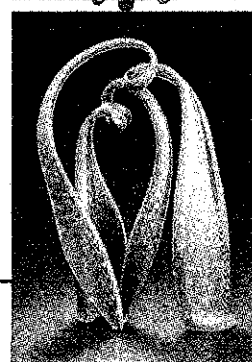


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Purse theft leads to high-speed chase

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Garden City man whose driver's license has been suspended for 20 years is accused of leading police on a high-speed chase after stealing a woman's purse outside a Westland grocery store.

Charles McDonald, a 38-year-old man with two decades of driving offenses, was arraigned Tuesday afternoon — three days after he is accused of fleeing officers from four police agencies.

The incident started around 8:10 p.m. Saturday after a 26-year-old woman left the Farmer Jack store on the southwest corner of

Cherry Hill and Merriman, Westland Police Officer Patrick Corby said.

"She was putting her small child in her car and left her purse in the shopping cart," he said.

A man jumped out of his minivan, grabbed her purse and fled in his 2000 Plymouth Voyager, but the woman followed him briefly and called police as the incident was unfolding, Corby said.

Another Westland officer, David Dinsmore, spotted the minivan near Henry Ruff and Avondale and started a pursuit that lasted 14 minutes, ending when the suspect hit a tree at Cherry Hill and Harrison in Garden City, Corby said.

McDonald is accused of leading police on a

chase that reached 50 mph in residential neighborhoods and 90-plus mph along main roads.

The chase involved officers from Westland, Garden City, Inkster and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

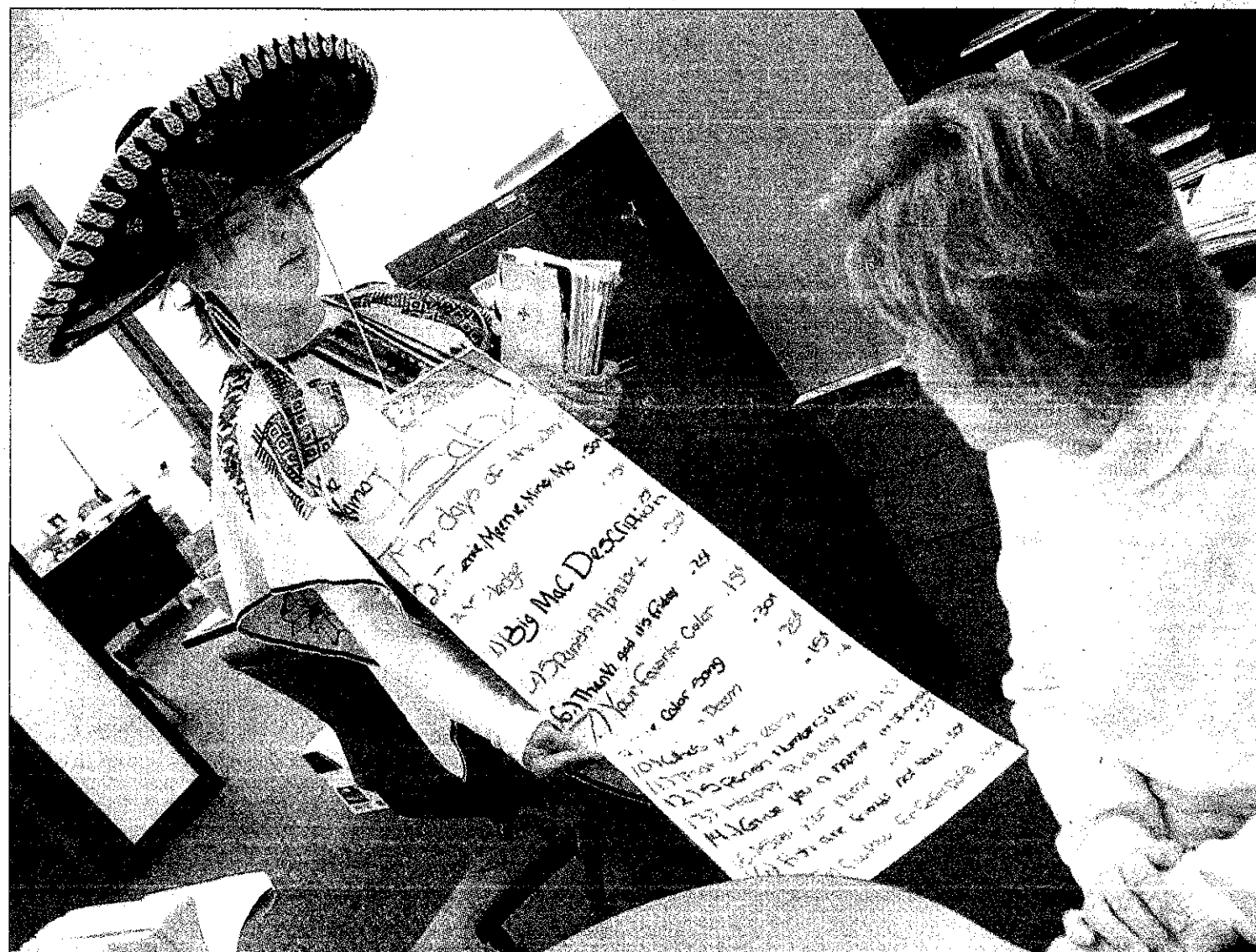
The winding chase went as far north as Marquette and as far south as Avondale, but the minivan never hit another vehicle.

McDonald was taken into custody at the scene and then treated at a hospital, Corby said. Police found the stolen purse in the minivan.

McDonald was arraigned Tuesday in front of Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos on charges of larceny from a person, fleeing and eluding, resisting and obstructing police officers and driving with a suspended license.

A not-guilty plea was entered, and Bokos set a \$100,000 cash bond. McDonald is scheduled for an April 19 preliminary hearing to determine whether he should stand trial. Of the charges against him, larceny from a person carries the stiffest penalty with a possible 10-year prison term. McDonald has had a suspended license since 1987, when he was 18, Corby said. His prior convictions include multiple times of driving with a suspended license. His record also includes domestic violence and driving drunk. Even before Saturday's incident, McDonald wasn't scheduled for a license review by the Secretary of State until 2011.

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Student Michah Elrod says her phrases in Spanish for a fee for counseling secretary Sue Daniels as part of the fund-raising World Language Day at Marshall Middle School.

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Student fund-raiser honors late teacher

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Everything has a price. That's what the students and staff of Marshall Middle School discovered recently when they paid their peers to recite poems, advertising jingles and slogans in Spanish and French.

It was World Language Day, a time to practice language skills, but more importantly to raise money for a charity, this year the American Stroke Association in honor of late physical education teacher and coach James Daniel.

Mr. Daniel, a popular and longtime teacher at the school, died suddenly last month of a massive stroke.

"We all felt we wanted to do something," said World Language teacher Sue Carlson.

"Right before he died, we did a survey and had many ideas on who to give the money to. The kids were ready to vote, but it became very obvious that they wanted to do something in his memory. It was clear it was the right choice."

"We were going to give it to James (Mr. Daniel's son who attends Marshall) for college, then decided to give it to the stroke association," added Sydney Oaks, who collected \$31.

TRADITION

This is the ninth consecutive year that Carlson's students have participated in World Language Day at Marshall. They dressed in hats and costumes and went around the school between classes, speak-

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Suspect aborts bank robbery, flees store

An attempted bank robbery inside the Westland Meijer store ended abruptly Monday evening when the suspect suddenly fled, police Sgt. Chris Benson said.

"He got jittery and left," Benson said.

The incident happened around 6:30 p.m. when the suspect approached a teller at the Chase Bank branch inside the Meijer store on the southeast corner of Warren and Newburgh roads.

"He passed a note demanding money and, in the meantime, before the teller could get the money, he left without getting anything," Benson said.

The would-be robber didn't reveal a gun, but the female teller told police that she believed the suspect implied having a weapon.

Because the incident involved an attempted bank robbery, FBI officials also were called in to investigate.

The teller described the suspect as a thin, 6-foot-2 white man with "5 o'clock shadow" facial hair, Benson said. The man wore a blue Detroit Tigers hooded sweatshirt, a ball cap and sunglasses.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

— By Darrell Clem

Dashairya: Board needs experience, leadership

Editor's Note: Five candidates — Bhagwan Dashairya, Skip Monit, Brian Mulligan, Martha Pitsenbarger and T. Cortez Span Jr. — are campaigning for two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in the Tuesday, May 8, election. This is the first of five stories profiling the candidates based on their responses to questions submitted to them by *The Observer*.



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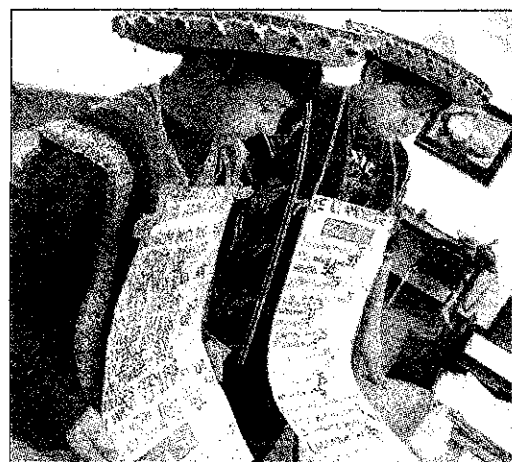


Bhagwan Dashairya is no stranger to elections. Since 1983 he has run for such offices as mayor of Dearborn, Wayne County Commissioner, Westland City Council and most recently governor.

A management consultant, the Westland resident is making his first bid for the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, hoping to unseat one of two incumbents — Martha Pitsenbarger and Skip Monit.

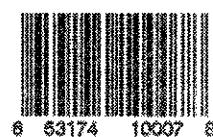
He holds two bachelor degrees — one in mathematics, physics, chemistry from Allahabad University and one in mechanical engineering from Banaras Hindu University, both in India — a master of business administration in business management from Davenport University and a master of science and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Mississippi.

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Josh DuPrie and Rogelio Rodriguez show their boards to a customer to pick out what they like them to say in Spanish.

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Making a difference

Youth projects celebrated, with a taste of CAPA's High School Musical

BY DAVE VARGA
STAFF WRITER

Some 2,500 Livonia Public Schools youth made a point of "making a difference" this year. They were celebrated with Tuesday night at Franklin High.

For Megan Mila, making a difference meant collecting 41 cell phones to provide emergency phone access to those who can't otherwise afford it.

The Riley Upper Elementary School student made a box and put an item in the school's weekly newsletter asking classmates and staff to pitch in. "I was excited that a bunch of people joined in and helped," Megan said.

The phones were donated to the Livonia Police Department, but not before her Girl Scout troop also pitched in by clearing out all the numbers in the cast-off phones. Megan was one of 166 youth at Riley who participated.

For Nathan Kile, a sixth-grader at Cooper Upper Elementary making a difference meant putting a couple bird feeders up near his house - and then filling them "every two or three days" from the fall through the spring.

"It's not a lot of work," Nathan said. Of course, there was some winter in between those seasons and it did get a bit cold, and as Nathan noted, "It wasn't a lot of fun."

Besides keeping the birds well fed, he saw sparrows, purple finches, cardinals and one red-tail hawk (his favorite).

Displays of posters, photographs, and storyboards shared the students' good works on table after table for visitors to see at the celebration. Some told of very individual efforts, such as Buchanan kindergartner Gracie Droz visiting her grandmother and giving cards and candy to the others at the nursing home. Others shoveled snow for neighbors, cut their hair for Locks of Love, visited shelters, or gathered items for care packages sent to troops overseas. Group efforts featured scout troops' Operation Can Do, school gatherings of Toys for Tots, efforts to help the Michigan Humane Society and others, too numerous to mention.



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Cleveland Elementary fourth-grader Brooke Harris, 10, looks over her Youth Making a Difference project with her mother, Amy, at Franklin High School Tuesday. Brooke had 10 inches of her red hair taken off in August for Locks of Love. "I wanted to help someone who was sick, who needed a wig," she said.



"We're very, very, very proud of all of you," Supt. Randy Liepa told the gathering.

The annual event was coordinated by co-chairs Dawn Casella and Deb DesChenes and featured a few short speeches and some refreshments.

For many, though, the highlight of the evening was a chance to see a selection of scenes from Disney's High School Musical, performed by a huge cast of students and supporting crew from the Creative and Performing Arts program.

The show had been sold out during its early February run at Churchill, so the Franklin auditorium was filled and plenty of people stood at the back of the opened room to watch and hear "Start of Something New," "Get'cha Head in the Game," "We're All in This Together," and more.

After the show, Ian Naccashian was one of the young students who agreed to pose for a photo near his display, as his mother, Kim, captured the moment. His project: Gathering 80 pairs of glasses

Dawn Casella (right), co-chair of the Livonia PTSA Council Youth Making a Difference celebration, enjoys the CAPA performance of Disney's High School Musical with her family, husband Michael, son Nicklas, a seventh-grader at Holmes Middle School and daughter Elizabeth, a fourth-grader at Hoover Elementary.

this year to donate to Lenscrafters for people who can't afford glasses. Over his lifetime, the fifth-grader said he'd collected 242 pairs.

His effort began with putting a box at school and "asking my neighbors and grandparents," Ian said.

This year's Youth Making A Difference efforts faced challenges. DesChenes pointed out that, despite the school district's attendance shifts and school closings, there were still 18 LPS schools participating in Youth Making a Difference this year.

New city budget sparks curbside recycling talks

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Calling it absurd that Westland has no curbside recycling program, some city leaders are adamant that a remedy be found within the next year.

"From a moral standpoint, I think it's unconscionable that we're the 10th largest city in the state and we don't have a (curbside) recycling program," Westland City Councilman James Godbout said Monday evening.

Godbout's renewed push for a recycling program came amid opening-round talks about Mayor William Wild's newly proposed, \$60.8 million budget.

City leaders face a decision of trying to start a curbside recycling program or reducing a garbage-disposal tax and refunding a portion of it to taxpayers.

Wild's proposed budget suggests reducing the tax from 2.15 mills to 2 mills - an amount that would return \$350,000 to taxpayers. To put it in perspective, however, the owner of a \$100,000 home would receive a refund of just \$7.50 a year, or 63 cents a month.

Rather than rolling back the tax, Godbout and some of his colleagues, including Cheryl Graunstadt and Michael Kehrer, indicated they want to at least consider a curbside recycling program.

Currently, Westland residents have to take their recyclable materials to the city's public service department, on Marquette east of Newburgh. Recycling proponents don't consider that program convenient.

"Personally, I'd like to see us start a recycling program in some form in the next budget year," said Godbout, who chairs the city's recycling committee.

The council can make revisions to Wild's budget before approving it in early June. The spending plan will cover the fiscal year that starts July 1.

Several years ago, the city failed in its last curbside recycling program. Officials attributed the downfall to a \$50-a-year fee for households.

Most city leaders agree that residents won't pay a fee to recycle. Therefore, some officials support using the garbage-disposal tax and exploring viable options for a new program.

On Monday, council President Charles Pickering questioned whether the timing is right for a curbside recycling program.

Moreover, he suggested the

city might want to consider refunding even more money to taxpayers from a \$1 million balance in Westland's sanitation fund.

Recycling proponents believe Pickering's suggestion would essentially kill a recycling plan. Godbout and Kehrer also warned that the state may eventually force cities like Westland to implement a curbside program, which they said will only become more expensive as time passes.

No clear consensus was reached Monday on how the city will proceed with the recycling issue.

In other budget developments Monday:

- Wild reiterated that his budget would protect a \$2 million surplus - an amount that hasn't changed in recent years.

- No money has been set aside for raises as the city prepares for contract talks this year with police and fire unions.

- Westland District Court Administrator David Wiacek said court revenues could potentially reach \$4.5 million during the next year. If that happens, he said, about \$800,000 would be turned over to the city's general fund.

- Wild announced a new plan to try to use city vehicles until they reach the 100,000-mile mark, rather than the 60,000-to-70,000 range. Already, Police Chief James Ridener drives a 2000 GMC Yukon with 121,000 miles.

- Public Service Director Kevin Buford said his department has implemented cost-saving measures such as putting covers on thermostats to keep employees from changing temperature settings, and cutting off lights that once burned all night. Overall, he said, his budget "is pretty close if not mirroring what was presented to council last year."

- Some city secretaries and office clerks are upset that their union, the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Local 1602, continues to lose senior members. Their concerns arose after the fire department proposed taking a Local 1602 secretary and making her a higher-ranking confidential secretary.

Some City Council members indicated they will have more questions about such changes. Pickering said he was disappointed that the latest change wasn't mentioned by fire department officials or the mayor's administration.

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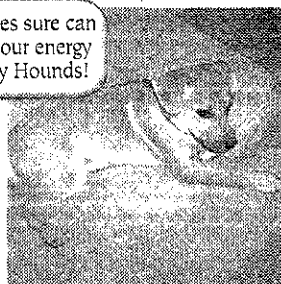
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Scheel: Board must make hard decisions

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Lynda Scheel, a mortgage banker and mother of three Livonia Public Schools graduates, is seeking a second four-year term on the school board.

"I would like to follow through with some of the things that we have done and continue working on bringing the community together and to keep our education strong in Livonia," Scheel said. "I know we're not done making changes."

Scheel, now the board president, and four other trustees faced recall last August after they voted to implement the Legacy Initiative, which closed seven schools and reconfigured grade levels. The recall effort failed.

"The last year and a half have been hard. Closing schools was not easy to do," Scheel said. "The next four years are not



Scheel

going to be easy on the board, but I believe you have to have people who can make the hard decisions." More changes are coming in public education and funding statewide, Scheel said. "The important thing is to keep our educational program strong."

That will require open, honest discussion, she added.

For that reason, she likes the community conversations which include district residents and a few trustees. "Everybody gets a seat at the table," she said.

"I want Livonia Public Schools to survive, which means you can't pick off this group and this group," she said. "There's going to be give and take on both sides ... Then we have to decide this is the best



Six candidates are seeking election to the Livonia Public Schools Board. On Sunday we ran stories on candidates Rob Freeman and Steve Futrell. Today we have stories on Eileen McDonnell and Lynda Scheel. On Sunday we will have stories on Patrice Mang and Gregory Oke.

way to move forward and then move forward. It seems like an impossible dream."

Opponents have criticized district communication, from the Legacy Initiative to time limits on public comment at meetings.

"There were people out there who think we hadn't even tried to work with the community. ... That was not true," Scheel said. With the opposition, she said, "it was K-6 or nothing."

Moving forward, she said, "we need to make sure when we're relaying information, we're relaying it to everybody" instead of meeting with one particular group. "That's one

thing that would change."

Scheel admits that the Legacy Initiative caused some enrollment decline this year, but said other factors, like the economy, played a role.

"We were going to lose kids no matter which plan we went with," she said.

Scheel's involvement with the district dates back to her days as a student at Tyler Elementary, Bryant Junior High and Stevenson High School. For 22 years, she has been involved as a parent and volunteer through the state and local PTSAs.

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McDonnell: Involve community in decisions

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Eileen McDonnell, a mortgage consultant and mother of two, is running for a four-year term on the Livonia school board.

McDonnell, 50, said her primary concerns are the size of the fifth- and sixth-grade schools, a lack of communication and people leaving the district because they are dissatisfied.

The Legacy Initiative prompted her involvement over the past year. She served on the finance committee for the group Citizens for Livonia's Future, which led an unsuccessful recall against five incumbent board members who voted in favor of the school closings and reconfigu-



McDonnell

ration. "At this point, I truly don't see Legacy being reversed at any given time soon, if ever," she said. "I do believe that there are things that could be improved."

The district should consider opening as many as three more upper elementary schools, McDonnell said.

"I think it would alleviate a lot of pressure," she said, but added that she is unsure how to pay for that. "They didn't need to close those buildings, as we found out from the audit last year."

McDonnell said she also likes the idea of a kindergarten through eighth-grade magnet

school option as a way to attract families who were put off or left the district because of the grade configurations involving four school levels.

"I don't feel the administration is seriously looking at the number of people who have left because of Legacy," she said.

McDonnell, a Livonia resident for 11 years, has a fourth-grade daughter at Hoover Elementary and a son who graduated from Stevenson High School.

"We were pretty happy ... and then you wake up one day and they close your neighborhood school," she said. "There was no information that was sent home ahead of time to let anyone know that Legacy was going to happen."

McDonnell said she would

AROUND WESTLAND

Veterans benefits

Veterans and their spouses are invited to attend a program to learn about benefits possibly due to them at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Westhaven Manor Retirement Community, 34601 Elmwood, in Westland.

Veteran benefits analyst Myron Zolkewsky will lead the program. Veterans or spouses of veterans who served 90 consecutive days in active military service with at least one day during wartime are urged to attend. Military discharge may be in any category other than dishonorable.

The program is free. To sign up, call (734) 729-3690.

Chili cook-off

The Westland Democratic Club will have its second-annual chili cook-off Tuesday, April 24, at the Dorsey Community Center, on Dorsey south of Palmer and east of Venoy.

Cooks will be there at 5:30 p.m.; tasters at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for tasters, who will vote for their favorite chili. Cooks also will pay a \$5 entry fee.

There will be two categories, one for candidates/elected officials and another for political activists.

Beverages and desserts will be included in the cost. Extra votes for the best chili may be cast for \$1.

All proceeds will benefit the Westland Democratic Club.

For more information call Mike at (734) 788-1550 or Nan at (734) 674-7327.

Book signings

Poet/photographer Cheryl Martin will have book signings this month, National Poetry Month. The first will be 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at BearClaw Coffee, 50166 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. She will autograph copies of *Woman Reclining*, her chapbook series, and her children's haiku workbook.

Other signings will be 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at Ward Presbyterian Village in Westland and 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Small Shops in Westland. For

more information call (734) 397-1626.

Texas Hold 'em

St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, will have a Texas Hold 'em tournament 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 4, with doors opening at 6 p.m. Cost is \$40 to get into the tournament.

Tickets are available only in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door. Call Ken at (734) 634-4898 or Mary at (734) 425-4421, voice mail No. 10, for tickets or information. Participants must be 18 to play and 21 to drink. There will be a 50/50 raffle and refreshments. Top prize will be \$500.

Recycling meeting

The Westland Recycling Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the Westland City Council conference room on the second floor of City Hall on Ford Road. The meeting is open to the public.

Skate park

Concrete Jungle, the Westland-based skate park, has opened for the season.

Sessions are 3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon-3:30 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3 for children and \$5 for adults for a session, or \$5 for children and \$7 for adults for an all-day pass.

The park is featuring bike nights 4-7:30 p.m. every Sunday in April. No skateboarding is allowed during those times. Admission is \$5 per person.

The park is having 18 and older skate nights 8-10 p.m. every Friday in April. Admission is \$5.

A skate park blast will be featured Friday, April 13, with \$1 admission all day and special prizes.

Spring Break at the Concrete Jungle is scheduled for noon-3:30 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m. through Saturday, April 15.

A season kickoff party is planned noon-8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, including food, prizes and live music. Admission is \$3.

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Youngster gets clipped to help Locks for Love

Kassidy Yates waited eight years to have her hair cut and when she did, she had her tresses clipped for an important cause - Locks of Love.

A second-grader at Hayes Elementary School, the Westland youngster went to eSalon on Merriman to get the hair cut.

"Kassidy had wanted her hair cut for quite some time and was very happy to donate it to Locks of Love, which uses hair to make hairpieces for children that have lost their hair due to medical reasons," said her grandmother Joyce Duvall of Redford.

Duvall said the haircut happened on Feb. 7 and came after the youngster had finished testing for and achieving a yellow belt at the PKSA Karate School in Redford.

After the testing she went with her mother, April Post, her grandmother and sister Alisha to the salon.

"She had 12 inches of her beautiful hair cut to donate to Locks of Love," said Duvall. "She has never had her hair cut since birth."



Stylist Keri Morgan of eSalon dries Kassidy Yates' hair after cutting it.



Eight-year-old Kassidy Yates shows off her tresses before having 12 inches cut for Locks of Love.



A shocked April Post reacts to seeing her daughter with her new, shorter hair style.

3 charged, so far, in home break-in ring

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Three members of a group believed to be responsible for home invasions in six communities have been arraigned in connection with those crimes, and more charges are likely on the way.

Shane Harrison, 38, of Westland was arraigned on one count of first-degree home invasion, one count of second-degree home invasion and one count of being a four-time habitual offender for break-ins in Livonia. He was given a \$100,000 bond. He is also expected to face multiple charges in Westland, officials said.

Stacy Wade, 33, of Westland was arraigned on one charge of second-degree home invasion for an incident in Livonia and was given a \$50,000/10-percent bond.

Both were arraigned Saturday via video in front of 34th District Judge John McCartney with "not guilty" pleas entered on their behalf. Neither posted bond and both are in Wayne County Jail pending a Tuesday, April 17, preliminary exam.

Harrison's brother, Derec Glen Harrison, was arraigned Sunday by McCartney on charges stemming from a home invasion on Conway, near Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail.

Derec Harrison, 36, is

charged in Westland with second-degree home invasion, larceny of a weapon, larceny in a building, felony firearms and being a habitual offender. He faces a preliminary hearing April 19 in Westland, where his bond is set at \$50,000/10 percent.

Four other people were arrested on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property, with charges pending.

Police initially got a description of a man who tried to rob a woman in her home in the Joy and Middlebelt area last week. She also described a vehicle.

In the incident, the woman was in her home when she answered a knock at her front door. While she opened the door, someone kicked in her rear door and got into the home. She saw the man come in through the back door, causing him to run away.

Her descriptions helped police track and begin a surveillance of Harrison.

Livonia police say the group of suspects is connected with three incidents in Livonia and a total of 20-30 crimes in Westland, Garden City, Redford, Canton and Dearborn Heights.

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this story.

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Law Day contest: Should schools ban political clothing?

It could be a political hot potato even for those who aren't old enough to vote:

Should a school be allowed to have a policy against wearing items that show support for political candidates?

That's the subject Westland students in grades 9 through 12 are asked to tackle in this year's Law Day Essay Contest sponsored by the Westland City Attorney's Office.

The contest is open to students who live in Westland and attend John Glenn, Wayne Memorial or Churchill high schools. They must be enrolled in a civics class.

Entries will be judged on composition and originality. They should be two to three pages typed and double-spaced on pages 8.5-by-11 inches.

Participants should include their name, home address, city, state, home telephone number, school and civics teacher's name. Entries should be submitted by 3 p.m. Monday, April 30, to Thomas Buckalew at John Glenn High, John Albrecht at Wayne Memorial and Ellen Betel at Churchill.

The award will be presented Monday, May 7, during a Westland City Council meeting.

City seeks federal dollars for roads and recreation

The city of Westland has submitted its appropriations requests to U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, for fiscal year 2008. If received, the money would help the city's public service department with three road projects and provide funding for several parks and recreation programs.

The road money, if approved, would be used to rehabilitate Wildwood Avenue from Hunter to Bock, Matthew Street from Julius to Hanover, and to reconstruct Norma Street.

The funding would come from housing and community development dollars.

The Wildwood project would cost \$447,032; the Matthew Street project, \$1.7 million, and the Norma Street project, \$1.7 million.

"A decrease in state funding has certainly created some

challenges, but these roads are major thoroughfares within the city that need to be maintained," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "Similarly, providing quality recreation for our residents is important as well, and we would certainly put that funding to good use."

To that end, Westland has submitted three recreation grant requests. Those would include an addition to expand a new aqua climbing wall at the Bailey Recreation Center swimming pool, improvements to a baseball complex on the city's south side and refurbishing Westland's two existing soccer fields.

The recreation projects would cost more than \$1 million.

The baseball and soccer projects had been discussed a few years ago but were delayed due to lack of funding.

ACHIEVERS

Comerica Bank has named Cherri D. Sayles of Westland banking center manager of its Five Mile-Haggerty banking center in Plymouth.

Before joining Comerica in 1999, Sayles owned two Yum Yum Donut stores in Livonia and Dearborn for 15 years.

Named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester at Davenport University were Westland residents **Khalida Cargle, Saba Khalid, Bryon Morell, Jason See and Dane Seruga**. To achieve the Dean's List, students had to maintain

a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits for regular course work.

Six Westland residents have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2006 semester at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term were **Jeremy Ferack, Matthew Leright, Andrew Neidheffer, Melissa Sanders, Mark Schmidt and Alec Drobnich**.

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FUND-RAISER

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ing Spanish and French in exchange for donations.

In the past, they've raised money for the Salvation Army, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Muscular Dystrophy Association in memory of late student Andre Bullard.

The students wore large menu signs, offering phrases, songs and poems for prices determined by the students. Popular ones included "Fish are friends not food" from *Finding Nemo*, the Cocoa Puffs and Trix cereal jingles, a knock-knock joke with a crazy chicken ending and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prices range from 75 cents for the pledge and a description of Big Mac for 50 cents to a romantic Mexican poem for 25 cents.

Sarrah Fanny raised \$20.15 with her sign that offered prices for Spanish statements on the front and French ones on the back.

"I was asked to spell giamorous a lot in French," she said. "I raised a lot of money because of the French."

Students kept their prices reasonable, taking into account that most of their classmates are broke "except for the sixth-graders."

"They (sixth-graders) would ask is we could break a \$20," said Sarrah. "Sixth-graders don't spend their money, seventh- and eighth-graders spend theirs unwisely."

'MUY GRANDE'

Hayley Smith, who raised \$24.95, ended up wearing the biggest hat. It was "muy grande."

"I guess no one else wanted to wear it because it was so big and so outrageous," she said. "About \$10 of what I raised was kids who wanted to wear my hat."

The top fund-raiser was Megan McDougall, who brought in \$185.85. She was followed by Chelsea Hunt, who raised \$135.35, due in large part to a \$100 donation from teacher Gerald Harmon.

"I got it because I got to him first," said Chelsea. "I had to say the pledge. He told me he was going to give me 75 cents



Marshall Middle School special education teacher Jennifer Shields (second from left) purchases a song and a few phrases from the students Hayley Smith (from left), Jessica Pesenecker, Alyssa Canzoneri, Amanda Baxter and Chelsea Hunt.



Math teacher Gerald Harmon was enjoying himself as he asked Ashley Solberg (from left), Alyssa Canzoneri and Amanda Baxter to say phrases, recite their name or sing a song in Spanish.

but when I looked, it was \$100. He said he gave more because it was for Mr. Daniel."

"It was a great cause," Harmon said. "The kids did an awesome job, they deserved it."

The top three fund-raisers — Megan, Chelsea and Matthew Okumawo, who raised \$44 — each received a dictionary in the language of their choice.

A party was held during seventh hour. Based on what they raised, they got things like suckers and pop. They also received a ticket for a chance to win a piñata or chips. It was Josh DuPrie who claimed the piñata on his second swing.

Josh raised \$9.10. While it was fun going around the school with his friends, he said

'No one told me what it would be like. It was harder than I thought it would be. It wasn't so much having to get people to donate as it was that there was so many people. It made me realize how hard it is to raise money.'

Josh DuPrie, student

he also learned a lot about fund-raising.

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Rogelio Rodriguez sang the puppy dog song for 50 cents, the chocolate song for 25 cents and did students' favorite team

cheers, also for 25 cents, on his way to raising \$10.10.

He went to about 20 classrooms during the day, including one where he found himself standing in the middle of the desks that had been arranged in a square.

"They asked for long sayings," he said. "I was embarrassed because everybody was looking at me. And I went upstairs, they were waiting for me at the doors."

It also was embarrassing for Jennifer Pesenecker "because you could tell who was in Spanish class. She raised \$9.85 by asking students if they liked her hat and charging them 50 cents to wear it for a minute."

But she was also excited about World Language Day because of what it stood for this year.

"I wanted to do something to help and stop this (stroke) from happening to someone else," she said.

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DASHAIRYA

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He has served on the Westland Economic Development Commission, Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation and currently is on the Provider Advisory Board of the Detroit Wayne County Health Authority.

He has had extensive involvement in community organizations. Locally, he has served on numerous advisory groups, including the Wayne-Westland Superintendent Advisory Board and Building Improvement Team and the White House Conference on Indo-U.S. Relations.

Married, he and his wife, Urmil, have three children — sons, Deepak and Rasiv, and daughter, Kirah.

When asked why he is seeking a seat on the school board, Dashairya responded that "the board needs someone who has education, experience and the right leadership to understand the problems and provide the right solutions."

"I have that education, experience and the leadership to solve the problems and give back to the society," he stated.

When asked what he sees as the role of the school board in public education, he stated that it is "to make appropriate decisions to solve problems. Strategic directions are important."

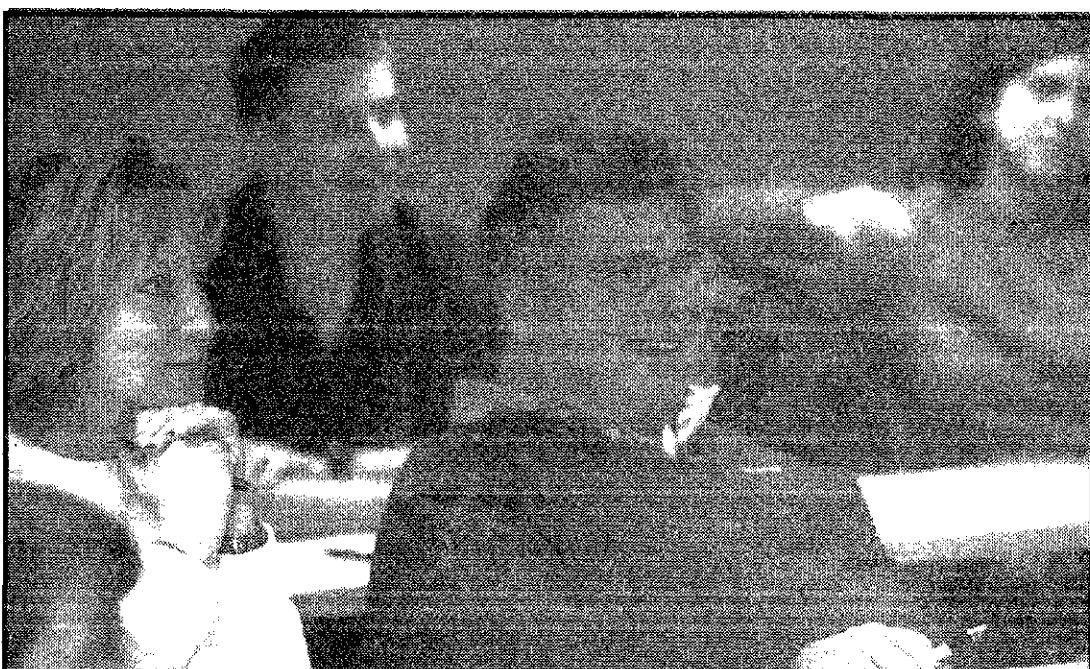
When asked what services he thought Wayne-Westland could share with other districts, he stated that "all services and needs have to be analytically justified with a fresh mind."

When asked about the new high school curriculum and whether its passage should have included the money to cover its implementation, Dashairya said: "Education is every child's right, but it carries responsibility with it."

"One has to survive in the global environment," he added.

When asked what one thing he would like to change about public education, Dashairya said he would "like to index the budget process."

"Every position has to be justified related to priority and relative importance to the mission of the educational system," he responded.

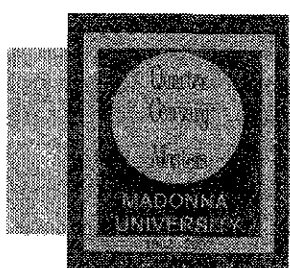


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OUR VIEWS

Library: Beyond books, magazines

More than 200 years ago, Benjamin Franklin made history by introducing the first lending library to Americans. And since then, people have been flocking to them.

In this day and age, information comes at residents like an avalanche, and the William P. Faust Public Library has become their rescue team in managing that information.

There are more than 100,000 books, 45,000 newspapers, and 100,000 government documents published in the U.S. each year, in addition to the 27 million sites on the Internet with information people need and can find at the library.

The library has become a form of community center in the city. It still has the books and magazines and journals, but now there are videos and computers.

Parents can bring their preschoolers and grade school children there for storytimes, and children can keep reading beyond the school year through the summer reading program that includes weekly activities and events.

Next week, the library will be celebrating National Library Week. The American Library Association has been sponsoring the event since 1958 as a way of celebrating the contributions of libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

This year's event is "Come together @ your library," and the Westland library is celebrating with a slew of activities throughout the week. They're a good chance for residents to come in and see what's going on there.

It's a good chance for residents who haven't been to the library to stop by the Westland library. It's a good time to blow the dust off that library card and check out a book, tape or DVD, and offer a thank you to the library staffers for the services they provide.

For Westland, the library has proven to be a vital resource to the community, one to treasure and preserve, and one to use.

Expand deposit law on drink containers

Now that the snow is gone, the litter that has accumulated along our roadways is visible for all to see.

Making up much of that litter are throwaway water, juice and sports drink bottles.

Thirty years ago, Michigan residents voted in favor of a law that placed a 10-cent deposit on cans and bottles containing carbonated beverages — mainly beer and pop.

The law has helped to keep our roadsides — and landfills — clean. According to a recently published report, more than 97 percent of the bottles and cans of carbonated beverages sold in Michigan each year are returned.

Now the law needs to be updated to include plastic containers for water, juice and sports drinks.

The legislators who wrote Michigan's successful bottle and can law couldn't foresee three decades later when people would pay for water in drink-size containers. They couldn't predict that in 2007 the sale of water, juice and sports drinks would be on its way to outpacing the sale of traditional beverages.

Distributors and grocers don't want the law to be expanded because they say it adds to the cost of doing business and is especially hard on small, independently owned stores. They say trash — dirty cans and bottles — doesn't belong in stores where food is sold.

So far, lawmakers have listened to the lobbyists.

Some have instead introduced plans to expand general recycling in Michigan. But participation in voluntary recycling, even when it's curb-side convenient, is lackluster at best.

A recent survey by Waste Away, a trash disposal contractor based in north Oakland County, showed 23 percent to 43 percent participation in eight communities.

That's a far cry from the 97 percent of pop cans and bottles that get returned.

Clearly, the best way to clean up Michigan's roadways — and help reduce landfill waste — is to expand the returnable container law to include water, juice and sports drinks.

Perhaps small mom and pop stores could be exempted from accepting returnables.

As long as most stores pay 10 cents for each drink container returned, most consumers will think twice about tossing them out of their car windows.



LETTERS

Save our streets and sidewalks

As a long time resident of Wayne and Superintendent of Schools, I'm writing this letter in favor of the ballot issue on May 8 that would save our streets and sidewalks in the city of Wayne. This ballot issue makes financial sense, and the money raised will be used solely for the purposes of repaving, repairing and professionally grading gravel city streets, and the replacement of damaged sidewalks throughout the community.

This is not only an investment in our community's infrastructure by providing safe streets and sidewalks for our families and children, but it will also add to our home values and community image. If we don't take care of the problem of deteriorating streets and sidewalks now, we will pay later and both the problem and cost will be much greater.

I urge you to reinvest in our community, our city, and in our future by voting YES May 8 to save our streets and sidewalks.

Greg Baracy
Wayne

Excellent customer service

Yesterday (April 2), I e-mailed the City of Westland about a tree that's on city property, even though it's in my front yard.

I received an immediate reply assuring me someone would look at the tree and get in touch with me. On his way to a Westland City Council meeting, Kevin Buford stopped by the house, looked at the tree and agreed with me it was beyond saving.

He also noted the number of children who play in front of or near my house and said he would add this tree to the list for removal right away. He assured me it would be taken care of by the end of the week.

Mr. Buford also took the time to explain Westland's tree program and how I could take advantage of it and answered many other questions, ranging from the Emerald Ash borer to the status of Central City Park.

This was excellent customer service. Mr. Buford's quick, professional, friendly and courteous response made me feel as though I was a priority. The time he took to explain everything was greatly appreciated.

Lisa Walker
Westland

Time for national health care

America, land of the free, home of the brave, the country that helps ALL the other countries of the world, and yet it can't seem to take care of its own. Why do England and Canada have FREE medical — yes FREE. If you are sick, go to a doctor. It is paid for. Need glasses? free again. Need medications? Free. Need surgery? Yes, free also.

It is time for our government to get its act together and take care of ALL AMERICANS, rich and poor. Medical bills are astronomical, and they rise more every year. I remember when my brother-in-law passed away from cancer in 1986. A few weeks later, his wife showed us a bill for his last month in the hospital — \$136,000. I told her let the hospital know, if they bring him back, we will pay the bill. Fortunately for her and her two kids, the bill was taken care of, but many others are not as fortunate.

People are losing homes, cars and can't survive because of these hospital bills. I have had to file bankruptcy on two occasions

because of doctor bills that are impossible to take care of. People don't have the money to go to the doctor's office. How many people could be saved, if they could have gotten to a hospital sooner, when they feel something is wrong.

On one such visit, I was feeling pretty bad. I woke up and told my wife something was not right. I drove myself to the hospital. They told me my blood pressure was way too low, they called my wife and told her. The next thing I know I am in an ambulance and in ICU for 13 days. My kidneys had shut down.

Another time, I had bumped my leg at work and before the day was out, my calf swelled to about four times the normal size. Fortunately that was taken care of because it was at work. It was a blood clot. Had I not said anything at the time and went home from work, I would have had to pay it. Three weeks in the hospital on that stay.

The American people need some relief. If our Government is FOR THE PEOPLE, then prove it. It is time to care for our own. Even if people have insurance and it is an 80/20 split, the 20 percent we are responsible for is almost impossible to handle. We need to have the same kind of insurance other countries have. Our medical should be taken care of. We can manage to spend billions to bail out other countries and billions to have a war, yet we can't take care of our own.

What is wrong with this policy — take care of anyone BUT our own. I am all for helping out anyone that needs it, but America needs to take care of all of us. People are dying because they can't pay bills or are afraid to go to the hospital. My wife has been having terrible leg pain for the last several months. She won't go to a doctor because we can't afford it, so she works in pain, sits in pain, and cries constantly because of the pain. Why should anyone have to go through this? The answer is: They SHOULD NOT have to. I can promise you our government officials don't have to go through that.

Did you know that they don't pay into Social Security out of their checks, yet collect it for all the rest of their lives. Medical is 100 percent paid for them and their families. Why should they have to worry. They don't. Got an ache, go to the doctor; break a nail, go to the doctor, and hey, it's all paid for.

It's time for all of us to be on the same program as the people WE ELECT, time for some equality. Help us, that way when election time comes people are well enough to come out and vote. It is time for a national health policy to take care of all of us.

Bud Somerville
Westland

Road millage needed

On May 8, Wayne voters will be asked to support a charter amendment authorizing the City of Wayne to collect one mill each year for 25 years for the purpose of repairing and maintaining our city roads. It will also transfer responsibility for repairing damaged sidewalks from the homeowner to the city.

As life-long residents of Wayne, we urge all eligible city of Wayne voters to support this millage. We cannot ignore the fact that many of our neighborhood roads are in failing condition or nearly so.

We cannot ignore the fact that the seven

miles of gravel roads in Wayne are in desperate need of professional grading — something the city does not have the equipment to do.

We cannot ignore the fact that the longer we put this off, the more it will cost.

We need this millage. Please help to enhance our neighborhoods by voting YES on May 8.

Mike and Judy Hurley
Wayne

Vote for safe, quality roads

Residents of the City of Wayne, as you go to the polls on May 8 to cast your vote in the school board election, you also will be asked to vote on Proposal 1. Proposal 1 will amend the Wayne Charter to permit the city to levy a road tax for 1 mill for the dedicated use of the repaving, repairing, grading and maintaining of local streets and sidewalks for 25 years.

We are all aware of the desperate state of our economy and must now look to ourselves for the much needed dollars to continue to provide for the safe, quality local streets we have all come to expect.

It has been my experience that the citizens of Wayne have always stepped forward to make the necessary choices to provide for the safety and welfare of the community. I urge you to vote yes on Proposal 1 as you go to the polls on May 8.

Susan M. Rowe
Save Our Streets Committee

Tax would address problem

As a resident of the City of Wayne, in order for our continuing growth and prosperity of our community, we must address the current conditions of our streets and sidewalks that are deteriorating rapidly. This has resulted in city-wide problems.

I realized that the budget crisis is affecting both the state and city budgets, that there are no funds to replace our aging streets and sidewalks. The deterioration effects all of us, especially our property values. The dedicated road millage would be used ONLY for repair and replacement of failing roads and sidewalks as well as professional grading of gravel roads.

I ask for your support. VOTE YES on the one mill proposal on May 8.

Pat Rice
Wayne resident, 29 years

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"Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them."

— Adlai E. Stevenson Jr., governor, Illinois, 1949-53, and Democratic candidate for president (1952 and 1956)

O h, yeah, I get e-mail.

Ideas do matter and are critical if we hope to move our state forward. I view my role on these pages as taking positions that some might view as "controversial" to help stimulate thought and to create community conversations. As my first boss so aptly pointed out, "If we both agreed on everything — one of us would not be necessary."

What follows are some comments that my columns have generated from readers.



Tom Watkins

In an article that I wrote about the 10th anniversary of the death of Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, one reader wrote, "What are you, some #@&*# communist sympathizer looking to ship our jobs to China?" No, I am not.

Never mind that the point I was making was that Deng Xiaoping's ideological shift from socialism/communism to a socialist market economy changed China and changed the world. Yes, Deng should be remembered for the blood of the Chinese people he helped spill; but he should also be remembered for lifting hundreds of millions of his own people out of poverty by shifting his ideological philosophy. We need our leaders in Michigan to shift their historical ideological bent and find new ways to solve our old problems.

The definition of insanity is "doing the same thing, over and over in exactly the same manner and expecting the results to be different." Are we insane in Michigan?

Many readers thought the words I expressed about "rhetoric and our children" hit the bull's-eye. "We say we value our kids and we continue to cut services to them," one reader wrote. Yet, the column did move a couch potato off the couch and to say he was going to volunteer his time as a mentor. This pledge has reinforced my belief that words can promote action.

Some believe our state and nation are becoming more divided along the Red and Blue political lines. Yet, Michigan may be the "Black and Blue State" when it comes to the way readers react to addressing the state's continued budget morass and lack of leadership in finding a shared vision and common agenda we can rally around.

The anger at our elected leaders is palpable. Some writers spew such hate as, "Gran-mole is nothing but a tax and spend liberal that covered up the state's financial problems until after she was safely re-elected and now wants the oppressed workers of this state to bail her out — it ain't going to happen!"

Meanwhile, several writers see another reality and understand the problems we face as a state are broader than any one politician and are not going to be fixed with a silver bullet. Yet, many seem disap-

pointed in the direction we are headed and, as one writer spewed, "Pox — on all of the politicians' houses!"

One reader suggested that I blend my columns on "rhetoric" and "lack of leadership" into one — because "we hear the rhetoric and don't see leadership." Others like the quote from country singer Toby Keith: "We need a lot less talk and a lot more action — out of Lansing!"

Being fair is critical as a columnist. I must be hitting the right tone as a reader accused me of being a "right wing, nut-case, Republican" and another a "puppet for Gov. Granholm and her tax and spend merry-men/women in the Legislature." Let me assure you, I am neither.

Clearly there were many LLEAs (Languishing Legacy Landmines of the Engler Administration) awaiting Gov. Granholm when she took office. Yet as one reader stated, "that was then — this is now." So take a page from Engler and knock a few heads together and — "get 'er done, governor."

Perhaps the articles that generate the most attention are those calling for our schools to change or perish. Clearly, the people in Michigan are passionate about their schools and want the best for kids. Some believe I am an unabashed "cheerleader for public education" and some think I am "rocking the boat far too much."

Let me set the record straight:

■ I believe our public schools are the true Statue of Liberty of this great country of ours — taking the tired, the hungry, the poor and giving our children hope and opportunity — and our teachers are the torch.

■ We will be better off when the only adjective that matters before "school" — be it private, public or charter — is *quality*!

■ Too much time is focused on power, control, politics and adults and not enough on teaching, learning and children.

■ Schools need to change to meet the demands of the 21st century, global, technologically driven, hyper-competitive world. This means developing schools that will prepare *all* of our kids to compete on the world stage; addressing the runaway health and pension costs; and consolidating the more than 550 school districts and redirecting more resources to the classroom.

Perhaps Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. said it best in 1952 when he said, "If we value the pursuit of knowledge, we must be free to follow wherever that search may lead us. The free mind is not a barking dog, to be tethered on a 10-foot chain."

So break the chain and keep the ideas flowing. Our collective ideas, energy and commitment are the ingredients that help our communities and state soar.

Tom Watkins is president and CEO of TDW and Associates, a business and education consulting company. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools 2001-05. He has traveled to China numerous times since his first trip in 1989. Read his internationally recognized report, The New Education (R)evolution, at www.nacol.org. He welcomes reader comments at tdwatkins@aol.com.

LETTERS

Go direct

Nowadays, we can't open the newspaper or watch TV without encountering some reference to identity theft. It's an issue I deal with all the time in my role as the president and CEO of the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, and I'm especially concerned when the victims are seniors and other vulnerable citizens.

A recent U.S. Treasury Go Direct poll found in metro Detroit nearly one in three respondents (31 percent) said they had a check, important document or large sum of cash lost or stolen and nearly half (49 percent) said they or someone they know had fallen prey to identity theft. The good news is, there is a simple step seniors can take to stop identity thieves in their tracks: Use direct deposit.

Do you or someone you love or care for receive a Social Security check in the mail? If so, I strongly encourage switching to direct deposit. It's safer, easier and in most cases faster because your money is automatically deposited into your account on the morning of your payment day. It's one less thing to worry about in an uncertain world.

The State of Michigan has declared March Go Direct Month, and as a partner in the Go Direct campaign, The Detroit Area Agency on Aging encourages anyone who receives Social Security or other federal benefits to get on board with direct deposit.

Signing up is easy and people are available to help you. You can call (800) 333-1795, or sign up online at www.godirect.org.

Paul Bridgewater

Detroit Area Agency on Aging

Nice words won't work

I have so many issues with the editorial by "Canton resident" Terry Ahwal. Let's start with full disclosure. She is a longtime Democrat party activist, McNamara crony and Arab activist. She definitely has her political views, and should not be mistaken for just a regular resident.

OK, I'm a Libertarian with some conservative streaks, I'm white, I'm male. I think Israel has a right to exist. I also have definite political views. So now we know. You see, unlike leftists and most in the press, I will disclose where I stand before hitting you with my thoughts.

Now to the substance of this piece. I will agree that calls to nuke Islamic

holy cities are inflammatory. My agreement with Ms. Ahwal ends there. Mr. Friedman is correct, just like Golda Meir was: Much of the violence in the Middle East will end when all the Arabs love their children more than they hate Jews and the West.

I'm sorry, we are not the ones allowing our children to be used as homicide bombers. And our 60-something grandmas don't blow themselves up to kill Jews, either. Glen Beck is correct also that there is great apathy among American Arabs.

Where are the protests against Islamic terrorists? How many Arab-Americans have marched on the Saudi, Iranian or Syrian embassies? Have there been demonstrations where the flags of terrorist nations have been burned? Have effigies of terrorist leaders been hanged and burned in any of our cities?

Funny, I have not noticed one. And Ms. Ahwal, why do you have a problem with ANY American president who wants to fight "radical Islam"? Don't we always hear that it is the "radicals" who are hijacking a peaceful religion? I would think you would be right behind the effort to stop radicalism.

As all good leftists and anti-Americans you can find will say, you suggest we just try and get along with those who hate us. I guess nice words and saying you're sorry work with 6-year-olds arguing over the swingset, but it just doesn't seem to work with these rascals who keep blowing people up.

I don't know that I trust the words of a man like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (one of the infamous 1979 U.S. Embassy kidnappers) or of Assad Jr. I guess you think that maybe they have had their fill of Jewish and Christian blood ... I'm not buying it. I don't know that any responsible government leader can trust these criminals.

It frightens me to no end that we have people in America advocating our surrender, and suggesting appeasement. Sure worked in the 1930s, didn't it?

Before you really start foaming, just know that I have a huge problem with our lack of victory in the war in Iraq. I would have adopted a MacArthur approach to this war myself, and think we could have had it taken care of in about eight-10 weeks. But now we will never know.

But I do know one thing for sure. Kicking the hell out of our enemies late is better than never at all.

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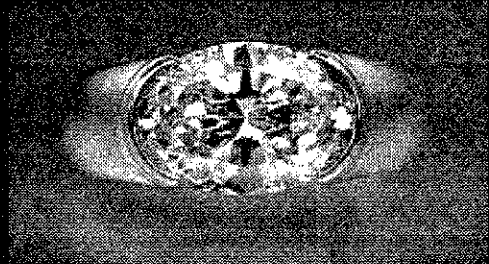
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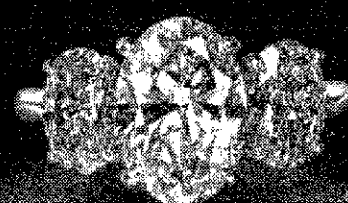
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International investments enhance portfolios

Although this was a rocky quarter, with the Dow ending the quarter losing less than 1 percent, and the S&P 500 was up fractionally. It is interesting to note that the average U.S. mutual fund was up more than 2 percent and that the average international stock fund was up better than 3 percent. In fact, if you go back over the last 12 months, the average U.S. stock fund was up about 8 1/2 percent, while the average international fund was up more than 17 percent. Something that I have stressed to investors for years is the importance of investing internationally.

All too often, too many investors avoid international funds because they believe they are too aggressive; yet nothing can be further from the truth. In fact, because international funds don't always operate on the same cycle that domestic funds do, you can actually lower the overall risk of a portfolio and enhance returns by investing a portion of your portfolio internationally.

I believe there are at least four distinct areas of international investing that every investor needs to consider. These areas are large cap, small cap, emerging markets and international bonds. In fact, there is even now emerging a fifth category of international investing that can further diversify a portfolio and that I am now using in accounts that my firm manages and that area is international real estate.

I know that some people think I am crazy to invest in real estate, considering what is happening to real estate values in Michigan and residential properties around the country. However, it is important to recognize that the residential real estate market does not represent the entire real estate industry. Commercial real estate, for example, has done quite well of late. The residential markets are particularly volatile at this point in time because too many consumers overpaid for their houses.

It is interesting to note that real estate as a sector was up more than 3 percent for the quarter and up nearly 22 percent over the last year. Because many of the laws around the world have changed, allowing real estate investment trust (REIT) investments, this category provides investors a further way to diversify their portfolio, reduce risk and enhance returns. At this point in time, there are not many options for the no-load investor in inter-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

national real estate. In my managed accounts, I have started to use the Cohen and Steers International real estate fund. Most investors, though, cannot buy this fund on a no-load basis, therefore an alternative would be the Alpine International Real Estate Fund (888-785-5378).

Another area on international investing for all investors to consider is emerging markets. In the past, I only recommended emerging market funds for long-term investors who consider themselves aggressive. My reasoning was based upon the volatility of these investments. However, as markets have matured and world economies have changed, I believe that just about every type of investor needs to add a small portion of their portfolio into emerging market funds. My recommendation for an allocation is somewhere in the area of 2 to 5 percent.

It is important that if you invest in emerging markets, you need recognize that they can be volatile. In February, when the markets around the world took a downturn because of the Chinese situation, the emerging market funds took a substantial hit. Although they have come back, it is important for investors to recognize that when you invest in this type of investment, you should expect to see a roller-

coaster ride. However, these funds over the long run will substantially enhance an investor's return.

Many investors do not have any small cap international funds in their portfolio. Just like we have seen in our market, where small caps have outperformed large caps, we have also seen the same situation internationally. A fund like the Forward International Small Companies Fund (800-999-6809) is a no-load fund that once again will further diversify a portfolio and at the same time enhance returns.

Recently at a talk I gave, someone questioned whether it was patriotic or not to invest internationally. My answer was that this was not an issue of patriotism, but rather an issue of good business. We live in a global economy and it is important for investors to protect themselves, and one way to do that is to make sure that you have international exposure in your portfolios.

Although international funds have outperformed domestic funds, one mistake that investors may make is to overfund the international exposure in their portfolios. My thought is that depending upon the type of investor you are, a 15- to 25-percent exposure in international markets is justified. Investors that invest greater portions of their portfolio in the international market places are taking a greater risk. It is important to recognize that, by far, the No. 1

economy in the world is the United States. Even though countries like China have made significant gains, they are still a fraction of our economy. In addition, there are certain risks inherent to international investing such as the fluctuation of the U.S. dollar and geopolitical concerns. The reality of the situation is that there is no economy as safe and secure as the U.S. economy. That is why I've always recommended to investors that the bulk of their money be invested here.

One last note and that is investors should not fall for the mistake of restructuring their portfolio and investing in what was hot last quarter. As I have stated many times before, what was hot last quarter may not be hot this quarter.

The bottom line is if you attempt to chase returns, you inevitably will end up buying high and then being frustrated when that sector of the economy doesn't perform, causing you to sell low — which is exactly what an investor should not do. Although I believe the bottom line is the bottom line, chasing short-term performance is a fool's game. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His Web site is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick live from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400). If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Varied works highlight Schoolcraft's Collage Concert

A rich and eclectic program awaits music lovers at the Collage Concert, Schoolcraft College's annual collaboration musical genres, on Saturday, April 14. Composers range from Richard Strauss and J.S. Bach to Pat Metheny, Dizzy Gillespie and Dmitri Shostakovich, with traditional spirituals and folk-songs included.

The concert will take place in the VisTaTech Center's DiPonio Room on the Livonia Campus at 8 p.m.

Performers include the college's Choral Union, Jazz Band, Piano

Department, Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble. The groups are composed of college students and staff and community residents.

Program selections include Strauss's *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, Robert Schumann's *Arabesque*, Opus 18, David Holsinger's *On a Hymn Song of Philip Bliss*, Robert Lamm's *Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is* and the traditional spiritual *Shall We Gather at the River*.

The concert is free, but donations are encouraged. For more information call (734) 462-4403.

Seminar focuses on marketing to U.S.

Contractors who would like to learn about General Services Administration federal supply schedules can receive assistance in marketing to the federal government at a Schoolcraft College seminar on Tuesday, April 24. The session runs 1-4 p.m. and the fee is \$40 per person.

The GSA schedules allow federal agencies to purchase more than 4 million products and services from more than 8,600 commercial suppliers.

At the seminar, Mike Klewicki, a GSA expert, will explain marketing to the GSA, how to get on a GSA schedule, how to choose the right schedule and why you would want to get on a schedule. There will be a question and answer period to address individual concerns.

Seating is limited. For more information or to make reservations, call 734-462-4438 or e-mail infoREQ@schoolcraft.edu.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Genealogical Society
John Castle will focus on researching Michigan's township records when the Western Wayne Genealogical Society meet Monday, April 16, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Castle will speak following the 7:30 p.m. business meeting. Sue Cromwell will speak about "Obits, Death Records, Cemeteries, Funeral Homes and Their Connections" at the 6:30 p.m. session. The meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome. For more information, visit the Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs or by calling Margie at (734) 522-4050.

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.ford-naaccpcareeday.com online or call (313) 203-7038.

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@twml.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
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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. For information, 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 quartet singing 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/.

Habitat help
The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

Veteran's Haven
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

Zonta Club
The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, a service club to advance the status of women, meets every month on the fourth Monday at the Holiday Inn, Livonia. For more information, call Pat Harris at (734) 420-2920.

Franklin PTSA
The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the

schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia MI 48150.

Tutorial program
A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Peterson, (734) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education.

BINGO

VFW Bingo
Veterans of Foreign Wars 3323 Auxiliary has bingo 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. There is a snack bar. The post has bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday at the same place. Call (734) 326-3323.

St. Mel Church
Bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

Shamrock Bingo
Bingo begins at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020.

K of C Bingo
Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

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 3:30 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 an 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
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.

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING

Case #1211D - Site Plan Approval for Proposed Retail Center, Parcels #034-01-0016-000, -0017-000, -0018-000, -0025-000, -0026-000, and -0027-000, South Side of Warren, East of Yale, Casey Ajkar

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday May 1, 2007.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Publish: April 12, 2007

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CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON 2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 will be held on Monday, May 7, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall; 36601 Ford Road; Westland, MI 48185. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk

Publish: April 8 & 12, 2007

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 36001 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185-6591 (734)729-7095 on 4/30/07 at 10:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
3122 - Mike Matthews - 3 Boxes, 2 Bikes, Misc Items
4014 - Jessica Burton - Loveseat, Dresser, 5 Totes
5006 - Ricky Kraus - Stereo, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
5022 - Wanda Johnson - 5 Bags, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
5042 - Timothy Lockhart - Mirror, DVD Player, Misc Items
Publish: April 12 & 19, 2007

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1403A - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Clothing Store, Wayne Road Plaza, Parcel #057-03-0271-002, West Side of Wayne, North of Avondale, Gary Hall



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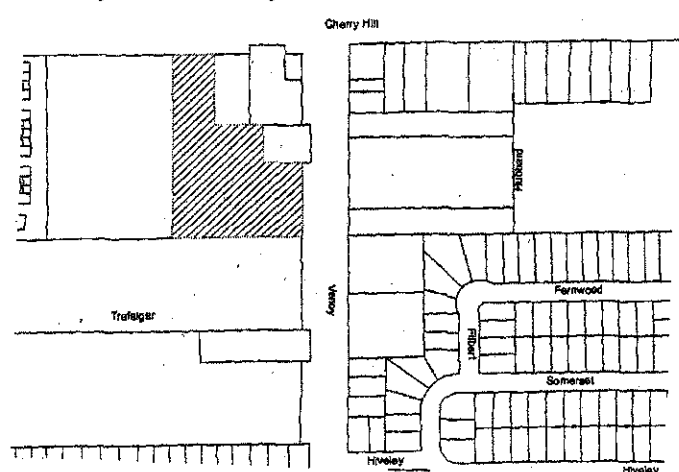
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CE06817956

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1453F - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Pet Resort and Day Spa, 300 S. Venoy, Cherry Hill Venoy Shopping Center, Parcel #066-01-0543-301, West Side of Venoy Road, South Side of Cherry hill, Kimberly A. Good (Harry Attisha)



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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 7 - 4/2/07

Presiding: Council President Pickering
Present: Godbout, Grundstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves, Stottlmyer
110-Approved minutes of regular mtg. held 3/19/07.
-Approved request from Wayne Memorial Instrumental Music Boosters to hold annual flower fundraiser from 4/6-4/8/07 & 5/12-5/13/07 @ Wayne Lawn & Garden Center's empty lot, Wayne Rd. s. of Palmer Rd.
-Approved request from Westland Shopping Center Leasing Ofc. to hold small Boat Show in parking lot from 4/20-4/30/07.
-Approved agreement between City of Westland & Wayne County to allow City of Westland to construct, operate or use rights of way area on roads that are under the county's jurisdiction.
111-Granted req. to go into Closed Study Session, re: AT & T Cable Franchise Agrmt.
112-Granted req. to go into Closed Study Session, re: Bertl vs. City
113-Denied req. from D.Knoester to sell flowers/veg. plants in pkg lot of Westland Bowl from 5/1/ to 7/1/07.
114-Confirmed re-appoint. of D. Begarowicz to Brownfield Redevelop. Corp., term to expire 2/18/2010.
115-Confirmed appoint. of J. Bloom to Westland Library Board, term to expire 7/2/2011.
116-Confirmed re-appoint. of M. Bianconi to Econ. Develop. Corp., term to expire 3/19/2013.
117-Confirmed re-appoint. of T. Hollis to Econ. Develop. Corp., term to expire 3/19/2013.
118-Approved Checklist Activity: \$1,160,919.75 & Prepaid: \$3,988,608.66
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

Charles W. Pickering
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk

Publish: April 12, 2007

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Editor's note: Five candidates are competing for three six-year terms on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the Tuesday, May 8, school election. Incumbents Mary Breen, Brian Broderick and recent appointee Joan Gebhardt face challengers Jim Fausone and Ron Randall. Trustees receive no compensation for their service. The district includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton school districts and part of the Novi school district.

Breen says she has brought leadership

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Mary Breen was first elected to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in 1983 and the longtime educator believes she still has something to offer.

The current chair of the board, Breen is proud of her leadership in bringing commercial development to college property south of the campus.

"When I became board president, I announced that we ought to do something with the 45 acres to the south of us. It's been an absolute windfall," she said. "We get \$800,000 a year just from land lease, not even counting the money from rental of the buildings. The north side, we did that in 1986



Breen

or '87. Land lease on that is \$230,000 a year. We have put up McDowell Center, VisTaTech, remodeled Waterman and the library. I am so pleased."

Breen of Plymouth, a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University, had a long career as a teacher and school administrator at Wayne-Westland and Livonia public schools. After taking an early retirement from Livonia schools, Breen decided to return as a substitute.

PLEASE SEE BREEN, A14

Broderick worried Fausone advocates about rising costs better marketing

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

At \$68 a credit hour, Schoolcraft College is still a good bargain for students. But as the state struggles economically, Schoolcraft Trustee Brian Broderick is concerned about shifting too much cost to students.

"It's a bargain for consumers when you compare what you would pay at four-year colleges and universities around here," he said. "Still it's a lot of money and could be a burden. My No. 1 concern is how to alleviate some of that burden."

Broderick, 40, of Plymouth Township is running for a third term as a Schoolcraft College



Broderick

trustee.

"Over the last 12 years, I've really developed a great attachment to the school and become a passionate advocate for community colleges, of Schoolcraft and its place in the community, in terms of what it can provide for students, for adult learners and for all the things it brings to the community," he said.

An attorney with the Economic Alliance For Michigan, Broderick is a graduate of Catholic Central High

PLEASE SEE BRODERICK, A14

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Jim Fausone believes that Schoolcraft College is doing great things but isn't doing a good job in getting the word out.

"One thing I think Schoolcraft is not doing is marketing itself well on its achievements outside of the culinary arts program," he said. "We all love the culinary arts program, but they're not doing the marketing that needs to be done in the science, technology, engineering, math areas, STEM. They're talking about the governor's education initiative, but I don't see them getting out front to kids that it makes a



Fausone

great deal of sense to do two years here and then transfer to a college of your choice."

Fausone, 43, is running for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees after applying unsuccessfully twice to fill board openings, most recently in December to replace Kevin McNamara. He serves on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board.

The Canton lawyer is a partner in the Northville firm of Fausone Bohn. He attended

PLEASE SEE FAUSONE, A14

Gebhardt supports a practical vision

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

With two children in Schoolcraft College, Joan Gebhardt appreciates the opportunities the college offers.

Gebhardt was appointed by the board of trustees in December to complete the term of Kevin McNamara, who had been elected to the Wayne County Commission. Now she is seeking a full six-year term.

"Everyone has a responsibility to give back to the community. I've been in education and I'm good at it. In addition both of my grown children attend Schoolcraft College," she said.

Gebhardt, a resident of Livonia for 28 years, was a public school teacher and administrator for 31 years. She is now an adjunct professor at Madonna University and a full-time aide to House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford.

Gebhardt said her son originally was pursuing an engineering degree at Kettering when he decided to enroll in Schoolcraft's culinary arts program. He is now a chef at Tribute. Her daughter is pursuing a nursing degree.

"Working at Madonna, we get many students from Schoolcraft," she said. "Two-year colleges will help us get out of the slump here in



Gebhardt

Michigan. Many of the courses and the vision of the president and trustees of Schoolcraft College are right on the money and I want to be part of it."

Gebhardt said it was important that Schoolcraft keep its vision practical.

"You have to have a vision of what jobs are out there and what avenue we should take," she said. "What courses we should offer. Is it something the public will want and students will sign up for. Can we keep our prices down so that it's affordable. We have to have courses that are needed. We have to have tuition that is practical and we have to have the vision of what's going to happen on the horizon."

Gebhardt gives good marks to Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress.

"We just completed his evaluation and he received outstanding marks. I had to rely on my fellow trustees," she said. "I told Dr. Jeffress, when I am evaluating I look at two things, caring and credibility, and the caring part is true and I can

PLEASE SEE GEBHARDT, A14

Randall emphasizes history with college

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

After 32 years as a Schoolcraft employee, retiring in 2002 as the college registrar, Ron Randall believes he will bring a lot of history and insight to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

"I know the college, inside and out," he said. "Through years of experience, I've gained knowledge of the college, I'm a staunch advocate for students and I'm very devoted to student success. I've been in Livonia 24 years and the one tax bill I've never minded paying was my Schoolcraft College tax."

Randall is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and received a master's degree from Madonna with a concentration in community college management. He began working at Schoolcraft in 1969. He was the college registrar, in charge of student records and the registration process, for 11 years. He served under four Schoolcraft presidents.

"I was brought under the guise of customer service," he said. "Our goal was always to not only match but exceed student expectations."

Randall said the college needs to continue serving the needs of traditional students and workers displaced by the



Randall

changing economy. He said he supports Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress' emphasis on technical education.

"Conway has done an excellent job, he's one of the most intelligent people I've ever met in my life," Randall said. "Years ago, we used to offer manufacturing, we had an auto shop. The new Biomed building will offer STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and GRIN (genetics, robotics, information, nanotechnology). The GRIN part of it is especially exciting. Two great acronyms for Conway's vision for the college."

Randall said he understands that the state and the college can't spend more than they have but he worries about the impact of decreased state support on the college.

"No one wants to say I go to the cheapest college in Michigan. I worked too many years to see that happen. I'm proud of my accomplishments that this a great place," he said.

In his time at the college, Randall served on the curriculum committee, worked on

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APRIL

Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.

Bible study

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Donuts and coffee served.

Kids night

Activities include games, crafts, mission projects, and seasonal events 5:30-7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. The program is free and open to all children kindergarten through sixth grade. Light supper included. Call (734) 421-7620.

Crosstalk

7 p.m. Friday, April 13, lively discourse on topic of current interest with Rev. Paul Clough in Room C309 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile,

Northville. Presented by Single Point Ministries for ages 40 and older. Call (248) 374-5920. No charge. Free child-care.

Chili cook off

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, at St. Patrick's Parish, 140 Superior, between 1st and 2nd, Wyandotte. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. Bring your spoon and \$5 and eat all the chili you want. Be a chef and possibly win \$100 if your chili is chosen the best. If interesting in competing with your recipe, call (734) 324-8983.

Wine tasting

Friday, April 13, at the St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. Admission is a dish of food to pass and \$5 at the door. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

Benefit auction

Silent auction to benefit Crossroads Soup Kitchen will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, north of Joy road, Livonia. Crossroads Soup Kitchen is located in Detroit and every week feeds hundreds of needy people. The auction features more than \$1,000 in great products and services from local businesses. For more information, call (734) 591-0734.

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia host its second formal celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 15, with special devotions and a luncheon to which all area Catholics are cordially invited, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth road, Livonia. Mercy Sunday was formally instituted as an annual day of prayer by Pope John Paul II in 2001 and is based on Christ's revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska about humanity's need for His Divine Mercy in our troubled world. The day begins with the Holy Mass at noon. At 2 p.m. there will be opportunity for confessions followed by recitation of the rosary at 2:30 p.m. The Divine Mercy Devotion begins at 3 p.m., traditionally the hour of "great mercy" commemorating the hour of Christ's death and will include the

exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. All area Catholics are welcome to participate. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860. No appointment necessary.

Garage sale

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 20, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Archbishop Brunett Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Admission: \$1. \$10 grab bag on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Most items: free will offering, also "Special Treasures" Priced Items. Includes household items, tools, books, games, toys, electronic toys/games/equipment, and clean, gently used children's clothing and baby items. Please note, no strollers allowed. For more information, call (734) 464-5973.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, and every third Friday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Retreat for widowed

Deadline is April 20 for Opening New Doors, a retreat for widowed only which takes place April 27-29, at St. John's Retreat Center, Plymouth. Speakers and group discussions. Fee is \$140 per person for double, \$160 for single. Call (586) 939-5219, (248) 478-1084, or (586) 566-2557 to register.

Concert

Proud 2B American Tour 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21, doors open at 6 p.m., at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The concert includes comedian, Nazareth; illusionist, Jarrod Mac, and recording artist, Ashley Reynolds. Tickets \$5, family of three or more \$15, and available by calling (248) 374-7400.

Monthly meeting

For Bethany Suburban West Saturday, April 21, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road on the north side of the street, Garden City. All separated, divorce and singles welcomes. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Gospel concert

St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills hosts a free gospel concert by the International Gospel Center's Voices of Deliverance 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at 23225 Gill Road, between Grand River and Freedom Road. Call (248) 474-0584 for details.

Herbs of the Bible

Presented by Jane Riddle, Lodi Farms 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. No charge, but call for reservations (734) 421-7259.

Religious leaders breakfast

The Freedom Institute for Economics, Social Justice and Political Empowerment is pleased to announce Dr. Martin Luther King's Executive Staffer and civil rights activist, Rev. C.T. Vivian as keynote speaker for 2007 Religious Leaders Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Thursday, April 26, at Cobo Center during Freedom Weekend VI. Vivian, along with local panelists, discuss The Political Influence of the Church. Tickets available online at www.freedomweekend.info, at the registration desk at Cobo Center, or at the Freedom Institute office by calling (313) 533-3035.

Rummage sale

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28, in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday. Call (734) 464-0211.

Benefit concert

Vocalist Mark Tisdell and pianist Phylis Bengary perform 8 p.m. Friday, April 27, at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester. The cost is a free will donation. The annual benefit concert raises funds for Angels' Place, a nonprofit providing residential and community-based services for adults and children with developmental disabilities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Special guest is Barbara Oga, a flutist and instructor at Oakland University. For more information, call Barbara Urbel at (248) 350-2203 or send e-mail to burbel@angel-space.com.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

Rummage Sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Redford Aldersgate Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford (between Plymouth and West Chicago).

Blood drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

Livonia youth choir concert

3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. No charge but a freewill offering will be taken. Call (734) 522-6830.

Mercyaires concert

Mercyaires, a Mercy High School student choir, gives a concert 3 p.m. Sunday April 29, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Songs are designed to entertain people of all ages. Tickets \$7 adults, \$5 youth/students.

Hidden Secrets film

Debuts 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, a new feature-length movie that explores just how explosive it can be when your past becomes your present, Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake. Tickets now available at www.FathomEvents.com or at presenting theater box offices for \$9. For a complete list of theaters, visit the Web site.

Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Church members wanted

The solid Reformed Protestant doctrine and the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area. If you're interested in this type of preaching and teaching, write to Reformation Revival, P.O. Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 48170-0156 or send e-mail to www.psalm2verse6@yahoo.com for more information.

Depression recovery

Trapped by depression? Depression Recovery Program began 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20, at Cherry Hill Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. You can be happy again! Call (734) 673-5917 for more information.

Sunday services

Dan Strength, who was installed March 4 as church pastor, is leading services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study takes place 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

Alpha sessions

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions which began 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Alpha is a low-key, friendly, fun and pressure free class. Free child care available during class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

UPCOMING

Rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale is 5-8 p.m., Thursday, May 3 (admission \$2 per adult). Big Sale is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 4, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 5 (admission free). Saturday everything is half price. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Concert

Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra perform Bach's B minor Mass 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort at Third, Detroit. Tickets \$15. Group rates and patron seating available. Free, secure parking. Call (313) 961-4533 or visit www.fortstreet.org.

Prayer breakfast

Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast 7:15-9 a.m. Thursday, May 10, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Guest speaker is Paul Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University. Tickets \$15, \$10 students, and available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427 or visit www.livoniaprayerbkfast.org by Friday, April 27. Tables of 10 available.

Real estate seminar

1-4 p.m. Saturday May 12, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge. This seminar covers buying and selling a home, attaining a residential mortgage and refinancing, appraisals, homeowners insurance for primary residence, investment, vacation and vacant homes, remodeling, new construction and home inspections. All presenters are members of Newburg United Methodist Church or friends of the church. For more information, call (734) 422-0149 or send e-mail to rodney@newburgumc.org.

ONGOING

Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Open registration began March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening from 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 7-8:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, and continues for eight weeks to March 26, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, it is normal to feel overwhelmed, angry and alone. Advance registration appreciated. For more information, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Bible study series

St. Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, and continuing for eight weeks, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-7310.

Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book of Numbers - 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095.

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160.

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday, evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weight-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m. Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia.

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ARTHUR B. CALHOUN

Age 89 of Milford, and a former longtime resident of Plymouth, died on April 6, 2007. He is survived by Muriel, his beloved wife of over forty-four years, his sister, Glema Brandemil of Flat Rock, and his large family of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Mr. Calhoun was a lifetime member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge, a retiree of the G.M. Willow Run Plant in Ypsilanti, and well known in Plymouth where he and his wife operated Muriel's Doll House for over fourteen years. A funeral service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Monday, April 16th, at 1 p.m., with the Rev. James Calhoun officiating. Burial will follow in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit Sunday 2-9 p.m.. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



DENISE O'NEILL JOHNSON RADTKE

Age 72, April 8, 2007, died suddenly at home. Loving mother of Lynn Radtke (Rick Talbot) of Plymouth, Kim Sweet (Tim Sweet) of Raleigh, North Carolina, daughter-in-law Barb Radtke, Holland, MI and the late Jeff Radtke. Denny is also survived by six grandchildren: Samantha, Amber, Matthew, Summer, Marshall and Calvin. Sisters Pat Henke (Fritz) and Miki Wolff (Craig). Many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including Ken Radtke. Denny graduated from the University of Michigan in 1974 with a BA in Political Science with honors. Denny worked in politics her entire career and was devoted to her job and volunteer service. She was instrumental in developing the Schoolcraft College Women's resource center. Denny was a congressional aide for Carl Purcell and Joe Knollenberg. After retirement, Denny was appointed to the Michigan Women's Commission by the Governor, and worked for the US Census Bureau in 2000. Visitation will be at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia on Wednesday from 2-9, funeral services on Thursday at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center. Please share a memory with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



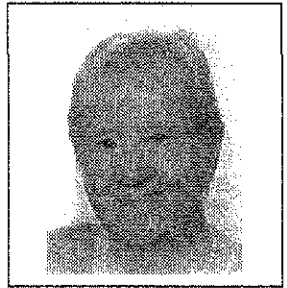
JEFFREY NORMAN HALE

passed away in his home in Sacramento, California after a long battle with Colon Cancer. Born and raised in Pinckney, Michigan, Jeff was involved in sports throughout the area. Having played football for the Pinckney High Pirates and Ferris State College, he then went on to play volleyball. Jeff also coached volleyball spending 12 years with the elementary girls' volleyball team at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Livonia, MI, four years with Huron Valley High School and four years at Canton High School. He also played men's softball with the Livonia Recreation Department for over 20 years. Jeff was survived by his wife, Jeanette; children Michelle Capriola, Laura Stark, Jennifer Laframboise, Benjamin Clifford and Kelly Clifford; also his two grandsons Nicholas Hale and Anthony Lafram-boise; along with his mother, father, four brothers and one sister. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livonia, MI at 1:00pm on the 21st with an open house to follow at the Capriola home in New Hudson, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the American Cancer Society for colon cancer research or your own favorite charity in memory of Jeff.

LEE TRICKEY

Age 87, passed away April 8, 2007. Wife of the late Mynor. Dear mother of Bonnie (Jim) Carr, Judy (Duncan) Lewis, Robert (Kathy), Sandy (James) Mulvey and Georgia (Craig) Notebaert. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Sister-in-law of Edna Gilroy, Ella Mulder and George Trickey. Memorial service was Tuesday, April 10th, 12:30 p.m. (gathering at 11 a.m.) at Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Avenue. Memorial visitation was Monday 7-9 p.m.. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Silent Hands 425 Huron, Suite 100, Milford, MI 48381.

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Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a

one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees,

at Rotary Park. Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

Qigong

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Worship services

At 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Corinthians, breakfast at 7 a.m. for Bible study from 8-9 a.m. at the Kerby Coney Island, Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

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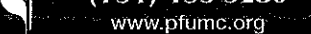
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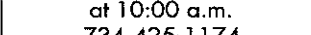
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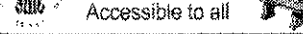
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tute teacher. Since 2000, she's been a substitute for Franklin High School and the Career Center.

Despite the success of the land development projects, Schoolcraft faces financial challenges with reduced state funding.

"Finances are still a major problem, but we're only one of 28 community colleges that does not have a debt," Breen said.

Still, last year the college had to make \$1.5 million in cuts to its budget and faces more cuts this coming budget year. Breen said in the past the state covered about a third of the budget, tuition and fees about a third and a district millage about a third.

"Now it's way out of line," she said. "It's lopsided. We're putting more burden on students and their parents even though our tuition is still \$68 a credit hour."

She is supportive of Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress.

"He's been extremely effective," she said. "The faculty like him and work hard for him. He has brought so many new ideas to the board and faculty."

One of those ideas is a four-year bachelor of science in nursing degree program that Breen supports.

"We really felt that the need is there for nursing, obviously," Breen said. "We want to establish our two-year program we have had all along. We wanted to go into a four-year program. We don't want people in the community to think we are going to become a four-year

college because we are not."

Breen said the next project would be to improve the college's police, fire and homeland security programs.

"I know there are federal monies out there. The police and fire program is loaded to the gills. That would be our next program," she said.

Breen said she has also been supportive of agreements with four-year colleges that allow students to take three years of credits at Schoolcraft before transferring.

"Students are paying \$68 a credit hour instead of \$200," she said. "It's one of those innovations that Dr. Jeffress developed that is incredible. We are working on 14 more programs. The universities are happy to have us because they know there will be more students coming in that fourth year.

FAUSONE

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Austin High School in Detroit and received two engineering degrees from the University of Michigan. He received his law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Wash. He is married to Brigadier Gen. Carol Fausone with the Michigan Department of Veterans Affairs.

"I see the importance of higher education," he said. "It's made a difference in my life, my wife's life and our entire family. In a couple generations we've gone from the copper mines of the UP to all my brothers and sisters having master's degrees or better."

Fausone said he supports the emphasis the college is placing on technology and that his engineering background will allow him to better understand the issues.

"Today, a well-rounded student, to get a four-year degree or go into the workforce, has to have a high degree of technical ability, run computer programs, understand computer programs and not be afraid of technology," he said. "We're going in the right direction by putting the emphasis on those things."

He also supports an idea advanced by Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress to petition the legislature to allow the college to offer a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Despite the college's emphasis on technology, Fausone said he is disappointed in Schoolcraft's application of technology, espe-

cially the Internet.

"You can't go to the Web site and see a cost comparison with four-year institutions. That's one of the things I'd be selling to parents," he said.

He said the Web site is little more than the school's catalog.

"The day of static Web sites is long gone," he said. "It was gone five years ago. They need to make a dynamic Web site. The way you're going to sell Schoolcraft to kids is to have a cool Web site. If you have a crummy Web site, they've checked that out long before mom and dad ever brought it up."

He also said the college needs to improve its online learning programs. He said modern technology makes it possible to make lectures available to all students to download on an MP3 player.

GEBHARDT

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personally attest to that. ... He is competent and respected at the community college level and respected by faculty and staff."

She said she supports the college's emphasis on science, math and technology. She is less favorable toward Jeffress' idea of offering a bachelor of science in nursing degree at

Schoolcraft.

"I would like to see a matriculation program worked out where nursing students could go to Schoolcraft for three years and then work with Madonna and they could offer a degree from Madonna and other colleges at Schoolcraft rates. Let's be creative," she said.

She said it was important for Schoolcraft to remain competitive in the face of reduced state funding.

"We have to plan a budget

that we aren't going to get any increases from Lansing," she said. "We're the third lowest community college in the area. We have to price ourselves to not only be competitive but to offer residents of the Schoolcraft community what they need and is affordable to them."

Gebhardt said that as a union person she would like to see more "sharing" between the Faculty Forum and the trustees and more transparency as they prepare for negotiations.

RANDALL

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athletic eligibility and was in charge of student discipline.

Randall said education is needed to turn the state around by giving people the skills they need to obtain higher paying jobs.

"Isn't it better we train peo-

ple who can pay taxes on \$50,000 a year instead of \$25- or \$30,000?" he said.

He said he supports the idea of Schoolcraft offering a bachelor of science in nursing degree, but said that emphasis should remain on the associate nursing degree given the severe shortage in nurses.

He said he also thinks the college should continue its lifelong learning programs.

"I think most people in the

community realize it is a jewel, particularly the community service and community education. Some people turn 40 and they want to learn to dance. It all contributes to exposure for the college," he said.

When Randall retired, he and his wife began to take trips in their motor home throughout the South. He said he should still be able to get away now and then if he's elected to the board.

BRODERICK

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School, Notre Dame University and the University of Detroit Law School. He said his training as a lawyer brought "a different set of eyes to the board."

"I have a good temperament, a good ability to listen, a good ability to make decisions," he said.

Major decisions will need to be made in the coming years about Schoolcraft's finances. At one time, the state provided for about one-third of the college's budget (along with a third from tuition and fees and a third from a district millage). State funding has declined to about 17 percent of the college's budget.

Schoolcraft has benefited from the commercial development of its property along Seven Mile and, in the last two years, along Haggerty.

"Development has helped a lot," Broderick said.

"College Park has helped us fund the new Biomedical Building and stabilized the budget. If we didn't have it, tuition would have gone up

even more."

That income has helped the college build the VisTaTech Center, renovate the library and begin construction on the new Biomedical Technology Building, scheduled to open in fall 2008.

Broderick has high praise for Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress, who last week received a positive evaluation from board members.

"The thing about President Jeffress and the previous administration (of Richard McDowell) is that they were always cutting edge, they had the vision thing down in the sense that they know where they want to go," Broderick said. "They're usually on target. They know where the hot fields are going to be."

The hot fields are health care, math, science and technology. Jeffress has discussed petitioning the state legislature for permission to expand Schoolcraft's nursing program to a four-year bachelor of science nursing degree. Broderick supports the idea.

"The nursing thing is going to be controversial," he said. "He wants to do a bachelor's

degree there. I don't want to speak for the board, I am supportive of it but there may be board members who need to be convinced. There is a mindset with some board members that Schoolcraft was set up to do one thing and that was an associate degree and it will take something to get them over that hump."

He said other colleges that offer four-year nursing programs may also oppose the idea.

Another strong area for the college, Broderick said, is the Lifelong Learning programs. He would like to expand on the college's public safety program at the Radcliff Center in Garden City to compete with programs at Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College.

Broderick said he would also be interested in exploring the idea of expanding the Schoolcraft district to include areas now not served by a community college, such as Livingston County. About 40 percent of Schoolcraft students live outside the district.

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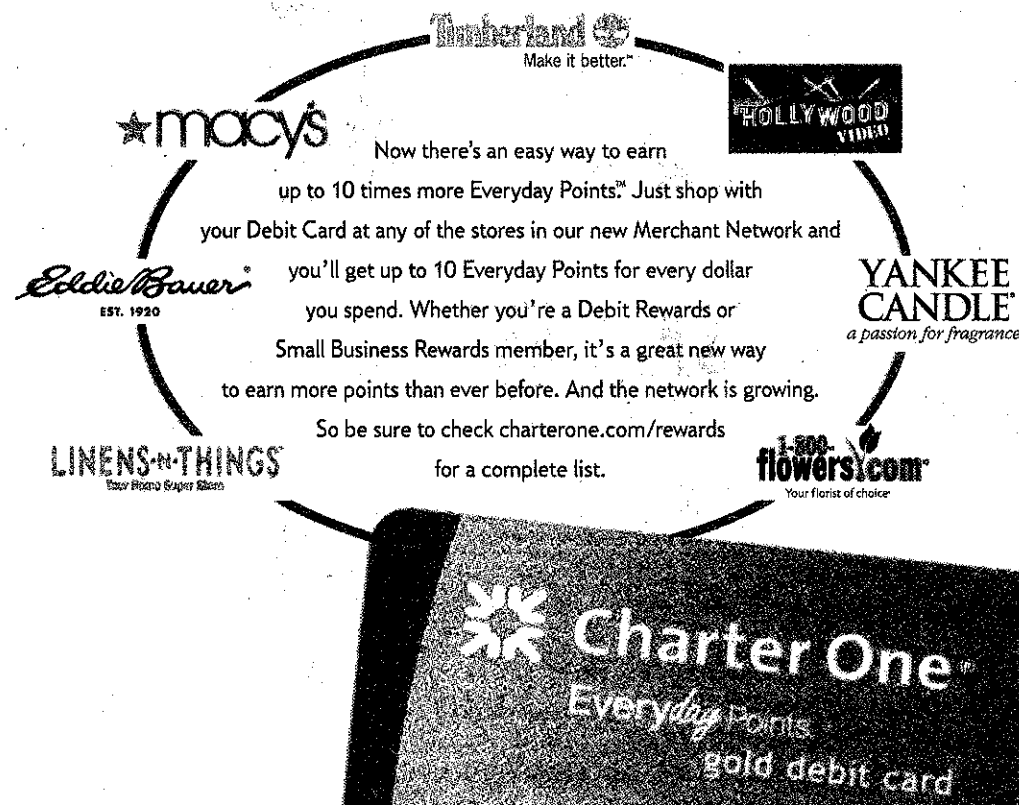
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It's party time!

Lerg cousins put MSU hockey back on map

Bryan Lerg took Monday off from classes. And who could blame him?

Cousin Jeff Lerg, his roommate and winning goaltender, was celebrating his 21st birthday by watching a replay of the NCAA Division I men's hockey national championship.



Brad Emons

Michigan State was coming off its third national title, a come-from-behind third-period 3-1 win over Boston College at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Mo.

The last time the Spartans won the coveted NCAA crown was 1986, when another Livonian, Franklin High graduate Mike Donnelly, played a big part.

Two Livonians also played a huge role in the triumph for the Spartans, who got back to East Lansing early Sunday morning.

"Some of the football guys had a party for us when we got back," said Bryan, the junior forward from

Livonia. "There's been a lot of partying — like we're rock stars. By far, this is my greatest thrill (in hockey). It hasn't kicked in yet. I'm still in shock. The celebration doesn't stop. This is the best place to be."

Bryan Lerg finally got to bed around 9 a.m., but the all the commotion didn't subside until the Spartans were officially honored Tuesday night with a parade and rally before 4,500 faithful at Munn Ice Arena.

Debbie Lerg, Bryan's mother, estimates there were 35-40 Lerg supporters in St. Louis for the two-game set, which including a come-from-behind 4-2 victory Thursday afternoon over Maine in the Frozen Four semifinals.

"There were hundreds of (MSU) fans," Debbie Lerg said. "We took up an entire 23-story hotel. It was a great time, an unbelievable experience. I'm so tired, but it was so much fun."



Bryan Lerg



Livonia native Jeff Lerg was stellar in goal during Michigan State's run to the NCAA men's hockey tournament title.

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Sidelines

Crosby nets 100th

Western Michigan University senior Brady Crosby (Livonia Stevenson) earned his 100th career singles victory last Saturday as the 50th-ranked Broncos scored a 7-0 Mid-American Conference men's tennis triumph at Northern Illinois.

Crosby clinched the match with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Alex Friesen at No. 2 singles. Crosby also teamed up with John Pelton to win at No. 3 doubles, 8-3.

For the season, Crosby is 21-16 in singles matches and 29-11 in doubles.

WMU is 14-7 overall and 3-0 in the MAC. The Broncos will face 2006 MAC regular season champion Ball State this Saturday at Muncie, Ind.

Moccia lifts WMU

Sophomore Ashley Moccia (Livonia Stevenson) captured both her matches Saturday as the Western Michigan University women's tennis team earned their 23rd consecutive Mid-American Conference triumph with a 7-0 victory over Miami of Ohio in Kalamazoo.

Moccia teamed up with Noriko Saruta at No. 1 doubles for an 8-4 triumph over Katrina Lomidzel and Linda Jirouskova.

At No. 5 singles, Moccia recorded a 6-3, 6-3 win over Victoria Pulido.

Moccia is 21-13 overall in singles and 20-12 overall in doubles.

WMU, ranked No. 62 nationally, is 16-6 overall and 5-0 in the MAC.

Hawks host clinic

The Michigan Hawks of the W-League will stage a free youth soccer clinic for players ages 5-13 beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15 at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The clinic will give area youth players an opportunity to meet and train with many of the player from the 2006 Midwest Division champions.

Each youth participant will receive a free ticket good for any one of six home games. Season tickets and T-shirts will be available at the clinic for purchase.

For more information, e-mail michigan-hawkswomen1-camp@yahoo.com; or visit www.michigan-hawkswomen.com.

Bowl-a-Thon

Livonia Clarenceville High School varsity girls and boys bowling coach Pam Jones will hold a fund-raiser as she participates in the Susan G. Komen for the Cure 3-day, 60-mile walk for breast cancer.

The bowling fund-raiser will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

The cost is \$20 per person (includes bowling, mystery games, pizza). Reservations are required.

For more information, call Jones at (248) 476-3201.

Weathering the storm

Despite injury bug, MU salvages split vs. Aquinas

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

With injuries to key players and an endless stream of bad weather, it hasn't been easy for Madonna University's baseball team to really get untracked — especially on offense.

Tuesday afternoon, other than a combined 6-for-9 day by sophomore second baseman Ryan Morrow, the Crusaders had trouble swinging the bats in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doubleheader against visiting Aquinas.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

But thanks to a five-run rally in the bottom of the sixth in Game 2, Madonna nipped the Saints 6-4 to avoid getting swept. Five MU errors in the opener led to a 4-3 defeat in nine innings.

"The funny thing is, I thought we should have swept them," Crusaders head coach Greg Haeger said, breathing easier thanks to the split. "We gave them three unearned runs (in Game 1)."

Haeger said the Crusaders (15-12, 3-5 WHAC) are trying to figure things out despite having junior slugger Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill) on the shelf with a serious knee injury sustained late last month in Kentucky. Another solid hitter, freshman catcher Zach Flavin, missed Tuesday's twinbill with a shoulder injury.

"We have two kids that have a lot of power and are very good offensive players who are out," Haeger said. "That's forcing us to play around with the lineup. I think today we came out in game 26 with our 25th lineup."

Start and stop

And then there's the rain, snow and cold that resulted in a week's worth of postponements. Tuesday's doubleheader at Ilitch Ballpark against Aquinas was a makeup; the originally scheduled non-leaguer against Rochester was canceled.

"It seems like we're beginning our third season right now," Haeger said. "You try to keep them ready in the gym as much as you can, practice them as much as you can and keep them up to game speed. Then you get out and you play."

The lack of games over the past week had no impact on Morrow, who smoked the ball all day against Aquinas (17-9, 3-1).

Morrow went 4-for-5 (including two doubles) and scored three runs in the opener and followed up in the second contest with a triple and double in four at-bats. Only an excellent relay play — which cut him down trying to stretch his third-inning double into a triple — kept him from racking up two three-baggers.

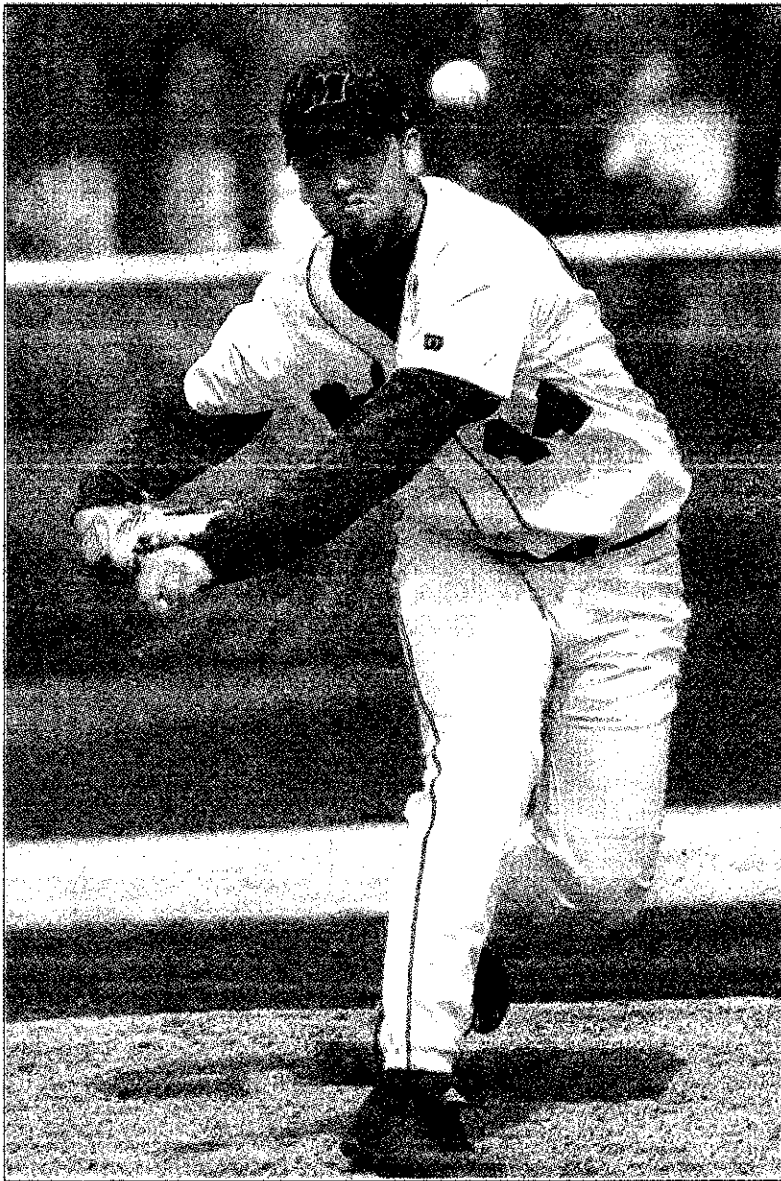
"Ryan had a great day today," Haeger said. "I'm proud of the kid."

But ironically, Morrow made the first and last outs of the game-winning rally. He opened the frame, with MU trailing 4-1, with a bid for his third extra-base hit of the nightcap, but his liner to deep right was flagged down by sophomore outfielder Brent Serba.

Morrow also grounded out to end the inning. In between, the Crusaders went to work with the help of two hit batsmen.

Aquinas starting pitcher Josh Poel retired

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, B2



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Sending a pitch toward an Aquinas batter Tuesday afternoon is Madonna University junior pitcher Eric Wendling.

Law career awaits Spartans' top scholar-athlete Polanski

BY ALLISON GRANT
CORRESPONDENT

Kristen Polanski, a senior on the Michigan State University women's golf team and former Livonia Stevenson High stand-out, is well on her way to going pro in something other than sports.

Next fall, Polanski will be trading in her Ping irons and green MSU golf shirt for thick law books and business attire to attend MSU's law school on a full scholarship.

Polanski scored a 166 out of a possible 180 on her LSAT, putting her in the 94th percentile. Being in the 94th percentile was enough to earn Polanski a full scholarship to MSU's law school as a Dean Charles H. King Scholar.

"To receive the scholarship for all three years of law school, I have to maintain above a 3.0 (grade-point average)," Polanski said.

Polanski eventually wants to be an athletic director for a college or university, and believes that going to law school will help

her achieve that goal.

"I want to be involved in athletic administration one day, either as an athletic director or working for the NCAA," she said. "I just don't want to work at the high school level."

Doing well in school has always been important to, but not always easy for Polanski.

During golf season, the team has workouts as early as 6:30 a.m. and tees it up at Forest Akers range or golf course for at least four hours a day.

Successfully balancing time between golf and classes has been difficult.

"It's tough to manage my time during golf season," Polanski said. "And it definitely isn't something that you're ready for when you first come to school. It would be easier if I didn't care about my grades or my golf game, but I care a lot about both."

All of the hard work has obviously paid off for Polanski, who has an impressive GPA of 3.97.

Polanski was presented Monday with the 2007 President's Award at the Kellogg

Center, recognizing her achievements in the classroom and on the golf course. This is the first time the award has gone to a member of the women's golf team.

This year marks the 10th anniversary for the President's Award, which is given to one male and one female graduating senior student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA.

"It feels awesome to have one of my players win this award for the first time," MSU golf coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll said. "Kristen is very driven and hard-working, so it is not surprising that she has accomplished great things, on and off the course."

While accepting the President's Award trophy, a bronze-colored, 18-inch replica of the famed Sparty statue, she gave a five-minute speech thanking and congratulating her peers for everything they have accomplished, expressing her gratitude for the award and explaining what it meant to her to be a Spartan.

PLEASE SEE POLANSKI, B3



Michigan State's President's Award winners included Livonia's Kristen Polanski (right), who carried a 3.97 grade-point average on the women's golf team, and Matthew Bartlebaugh of the men's cross country squad, who holds a 3.94 GPA.

Scero's clutch single gives Crusaders a sweep

Canton alum Brittney Scero laced a single to center in the bottom of the ninth Tuesday to lift host Madonna University to a 3-2 women's softball victory over Concordia in the nightcap and a sweep of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill.

Scero's second single of the game scored sophomore shortstop Tedi Johnston, who doubled to left to open the inning. Johnston took third on a single by sophomore catcher Danielle Richardson.

Madonna (18-9, 5-1) trailed 2-0 in the top of the first as Concordia junior outfielder and Garden City product Terra Russell homered to left. Russell collected two of just three hits allowed by Crusaders' starter and winner Liz Ballinger - who pitched all nine innings.

The home team chipped away with runs in the first (on

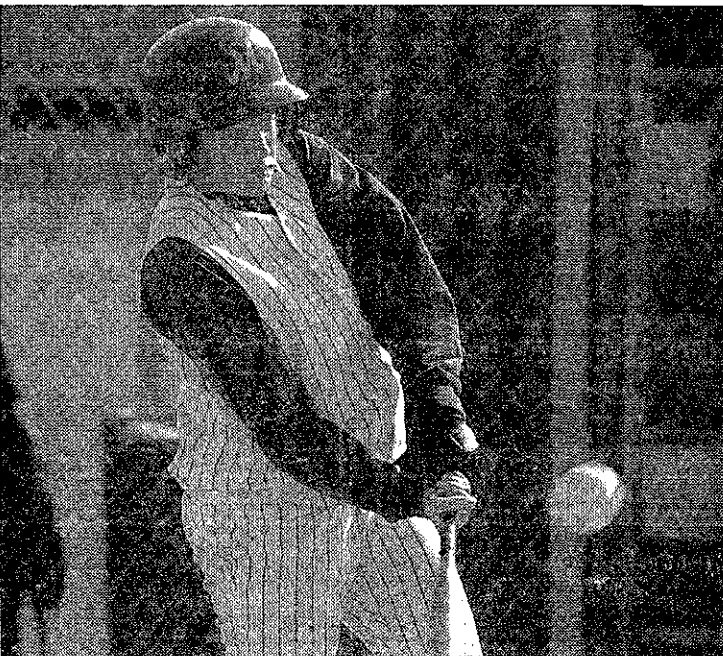
a bases-loaded walk to freshman first baseman and Churchill alum Caitlyn Sidor) and second. Singling in the tying run was junior outfielder Heather Richardson (Plymouth/Canton).

Taking the loss was Auna Shaffer, who pitched six innings of relief for Concordia (5-16, 0-6).

In the opener, Madonna built an early 4-0 lead and held on for a 4-3 triumph.

The Crusaders, who only registered three hits, scored two of their runs on a double by sophomore outfielder Heather Godfrey and others on RBI outs by Heather Richardson and sophomore third baseman Ashley Bonsall (Livonia/Franklin).

Senior pitcher Shannon Noder went all the way for the victory, giving up two earned runs.



Madonna's Ashley Bonsall, a graduate of Livonia Franklin, lines out to right field during the second game against Concordia.

MADONNA

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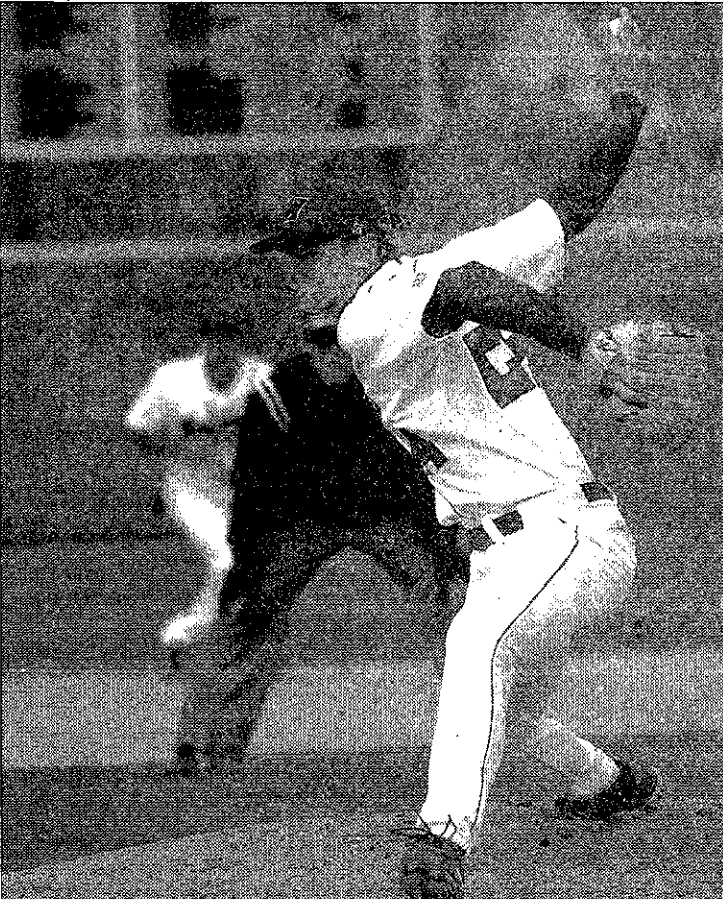
Morrow, but then plunked freshman outfielder Rikco Rhoades with a pitch to get the winning surge started. After Rhoades stole second, he scored on a double down the right-field line by senior shortstop Kyle Fedorka (2-for-3).

Humenay delivers

Senior third baseman Gary VanAllen (1-for-2) then got hit on the left elbow by a pitch and senior outfielder Tony Luttmann (Farmington) tied the game with a two-run double hit almost in the same spot as Fedorka's was.

VanAllen trotted in with the winning run on a ground-ball single to left by senior Matt Humenay (Westland/Churchill), who pinch hit for Gary Rule after relief pitcher Matt Dreyer took over on the mound for Aquinas. (Haeger joked that earlier in the game he had Humenay coaching third base.)

Junior outfielder Mike Cauzillo (West Bloomfield) provided an insurance run with a sacrifice fly, which scored Luttmann (1-for-3, two RBI).



Madonna University senior pitcher Mike Hand, a North Farmington alum, closes the door after coming on with two men on base in the seventh inning of Tuesday's opener against Aquinas.

Madonna took an early 1-0 lead on Morrow's first-inning triple to deep right and a single by Fedorka.

But the Saints tied the game on the first pitch of the fourth against Crusaders senior righty Josh Regits. Senior designated hitter Lee Moser (2-for-2, two RBI) lofted a homer to left.

Aquinas benefited from Regits' sudden lack of command in the fifth, scoring three runs with the aid of two walks and the pitcher's inability to get ahead in the count.

With two on and one out, senior shortstop Matt Soergel sat back on a 3-1 pitch and scorched a two-run double to left to put the Saints in front. Another run came in on Moser's RBI single to center.

That's how it stayed until the Crusaders finally heated up at the plate in the sixth.

Earning the victory with two innings of scoreless, hitless relief was junior John McCracken. Regits went five innings and gave up four runs on just three hits, but walked four and hit two batters.

Errors cost MU

In the first game, junior left-hander Eric Wendling (one earned run in 6²/₃ innings) deserved better than a no-decision.

Both teams traded single runs in the first and third innings, and the Crusaders took a 3-2 lead in the fifth. The Saints evened things up in the sixth, with the run stemming from a two-base error by senior outfielder Manny Alvarado (Southfield).

Madonna senior reliever Mike Hand (Farmington/North Farmington) ended an Aquinas threat in the seventh, but ultimately took the loss on an unearned run in the ninth.

After freshman second baseman Casey Coles walked, he raced to third on a wild pickoff attempt by MU junior catcher Garrett Ignasiak.

Coles trotted home on an infield single by Soergel (3-for-3, two runs, two RBI).

"He (Wendling) didn't have his best stuff today, but still found a way to keep our team in it," Haeger said. "But when you make five errors in the field and you give the other team another inning and a half against you, it's hard to win."

"Was that the product of six days off? I don't know."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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(2), 1 p.m. Friday, April 20 (all doubleheaders) Madonna vs. Rochester College at University Field, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at University Field, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 22 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at University Field, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS WESTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS Friday, April 13 (if necessary) Whalers vs. Kitchener Rangers at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m. Sunday, April 14 (if necessary) Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m. MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS-OPENING ROUND Saturday, April 13 Ignition at Milwaukee Wave, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 14 Ignition vs. Milwaukee Wave at Compuware Arena, 4:35 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.
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Seasons change alters Lafata's recruiting

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The flip-flopping of schedules for several girls high school sports also means it's a new world for college basketball coaches.

In fact, Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata now wonders how she'll be able to put in sufficient time recruiting prep prospects because of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to permit another appeal from the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The MHSAA found out Monday that girls basketball must be switched from the fall to winter seasons, with volleyball switching from winter to fall.

"I'm going to be in the middle of my season when (high school) games begin," said Lafata, who often brings Observerland players to Schoolcraft. "... It's going to be more pressure-packed. I'll have to put in more hours" between recruiting and coaching the Lady Ocelots.

"But I knew it was going to happen," she added. "There's no way we could be the only state (where prep and college seasons didn't coincide). We'll

'But I knew it was going to happen. ... We'll adjust and go through the growing pains.'

Karen Lafata
Schoolcraft women's basketball coach

adjust and go through the growing pains."

One of the adjustments will be cramming even more basketball games into their weekly planner, especially since different high school leagues will be following different schedules in 2007-08.

So whenever Lafata and assistant coach Marty Simmonds don't have a game or practice to worry about - or aren't on a road trip - there's a good chance a high school game will be going on somewhere for either or both of them to attend.

"Since we play Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, in the past we could always count on Tuesday-Thursday games for high schools," she said. "Now, there could be a game every night."

Lafata would like to see the MHSAA standardize girls basketball schedules to help col-

lege coaches do their recruiting.

Still, Lafata doesn't think the schedule upheaval will impact bringing players to Schoolcraft all that much.

"At the local level, I don't think it will be much of a change as opposed to four-year colleges (such as Madonna University)," Lafata said. "With me, you're talking about a three-county radius (of potential recruits). Many times I have to wait until late in the recruiting season anyway, because - let's face it - I'm not their first choice."

Last fall, the Lady Ocelot coaches were able to watch Redford Thurston star point guard Chloe Booker, who is still considering Schoolcraft for next year.

Under the new setup, players like Booker will still get Lafata's attention. It will just be a little more tricky to get out and watch their games.

"I'll just have to get my feelers out," she said.

Meanwhile, like everybody else, Lafata won't know for sure how the changes will affect her until "after I go through it a year. Times are going to be different."

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PREP BOYS TENNIS SEASON OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Reid Friedrichs, fifth year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
Last year's record/finish: 11-5 overall (fourth, WLAA).
Notable losses to graduation: Trevor Kogut (No. 1 singles, state qualifier).
Leading returnees: Nick Payne, Jr., singles; Kyle Anderson, Sr., singles; Jay Cunningham, Sr., doubles; Taylor Frangie, Sr., doubles; Danny Martin, Sr., doubles; Steve Mazur, Sr., doubles; Paul Yandric, Sr., doubles; Robert Fortney, Jr., doubles.
Promising newcomers: Aniket Patil, Fr., singles; Andy Clairmont, Sr., doubles.
Friedrichs' 2007 outlook: "It looks promising. The potential is high with a lot of senior leaders. We didn't have a lot of people play in the winter, but we return most people besides our No. 1 (singles) flight, so we're going to have to work hard to improve during the year to set up a successful end to the season."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Lori George, fifth year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
Last year's record/finish: 2-10-1 overall (seventh, Division I regional; 10th, WLAA).
Notable losses to graduation: Kyle Fox, Kevin Jaksim.
Leading returnees: Joe Fenner, Sr., singles; Steve Trapp, Sr., singles; Chad Dorton, Soph., doubles; Ryan Hudie, Soph., doubles; Mike Geraci, Soph., doubles; Ron Perian, Jr., doubles; Ryan Henderson, Jr., doubles.
Promising newcomers: Connor Leidal, Soph., singles-doubles; Nate Spease, Soph., singles-doubles; Skene Milne, Fr., doubles; Galyn Tusypov, Soph., singles-doubles.
George's 2007 outlook: "We are condition-

ing hard to increase our stamina and endurance. It is our goal win more ties for sets and third sets for matches.
"We hope to improve our WLAA record (2-8-1) from 2006."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Kathy Ladd, fourth year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Last year's record/finish: 12-3 overall (third, Division I regional; WLAA co-champions).
Notable losses to graduation: Chris McCathey (team MVP), Michael Horgan, Jay McConnell, Manesh Potluri, Ricky Roman, Christopher Stojanov, Jon Bagazinski, Mike Carpenter, Yash Chauhan, Anthony Franchina, Dan Greco.
Leading returnees: Gino McCathey, Jr., singles; Ian Petty, Jr., singles; Erik Koch, Soph., singles; Chris Martin, Soph., singles; Ben Bagazinski, Jr., doubles; Alex Cook, Jr., doubles; Mike Greco, Jr., doubles; Leon Voskov, Sr., doubles; Josh Bartosik, Sr., doubles; Justin Collins, Soph., doubles; Anthony Hage, Jr., doubles.
Promising newcomers: Clayton Northey, Fr., doubles; Chris Orios, Soph., doubles; Brady Thom, Jr., doubles; Pat McHugh, Jr., doubles; David Kruse, Fr., doubles; Garrett Adams, Soph., doubles; Giang Nguyen, Soph., doubles; Matt Nguyen, Jr., doubles.
Ladd's 2007 outlook: "We have a young team with potential for a great season. The players are eager and many are already improving.
"Our singles lineup will be very strong, and several of our doubles teams are promising. We're looking forward to the spring season."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Kirk Conner, second year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Last year's record/finish: 0-14-1 overall (tie

for 11th, WLAA; 11th, Division I regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Brandon Nikula.
Leading returnees: Tim Smolen, Jr., singles; Alex Colosimo, Jr., singles; Mike Hensel, Sr., singles; Brad Noyes, Sr., singles; Lenny Manfre, Sr., doubles; Cliff Palac, Sr., doubles; Justin Samland, Sr., doubles; Nolan Langlois, Sr., doubles; Nikhil Kalothia, Sr., doubles; Frank Toarmina, Sr., doubles; Shawn Murphy, Sr., doubles; Bradley Sheahan, Soph., singles.
Promising newcomers: Rob Jones, Sr., doubles; Dennis Dillard, Jr.; John Abraham, Jr.; James Abraham, Jr.
Conner's 2007 outlook: I have no predictions. We just look to improve."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Joe Nowaske, second year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
Last year's record/finish: 0-12-1 overall (tie for 11th, WLAA).
Notable losses to graduation: Danny Miller, Andrew Hermatz, Justin Koshorek, Nick Gotts.
Leading returnees: Kevin Erdmann, Jr., singles; Ryan Reynolds, Sr., singles; Mike Hicks, Jr., singles; C.J. Cooney, Soph. singles; Jake Fyfe, Sr., doubles; Nick Martin, Jr., doubles; Aaron Koshorek, Jr., singles; John Mayfield, Jr., doubles.
Promising newcomers: Josh Barnett, Sr., doubles; Andrew Morton, Jr., doubles; Blake Berry, Sr., doubles; Andrew Thyrrion, Sr., doubles; Kevin Tarnowski, Jr., doubles.
Nowaske's 2007 outlook: "We're hoping for three or four wins this year, but we need to work hard. I've been focused on drilling the boys.
"Two years of hanging at the Dearborn Racquet Club with Steve Weitz has helped Kevin Erdmann become a real player."

EMONS

FROM PAGE B1

Ironically, Bryan Lerg once had his sights set on playing for rival Michigan, his dad Dan's alma mater. And it was Dan, as a freshman, who played in the 1977 NCAA championship game, an overtime loss to Wisconsin.

Coming out of the USA Hockey's Under-18 National Team Developmental program, Bryan was asked by U-M coach Red Berenson to wait a year for his scholarship offer and play juniors.

But MSU coach Rick Comley swooped in and offered Bryan Lerg a scholarship with an opportunity to play right away as a freshman.

Three years later, Bryan Lerg is MSU's second-leading point producer and is now waiting for his NCAA championship ring to be fitted.

"Everything happens for a reason," Debbie Lerg said. "It all worked out. And Bryan has loved MSU since day one."

Jeff Lerg, bypassed by USA Hockey's Developmental program, did go to juniors (in Omaha, Neb.) and got a year of seasoning before rejoining his cousin last year as a freshman.

After grabbing the starting goaltender job by the throat halfway through last season, Jeff Lerg hasn't looked back

and has become one of college hockey's top netminders despite standing only 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds and battling acute asthma.

In Saturday night's final, Jeff was never better, making 29 stops, none bigger than his sprawling save against BC's Brian Boyle with 15:19 left to preserve the 1-0 deficit.

Jeff Lerg allowed just five goals in four NCAA tournament games while coming up with 104 total saves.

Ironically, Jeff's father Ken also played at another Big Ten school - Ohio State, from 1969-72.

The two families are close, living only a quarter-mile apart in Livonia, "a driver and 9-iron away," as Debbie Lerg likes to say.

Jeff and Bryan, born just 10 weeks apart, have been childhood playmates and pals forever. They played together on just about every team through youth hockey days right through the Honeybaked program (starting at age 10).

"When we won the World Pee Wee tournament that was exciting, but this takes the cake," Debbie Lerg said.

After Jeff played an extra year of Midget and Bryan went to Ann Arbor with the Under-18 program, the cousins were separated until last year.

"Things got better when Jeff came back the next year,"

Debbie Lerg said.

And it all came together Saturday night for Brian and Jeff, and the rest of the Lergs.

The game was intense, to say the least, with MSU winning it on Justin Abdelkader's goal with only 18.9 seconds left.

"The feeling of being down all game - it was a battle - and it was nice to see the kind of heart we showed and being able to battle back," Bryan Lerg said. "I felt we wore them down. They (Boston College) are so much of a speed and skill team, but we stuck together. Give our guys all the credit."

The celebration in St. Louis started in the arena and hasn't stopped since.

"We had 20 people from my family," Bryan said. "There were a lot of tears, both brothers. My dad was just as speechless (afterward). My dad lost in his freshman year in overtime, so he might be a little jealous now."

And oh, yeah, Bryan promised his mother he would be back in class Tuesday.

But the partying looks like it will continue for at least another month.

"We have a team trip planned, we're going to Florida," Bryan said.

How does Disney World sound?

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POLANSKI

FROM PAGE B1

As Polanski's GPA and LSAT scores prove, she's smart, but those two things alone don't even begin to give her academic success and achievements justice.

In addition to the President's honor, Polanski has been the recipient of the Tom Anderson Academic Award three years in a row, an award given to the golfer with the highest GPA. She has also been named the October 2003 Spartan Athlete of the Month, Academic All-Big Ten, and to the National Golf Coaches Association Division I All-Scholar team.

While Polanski isn't studying, winning awards, or playing golf, she is the representative for her golf team on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

According to the NCAA, the SAAC is a committee of student-athletes assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience. The SAAC also offers input on the rules, regulations and policies that affect student-athletes' lives on NCAA member institution campuses.

"I've been the women's golf representative on the SAAC since my sophomore year, so I've gotten to know a lot of people through SAAC," Polanski said. "I believe that being at SAAC meetings, and seeing what goes on in the athletic department, is about 80 percent of the reason I want my career to eventually involve athletics and the NCAA in some way."

Nervousness, excitement and anxiousness are a few feelings Polanski describes when talking about starting law school next year and consequently leaving the golf team.

"As excited as I am about

starting a new part of my life, I'm really going to miss my teammates and playing golf with my best friends every day," she said. "But I did accomplish my ultimate goal for college golf, which was to earn my letter (during her sophomore year)."

And although Polanski will be packing up her golf clubs when it comes to collegiate golf, she doesn't intend on pulling out of the competitive spotlight completely. She plans on continuing to compete in the Golf Association of Michigan Women's Amateur for years to come.

"I want to be that 35-year-old lady still playing in the Michigan Amateur," said Polanski, who has recovered from hip surgery after missing nine months of play last season.

Allison Grant, who resides in Northville, is a sophomore majoring in journalism at Michigan State University.

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Ignition's Beasley garners top honor

The Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) and Commissioner Steve Ryan presented Detroit Ignition forward Jamar Beasley with the Hector Marinaro Trophy, awarded to the League's Most Valuable Player on April 7.

Beasley was honored in front of a nationally televised audience during The Saturday Soccer Showdown Spectacular, a live one-hour special previewing the upcoming 2007 MISL Championship series on Versus network.

"The Detroit Ignition family is extremely proud of Jamar and his on-field accomplishments," Ignition president Greg Bibb said. "He truly has had a season to remember and the recognition he is justly receiving is a reflection of the hard work and success all of our players have enjoyed."

"More importantly, Jamar and his teammates have proven to be outstanding members of the community and their collective off-field efforts have played a vital role in the success our organization has enjoyed during our inaugural campaign."

Beasley finished the 2006-07 regular season on top of the MISL's PUMA scoring champions leaderboard while tallying five 3-point goals, 35 two-point goals, and 22 assists for 107 points.

The four-year veteran also received his first-ever selection as a member of the All-MISL First Team for his performance with the MISL expansion and regular season champion Ignition.

Detroit will kick-off its semi-final series at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Milwaukee Wave before returning home on Sunday to face the Wave again in Game Two and Three (if necessary) at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

The Ignition-Wave contest in Milwaukee on Saturday will be broadcast nationally, live on VERSUS Network. Sunday's game time is in Michigan slated for 4:35 pm and will be broadcast live on Comcast Local.

Tickets to both the MISL semifinal on April 15 and the MISL championship are on sale now and available at the arena box office, by calling 1-888-436-GOAL, along with all Ticketmaster locations.

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The pocket for right-handers is between the one- and three-pin, for lefties, between the one- and two-pin.

Just hitting the pocket does not guarantee a strike, just as some off-pocket hits will carry all 10 pins sometimes.

There are many variables in how a bowling ball is delivered. Some of the factors include speed, angle of entry to the pocket, and how much traction the ball has when it hits the pins.

The lane conditions also are a significant factor. A straight ball will not usually carry as



Ten-Pin Alley

Al Harrison

often as a ball that has a good hooking track mainly due to the deflection upon impact.

Some bowlers try to get too much hook and lose their accuracy as a consequence.

Let's look at a typical bowler as he or she starts their game.

Everyone tries to get a strike in the first frame. Without that first strike, there is no thought of 300 for that game. Put yourself in that position as you read this. You are ready to start your game and feel confident in your ability to strike.

As soon as you release the ball, you know that you made a good shot, and sure enough, a perfect pocket hit and all 10 pins are down.

You repeat this in the second and third frames, still too soon to think about 300, so your mind-set should be just on winning the game.

In the fourth frame, you became too anxious and pulled the shot to the inside, but hit the opposite pocket and got lucky, carried a Brooklyn strike, which makes four in a row. And no mistake in the fifth, a nice delivery results in a solid strike, and again in the sixth, seventh and eighth

frames, the thought of a 300 game now enters your mind and as you step up on the approach, others stop to watch.

Are you nervous?

Maybe a bit as you go after number nine, for this is a key shot. You throw it and hope for the best, hit the pocket, but it looks like the 10-pin is still standing, but lady luck is still with you and one of the other pins becomes a messenger.

It rolls across and takes out the 10-pin just before the rack comes down. Now for the moment to remember. This is the 10th frame, all the other bowlers have stopped to watch. And even if you have nerves of steel, you "feel it."

You deliver the 10th ball and get another strike.

Your legs feel like rubber now, but you are on a roll and sure enough you somehow were able to throw a pretty good ball for the eleventh strike.

At this point you are telling yourself to make a good shot and hit your spot. A nine-count would only be 299, you want all 10 pins for sure.

All eyes are focused on you as you deliver the ball. It rolls toward the pins, hits the pocket, splatters the pins and they all fall down.

What a feeling of elation and relief, you did it and there is an air of excitement in the house as you get those congratulatory "high-fives" from friends and foes alike.

But now you wake up and it

was only a dream.

■ Congratulations are in order for Livonia's Chuck Dobrick and Belleville's John Ruggiero as each posted 300 games in the Mayflower Wednesday Senior Men's Classic during the past two weeks, bringing the total league number to 11 perfect games. Not bad for a group of seniors ages 55 and up.

Thirteen-year-old Jason Rockwell of Westland carried the first 11 strikes in the Coca Cola Youth League at Westland Bowl.

His dad and older brother, Josh, were there cheering him on.

The rack was delayed by a malfunction, so Jason turned around and saw the whole crowd watching him as he was nervous enough already.

The last ball went high and left the 3-6-10 pins for a 297 game.

It was still a great score, and it was for real, not just a dream.

Westland Bowl did feature 300 games recently by Bill Flack and Chris Don, both of Livonia, and David Finkel of Westland.

At Vision Lanes in Westland, there were perfect games bowled by Jeremy Brady, Dan Maliszewski, Joe Chambers and Jason Johnson.

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Fournier's OT goal puts Whalers in driver's seat

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Using a swing that would have made Barry Bonds proud, Plymouth Whalers center Andrew Fournier all but knocked Kitchener's Ontario Hockey League playoff hopes out of the ballpark Tuesday night.

Just 42 seconds into overtime of Game 3 of the OHL's Western Conference semifinals, Fournier assumed a left-handed baseball stance in the left faceoff circle then swatted an airborne puck over the left shoulder of Ranger goalie John Murray and into the top corner of the net to give the Whalers an electrifying 5-4 victory and, more importantly, a commanding 3-0 lead in the series.

The game was played before 3,542 spectators at the Compuware Sports Arena, which will host Game 5 - if necessary - Friday at 7:05 p.m. Game 4 was set for Wednesday in Kitchener.

The Rangers, who played perhaps their most complete game of the series, couldn't have been more stunned if they would have been hit over the collective head with a giant Louisville Slugger.

"I used to play baseball when I was younger, but I was more of a catcher than a hitter," revealed Fournier, smiling. "Joe McCann shot the puck, it bounced off Tommy (Sestito) and another guy and I just had to wait for it to come down

Neuvirth saves day in Whalers' road victory

All season long, Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci has been alternating goaltenders Michal Neuvirth and Jeremy Smith with excellent results.

Through the first five games in the 2007 playoffs, Neuvirth played in all Plymouth home games while Smith played on the road.

That changed Sunday night as Neuvirth stopped 45-of-47 Ranger shots as the game's first star to back-stop the Whalers to a 3-2

victory before 5,857 at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.

Plymouth took the best-of-seven Western Conference Semifinal series, 2-0.

Chris Terry (second of the playoffs), James Neal (7) and Daniel Ryder (5) scored for Plymouth, who built a 3-0 lead midway through the second period.

Justin Azevedo (4) and Victor Oreskovich (2) scored for Kitchener, both on the power play.

past the crossbar so that it wouldn't be high-sticking.

"It was probably the luckiest shot of my life, but I'll take it."

So will Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci, whose team is now just one win away from advancing to the Western Conference finals against the winner of the London-Sault Ste. Marie series.

"Andrew's been working very hard," said Vellucci. "He got robbed in our last game against Kitchener and I told him he was going to get one if just kept working. He really came through tonight."

Fournier's incredible goal gave the Whalers their only lead of the night in a game that see-sawed back and forth like a

game of full-contact ping pong.

Kitchener rookie defenseman Dan Kelly's first OHL goal with 9:30 left in the first period set off the back-and-forth scoring sequence that ended with Fournier's top-shelf net-finder. The teams were never separated by more than one goal the entire night, which was predictable considering both of the first two games were decided by one goal.

"We just kept fighting back every time they scored," said Fournier. "Game four is always the toughest one to win and we know nothing is going to be easy. We're going to have to battle just as hard - or harder - as we did tonight."

Starting for the third

straight game, Plymouth goalie Michal Neuvirth stopped 31 shots. The Washington Capitals draftee had shared the starting goal-tending duties with Jeremy Smith throughout the regular season and the first round of the playoffs, but he's monopolized the crease thus far against the Rangers.

"Michal deserves to be in there right now - he's earned it," said Vellucci. "Smitty understands. He's not necessarily happy he's not playing, but he understands. He knows he's only 17 years old and that he'll get his chance."

Five minutes after Kelly's ice-breaking goal, Tom Sestito knotted the game at 1-1 when he flipped a knuckleball-like shot past Murray from just inside the blue line. Fournier and Brett Bellemore assisted.

Kitchener regained the lead, 2-1, 45 seconds before the first intermission when Matt Halischuk light the lamp. The Whalers answered with just 2.9 left in the period on Daniel Ryder's goal from Chris Terry.

Kitchener leading-scorer Steve Downie gave the Rangers a short-lived 3-2 advantage with a goal 2:37 into the second stanza. But Evan Brophy evened it up at 3-3 48 seconds later with a goal assisted by James Neal and Jared Boll.

Downie's second goal of the night with 8:18 left in the second made it 4-3, but Terry beat Murray at the 6:44 mark of the second to deadlock the score at 4-4.

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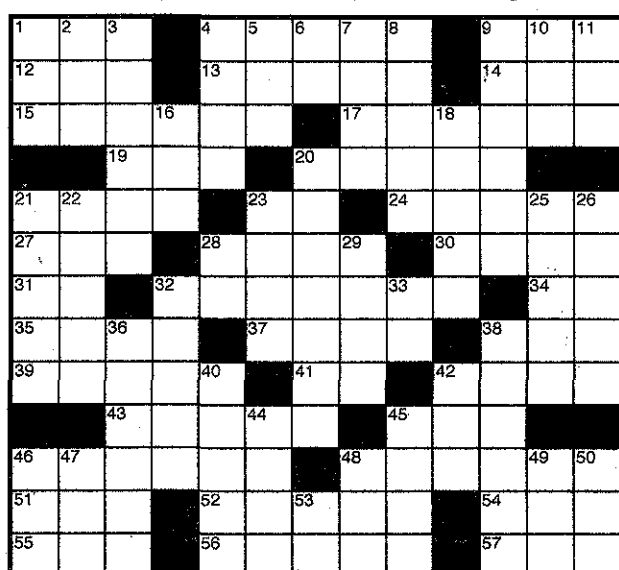
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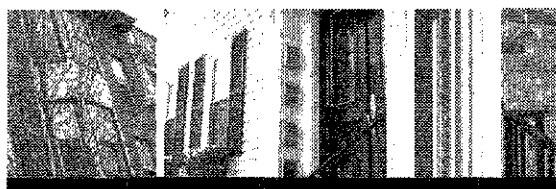
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