The congregation does have a mock seder for children 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 1 at the synagogue in Livonia. For more information, call (248) 477-8974. Synagogue services are scheduled 9 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, April 3-4, 7:30 a.m. Sunday, April 8, and 9

a.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 9-10. The April 10 service includes a Yizkor memorial for anyone who has lost family.

Roberta Malkowski has been celebrating Passover her entire life and looks forward to the seder she'll share with husband Craig and sons Andrew, 16 and Bret, 21, on April 2. On the second night they'll gather with a Jewish family in Bloomfield Hills for a seder.

Malkowski is president of Congregation Bet Chaverim, a Reform Jewish congregation in Canton. On the third night she'll have seder with the families led by Rabbi Peter Gluck. On Sunday, April 1, the children, ages 5-13, will hold a seder to learn the retelling of the story of Passover. For more information about the congregation which meets regularly for Friday evening services and Jewish holidays, call (248) 231-6280.

"Passover has always been my favorite Jewish holiday. I think that's true for a lot of Jewish people," said Malkowski, 52, of Northville. "The seder is very hands-on. You learn a lot, get to taste different foods of the holiday. It's a fun holiday to participate in. Children and adults look forward to it. It's an interactive holiday. When I was growing up in New York, we invited people who weren't Jewish to take part. Different families do different things. I've told the story of Passover at a Methodist church. Recently, David Sigmon, director of our religious school, spoke about Passover at the United Methodist Church of Manchester. "The entire event is very symbolic. It requires a lot of preparation. You have to remove leavened products from the house. You can't eat on regular plates and have to pay attention to dietary rules for the holiday."

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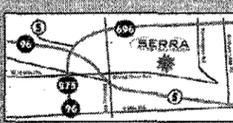
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Network's new Web site hopes to match pet owners with in-home caretakers

With more and more caring pet owners looking to in-home care when they leave a pet behind to go on vacation or just have to work long hours, the business of pet sitting is growing rapidly in the southeast Michigan area.

Seventeen charter businesses recently joined together in the southeast Michigan area to form the Michigan Pet Sitters and Dog Walkers Association, a network aimed at encompassing the entire state of Michigan.

The network is designed to connect pet owners with local professional pet sitters and dog walkers, with a Web site — www.michiganpetsitters.com — set up to help pet owners to find a local pet sitter. The Web site also offers guidelines and suggestions for choosing the right pet sitter.

"The organization is dedicated to the promotion of professional pet sitting by insured and bonded professionals," said owner Roberta Cubbin of Wayne, who also is co-owner of Comfy Creatures, a pet-sitting and dog-walking company serving primarily the Plymouth-Canton area. "It provides business-related support to all members, builds an awareness of the pet sitting industry to our community and supports local pet-related charities."

According to Cubbin, in-home pet sitting provides a unique alternative to boarding facilities — or relying on family or neighbors to check on pets. Pet sitters come to the home daily and animals are able to keep their regular routines of feeding, walks, medication and one-on-one care and attention.

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Most pet sitters also offer the bonus of home security measures by bringing in mail and newspapers, rotating lighted areas, opening and closing draperies and other touches that make the house appear occupied while the other is away. Many pet sitters also offer daily dog walking service for



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busy professionals who have to long work days. "Many dogs need and enjoy the mid-day visit to socialize and exercise," Cubbin said. "The dog-

walking service is especially helpful for puppies and elderly pets that may not be able to wait the whole work day to get outside to relieve themselves."

The demand for these professionals is due to the fact that today's pet owners consider their "fur children" part of the family and are taking better care of them than ever. Cubbin pointed out a 1999 survey of pet owners in which the American

Animal Hospital Association determined 87 percent of pet owners include their pet in holiday celebrations, 94 percent have photos of their pets on display and 84 percent refer to themselves as their pet's "Mom" or "Dad." America's first professional pet sitters, she said, began their businesses more than 20 years ago. Today's pet sitters are knowledgeable professionals who visit approximately 10 million homes annually.

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GERALD L. "Jerry" THOMPSON

Age 57, of Farmington, March 29, 2007. Jerry was a Vietnam Veteran and was employed at Special Projects, Plymouth, MI. Jerry is survived by his beloved son, Michael; sister, Sandy Wegzyn; nieces, Holly Gullekson, Ashley Tyler, Lindsay Tyler. Great-uncle of Jaylynn, Zachary, Alex and Alyssa. He is also survived by his cousin, Greg McIntosh; uncle, Larry McIntosh and many other loving family members and friends. Funeral service Tuesday, April 3, 11:30 AM at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road (Just N. of Grand River, btwn 9 & 10 Mile Rds.) downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Sunday 4-8 PM and Monday 2-8 PM. Memorial tributes suggested to Foundation for American Veterans, Inc., 7473 Wilshire, West Bloomfield, Michigan, 48322.

JEFFREY JAMES BROWN

Died Thursday, March 22, 2007 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He was 63. Born and raised in Rochester, MI, he had resided in VT for the past 25 years, most recently in Fairlee. He was a graduate of Northern Michigan University, teaching in the Michigan Public Schools for 15 years, most recently he was a carpenter for Trumbull-Nelson Construction in Hanover, NH until his retirement. He was an avid wood worker, was a history buff and also enjoyed working with his friends, restoring antique automobiles. He is survived by his four children, sons David C. Brown of Monmouth Junction, NJ; Alan J. Brown of Altoona, WI; Andrew J. Brown of Clarkston, MI; daughter, Melissa A. Graham of Grand Blanc, MI; their mother, Susan; eight grandchildren; his mother, Iva and his sister, Ann. The family will be holding a private service. Arrangements are being handled by the Cremation Society of New Hampshire in Manchester, NH.

ALLAN F. SNYDER

Formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI and formerly of Hilton Head, South Carolina, age 77, passed away Tuesday March 27, 2007. A private memorial service will be held later. Cremation has taken place. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Volunteers in Medicine, 15 Northridge Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926. Allan was born in Newark, OH, January 1, 1930, the son of Edwin Allan and Frieda (Butler) Snyder. He married Susie Morgan in Cranford, NJ in 1954. She preceded him in death on June 26, 2001. He was a Marketing Executive from Union Carbide Corporation, retiring in 1987. He was a graduate of Rutgers University. Allan was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II. He was a long time volunteer with Volunteers in Medicine and Hilton Head Hospital. Surviving are: daughter, Sandra L. and husband Jack Crandall of Grayling; 2 granddaughters, Morgan and Taylor Snyder; sister, Frances E. Malcom of Phoenix, AZ. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and son, Scott Morgan Snyder. Roswell Funeral Home, Inc., Flushing, MI.

MILLARD L. MITCHELL

Age 88, of Plymouth, passed away March 28, 2007. Born April 4, 1918 in Milbank, South Dakota, then moved to the Detroit area as a teenager, eventually settling in Plymouth. Millard retired from the Twin Pines Dairy in Detroit and then worked and retired for the Plymouth Canton School Systems. Mr. Mitchell enjoyed reading, being in the outdoors, especially fishing and golfing. He married the love of his life, Phyllis La Vergne, and together they spent the next 53 years as a loving couple until her death in 2003. Together they had two beautiful daughters, Michele (Regan) LaMothe and Annette (Rahn) Frederick. He was the proud grandfather of Kyle & Cody Frederick and Lindsay, Ryan, and Patrick LaMothe. Dear brother of Sister Eucharista Marie; SBS (Harriet Mitchell), Mary (William) Richardson, and Joseph Mitchell. Services were held on Saturday March 31, 2007 from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church 47650 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Educational Excellence Foundation, 454 S. Harvey Plymouth, MI 48170. Share memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

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STEPHEN THOMAS MOORE

Age 45 passed away on March 27, 2007. Beloved son of John and Georgina (Ferns) Moore. Supportive husband of Lesley and loving father of Kelly, Sean and Heather. Dearest brother of Brendan (Emily), Paul (Dawn), Kevin and Anne Marie O'Neill (Jim). Cherished uncle to Matthew, Jessica, John-Paul, Liam, Nicole, Darrin, Robbie and Jamie. Dear son-in-law of Jim and Dorothy Horn and brother-in-law of Kenny and Jean Horn. He will be remembered lovingly by many relatives who reside in Ireland and Scotland. A good friend to many individuals who enjoyed his wit, sense of humor and enthusiasm in pursuit of "the good life." Visitation Saturday 2:00 p.m. until time of funeral service 4:00 p.m., O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800. Memorial contributions may be made to Stephen's Children in his memory.

DELMYRNA (DEL) K. (SIMPSON) MOORE

Born February 2, 1937, in Greybull, Wyoming, she had a two year older brother, Russell. Her father, William A. Simpson, was the first Big Horn County Welfare Director, and her mother, the former Margaret Draper, was a homemaker. Just prior to Del going into school, her mother got an infection and in a relatively short time was paralyzed from neck down except for limited use of one arm and hand, but not fingers. Del began to do the cooking and cleaning and washing for the family from kindergarten through high school and on college vacations. Her mother became a reporter for the Greybull Standard, and other regional newspapers for decades. Everybody in the area called Margaret with the news, and she reported it to the world. Her body wasn't working, but she had a good mind and an intelligent one. Del sang and entertained the town folks, then in college she was on traveling show teams singing and dancing all over Wyoming. In 1958 she was invited to accompany a Fred Warring Show Group that toured Europe entertaining the troops and she sang at the 1958 World's Fair in Brussels. She graduated as a grade school teacher and began to teach in Cheyenne, the capital city. She met her husband, George W. Moore III, from Ohio, when they were in a play together, became engaged, and married in August 1961. He became a CPA, they decided to go to law school. He became a Tax Lawyer/CPA and practiced in Ashtabula, Ohio and Kalamazoo, MI and then Bloomfield Hills, MI. They had three children, George W. Moore IV, Brian P. Moore, and Heather M. Moore, all college graduates. George IV, lives in Hilton Head, is a Comedian, and also manages upscale restaurants in southeastern USA, Brian, lives in Boston area, is a Computer Scientist, for major world wide computer company, and Heather, lives in Chicago area, was a star salesperson for Meade, before marriage. Del was a homemaker and sewed most of the children's clothes and some of her own, until all the children were in school. Then she and another lady started an automotive industry visitors helper company, sold it out, and then Del was part of a group that moved GM International offices from NYC to Detroit. She got a real estate license, and went into sales, became a broker, and assistant office manager of the Birmingham office of Schweitzer Real Estate, a large local firm. She and George got into Rotary, PTO, Scouts, their church's "Christmas Hand in Hand" pageant, and they hosted several Rotary youth exchange students from Europe and Heather was also a youth exchange student who studied in Europe. Del and George got into First Theatre Guild at their church, then Village Players, an independent group with their own facility, in Birmingham. Del was in many musical comedies and she was President in 1990-91. For several years she was a member of a four person stage show with a banjo band, called the "Gartersnappers", that entertained in the Detroit area. She was state Treasurer of Alpha Delta Kappa, a teaching honorary. Del and George started traveling in the middle '80s to Europe to see Heather and the other former exchange students and their families. George became a Rotary District Governor in the middle '90s and they began a stint of going to 14 Rotary International Conventions everywhere in the world. George got involved in providing almost 2,000 Rotary water wells for India and they went there for several weeks. They have met a lot of wonderful people, both in and out of Rotary. As a past officer of Rotary, George and Del went to Zone training sessions all over Canada, and the Midwestern USA, and even drove to Alaska one year. Del also stayed as an active alumnae of her college sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and she recently became President of the Birmingham/Bloomfield Panhellenic Council. Del also belonged to the Birmingham Republican Woman's Club, and has done singing programs for them. Del and George have been in a duplicate bridge group for decades. In recent years Del has taken up quilting and recently did all the quilts for the VP play called "Quilters". Del recently entered the Michigan State Fair Quilting show and her quilts and quilted jackets both won first prizes and other prizes too. Del recently said she wanted to slow down a little and enjoy their six grand children more. She loved to visit and play with them, cook for them, sew for them, and she was a very welcome grandmother. Del died accidentally and unexpectedly on March 20, 2007. Del was many things to many people, and only they will truly know the extent to which she touched their lives and helped them on their way. We all will miss her smiling face and bubbly personality.

KATHERINE ANN (JACKSON) HALL

Age 60 of Canton, MI, (formerly of Alma, MI), passed away March 28, 2007 in Canton, MI suddenly of natural causes. She was born July 29, 1946 in Los Angeles, CA to William and Barbara Jackson of Lakehills, TX. She was a retired clerical worker for the State of Michigan. She is survived by daughters Carol (Alex) Lundberg of Detroit, MI, and Jennifer (James) Gross of Ithaca, MI, brother Larry (Donnie) Jackson of Woodlands, TX; sister Carol (Rickey) Booher of Lawrenceville, GA., and grandchildren Jonathan Sinko, Tyler Rolph, and Ashleigh Rolph. She was preceded in death by grandmother Annie Fossett. Visitation will be held 12-2 p.m. April 1, 2007 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd., Redford, MI followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, presided over by Jonathan Manor, Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church clergyman. Memorials may be given to: Harry J. Will Funeral Home, for the family of Katherine Hall.



ROBERT A. HERMANN

March 27, 2007 of Birmingham. Husband of Clara M. Hermann. Robert married Clara McNair on Valentine's Day 1948. Father of Carol Hermann, Jim (Laura) Hermann, Lynn (Lowell) Rood and Bonnie (Al) Fisk. Grandfather of Ryan, Randall, Micheal and Joseph. Brother of William Hermann and the late Betty Williams. Retired GM Engineer (1981) after 30 years + Longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Church involvement included: finance, mission and social committees, Boy Scouts, Explorers and numerous work camp projects. Active in Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, BASCC and Prairie Club of Chicago. Funeral Service at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Saturday 11:00 AM. Visitation at The Wm. R. Hamilton Co. 820 E. Maple, Birmingham Friday 3 to 8 PM. Family requests tributes to Alzheimer's Association or habitat for Humanity.



CHARLES R. "Chuck" O'BRIEN

March 29, 2007 age 66 of Orchard Lake. Longtime Automotive Industrialist and Chairman of the Board, Detroit Medical Center. Beloved husband of Linda L. (nee. O'Scally) for 10 years. Dear father of Kara Laramie (Michael), Anne Perlin (Andrew), Cassie Sobelton and Colby Zemmin (Ryan). Grandfather of Katie, Sarah, Erin, Patrick and Abigail. Brother of Barbara Reason (Roger), Denise Egan (Henry), Maureen Morrow (Greg) and Monica Guercio (Tom). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 2-7pm and Monday 2-8pm. Scripture service Monday evening. Funeral Mass Tuesday 11am at St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. Memorial tributes to the Charles R. O'Brien Memorial Fund, Detroit Medical Center, 3663 Woodward Ave., 5th Floor, Detroit, MI 48201-2445 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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ANNIVERSARY



Browns celebrate 50th anniversary
Wilford (Bill) and Dollye (Davis) Brown of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary Jan. 26.

The Browns were married Jan. 26, 1957 in Bill Brown's parents home in Nankin Township.

Children are daughter, Cathy (Tom) Riney of Westland and son Bill (Marilou) of Goshen, Ohio. They have four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The couple enjoy gardening, fishing and camping and belong to the Moose.

They celebrated their anniversary at the Wayne Recreation Center Wayne Players dinner theater on Jan. 26.

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Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and field-house of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quanton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

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Monthly Dance

8 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at 27101 W. Chicago. Cost \$10. Call Diane K. for information at (734)261-2716.

Chili Cook Off

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, at St. Patrick's Parish, 140 Superior, Wyandotte. Bring a spoon and \$5. Enter your chili and you could win \$100 prize. If interested in being a chili chef, call Marion at (734)324-8983 for details.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Murray-Brown

Ken and Colleen Murray of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Murray of Westminster Colo., to Andrew Brown of Westminster, Colo.

Julie Murray is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Coal Creek Physical Therapy.

Andrew Brown is the son of Steve and Margaret Brown of Conklin, Mich. He is a 1998 graduate of Coopersville High School in Coopersville, Mich. and 2002 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He received a master's degree from Colorado State University. He is employed by Garney Construction as a project engineer.



An Aug. 25, 2007, wedding is planned at the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake. A reception will follow at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

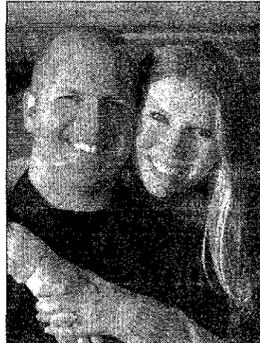
Steffen-Ray

Tony and Christine Steffen of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie Steffen, to John Randolph Ray of Albuquerque, N.M.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is senior bird keeper at the San Diego Zoo.

The groom-to-be is a 2004 graduate of the University of Oregon and is currently a marketing manager for the San Diego YMCA.

The couple are planning an April 28, 2007, wedding at the All Hallows Catholic Church in



La Jolla, Calif. They will honeymoon in Hawaii and make their home in San Diego.

Paff-Whitehurst

Elwood and Candice Paff of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nicole Paff, to Ashley John Whitehurst of Irmo, S.C.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and the University of North Carolina, Wilmington.

The prospective groom is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, and is employed by Time Warner.

An April 14, 2007, wedding is planned for the Magnolia Plantation in Charleston, S.C.



Harris-Holland

Dave and Patty Harris of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Harris, to Shawn Holland of Westland.

Danielle Harris is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She received a bachelor's degree in 2001 and a master's degree in 2004 from the University of Michigan. She is employed as a senior marketing analyst with Market Strategies Inc. of Livonia.

Shawn Holland is a graduate of Sandusky High School and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as an engineer at Ford Motor Co.

A May 2007 wedding is planned for St. John Bosco



Catholic Church in Redford Township with the Rev. Richard A. Osebold officiating.

BIRTHS

Carter Francesco Caccamo

Kay and Todd Caccamo of Canton announce the birth of their son, Carter Francesco Caccamo on Feb. 2, 2007 at Beaumont Hospital/

He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Dan and Ethie Neuzil of Fort Atkinson, Iowa, and Frank and Rosemary Caccamo of Auburn Hills.

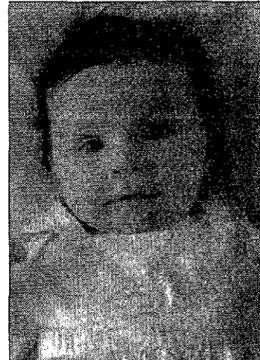


Heidi Rose Kasden

Kristen Foley and Tim Kasden of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, Heidi Rose Kasden, on Jan. 4, 2007, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Grandparents are Debbie Foley, Peter and Nancy Foley and Fred and Cathy Kasden, all of Plymouth Township.

Great-grandparents are Bob and Beth Doll of Milford, Tom and Pat Foley of Applegate and Robert and Virginia Kasden of Brighton.



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Though Jesus' value and impact is no secret to most in our world today, the reality is that for most of His life He was the poster boy for "ordinary." This Easter, come join us as we uncover the extraordinary story of Jesus and those who accepted, rejected, or simply ignored Him. Though missed by most, the reality is that knowing Jesus' story is foundational to discovering and embracing the value of our own. Don't miss this opportunity... it could change your story!

EIGHT IDENTICAL SERVICES!

Friday - 1:15, 3:15, 5:15 & 7:15 p

Saturday - 5:15 & 7:15 p

Sunday - 9:15 & 11:15 a

Shuttle service available for all services!

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Nursery - 5th grade programs available during all Easter Services

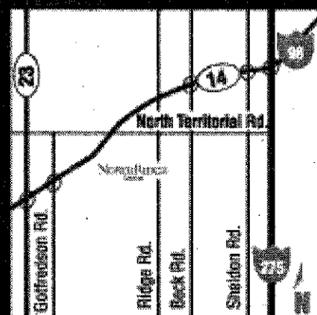


It's a JUNGLE Out There!

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starting April 14

NorthRidge Church -
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Development and
Experience

When it comes to relationships, it REALLY is a jungle out there. Whether with co-workers, a spouse, children, parents, friends, or you name it...relationships are hard work. They don't reach their full potential without clearing out all of the naturally growing "underbrush" that keeps us from experiencing them at their best. Whatever relationships you're finding difficult to discover, develop, and/or experience in your life, this series will help you to identify the tools you need for clearing away the natural obstacles and making them work. It may be a jungle out there, but jungles were meant to be tamed.



NORTHRIDGE

49555 North Territorial
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
734.414.7777

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Join us for our **Easter Sunday Service!**
 Everyone welcome at 10:30 AM
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Farmington
 33825 Grand River
 248-474-4170

BEHOLD, CHRIST HAS RISEN!
 Join us at **St. Andrew Lutheran Church** for Holy Week Services
Maundy Thursday - April 5
 7:30pm • A Special Service of Holy Communion
Good Friday - April 6
 Noon • Community Service
 7:30pm • Tenebrae Worship
Easter Sunday - April 8
 8:30am • Easter Breakfast
 9:15am • Children's Easter Egg Hunt
 10:00am • Festival Worship
 St. Andrew is located at 6255 Telegraph Road - Just North of Maple On East Side
 248.646.5207 • www.standrew-lutheran.org



Palm Sunday
 Sunday, April 1, 2007 at 11:00 AM
 A Special Presentation by Our Choir, "The Rose of Calvary" By Joseph M. Martin
Maundy Thursday
 April 5, 2007 Service at 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday
 April 8, 2007 Two Services, 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
 Join Us For Easter Breakfast Immediately Following the 8:00 AM Service
Auburn Hills Presbyterian Church
 3456 Primary St. Auburn Hills, MI 48326
 248-582-3450
 www.AHPC.org

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
 5631 N. Adams • Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
 248-646-5041
 www.bsllc.lutheran.com

Palm Sunday	April 1	8:00, 9:30 Traditional & 11:00 am Praise
Maundy Thursday	April 5	7:30 pm
Good Friday	April 6	12:15 pm & 7:30 pm (pre-service music begins at 12:00 & 7:15)
Easter Vigil	April 7	5:30 pm
Easter Sunday	April 8	8:00, 9:30 Traditional 11:00 am Praise

Experience Holy Week And Receive The Gift Of Easter
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
 3980 Walton Blvd. • Rochester Hills • 248.373.6960
 www.stlukesrochester.org • NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 5 • 6 pm • Potluck Dinner
 7 pm • "Living Last Supper" Drama
 Good Friday, April 6 • 7 pm • "Standing in the Shadows" (Service of music, darkness, candles and dramatic dialogue.)
 Easter Sunday, April 8 • 8 am & 10:30 am • Easter Worship
 • 8:30 am • Easter Breakfast
 • 9:00 am • Easter Bash (crafts, cookies, confetti eggs, egg hunt)

HE IS RISEN! Holy Week Schedule
Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 PM
 Celebrant: Msgr. John Zenz
Good Friday Liturgies:
 Stations of the Cross: Noon
 The drama, *Peter Wept*, performed at 12:30 PM by actor, Michael Mielke
 Liturgy of Good Friday: 1:30 PM
Easter Vigil Candlelight Liturgy: 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday Liturgies: 9:00 and 11:00 AM
St. Owen Catholic Church
 6869 Franklin Rd. Bloomfield Hills

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 (248) 433-3422
SUNDAY SERVICES
 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. & 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m.
 Little Lights Children's Church at Noon
 "God Loves You and So Do We!"
LIGHT OF THE WORLD CHRISTIAN CENTER
 Meets in Church of Our Saviour
 6655 Middlebelt Road (Just S. of Maple)
 West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322
 Lotwec123.org
 Bible Study
 April 13th, 2007 7-8:30 p.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Church Antioch
 33360 W. 13 Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334
 248-626-7906
 e-mail: antiochELCA@sbcglobal.net
 Website: www.antiochELCA.org

Holy Week Services
 Maundy Thursday - April 5 at 1:00 and 7:30 p.m.
 Good Friday - April 6 at 7:30 p.m.
 Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.
The Resurrection of our Lord
 Easter Sunday, April 8
 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

"A Family in Christ"
St. Augustine Evangelical Lutheran Church LOMS
 Good Friday, April 5th, 7:30 pm
 Sunday, April 8th, Easter Worship
 Service Times • 8:30 am and 11:00 am
 REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
 SUNDAYS 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & BIBLE STUDY 9:45 AM
 5475 Livernois Rd. • Troy • North of Long Lake
 248-879-6400
 saltchurch.net

Church of Our Saviour Presbyterian (USA)
 6655 Middlebelt Rd., just south of Maple
 West Bloomfield • 248-626-7606
 www.michurchofoursaviour.com

Come join us for EASTER
 8:00 Family Service On the Deck
 8:45 Easter Breakfast
 10:00 Traditional Easter Service (child care provided)
 A congregation with a family feeling, a Biblical perspective and a global consciousness.

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 No matter who, no matter what, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are invited and welcome here.
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
 10:45 AM
 33424 Oakland Ave. Farmington, MI
 248-474-6880

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
 Maundy Thursday, April 5 Services at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Good Friday, April 6 Services at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 8
Easter Celebration!
 Services of Celebration with Choir and Brass
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
 Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
 248-644-4010
 www.RedeemerBirmingham.org

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 100 Romeo Street • Rochester, Michigan • 48307 • 248.651.6188
 info@stphilipsrochester.org • www.stphilipsrochester.org
Come join us . . .

April 5
 Maundy Thursday Liturgy
 Communion and Foot Washing at 7:30pm
 All night prayer vigil begins at 9:30pm

April 6
 Way of the Cross at noon
 Good Friday Liturgy at 7:30pm

April 7
 Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

April 8
 Easter Sunday
 Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10am

Worship with us this Easter Season

Palm Sunday, April 1
 Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m.
 Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 6
 12 Noon - Traditional Service with choir and message
 7 p.m. - Passion of the Cross (a dramatic presentation)

Holy Saturday, April 7 at 8 p.m.
 Easter Vigil Eucharist and Baptisms

Easter Sunday, April 8
 Holy Eucharist at 7 a.m.
 Holy Eucharist with Full Choir at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
 (Childcare available at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.)

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK
 170 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI
 248.644.5210 • www.chrischurchcranbrook.org
 (One mile west of Woodward, off Lone Pine)

First Baptist Church-Detroit
 21200 Southfield Rd. • Southfield
 (248) 569-2972 • www.fbc-detroit.org

SERVICES
 Palm Sunday, April 1 at 11:00 a.m.
 Maundy Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. - Communion Service
 Good Friday, April 6 at 12:00 noon - Remembrance of Jesus' hours on the cross
Easter Sunday, April 8
 9:00 a.m. - Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. - Program in Fellowship Hall/Children's Choir
 11:00 a.m. - Sunday Service

First United Methodist Church
 1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham (248) 646-1200
 www.fumcbirmingham.org

Palm Sunday 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.
 Dr. John E. Harnish preaching at 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 Rev. Jeff Nelson preaching at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 P.M.
 Holy Week Services of Worship with Guest Preachers

Maundy Thursday 6:00 & 8:00 P.M.
 Dr. John E. Harnish preaching

Good Friday Evening Vespers 7:00 P.M.
 Scenes and Reflections from the Cross

Easter Sunrise 7:00 A.M.
 Rev. Jeff Nelson and Our Youth

Easter Morning 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
 Dr. John E. Harnish preaching

Easter Mid-Day Worship 12:30 P.M.
 Rev. Lynn Hasley preaching

Easter at Sunday Night Alive 5:00 P.M.
 Deacon Carl Gladstone preaching

St. James Episcopal Church
 website: stjamesbirmingham.org
 The Reverend Fred Elwood, Rector

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1
 8 & 10 A.M.
 Holy Eucharist
 Church School & Childcare (8:45).

MONDAY & TUESDAY, APRIL 2 & 3
 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 7 p.m. Tenebrae

THURSDAY, APRIL 5
 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist:
 Stripping of the Altar

FRIDAY, APRIL 6
 Noon - 3 p.m.
 Good Friday Liturgy & Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7
 7 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER DAY, APRIL 8
 8 & 10 A.M.
 Festival Holy Eucharist with Brass and Choir at both services.
 Childcare available from 8:45.

(Downtown Birmingham between Woodward & Southfield, at the corner of W. Maple & Chester)
 248.644.0820

HOLY WEEK at Rosedale Gardens

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, April 1
 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Team
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Behold, God's Holy Lamb by Mark Patterson w/ orchestra

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 5
 7:30 p.m. Sacrament of the Last Supper - Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 6
 7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae) - Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 8
 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Team
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service including the Hallelujah Chorus with Chancel Choir, Handbell Choirs, and Brass Quartet

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church
 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago
 Livonia, Mich. 48150
 734.422.0484
 http://www.rosedalegardens.org

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 620 ROMEO STREET, ROCHESTER 248-651-9361

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7:30 p.m. **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5**
 Holy Communion & Anointing - "Jesus' Example" - Dr. Weernhoff

12:30 p.m. **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6**
A Community Good Friday Experience ...
 "Focusing on the Cross" - Rev. Veska

7:30 p.m. **SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, APRIL 6**
 FEATURING CHANCEL & EPWORTH CHOIRS AND ORGAN

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 a.m. **SUNRISE SERVICE**
 7:45-11:00 a.m. **EASTER BREAKFAST**
 10:15 a.m. **CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT**

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**
 "What Do You See?" - REV. REGAN

WITH CHOIRS, BELLS, AND BRASS
 (Infant/Toddler care beginning at 9:00 a.m.)



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St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

All Are Welcome to Join Us for Holy Week Services

April 5 ~ Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m.

April 6 ~ Good Friday: prayers, readings, music, video presentations and silence in the sanctuary from 12-3 p.m.

April 8 ~ Easter Sunday service at 10 a.m.

Five Mile & Inkster Roads in Livonia • 734/422-1470 • www.sppc.org

Risen Christ Lutheran Church LC-MS

David W. Martin, Pastor
46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth
(1 Mile West of Sheldon)
734.453.5252

Maundy Thursday • 7pm
with Communion

Good Friday • 7pm

Easter Sunday
8:15 am & 10:45 am

Easter Breakfast
9:15-10:30 am

St. John's Episcopal Church

574 S. Sheldon Road
Plymouth, Michigan
(734) 453-0190

Easter Vigil Service
7:00 p.m.

Easter Day Services
7:45, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Bells • Brass • Choir
at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org
for Holy Week schedule.

First Congregational Church of Wayne

Located on Wayne Road
Between East and West Bound Michigan Avenue
734-729-7550

Good Friday, April 6

Tenebrae Candlelight Service 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 8

Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 am at Goudy Park
Easter Service 10:30 am



Prince of Peace - Westland

Come join us for
Holy Week 4/5 ~ 4/8

Thur., Fri., Sat. @ 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday @ 8 & 11 a.m.
with refreshments @ 9:30 a.m.

734-722-1735
37775 Palmer Rd.
Westland, MI 48185
princeofpeacewestland.com

Living Water Church

Pentecostal Church of God
11663 Arcola Street
Livonia, MI

Church
(734) 425-6360

Pastor Dan Strength
(734) 812-1099

EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunrise Service 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
EASTER WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.

ST. ALAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

3077 Gloucester • Troy, Michigan
248-649-5510 • Rev. Gary M. Tierney, Pastor

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday • April 5th
The Lord's Last Supper • 7:00 PM

Good Friday • April 16th
Tre Ore Services • 12:00 PM • 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday • April 7th
Easter Vigil • 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday • April 8th
Masses at 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday-April 1 8 am and 10 am
Services at the Livonia Y, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia

Maundy Thursday-April 5 7 pm

Faith Bible Church, 34541 Filve Mile Road in Livonia

Good Friday-April 6 7 pm

Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile Road in Livonia

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunrise Service-April 8 6:30 am

Symelski Park north of the Livonia Y Parking Lot, 14255 Stark Road

Festive Communion Service 10 am

Livonia Y, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia

For more information, call 248-442-0422 or visit website www.hischurch.us

Salem Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185
734-422-5550
www.salemlcms.com
Easter Sunday Service and Sunday School
April 8th @ 9:00
WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS!

Resurrection Catholic Church

48755 Warren Rd.
Canton, Michigan 48187
734-451-0444
Rev. Richard A. Peretto, Pastor

GROUP CELEBRATION WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SINS-Wednesday, April 4-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY April 5-7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper-Adoration following the Liturgy until Friday 8:00 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY-April 6-Noon-Meditative Service, 12:30-1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & 1:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY-April 7-1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food -7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY-April 8-8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church & 10:30 p.m. Mass All Saints School Gym-Blessing of Food after all Masses.

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (WELLS)

17810 Farmington Road ~ Livonia, Michigan
734-261-1360 ~ website: stpaulslivonia.org

2007 Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Palm Sunday April 1st 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday April 5th 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Afternoon April 6th 1:15 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae April 6th 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday April 8th 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate Jesus' victory with us!

Parkview Baptist Church

The Family Church with the Family at Heart invites you to attend

9:15 a.m. Sunrise Breakfast Buffet
Served in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 am Easter Sunday Service

Interpretation for the Hearing Impaired available for Church Services and Breakfast Buffet

For more details please visit WWW.PBC-Livonia.com and www.parkviewdeafchurch.org

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Performance Dates:
Friday, April 6th & Saturday, April 7th
7:00 P.M.

Waterford Kettering Performing Arts Center
2800 Kettering Drive • Waterford • (248) 673-5911
Admission IS FREE • ALL Are Welcome

Metropolitan United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday & Eder Meal
April 5 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae
April 2 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Events

Early Youth Worship & Service 8:15 a.m.
Annual Pancake Breakfast 9-10:30 a.m.
Easter Worship Celebration 11:00 a.m.

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Metroumc.org 313-875-7407
We're an inclusive, regional congregation with a heart for the city and for God.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Journey of HOPE

Hope Misplaced: Palm Sunday, April 1, 10:45 a.m.
Hope Lost: Good Friday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.
Hope Reborn: Easter Sunday, April 8, 10:45 a.m.

Journey through the *Stations of the Cross*, open Friday, April 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This unique experience is for focusing and meditating upon the events leading to the crucifixion of Christ.

There will be a special showing of the movie *The Passion of Christ* on Friday evening, April 6, at 8:30 p.m.

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WWW.CBCJOY.ORG

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248/626-6606
www.franklinchurch.us

Make Holy Week holy, Come to...

Redford Aldersgate United Methodist

10000 Beech Daly 313-937-3170
2 blocks south of Plymouth Road

April 5 at 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday
"Lord, is it I?"

Good Friday
April 6- 7:30 pm
Community Service

"Mary at the Feet of the Cross"
Dramatic monologue
Inspiration in the midst of agony

Each Disciple shares his thoughts on why he may be the one to betray Jesus. Special lighting & music make this a very moving experience

Easter Sunday Morning

at 8:30 a.m. Youth Play
Children's Bell Choir
"Sing and Shout the News"

Full Breakfast Between Services

at 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration
Brass, Bells & Voice
"Hallelujah Chorus"

Clarenceville United Methodist Church

20300 Middlebelt Rd.
Livonia, MI
(248) 474-3444

Schedule of Worship for Holy Week

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday April 1-7pm
Easter Cantata "Written in Red"

Maundy Thursday April 5-7pm
(with Communion)

Good Friday April 6
12 noon and 7pm

Holy Saturday April 7-1pm
Community Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday April 8
Sunrise Service 7:00 am
Breakfast (call for reservations) 8:15 am
Morning Worship 9:30 am

Nursery Available

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Holy Week and Easter Day

Palm Sunday, April 1
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. - The Holy Communion with the Blessing and Distribution of Palms and the Responsive reading of the Gospel of the Day.

Maundy Thursday, April 5
12:10 p.m. - The Holy Communion in commemoration of the first Lord's Supper.

Good Friday, April 6
12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Psalms, The Stations of the Cross & the Good Friday Liturgy, with choral music throughout the Three Hours. Enter when you can; leave when you must.

Easter Day, April 8
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. - The Easter Liturgy
Festival Choral Communion at both services.

Regular Services of Holy Communion
Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.

170 E. Jefferson Avenue
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an LCMS congregation
9600 Laverne, Redford 48239
313-937-2424
<http://www.hosannatabor.org>

FAMILY FRIENDLY WORSHIP!

Maundy Thursday - April 5 - 7 p.m.
Good Friday - April 6 - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Easter Sunday - April 8 - 8:30 & 11 a.m.

ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

IMMEMORIAL TRIDENTINE LATIN RITE MASS
23310 Joy Road • Redford, MI 48239
313-534-2121

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

4/5 HOLY THURSDAY: Confessions 5:00 - 6:45 pm
Mass of The Last Supper 7:00 p.m.
Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose-The Stripping of the Main Altar & Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight

4/6 GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of The Cross 2:00 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 p.m.
No Confessions today.

4/7 HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions 9:00 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.
Easter Vigil 11:00 p.m.
High Mass of The Resurrection at Midnight

4/8 EASTER SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. - Mass of The Resurrection

Fellowship Presbyterian Church

A community of believers stepping in faith by God's Grace

Join us in the "traditional" worship of our Lord and Savior on **Palm Sunday** and **Easter Sunday**.

Preaching: **Dr. Jimmy McGuire**
Worship Leader: **Rev. William J. Burke Jr.**

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

We meet in **Madonna University's Kresge Hall**
36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia
Parking lot is on the N.W. corner of Levan and Schoolcraft
Visit our website at: www.Fellowship-Church.net

Rescue shelter recommends adopting, not buying bunnies

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dominique Moroz is hoping parents don't go out on a whim and buy a live bunny for their child this Easter when 90 abandoned rabbits are waiting to be adopted from Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Rehome in Old Village in Plymouth.

She says the sad part is most commercially sold rabbits will not survive long enough for parents to turn them into the shelter once the family tires of the long ears. Moroz estimates 80-percent die within the first two weeks leaving behind plenty of broken hearted kids.

"They're taken from their mothers at about 3 weeks and their digestive system require mother's milk 8 weeks, 6 weeks minimum," said Dominique Moroz, adoption coordinator. "They're not born with the bacteria to digest their food."

"I'd like to encourage people to look to rescue and to be informed about the pet that they're going to bring into the home. Rabbits do make a wonderful pet, a family pet, but it's important to have them evaluated for temperament and health. They have as varied a nature as cats and dogs. One of the differences though is that rabbits are a prey animal so they tend to be a bit more quiet and don't come to commands until they know and trust you."

The no-kill shelter specializes in matching the right rabbit to a family or individual. Currently there are about 15 bunnies under the age of four months, many under one year, and adults. The males are neutered at three months, females spayed at six months to make them easier to litter train. Since rabbits sleep during the



Keely was abandoned in an apartment building and needs a good home. She is the perfect size for a family bunny, about 5 pounds, not too small and delicate. Unfortunately she is not a designer bunny. Her white fur and red eyes are less popular than the more exotic varieties.

day and are active morning and evening, they fit well into family life and are not uncomfortable being confined.

"If they come to the shelter they'll be seeing many types and breeds," said Moroz. "A family might want to adopt an older rabbit because they have a life span of about 10 years. A 12-year-old might want to adopt a 5-year-old rabbit, because they'll be going off to college. Another good reason to come and visit the rescue is

so many people may be allergic to the rabbits or the hay."

Midwest Rabbit Rescue offers a foster program for those uncertain about adopting.

"For a month we lend you a cage, give you the hay and as much support as we can," said Moroz. "Rabbits main food is hay. They should not eat seeds because they can gum up their insides."

Moroz and the shelter's volunteers provide prospective owners with a



An experienced rabbit person is needed to adopt Dashed, a Holland bunny who was given up after biting his family and still occasionally "nips." He is extremely affectionate and gives many bunny kisses.

wealth of information on caring for domestic rabbits. Founded about two years ago, the nonprofit specializes in indoor pet rabbit rescue.

"We don't encourage people to take rabbits outside," said Moroz. "They are prey animals, not indigenous to this area. They can get parasites of wild rabbits and don't have the immune system to fight them off."

In order for the nonprofit to continue finding homes for the rabbits and educating the public, volunteers and donations are needed.

Hops for Hope, an April 7 beer and chocolate tasting benefit for Midwest Rabbit Rescue, takes place 2-4 p.m. at

The Corner Brewery, Ypsilanti. The event pairs six to eight micro-brews and a wide variety of fair- and ethically-traded chocolates from Equal Exchange, Dagoba, Divine, Alter Eco, Green & Black's, 3400 Phinney Chocolate Factory, and Endangered Species Chocolate Company. There will also be a vegetarian appetizer buffet, fair-trade coffee, and Easter baskets full of fair-trade goodies for auction.

Tickets are \$20 or half-price for non-drinkers, children under age 12 free. Call (734) 717-8545 or visit www.rabbitrr.org. You must be 21 or older to consume alcoholic beverages.

"It's not possible to have too many volunteers," said Moroz. "We would like to make books with photos and stories of the rabbits to hand out and to do a float for the Plymouth parade. We need manpower for this, volunteers to go into schools to speak and to take the rabbits to Petco Novi for adoptions."

For those unable to adopt, volunteer or attend the benefit, there's still a way to help the rescue, especially if you're a gardener. The shelter has lots of good compost to offer. Unlike horse and cow manure, rabbit manure does not need to be matured long and can be directly applied to flower beds. Moroz says the shelter has a huge amount of the manure that they would rather not put in a landfill.

Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Rehome is located at 886 North Holbrook in Old Village in Plymouth. Hours are 12:30-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. For more information, call (248) 348-8519, (734) 717-8545, or (734) 459-3207.

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8 pm - Tenebrae Service of Darkness

EASTER VIGIL - Sat., April 7th
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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April 5th • 7:30 pm • Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion & Choral Tenebrae

April 6th • Noon • Good Friday Ecumenical Service

April 8th • 7:00 am • Easter Sunrise Service
8:45 am • Worship Service
11:00 am • Worship Service

Holy Week at Grace Lutheran Church in Redford Township
25630 Grand River Ave. (Just East of Beech-Daly)

Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School for children (ages 3 - 6th grade) at 9:15 and 11:00 A.M.
Pastor Victor F. Halboth preaching on the theme *I Love A Parade* based on Matthew 21:1-11

Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.
Vicar Jon Scieluna preaching

Good Friday Worship with Holy Communion 1:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.
Pastor Victor F. Halboth preaching

Easter Sunday Worship 7:30 A.M., 9:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School for children (ages 3 - 6th Grade) at 9:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
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MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 5, 7:30 p.m.
"Jesus For Our Time"

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8
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10:30 a.m. Easter Family Worship
"The Easter in Our Lives"

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Rev. Mary E. Biedron

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www.newburgumc.org

Good Friday Worship at 12:30 p.m.
Easter Sunrise - 7:00 a.m.
(at GreenMead - 8 Mile & Newburgh Rd.)

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The Liturgy of Good Friday 1p; 1st Day of Divine Mercy Novena 3p;
Private prayer until 6p

April 7...HOLY SATURDAY
Blessing of Easter Food...St. Maurice 11:30a/ St. Genevieve 1p
THE EASTER VIGIL...St. Maurice 8p
April 8...EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
St. Maurice 9a; St. Genevieve 9a; St. Genevieve 11a

Farmington First United Methodist Church

EASTER SERVICES

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Easter Sunday Services • April 8 • 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
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Rev. Gregory D. Gibbons, Pastor

Maundy Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Good Friday	1:00 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae	7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

RealAge makeover

Physician tells how to add years to your life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Until 1994, Dr. Michael Roizen thought he was living a healthy lifestyle. Then a friend who was a lifelong smoker developed severe arterial disease. The news sent the doctor on a search for the latest findings on reversing the aging process. Along the way he wrote several books, including two *New York Times* best sellers, and came up with a test to determine a person's RealAge as opposed to their biological or calendar age.

Today, RealAge Inc., an education-oriented health company, and RealAge.com, the Web site, attract millions of people looking to add years to their lives. The phenomenon has boosted Roizen to celebrity status. Dressed in scrubs, Roizen regularly lectures to PBS, Channel 56 television viewers who hope to look younger and avoid the diseases of aging by following his makeover program. In fact, his message has become so popular an upcoming appearance presented by Crittenton Hospital Medical Center sold out more than one month in advance.

FEELING GOOD

Much of the information Roizen shares during the April 25 lecture can be found online at www.RealAge.com and in his books including *The RealAge Makeover*, an updated version of his first book *RealAge: Are You as Young as You Can Be?* published in 1999 by HarperCollins. Once a person knows the RealAge, he or she can make the necessary changes to look and feel younger.

"I'll be telling people how their body gets a do-over, that the body is really unusual because you get to do a makeover," said Roizen, professor of anesthesiology and internal medicine, and chair of the division of anesthesiology, critical care medicine, and comprehensive pain management at Cleveland Clinic.

In his practice, Roizen frequently sees patients who are "overweight, hypertensive and don't take time for themselves." His goal is to help people realize they can take control of their health. In the 1960s when Roizen was in medical school the thinking of the

medical establishment was that genetics defined how a person aged. Prevention did not figure into the equation for good health. Out of the 2,800 hours of lectures Roizen sat through in medical school, only two hours were devoted to nutrition and lifestyle.

"I didn't know most of the data so I decided to write the book," said Roizen, who with the RealAge Scientific Advisory Board analyzed more than 35,000 medical and scientific studies to discover the factors instrumental in aging. "What we want to do is let people understand their bodies so they can be the world expert and take control. I realized fish was much more important than meat. Weight lifting is more important than cardiovascular."

Roizen grew up in Buffalo, N.Y., eating the typical American diet. Today, he's instituted healthier habits that include eating a good breakfast every morning and walking 10,000 steps a day. He does 48

minutes of cardiovascular exercise three times a week, and 20 minutes of weight lifting three times a week. Plus he takes the vitamins and supplements he recommends in *The RealAge Makeover*.

His biological age is 61, but his real age is around 42 according to the results of the RealAge test on the Web site. The calculations factor in lifestyle, genetics and medical history to come up with an individual's RealAge and a 90-day plan to turn back time. Genetics account for only 25 to 30 percent of the aging process, the rest is the result of choices. A person's RealAge can be years younger than their calendar age depending on the changes they're willing to make.

Roizen recommends eating 25 grams of fiber and an ounce of nuts a day, and four or five servings each of vegetables and fruits as part of a balanced diet. About 25 percent of daily calories should come from healthy fats like olive oil, avocado, flaxseed, and cocoa butter-



The RealAge Makeover is the updated version of Dr. Michael Roizen's first book *RealAge: Are You as Young as You Can Be?*

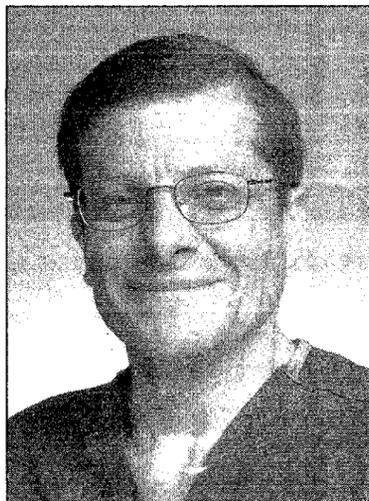


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Dr. Michael Roizen tells how to take years off of your calendar age. Roizen's RealAge program appears regularly on PBS, Channel 56.

based chocolate which provides age-reducing flavonoids for the body. According to Roizen's makeover book flavonoids decrease the rate at which our arteries and immune system age.

ON THE GO

Roizen admits he "doesn't get enough sleep and has too much stress" in his life. It's difficult for him to do much about his schedule as a physician and author. In addition to his own five books, Roizen's co-written three with Dr. Mehmet Oz, including his latest, *You on a Diet: The Owner's Manual for Waist Management* (2006) in which they talk about waist size not weight being the key number. For optimum health, a woman's ideal waist size should be 32 1/2 inches, a man's 35 inches.

"I'm an avid Cavaliers basketball fan, me and my wife," said Roizen. "She lets me go crazy rooting for the Cavs and I play squash, and do deep breathing exercises once a day to relieve my stress."

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Top 12 ways to make your RealAge younger

Below are the top 12 Grow Younger® strategies designed to make your RealAge younger. To receive personalized recommendations, take the RealAge test at www.RealAge.com along with 40 other health assessments.

■ **Take your vitamins regularly.** Vitamin C (1200 mg/day), vitamin E (400 IU/day), calcium (1000-1200 mg/day), vitamin D (400-600 IU/day), folate (400 mcg/day), and vitamin B6 (6 mg/day) can make your RealAge 6 years younger.

■ **Quit smoking and avoid passive smoke.** Smoking makes your RealAge 8 years older.

■ **Know your blood pressure.** A person with low blood pressure (115/75 mm Hg) is as much as 25 years younger than a person with high blood pressure (greater than 160/90 mm Hg).

■ **Reduce stress.** In highly stressful times, your RealAge can be as much as 32 years older than your calendar age. By building strong social networks and adopting stress-reduction strategies, you can erase 30 of those 32 years of aging caused by stress.

■ **Floss your teeth.** Flossing and brushing daily can make your RealAge 6.4 years younger.

■ **Be active.** Even a small amount of exercise - two 20-minute walks per day - can make your RealAge nearly five years younger.

■ **Wear your seatbelt.** Regularly wearing a seat belt and driving within 5 miles per hour of the speed limit can make your RealAge as much as 3.4 years younger.

■ **Fill up on fiber.** Getting 25 grams of fiber per day in your diet can make your RealAge 2.5 years younger than if you only included 12 grams of fiber per day in your diet. Men may need even more than 25 grams of fiber per day (personalized results can be garnered upon taking the RealAge Test).

■ **Monitor your health.** People who are proactive about seeking high-quality medical care and managing chronic conditions can have a RealAge as much as 12 years younger than their peers who do not.

■ **Take the RealAge test; Develop an Age Reduction Plan®.** Over your lifetime, you can make your RealAge as much as 26 years younger. That means that you will live younger every day, and live longer with as much health and energy as possible.

■ **Laugh a lot.** Laughter reduces stress, strengthens the immune system, and can make your RealAge as much as 8 years younger.

■ **Become a lifelong learner.** People who remain intellectually involved throughout their lives have a RealAge as much as 2.5 years younger.

How old are you really?

What's Your RealAge?

Your RealAge is the actual age of your body, based on how well you maintain it. Are you as young as you can be?

Answer the questions to find out whether your lifestyle is making you younger or older. Choose only one answer for each of question. This is an abridged version of the scientifically validated RealAge test. You can learn exactly how many years younger or older you are by taking the complete RealAge test for free at www.RealAge.com.

How would you rate your physical health compared to others of your chronological age?

- a. Excellent -2
- b. Very good -1
- c. Good 0
- d. Fair +1
- e. Poor +2

Have you ever used tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, chew tobacco) on a regular basis for 3 or

more months?

- a. Yes, I currently smoke +2
- b. Yes, but I have quit 0
- c. No -2

How often do you floss?

- a. Never +2
- b. 1 time per week +1
- c. 2-3 times per week 0
- d. 4-6 times per week -1
- e. 7 or more times per week -2

How often do you use a mobile phone while driving?

- a. I don't own a mobile phone 0
- b. I never use a phone while driving -2
- c. Very infrequently 0
- d. 1-2 times each day I drive +1
- e. 3-5 times each day I drive +1
- f. More than 5 times each day I drive +2
- g. I don't drive 0

Which best describes your current marital status? If you consider yourself in a life-long, cohabitating relationship even though you are not legally married, please choose "married."

- a. Never married 0
- b. Happily married -1
- c. Unhappily married 0
- d. Separated +1
- e. Divorced +2
- f. Widow/Widower +2

In the last 12 months, have you experienced some events that caused you a great deal of stress, such as death of a family member, illness, divorce, unemployment, etc?

- a. Yes +2

b. No -1

How many servings of whole grains do you eat per day?

- a. None +2
- b. 1-2 servings +1
- c. 3-5 servings -1
- d. 6 or more servings -2

Do you eat multiple servings of tomato or spaghetti sauce in a typical week?

- a. Yes, always -2
- b. Yes, on most days -1
- c. No, hardly ever +1

Do you eat multiple servings from each food group on most days? A balanced diet contains 5 fruits and 5 vegetables (eating a variety of each), healthy fats, low-fat dairy, whole grains instead of refined, and a little protein with every meal.

- a. Yes, always -2
- b. Yes, on most days -1
- c. No, hardly ever +1

On average, how many days per week do you do light to moderate aerobic, strength-building or flexibility exercises?

- a. Never +2
- b. 1-2 days 0
- c. 3-4 days -1
- d. 5-6 days -2
- e. 7 days -2

Do you have diabetes?

- a. Yes, type 1 diabetes +3
- b. Yes, type 2 diabetes +3
- c. No 0

Score Your RealAge

Add up your positive and negative points separately. More positive points than negative means your RealAge is likely older than your calendar age. An equal amount of positive and negative points means your RealAge is approximately the same as your calendar age. More negative points than positive points means your RealAge is likely younger than your calendar age.

The RealAge test is the gold standard for overall health measurement. To get your accurate assessment in actual years, take the complete RealAge test for free online at www.RealAge.com and learn how to gain more energy, look younger and live longer.

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Watch for subtle asthma symptoms



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Cheryl from Chesterfield Township e-mails that asthma runs in her family. She wants to know more about some of the subtle warning signs for the dangerous condition.

Cheryl, when we think of asthma, we usually picture wheezing and inhalers. That can be an accurate image in some cases but not all. Symptoms can be much less severe, and often go unrecognized.

It can be a danger sign if you have wheezing or shortness of breath during any of the following activities: exercise, sleeping,

laughing, crying, being in cold air,

being around airborne toxins like cigarette smoke and exposure to allergens. Some symptoms can be tougher to spot. In some kids it can be as simple as a cough. A detailed exam by a doctor is the best way to be sure if a problem exists. Sometimes the condition can be diagnosed by something as simple as an airflow test.

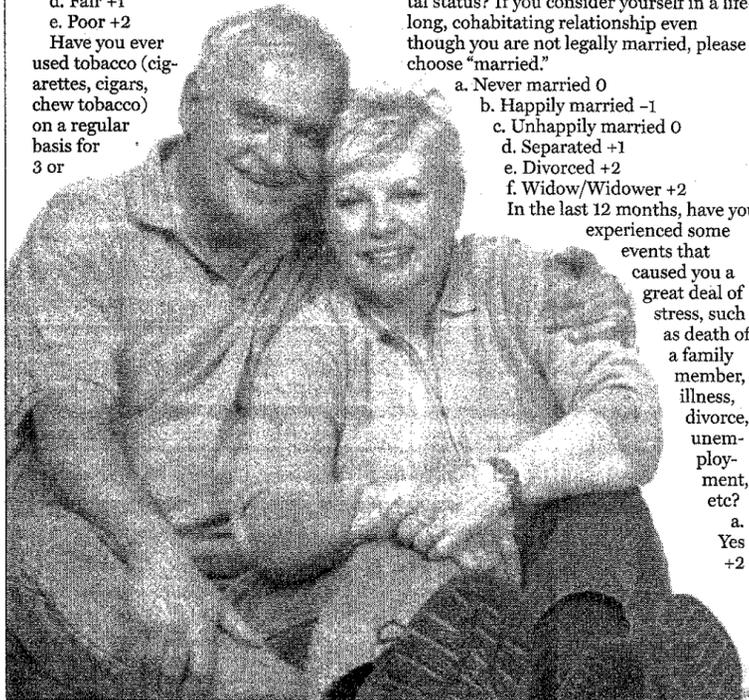
The main thing is to find out if the condition is present so the right steps can be taken to avoid a potentially life-threatening situation.

Jill from Ann Arbor is looking to cut her chances of getting breast cancer and e-mails for tips.

Jill, keeping your weight in check should be one of your top priorities! We know that excess weight can boost the chances for breast cancer. Now we are learning that how much weight is gained and when it happens can be a prime predictor for getting the disease.

Researchers tracked 63,000 postmenopausal women. They found those gaining 21 to 30 pounds between the ages of 18 and 40 had a greater risk than those with a gain of five pounds or less. Women who gained 70 pounds or more had nearly double the risk. So far there is no conclusive evidence that shows losing weight once it is on will help counter the problem. But since the increased risk is tied to high estrogen levels triggered by weight gain, it is a good bet that weight loss can only help.

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.



Victory tastes sweeter when shared with kids

BY DIANNE NOVAK
CORRESPONDENT

What could be better way to spend a Saturday than sharing a Pine Car Derby victory with your son? How about sharing one with your daughter? On the same day. That is what Livonia dad, Brian Aitken, and his son, Erik, 11, and daughter, Emily, 6, did on a recent Saturday at the Livonia YMCA. Brian and his two children are members of the Adventure Guides and Adventure Princesses programs sponsored by the YMCA.

Brian and Erik have been members of the Adventure Guides father-son program since the fall of 2000 when Erik started kindergarten. They joined the program after Brian, an engineering supervisor at Ford Motor Co., heard about it from a friend, Greg Dabkowski, also of Livonia.

Since that time, Brian and Erik have enjoyed many special father-son moments like the one shared March 24 when they captured the

Pine Car Derby trophy for the second time. They also won this event in 2004 when Erik was a third grader at Cass Elementary and raced his yellow "Corvette" to a victory. Erik is currently a sixth grader at Riley Upper Elementary School. This year's car, the "Marty Mobile" was inspired by one of the characters in the popular animated movie, *Madagascar*. Erik and his dad admit they spent several evenings before the race fine-tuning their vehicle and were obviously pleased with the outcome of their combined efforts.

Brian brought his second child into the program last fall when he and Emily joined the Adventure Princesses father-daughter program. This was Emily's first Pine Car Derby and that helped to make her victory even sweeter, and perhaps even more surprising, when her "Ariel - The Little Mermaid" car captured first place in the Adventure Princess race. Emily, a kindergartener at Cass Elementary, was especially excit-

ed to receive her trophy when she noticed that the trophy's colors, teal and purple, matched those of her winning vehicle. Emily, like her brother, worked closely with her dad in the design and development of her car.

Besides competing in pine car races, Brian and his children enjoy the other opportunities for parent-child fun that the Adventure Guide/Princess programs offer. A favorite activity of Erik's is the campouts that occur three times each year: fall, winter, and spring. The campouts takes place at different YMCA camps around Michigan and in Ohio. These weekend getaways provide ample opportunity for father-child bonding when traveling to and from the camp, and enjoying camp activities, like archery, crafts, campfires, sledding, fishing, hiking, canoeing, hayrides, high- and low-ropes, and seasonal games.

FUN NIGHTS

Although Emily also enjoys the campouts, her favorite activity is the Fun Nights that take place three times a year when the Guides or Princesses take over the YMCA for three hours on a Saturday night. The parents and children get together to enjoy basketball, tennis, racquetball, and swimming as well as other activities, and the evening is always topped off with pizza, ice cream, or other treats.

The Adventure Guides and Princesses sponsor other events, with most occurring on an annual basis, such as roller skating, banquet, and bowling. These events provide additional opportunities to share parent-child fun, and have given Erik and Emily the chance to make good friends with several of the other children who participate in the programs.

Brian says the best part of this program is the chance to spend quality time with his kids. Whether paddling a canoe at camp, shooting hoops at the Y, or painting pine cars in the basement, he enjoys the opportunity to get to know and better understand his kids. He not only watches them enjoy and grow in the activities in which they are participating, but he also can talk with them about school and friends, and their worries and dreams.

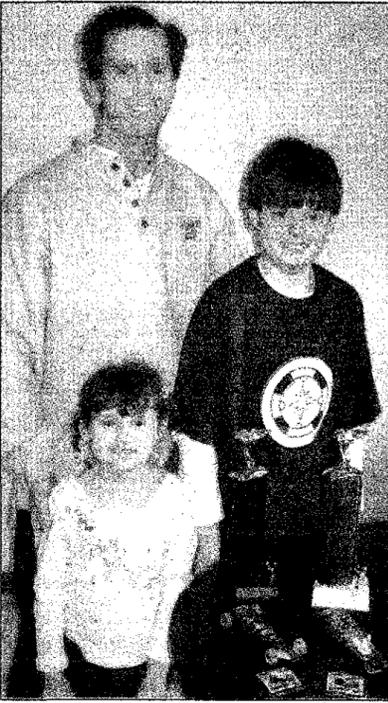
Just having these special one-on-one times with his kids makes them closer than many of today's parents who instead drive their children to many activities yet simply drop them off at the door and pick them up when the activity is done, missing out on the chance to spend time together. The Adventure Guide/Princess programs are not "drop off" programs. Parents participate side-by-side with their children in each event or activity. This can be father-son as in the Guides aspect of the program, father-daughter as in the Princess portion of the program, or mother-daughter as in the Maidens part of the program.

The Adventure Guides/Princess/Maidens programs are open to all parents and children and provide a great way to make memories that can last a lifetime. Just imagine in few years when Erik and Emily tell their own kids about the day they both won the Pine Car Derby. Oh, yes, with a little help from their dad.

For more information about the programs, contact Linda Kirby at (734)464-1360.

Dianne Novak was previously a professor at Madonna University and is currently a self-employed, stay-at-home mom.

Brian Aitken with his son, Erik, 11, and daughter, Emily, 6, winners in the YMCA's Pine Car Derby for the Adventure Guides and Adventure Princesses.



LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

Asbestos Abatement & Reinsulation
Riley Upper Elementary School

Contract Documents may be examined at the Livonia Public Schools Maintenance Department Office at 15125 Farmington Road, from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Bid forms, specifications and drawings are available at the Maintenance Department of the Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. A \$25.00 fee is required for the specifications and drawings.

A mandatory site inspection is required and will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at Riley Upper Elementary School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia, MI 48154 at 10:00 am.

Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at the Board of Education Administrative Services Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. The bids will be publicly opened and read at that time. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

All questions regarding this bid should be directed to Jim McMuldloch, District Engineer at (734) 744-2500 ext. 42158.

Sandra L. Pollack
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Asbestos Abatement
Western Wayne Skill Center

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CITY OF WESTLAND PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2588-Forum Fitness Center, 34250 Ford Road

Request for Jeff Sullivan/Coliseum Forum for two (2) variances from Ordinance 248, the Zoning Ordinance, as a result of the alteration of an existing non-conforming sign and installation of a changeable copy sign within the existing sign structure at the commercial property located at 34250 Ford Road.

- a) Section 15:3.6 (5) states that a non-conforming sign cannot be changed to any extent without bringing it into conformance with current Zoning Ordinance standards.
- b) Section 15:3.2 (R) indicates that a changeable copy sign is prohibited. The petitioner has installed a changeable copy sign with the sign structure.

Petition #2589-R. Denny, 958 Merriman

Request for Roger Denny for three (3) variances from Ordinance 248, as a result of the construction of a covered porch addition to the rear of the existing home located at 958 Merriman.

- a) Section 5:2.3 states that a non-conforming structure cannot be enlarged. The petitioner has constructed a 12' x 16' covered porch addition to the rear of the existing home. The existing home is located 32.5 feet from the rear lot line.
- b) Section 7:4.2 requires a minimum rear yard setback of 35 feet. The proposed covered porch addition is located 20.5 feet from the rear lot line.
- c) Section 7:4.3(a) requires that the detached garage be located 10 feet behind the rear building line of the home. The proposed addition has been constructed 9 feet to the rear of the front building line of the detached garage.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 8, 2007 FOR LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CITIES OF LIVONIA & WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Please take notice that the Regular School Election of Livonia Public Schools School District and the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College District, Michigan, will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007, IS MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city, or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city, or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

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- 1 - One (1) year term
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This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public School District and the Schoolcraft Community College District, Wayne County, Michigan.

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Melissa Zinn (center) as Ophelia, Marie Wyatt (left) and Carolyn Szatan (right) performed in the Motor City Youth Theatre production of Hamlet about two years ago.

Playwright turns Shakespeare's Hamlet tragedy into a comedy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Florkowski can't wait for Melissa Zinn to return to Livonia with her version of Shakespeare's Hamlet. The tragedy makes an about turn to tell the story from the character's point of view.

Zinn originally came up with the concept while playing Ophelia in the Motor City Youth Theatre's production of Hamlet in 2005. Florkowski founded MCYT to give budding young local actors and actresses a chance to perform. She brings Zinn's Nineteen Variations on Hamlet to the Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia 8 p.m. Friday, April 6.

Tickets are \$10. Call (313) 535-8962 or visit www.mcyt.org.

"It takes Shakespeare's language and combines it with Melissa's wittiness," said Nancy Florkowski, a retired

Redford teacher. "It helps to know Hamlet but plays like this are enjoyable even if you don't know Hamlet inside out. What's hilarious is all the characters tell their side of the story. The king who was the evil character decides not to kill Hamlet and everybody lives happily ever after."

Not all of Zinn's ideas for Nineteen Variations occurred to her while playing in MCYT's Shakespeare in the Park in 2004 and 2005 in Redford and Livonia.

"I was watching Twin Peaks and saw similarities of agent Dale Cooper and Hamlet," said Melissa Zinn, the 31-year old Kalamazoo resident who wrote and directed the play being performed by Abstraction Theatre.

"It's a comedy. People think Hamlet tragic, dark, serious, fast paced. This is kind of Monty Python-esque and there is some audience participation."

Zinn wrote Hamlet over a period of about two years. Writing is something she's loved to do since revising the story of Alice in Wonderland at age 6. Her Perils of Prince Charming was performed on the Sterling Heights Public Library channel, her Garbo and Gable Show at Meadow Brook Hall. Zinn attended Oakland University in Rochester. She moved to Kalamazoo to be with her husband.

"I do miss the Detroit area and come back as often as I can," said Zinn. "We performed this the first two weekends in March in Kalamazoo. I thought I would like to take the show to other places and larger audiences and so I thought of bringing it to Livonia."

Grantland Street Playhouse is located at 27555 Grantland, Livonia.

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Art club to host figurative painter

Figurative artist Lin Baum is the guest speaker at the Three Cities Art Club meeting 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, in a lower level room at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road S., south of Cherry Hill. Enter via the southeast entrance and an attendant will direct you to the room. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions of the guest speaker plus vote on their favorite artwork submitted by members to the monthly competition.

Baum expands on the tradition of the psychological portrait in her alla prima oils which have been extensively exhibited. A graduate of the University of Michigan, School of Architecture and Design, Baum is a painting and portrait instructor at Schoolcraft College (continuing education). She also conducts workshops and teaches gifted children. Baum is a former appointee of the Wayne County Council for the Arts, History

and Humanities.

Each art club member is invited to bring one or two pieces in progress for Baum to critique and help with any problems they are encountering. There is no charge for the event. If you are an artist or a want to be an artist, this is an informative event.

For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, ext. 123, or send e-mail to threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.

Genealogist reveals strategies for reading foreign-language records

The Northville Genealogical Society presents Jan Zaleski, an accredited genealogist, speaking on The Parish Records Are Not in English, and I am Not Bi-lingual!: Strategies For Analyzing Foreign-Language Records during the society's meeting 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady. Zaleski is president of the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan. She will teach you how to analyze records written in a language you cannot read. Learn how to recognize the differences between birth, marriage, and death

records. Discover how you can make extraction templates tailored to the records you are researching. A computer genealogy class, Family Tree Maker 2006: Odds & Ends, will be held at 1:15 p.m. (prior to the regular meeting). The public is invited to attend both, free of charge. Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library 1-3 p.m. Mondays and by appointment. Call Tillie Van Sickle at (734) 595-7806 or visit the Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

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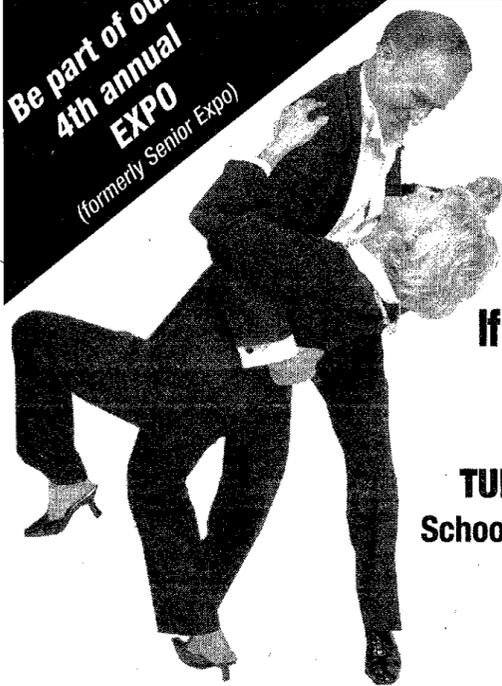
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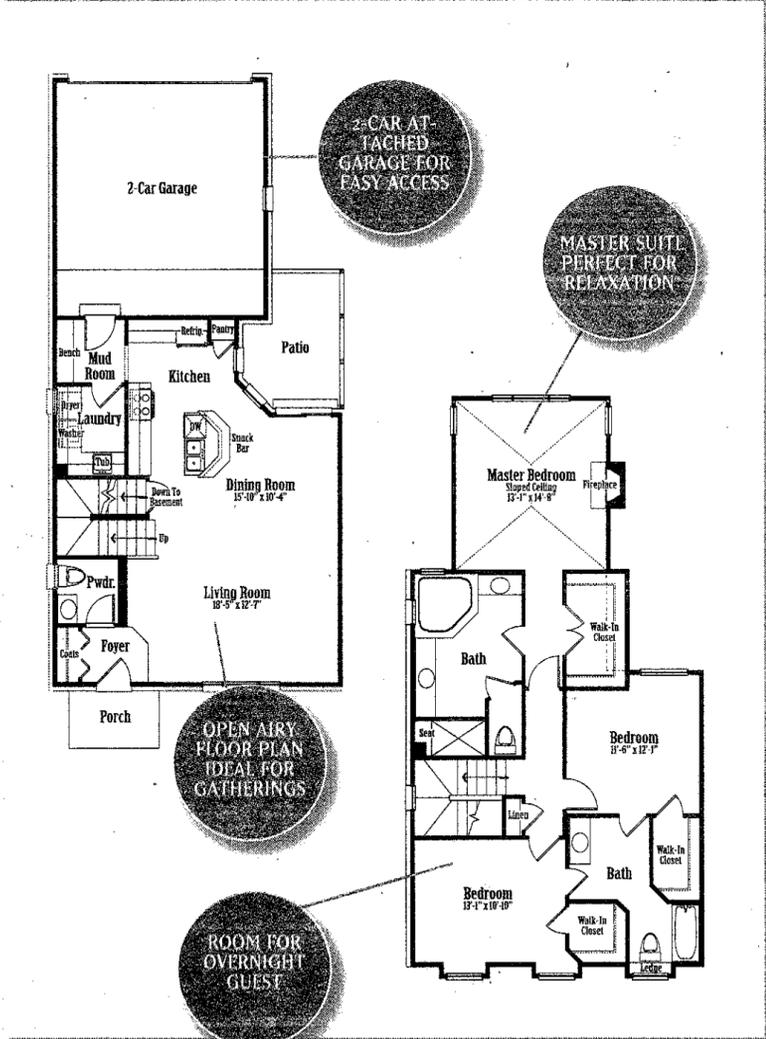
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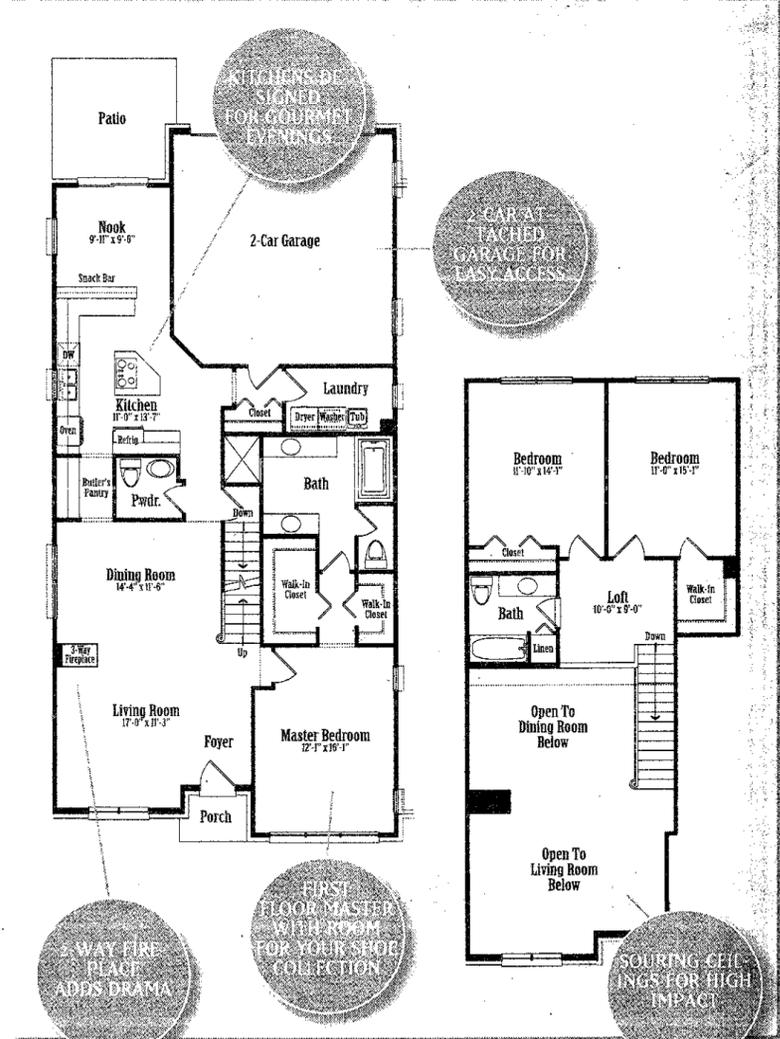
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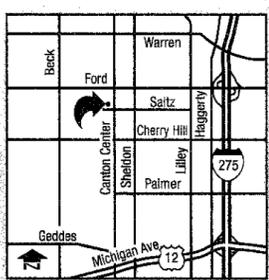
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