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## Mother accused of dumping newborn in garage

BY DARRELL CLEM  
 STAFF WRITER

A 27-year-old Westland woman delivered her own baby at home, put it in a garbage bag, walked to the garage as she bled and placed the newborn boy on the floor to die, according to police. Miraculously, the baby lived. The plot unfolded like a heartbreaking movie of the week, like a tragic incident that happens somewhere far away — not here, not in this quiet neighborhood on the city's northwest side. Sadly, authorities say, it did happen here, on an otherwise typical spring day near Joy and Hix roads. Wednesday afternoon, the child's mother,

Valeeka Noelle Gartrell, was in the Wayne County Jail on charges of assault with intent to murder and first-degree child abuse. Her bond: \$100,000 cash. She could face life in prison, or lesser penalties, if convicted. Westland 18th District Court Magistrate Donald Vandersloot entered a not-guilty plea for the mother as she awaits a May 3 hearing that will determine whether she should stand trial. It wasn't a secret that Gartrell, who also has a 3-year-old daughter, was pregnant, police Sgt. Chris Benson said. She lived with her mother and stepfather, and they knew. "Everyone knew she was pregnant and due to deliver at the end of April," Benson said.

"Everyone was good with that." Police believe that Gartrell delivered her baby about 11 a.m. Monday, put it in a garbage bag, tied it up and placed in on the garage floor. Two hours later, she woke her mother, who works nights and was sleeping. "She comes in, wakes her mother and says she's bleeding," Benson said. Her parents took her to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, fearing that Gartrell may be having complications from her pregnancy, Benson said. "The staff checks her out, only to find that she is no longer carrying the baby and she has recently delivered," the detective said. While Gartrell's mother remained at the hospi-

tal, her stepfather and another relative returned to the home to search for the baby. "They hear crying and find the child in the garage in a garbage bag, on a floor by a wall," Benson said. Authorities had no real theories why this mother would be accused of such a crime. "I can't even imagine," Benson said. "The family was all completely shocked. She never gave an indication she didn't want the baby or that she wanted to terminate the pregnancy." Gartrell is accused of making conflicting statements to police — none of them reliable, Benson said.

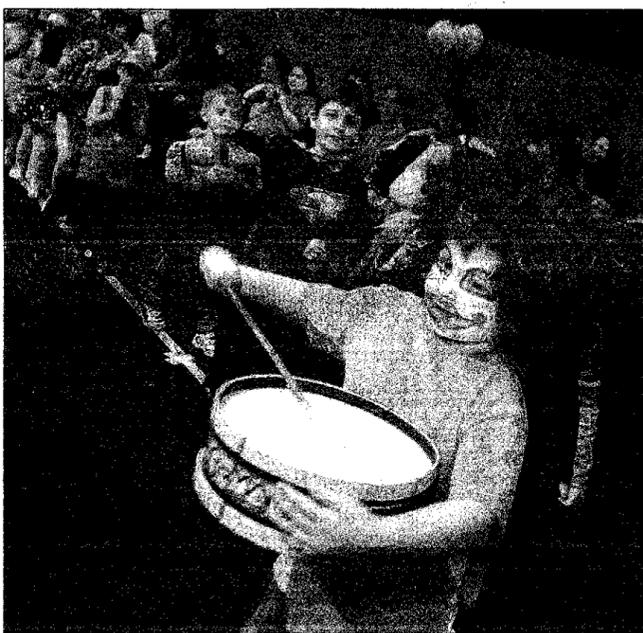
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## 'We saw a need ...'

Preschool celebrates 33 years of readying tots for kindergarten

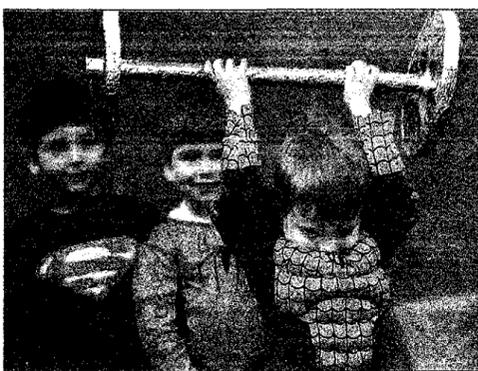
BY DARRELL CLEM  
 STAFF WRITER

A giraffe, a monkey, clowns and dancing princesses smiled and paraded around the room. Superman and Spider-Man even showed up for this circus, performed by costumed children who attend Westland Free Methodist Church's preschool. Parents clicked their cameras, and sitting in the audience last week was Carol Ferguson, who founded the preschool 33 years ago with Gertrude Ostrander. "It's wonderful," Ferguson said, when asked to describe how it felt to return to the preschool, on Venoy south of Avondale. Children ages 3 and 4 walked across a low-rise balance beam, maneuvered up a wooden incline, jumped onto a mat, rolled and tumbled, and lifted Styrofoam barbells — anything for applause. The circus marked just one special preschool activity this year for preschoolers who come from Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Canton. Other events included a pajama party, a teddy bear picnic, a Christmas celebration and a graduation ceremony for those moving on to kindergarten. "We also have academic and developmental activities to help them prepare for kindergarten," preschool director Sherry Tenorio said. The preschool had just four students when Ferguson and Ostrander started it in fall 1974. Enrollment gradually increased and now is typically 50-60 children. "We saw a need because so many mothers had to go back to work," Ferguson said. The state-licensed preschool became an integral part of Westland Free Methodist Church, although families don't have to be church members to enroll their children. "It has been a blessing to so many families in the church and the community," the Rev. Randy Bennett said. Brianna Jefferson, 4, said she likes attending the preschool. "I like to play, and I like to learn about animals," she said. Before last week's circus started, Tenorio pulled Ferguson to the front of the room, where she was given a bouquet of flowers and told that she will be welcomed in heaven. Ferguson beamed as she returned to her seat in the audience, proud to have



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Samuel Harroun, 4, leads a circus parade at Westland Free Methodist Preschool.



Preschooler Zane Christe of Garden City, dressed as Spider-man, lifts a Styrofoam-and-foil barbell as another Spider-man, Gage Deneweth, and Superman Blake Graves, both of Westland, wait their turn during the preschool circus.

started a preschool that has survived 33 years. The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is accepting youngsters for the 2007-08 school year. Parents are invited to an open house and family fun night from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 30. Activities will include tours, snacks, a video titled *Moe & the Big Exit*, Western-themed photos, and bouncing balls for each child. Classes for 4-year-old pupils are

from 9:15-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Sessions for 3-year-olds are from 9:15-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Optional Friday classes are offered from 9:15-11:30 a.m. Enrollment fees are \$40 before June 1 and \$50 after that. Tuition is \$810 a year, or nine payments of \$90 each. Friday class tuition is \$40 a month starting in October. For more information, call (734) 728-3559.

## Team petitions board to keep longtime coach

BY SUE MASON  
 STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy stopped short of promising John Glenn High School cheerleaders that their coach would be returned to her position, but did tell the squad that his administration "will work with you to try and make it happen." Baracy's comments came as cheerleaders and their parents tearfully pleaded to revoke a decision to terminate Cheryl DeLuca who has been the high school's cheerleading coach for 21 years. "We're proud to have Cheryl DeLuca as coach and to see this happen to her is an atrocity to her," said Kim Heath, president of Booster Club. "None of these

girls want to see this happen." DeLuca is a full-time elementary media specialist clerk who coached students after her normal work schedule. According to Baracy, a provision in the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 requires employees receive overtime pay for hours worked in excess of 40 hours a work week. Up until now, DeLuca has worked as a coach under a contract rider.

### LEGAL ISSUE

Baracy said the district became aware of the provision last fall as the result of litigation. In light of the court case, keeping DeLuca on and paying her overtime was something the district couldn't

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## Spann: Educational experience is plus

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



Spann

T. Cortez Spann Jr. is well aware of the state's financial difficulties and the effect it is having on local school districts and believes he has the experience to help the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The principal of the Academy of Oak Park — Whitcomb Campus in Detroit, Spann is making his second bid for a seat on the school board in the May 8 election. He first bid for a seat was about 15 years ago, he said.

"The board of Education of Wayne-Westland must have someone who has the certification and who is authorized in education to ask the important questions concerning our children's education," the Wayne resident said. "I feel that I can make a contribution to the district with my 30 years of experience in education as a certified teacher and administrator."

Spann has a bachelor of science degree in elementary

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### Coming Sunday



All-area prep winter sports special section

# Franklin players perform 'Charlie Brown'

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Forty years later, the Peanuts gang is still at it.

Snoopy daydreams atop his dog house. Linus can't give up his blue blanket. Lucy punches him — hard sometimes. Charlie Brown is still working up the nerve to talk to the Little Red-Haired Girl, and everybody gets Valentine's cards but him.

Good grief! Franklin Players put on the fun musical *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, Friday and Saturday at Franklin High School. The show made its off-Broadway premier in 1967. Four of six roles were double cast, Linus and Snoopy being the exceptions.

Alex Quint was perfect for the role of Linus, said director Marilee Olsen. "I have the same personality as Linus," Quint said. "Linus is very philosophical."

It didn't take much prodding to find out what happened to his security blanket.

"My parents gave my sister my blanket," he said. Alex was 5. Emily was 2.

He said she still has it. "She claims it was hers."

Eric James, who plays Snoopy, is acting in his first show. His favorite song is "Supper Time."

"It's kind of upbeat. I get to dance however I want," said James, a sophomore who took gymnastics as a child. "It gives me a chance to make people in the audience laugh."

Charlie Brown is played by Justin Jaroh and David Roy. Jaroh, a wrestler, only tried out after an injury sidelined him. He had one line in *Guys and Dolls* last year. Roy, a sophomore, is acting in his first production.

Both girls who play Lucy, Christine Day and Emily Kramer, say they like to play the



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Franklin senior Justin Jaroh plays Charlie Brown during a rehearsal for the school's production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

sassy character, but only one really winds up when she unites her fingers to form a fist to pound Linus.

"Alex and I are close in real life," Day said, which makes it easier to portray a brother-sister duo. "(Kramer's) afraid to hit him."

The original Patty — described as "more girly" than Peppermint Patty, who came later — is played by Meagan Buchler and Amanda Thomas. Patty wants to be everybody's friend, but spouts off "random" lines, the girls said.

Neither of the guys who play Schroeder is a piano player in real life. They are Ryan Fairchild and Kevin Crouson.

The rest of the crew includes student direc-

tor Hannah Taubitz, Maribeth Olsen on lights, LaToya Letmann on curtains, spotlights by Dayna Zanger and Matt Koehler and stage manager Christopher Cole.

In addition to directing, Olsen, accompanies the actors on piano.

"Bring your kids. Bring your grandparents," Olsen said. The musical has a deep side to it and it's comedic, she said. "It's really fun."

*You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 28 at Franklin. Tickets are \$5.

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# GC man faces trial in purse snatching case

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Garden City man who has had a suspended driver's license for 20 years has been ordered to stand trial for stealing a woman's purse outside a Westland grocery store and leading police on a high-speed chase.

Charles Casey McDonald, 38, was merely a teenager when he started having repeated run-ins with police that led to him losing his driving privileges.

Now, he could face the biggest trouble of his life, including a possible 10-year prison term.

McDonald was ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he gave up his right to a preliminary hearing last Thursday in front of Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

He is charged in an incident that police say started around 8:10 p.m. Saturday, April 7, outside the Farmer Jack store on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Merriman, said Westland Police Officer Patrick Corby.

A 26-year-old woman told police she was putting her child in her car when a man jumped out of his minivan, grabbed her purse out of a grocery cart and drove off.

The victim trailed the 2000 Plymouth Voyager long enough

to obtain critical information that she passed on to police.

Another Westland officer, David Dinsmore, saw the minivan near Henry Ruff and Avondale and began a pursuit that lasted 14 minutes. The chase ended when the suspect hit a tree at Cherry Hill and Harrison in Garden City, Corby has said.

McDonald is accused of reaching speeds of 50 miles per hour in residential areas and 90-plus miles per hour along main roads as he fled officers from Westland, Garden City, Inkster and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

McDonald was treated for minor injuries and ultimately charged with larceny from a person, fleeing and eluding, resisting and obstructing police officers, and driving with a suspended license, Corby has said.

During an April 10 arraignment, Bokos entered a not-guilty plea for McDonald and set a \$100,000 cash bond. The defendant's decision to waive his hearing last Thursday meant that he was automatically bound over for trial in the higher court.

McDonald has had a suspended license since 1987, according to Corby. Prior convictions include multiple times of driving without a license, domestic violence and driving drunk.

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## CORRECTION

In the March 22 edition of Hometownlife.com, the story *Turnt Over a New Leaf* featured Tea Director Laura Klein of The Townsend Hotel and Tea Expert Denise Whipple of Traveling Tea Time. For more information on these services, call the hotel at (248) 647-2196 or contact Traveling Tea Time by calling (248) 625-8911 or visiting the Web at www.travelingteatime.com.

## GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 6000 MIDDLEBELT GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

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1995 Pontiac Grand AM	2 DR	1G2NE15M7SM538042

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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY CITY OF WESTLAND STREET PAVING DISTRICT 2006-P-2

TO THE OWNERS OF  
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### EXHIBIT "B"

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043-02-0214-000	120
043-02-0215-001	60
043-02-0215-002	60
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043-02-0216-003	40
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043-02-0218-303	6
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043-99-0005-701	97
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043-99-0006-000	97
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043-99-0011-000	133
043-99-0012-701	130
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Westland has tentatively determined to proceed with the making of a certain improvement described as follows:

### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET PAVING EXHIBIT "A"

Construction will consist of twenty-seven (27') wide pavement, with concrete curb and gutter, three-inch (3") bituminous pavement (asphalt) with adequate base and drain appurtenances to serve the paving of:

Florence Street from Wayne Road to Christine Street

Plans, cost estimates, and a report explaining said improvement have been prepared and are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

The above listed properties have been tentatively designated as a special assess district, against which all or a part of the cost of said improvements may be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on the 7th day of May, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. o'clock in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS at the WESTLAND CITY HALL for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed improvements, particularly with respect to the question of necessity therefore and the establishment of a special assessment district to pay all or a part of the cost thereof.

EILEEN DeHART, City Clerk  
City of Westland

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# Council resumes budget talks

The Westland City Council will continue discussing Mayor William Wild's proposed budget during a series of meetings that will resume at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, at City Hall.

That night, the council will discuss the following programs and departments — youth assistance; senior resources; economic development; planning/planning commission; clerk/elections, including fire and police civil service and zoning appeals board; and personnel, including general civil service.

The next round of talks at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, will focus on the library; executive/mayor's office; legislative/city council; and finance, including City Hall and grounds, general government; and police and fire retirement board. There also will be a final budget overview that evening.

City President Charles Pickering has said his goal is to have the budget sessions finished by May 14. The council is expected to approve a budget at its June 4 meeting.



## CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MAY 7, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on May 7, 2007 at 7:28 p.m. regarding the proposed Salary Ordinance for the Police Officers Association of Michigan-Dispatch Unit (POAM):

### PROPOSED ORDINANCE # A-07-005

The City Council of the City of Garden City, in accordance with the City Charter and Labor Negotiations between it and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (Dispatchers Unit), hereby adopts and establishes the following salaries for its employees for the period April 17, 2007 through June 30, 2011.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

### SALARY ORDINANCE: POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (Dispatchers Unit).

Effective July 1, 2007

Employee	Start	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS
Comms.				
Dispatcher Coord.				\$42,966
Clerk-Secretary	\$29,938	\$32,302	\$33,575	\$38,532
Dispatcher	\$32,321	\$35,272	\$36,592	\$39,060

Effective July 1, 2008

Employee	Start	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS
Comms.				
Dispatcher Coord.				\$45,114
Clerk-Secretary	\$31,435	\$33,917	\$35,254	\$40,459
Dispatcher	\$34,462	\$37,036	\$38,422	\$41,013

Effective July 1, 2009

Employee	Start	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS
Comms.				
Dispatcher Coord.				\$47,370
Clerk-Secretary	\$33,007	\$35,613	\$37,016	\$42,482
Dispatcher	\$36,185	\$38,887	\$40,343	\$43,064

Effective July 1, 2010

Employee	Start	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS
Comms.				
Dispatcher Coord.				\$49,739
Clerk-Secretary	\$34,657	\$37,394	\$38,867	\$44,606
Dispatcher	\$37,994	\$40,832	\$42,360	\$45,217

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# 'Music men' share skills outside of school

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

They're two familiar faces around Westland and Garden City - Scott Cramer, the band director at John Glenn High School, and Diran Kochyan, band director at Garden City Middle and High schools.

You'll see them directing their respective bands and orchestras on the field and at concerts in the two communities.

But you can also find the two men together on stage when the Novi Concert Band performs. Cramer is the group's director, while Kochyan is the assistant director and plays first clarinet.

"We get along really well," said Kochyan, who kept asking Cramer if he was interested in directing after the band's long-time director retired more than a year ago. "Scott fits in well with the band."

According to Kochyan, Cramer was one of five-six candidates who were invited to rehearse a selection with the band. The number of candidates was cut to three and they were invited to direct selections at the band's Christmas concert. After the concert, the band members voted on who they wanted as director.

"I remember Diran called and said, 'I got bad news, you got the job,'" Cramer said.

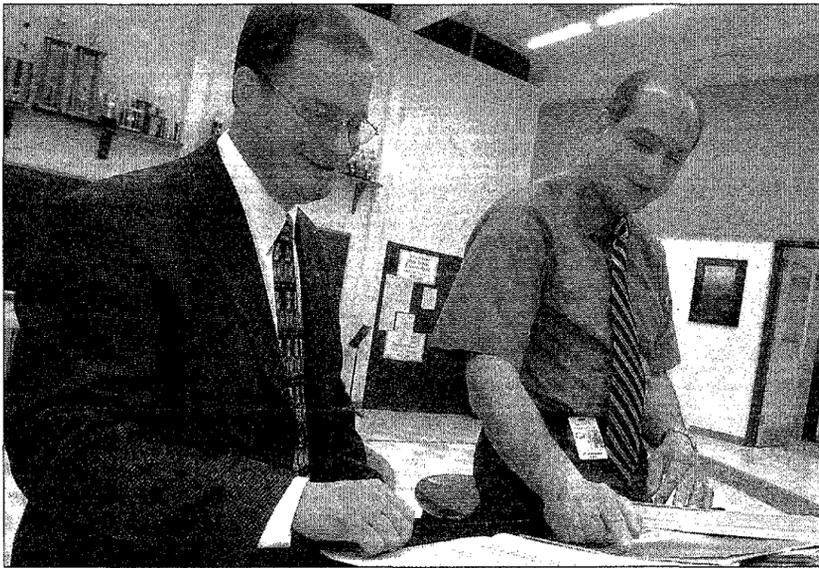
Kochyan is the veteran of the band. He's been a member for 13 years. In addition to playing an instrument, he also filled in as director until Cramer took over.

Cramer is the newcomer, signing on last fall as director, but he's known about the band 11-12 years.

"My wife saw an ad for performers and joined," he said.

The band has more than 50 members ranging in age from teens to the 80s, musicians who want to stay involved with their instruments. They rehearse at Novi High School on Tuesday evenings and present their concerts at the Novi Civic Center.

As director, Cramer comes up with the musical content for the band's subscription series of four-



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They're known around the area for their work with high school bands, but Scott Cramer and Diran Kochyan also are director and assistant director of the Novi Concert Band.

## JAZZY GOOD TIME

The Novi Concert Band's spring concert will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi.

For more information, visit the band's Web site at [www.noviconcertband.org](http://www.noviconcertband.org).

For information on having the band perform, send an e-mail to [contactus@noviconcertband.org](mailto:contactus@noviconcertband.org).

crowd," said Cramer who has his master's in music in conducting and bachelor of music degree in music education, both from Western Michigan University. "The program is the key to your success as a director."

"We're trying to get a repertoire so we don't play the same 12 songs. We don't want repeats because we have people who follow us around."

While Kochyan leaves the directing to Cramer, he's more than willing to step up and fill in when there's a scheduling conflict or an illness. Having Kochyan there to take over helps avoid canceling rehearsals, Cramer said.

"I became ill before the December concert and he stepped up," said Cramer.

"We all stepped up because we have different styles," Kochyan added. "They had to watch. It wasn't as hard on me as it was on the musicians. And the second clarinetist had to step up and do my job."

five concerts during the fall, winter and spring and performances at its appearances in summer concerts series in Northville, Milford, Westland and Novi and at the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills.

"Usually I come up with a them for the performances. You have to find the right niche for

For now, the band is working around spring break and Cramer's school trip to Walt Disney World to prepare for the April 29 concert. The theme will be jazz and will feature Ray Charles' *April in Paris* and music by Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and George Gershwin.

# Project 180 reaches out to WW parents

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

What started as a project to help parents and children living in the Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln Elementary attendance areas has "taken on a life of its own."

That's the opinion of its originator, Wayne-Westland school board President Frederick Weaver who three years ago introduced the school community to Project 180.

"It started as a board project to reach parents and has become an interschool process to reach parents," he said. "And we're getting more and more parents."

The latest installment of Project 180 will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Franklin Middle School, 33555 Annapolis south of Venoy in Wayne. It's free of charge and offers sessions covering a variety of topics of interest to parents with children in elementary through high school.

Parents can sign up for three informational sessions. Topics like keeping kids safe on the Internet, grandparents raising their grandchildren, working with children diagnosed with ADD/ADHD and funding a child's college education will be

among the sessions available for parents to attend.

There are also sessions on bullying, positive discipline strategies, working with a talented and gifted child, developing fun and healthy eating habits, special education, and two sessions for parents of children entering middle school and high school.

Facing having the "talk" with a child, parents can get some pointers in a session dubbed "The Birds and the Bees: How to Talk to My Child."

This year's Project 180 also will offer activities for the kids and food as well as prizes and free child care for children ages 5-10.

The event is being sponsored by the school district's Family Resource Center and parent liaisons in collaboration with the Wayne-Westland school board.

Held in October 2004, the original Project 180 was designed to help parents in the Norwayne area stay put, find work and keep children in the classroom. It included food and activities for the children, and several employers were there with employment applications. Wings of Compassion also passed out 30-pound boxes of food to the families present.

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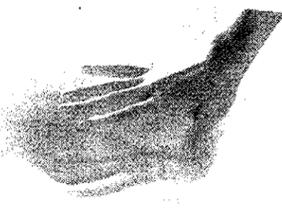
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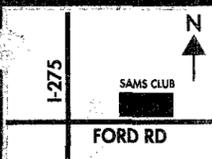

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# Detroit man injured in Hines Drive crash

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A head-on collision early Tuesday in Westland ended with a Detroit man being airlifted to University of Michigan Hospital and a Livonia man being ticketed for driving drunk.

The accident happened just before 3:30 a.m. Tuesday on Hines Drive a half-mile west of Merriman, police Officer Jack McIntosh said.

In an unexpected twist, a police investigation found that it wasn't the drunken driver who caused the crash.

A 27-year-old Detroit man in a 1989 Toyota was driving east on a partially curved area of Hines Drive when he crossed the center line, McIntosh said. His car crashed into a 2005 Ford Explorer being driven west by a 40-year-old Livonia man.

Although the Livonia man was driving drunk, McIntosh said, "he

wasn't at fault" in the accident.

As of Wednesday morning, police hadn't determined why the Detroit man crossed the center line, although authorities said he wasn't driving drunk. He will, however, face a court appearance for careless driving and being behind the wheel without having a driver's license and insurance.

The Detroit man sustained injuries including blunt trauma to the chest, and he was flown by medical helicopter to U-M Hospital.

Authorities initially believed the Detroit driver's injuries to be more serious than they actually were, and he was listed in good condition Wednesday at the hospital, McIntosh said.

It wasn't the first time the Livonia man has faced an alcohol-related driving offense, although McIntosh said the last time was about 10 years ago.

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# Hazardous waste dropoff set

It's time to do some spring cleaning and take advantage of a chance to safely dispose of unwanted hazardous household products.

The annual household hazardous waste drop-off program sponsored by the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Garden City's City Park, located at Cherry Hill and Merriman. Use the Merriman entrance for the drop-off program.

This is the third year the event has been held at City Park - in 2006 a record 924 vehicles were

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Expanding the program from prior years, for the first time CWCSA will be accepting electronic waste, including computer monitors, CPUs, keyboards, mouse devices, printers, copiers, fax machines and cell phones.

This collection is free and limited to residents of the five CWCSA member communities - Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Wayne, and Westland.

For more information, call (734) 722-9980, Ext. 13 by 3 p.m. Friday, April 27. The office will be closed Saturday.

# NEWBORN

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"As far as we know, she had a natural birth," he said.

The newborn boy was still at St. Mary Mercy Hospital on Wednesday afternoon.

"The baby is in good condition," said Julie Sproul, vice president of marketing and public relations. "We're very relieved."

Sproul praised the hospital

staff for doing "an extraordinary job" in helping the baby and the family.

The baby and Gartrell's 3-year-old daughter will be referred to the state's Child Protective Services, Benson said. The newborn is expected to be released from the hospital Thursday. Gartrell had arrived at the hospital about 1:45 p.m. Monday. Her family members and the hospital later contacted the police in separate phone calls, Benson said.

Gartrell had no record of regular prenatal care, Benson said, although she had been seen previously by a doctor. She had no known history of mental illness, Benson said.

Gartrell has told police that the same man was the father of both her children, "but he wasn't involved in their lives," Benson said.

As tragic as the circumstances, both Benson and Sproul said the mother could have avoided criminal charges

had she simply turned her baby over to caring hands.

Under a so-called Safe Haven law, Gartrell could have taken the child to a hospital, a fire department or a police station, Benson said.

Sproul confirmed that Gartrell or any family member could have brought the baby to St. Mary Hospital and turned it over to any employee "without fear of reprisal."

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**SPANN**

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education and science from Morris College in South Carolina, a master of arts degree in social science and counseling from Antioch College in Ohio and a doctoral degree in education and school administration from the University of Michigan as well as a master of divinity degree from Payne Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Spann has taught in the Detroit Public Schools, was an assistant principal at Snider High School in Fort Wayne, Ind., and principal at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor. He also has been a professor, counselor and faculty adviser at Ferris State University, a head resident counselor at Wilberforce University and local college representative for minority students, You Can Be Somebody, at Wilberforce, the University of Dayton and Morris College. He also is pastor and founding adminis-

trator of the Church of the Covenant and the T.C. Spann Bible Institute.

Spann has received numerous awards for his work with young people, the most recent from the University of Maryland.

Married, he and his wife Ann have six children.

According to Spann, the role of the school board in public education is to "watch, observe, guard, protect, be mentally alert and be in charge."

"The board must have a plan of action that will watch over the Michigan framework of the Michigan Department of Education," he stated in response to the *Observer's* questions. "The board should believe that efforts to set clean, common, state and/or community based academic standards for students in a given school district or state are necessary to improve student performance. It should be the view of each board member at a certain point in the schooling of our children to be proficient in specific academic areas."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is asking school

districts to find ways to share services and save money, and, according to Spann, that's good.

He stated that school districts within a region could use the same buildings and teachers, shared and shared alike, and the same funds.

"The school board should review the curriculum in other regions to see if there can be four weeks there and four weeks back in their home school," he stated. "There must be accountability and funding review of these regions."

When asked about the state's new high school curriculum, Spann stated that the "big question is that after high school, what can our students do, if they don't go to college?"

"Our children must have more than just a curriculum, what about a job?" he stated. "What skills do our children have when they complete high school? It is our responsibility to seek new approaches to help our children after high school. We must have programs that will help the

child in 10th-12th grades to have a career in business and technology which will be the foundation for the management support component and the accounting/finance support component."

When asked what one thing she would change about public education, if she could, Spann preparing students for life after high school.

"The world in which our children will be working as they exit high school is an exceedingly different world than the one for which we are presently preparing them," he stated. "The society which our children will walk into holds different characteristics from the Big Three and industrial society for which existing education programs are designed."

Spann stated that the immediate future represents a challenge for educators.

"We will have the opportunity to build on the historic strength already inherent in our education programs and demonstrate that we are on the leading edge of educational reform," he stated.

**WOW scholarship**

The Women of Westland are currently accepting applications for the organization's Barbara Douglas Scholarship.

The scholarship is available to women who live or work in Westland and are at least 21 years old. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded for undergraduate study.

Applicants will be judged on academic performance, educational goals, leadership and need as well as the age and residency requirements. More information is available online at [www.womenofwestland.com](http://www.womenofwestland.com).

Applicants also can send a letter to the WOW Scholarship Committee.

The deadline for applications is June 10, 2007, and should be submitted to Maria Mitter, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland, MI 48186.

**REVISED CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY CITY OF WESTLAND STREET PAVING DISTRICT 2006-P-1**

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

**EXHIBIT 'B'**

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Columbia Street from Harvey east to the dead end.

Plans, cost estimates, and a report explaining said improvement have been prepared and are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

The above listed properties have been tentatively designated as a special assess district, against which all or a part of the cost of said improvements may be assessed.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the City Council will meet on the 7th day of May, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. o'clock in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS** at the **WESTLAND CITY HALL** for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed improvements, particularly with respect to the question of necessity therefore and the establishment of a special assessment district to pay all or a part of the cost thereof.

EILEEN DeHART, City Clerk  
City of Westland

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**COACH**

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afford to do, he said.

"It was something we weren't aware of until it was brought to our attention," he said. "We would be negligent to keep on doing this, but we will meet and talk about a possible resolution. There could be a sliver of opportunity here."

He added that due to a nuance in the law, the district will have to work with the Wayne-Westland Education Association to resolve the problem.

Heath, however, criticized the district for waiting until now to address the issue.

"As a representative of the cheerleading boosters board, I feel the program is in crisis," she said. "The program starts with tryout in May, then there's fund raising for camp, clothing and uniforms. This gets started

immediately after tryouts, but, unfortunately, we have had to cancel tryouts and the fund raising. Hopefully you can find a resolution so we won't see this program delayed."

DeLuca told the school board that losing the coaching position is like "cutting my right arm off."

"These girls are my girls, I've taught them teamwork, commitment and dedication, I have set enormous standards for them," she said. "As a result, this is one of the top GPA athletic groups at the high school."

She added that many options have been discussed and pressed the board for a one-year reprieve to find a solution.

"After 21 years, can I get a Band-Aid for a year to get a resolution?" she asked. "If in that time I don't get a resolution, I'll walk away. Give us a year to make it work."

**ROLE MODEL**

Many of those speaking in support of DeLuca were members of her team who talked

about the changes she has made in their lives. Many said they first met her as members of the Westland Youth Athletic Association's Comets cheerleading team.

"She's done much more than coach me, she has affected my life," one teen said. "I've known her for eight years and she's been a strong role model. I don't believe you can find another person who will dedicate the time like coach DeLuca."

Another team member told the board that DeLuca is the "backbone, spirit and driving force behind the team."

"If you take her away, you take away the dream for us as a team and as a family," she said.

Parents also joined their daughters at the podium, pointing out the positive influence DeLuca has had on the girls and urging school officials to keep DeLuca.

"If you let her slip away, you'll lose the most dedicated coach at John Glenn," one parent said. "We have 52 girls ready to go

elsewhere."

"You have a tremendous opportunity to give coach DeLuca her job back and continue a great program," another parent said. "I'm asking you to do what you can to correct a disastrous situation, I'm begging for the future of the John Glenn Rockets to allow coach DeLuca to stay."

Baracy and members of the school board urged DeLuca's supporters to contact their congressman to change the federal law.

"This is an opportunity for all of you, you have a lot more power than we do," Baracy said. "It's not my law and I'm not going to break it, but I'll work to change it."

"Even if we come up with a solution for next year, there is still a problem with the law," added board Vice President Terrance McClain. "We don't have the power to make the changes in the law, you do."

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Present: Godbout, Graundstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

120-Approved minutes of reg. mtg. held 4/2/07.  
-Approved req. VFW Post 3323 to hold poppy sale 5/10-5/12/07 @ intersections in the City.  
-Approved req. from American Legion Post 251 to hold poppy sale fundraiser 5/4-5/6/07 @ Wayne and Ford Rds.  
-Approved req. from North Brothers Ford to hold 5K Run/Walk on 5/19/07, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., Marquette & Carlson Roads.  
-Introduced Budget Amend. 2007-12; General Fund; amt. \$31,000.00.  
-Adopted Land Div. Res., Parcels 069-99-0005-001 & 0006-003, e. side of Merriman Rd., s. of Cherry Hill Rd.  
-Adopted Res. Marlee Woods, LLC Long-Term Maint. of Storm Water Mgmt. Syst. & Maint. Agrmt.  
-Introduced Ord. 248-A-59, rezone CB-3 & R-1 to PUD, Parcels 018-99-0014-000 & -0015-703, e. side of Newburg Rd., s. of Joy Rd., NW-15.  
-Introduced Ord. 223-C-1, setting video provider srvc. fees & approving uniform local video service franchise with Mich. Bell.  
-Declared emergency to waive normal procedure & introduce & adopt at the same mtg. due to 30-day deadline imposed by Public Act 480.  
c-Adopted Ord. 223-C-1 setting video provider service fees & approving a uniform local video service franchise with Mich. Bell.  
121-Approved rev. site plan for Brookfield PUD, parcel 059-99-0005-0021, 051-99-0054-701, and 702 and 0054-001, n. side of Cherry Hill Rd., w. of John Hix Rd., NW-18/SW-19.  
122-Approved req. for spec. land use. for new/used motorcycle sales, 6298 Executive Dr., n. side of Executive Dr., n. of Ford Road, e. of Hix Rd.  
123-Approved req. for spec. land use. for Paisano's Pizzeria, Twin Oaks Plaza, Parcels #028-01-0023-001, -0024-001, -0025-001 and -0025-002, n. side of Ford Rd., w. of Newburgh Rd.  
126-Approved Checklist: \$681,656.40 and Prepaid: \$1,444,454.98  
Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.  
Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

Charles W. Pickering  
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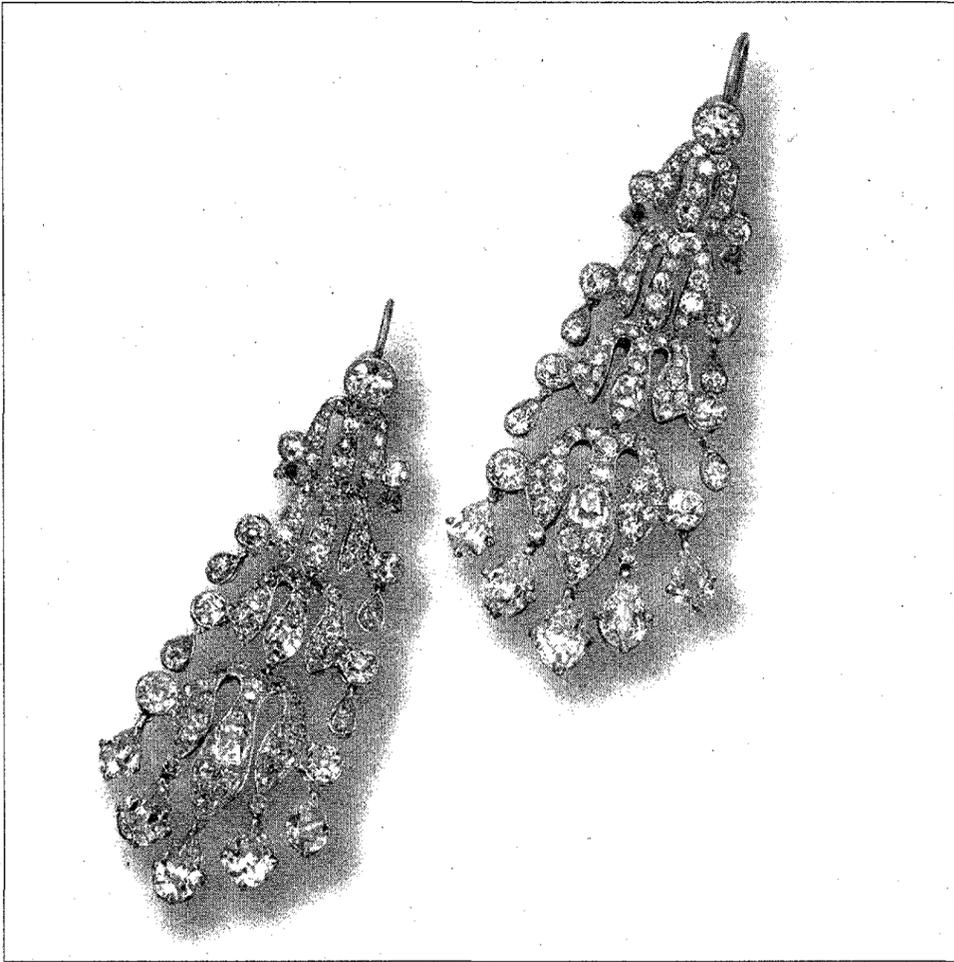
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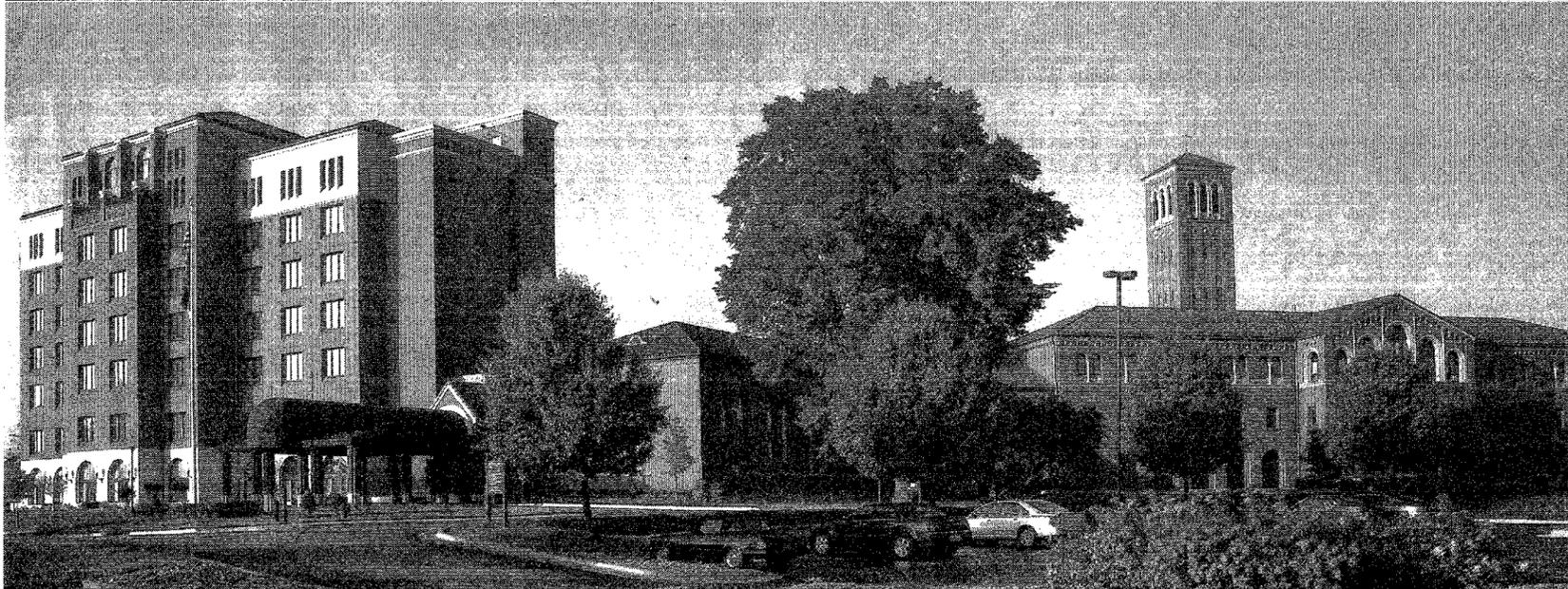
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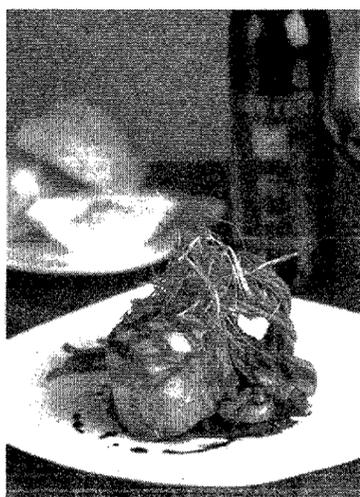
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## When planning for retirement, consider your individual needs

I recently gave a talk at the Home & Garden Show in Novi and was approached by a woman who was getting ready to retire and was concerned that she did not have enough assets. She was concerned because she did not have a million dollars and she was told that's what she needed to retire.

I asked her who told her she needed a million dollars and she said that's what she has heard. I have heard people say many times they need a million dollars to retire, however, I can never track down the source. I prefer to focus on whether you can afford to retire. As far as I am concerned, everyone needs to look at their situation individually so they can make an informed decision whether they can afford to retire and whether they are saving enough for retirement.

I have always stressed that retirement is a new concept in the history of mankind. It is not something that past generations had to worry about. Go back a mere 100 years and life expectancy was in the mid-fifties. Today, many of us are going to live more than 30 years in retirement and we will enjoy an active lifestyle.

Another change is when people first started thinking about retirement 50 to 60 years ago, it was assumed once you retire you can live on a fixed or a shrinking income. That's not the case today. In today's world, to have sufficient amounts of money to retire, you must have enough to have a rising income throughout your lifetime.

How do you figure out how much you should have to retire?

You need to look at what it costs to live a month. If you've never calculated that number, now is the time to do so. Look at your take-home pay and use that as a guide. For example, if your take-home pay is \$5,000 and from that money you are only saving \$500 a month, you know that your living expenses are approximately \$4,500 a month. From that number, you can make adjustments for retirement. As an example, if there is someone you are supporting (such as your children) that you will not be supporting in retirement, you can back off some of those expenses. In addition, if you no longer have a house payment, you can factor that into the equation. On the other hand, don't forget to factor in travel or other things in retirement that will increase your expenses.

Once you determine what it costs to live a month, back out what you will receive from Social Security and any pension. On a year-by-year basis on our birthdays, we receive a benefits estimate from Social Security. The number is fairly accurate.

Once you subtract out from living expenses, pension and Social Security, you are left with a monthly shortfall. To determine how much you need to cover that shortfall, multiply that number by 12 (for the yearly shortfall) and then multiply that number by 20 to 25. The number you calculate is the amount of investments that you will need to be able to retire and to have a rising income throughout your lifetime.

For example, if it costs you \$5,000 a month to live and you receive \$1,000 from Social Security and you have no pension, your shortfall is \$4,000 a



### Money Matters

Rick Bloom

month. That means that on a year-by-year basis you will need approximately \$48,000 from your investments to cover your living expenses. This means that you will need approximately \$960,000 to \$1,200,000 in investments to cover your shortfall. This assumes that on a year-by-year basis you will pull out 4 to 5 percent of your investments to cover your living expenses. I recognize that the 4 to 5 percent is a low figure. However, it does factor into the equation that you will need a rising income throughout your lifetime.

I believe no matter where you are in your stage of life, it is important to determine if you're on the right track in saving for retirement. I recognize that if you are just starting your career, the number that you will need seems unattainable, but it is not. If you are midway or even near the end of your career, it is important to be realistic as to where you

stand.

There are many financial calculators on the Internet that you can use to help you with your calculations. Vanguard, Charles Schwab and others all have excellent Web sites to help you make the calculation. The key is to be informed as to where you stand for retirement and not be surprised down the road.

I'm frequently asked whether one should factor into the equation future inheritances. No. I believe it is dangerous to depend upon inheritances that you have not yet received. Therefore, only in unusual situations will I factor inheritances into the equation.

The bottom line is that retirement is an issue that every one of us will hopefully face in the future. The key to enjoying retirement is to think about it now and take the appropriate actions to make sure that you can enjoy as long a retirement as your health allows.

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

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## OUR VIEWS

# Vote for Monit, Pitsenbarger

On Tuesday, May 8, residents in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will go to the polls to fill two four-year terms on the Board of Education.

The past few years, voter participation has been poor at best, partly due to the lack of candidates. This year is different, incumbents Martha Pitsenbarger and Skip Monit are facing Brian Mulligan Bhagwan Dhashairya and T. Cortez Spann Jr. in their bid for new four-year terms.

We believe candidates should have a strong understanding of the workings of and the issues facing the school district. The two candidates that do are **Martha Pitsenbarger** and **Skip Monit**.

Collectively, they have some 20 years of experience serving on the board. They've held a variety of board positions and served on many of its standing committees.

Monit came to the board after helping win voter approval in 1998 of a \$108 million bond issue that brought the district's schools into the 21st century. As a board member, he has served as school board president, vice president and treasurer.

Pitsenbarger is completing her 12th year on the board, having joined in the early days of Proposal A when the district found itself short on cash. She, too, has served as board president, but her most familiar role is that of board secretary.

There's no mistaking who they are there to represent — the students. As members of the board, they have made the decisions that put the students and their education first. As a result, the district has tightened the belt on spending and preserved the educational program.

They have a strong working knowledge of the school district and the role of the school board and make the difficult decisions needed to keep the district moving forward.

That said, we urge voters to re-elect **Martha Pitsenbarger** and **Skip Monit** to the Wayne-Westland school board. Their experience and understanding of school finance are needed at this very difficult time.

We also urge voters to cast their vote either by absentee ballot or by going to the polls Tuesday, May 8. Every vote matters to these candidates.

# 3 get our vote for LPS board

The candidates for three open seats on the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education all agree it's best not to reverse the Legacy Initiative. And, while the process behind how that plan was created, shared and approved is certainly a major factor in this year's election, voters should look beyond that issue and view this year's candidates as individuals.

With that in mind, we're endorsing incumbent **Lynda Scheel** and **Steve Futrell** for the two four-year seats and **Patrice Mang** for the one-year seat.

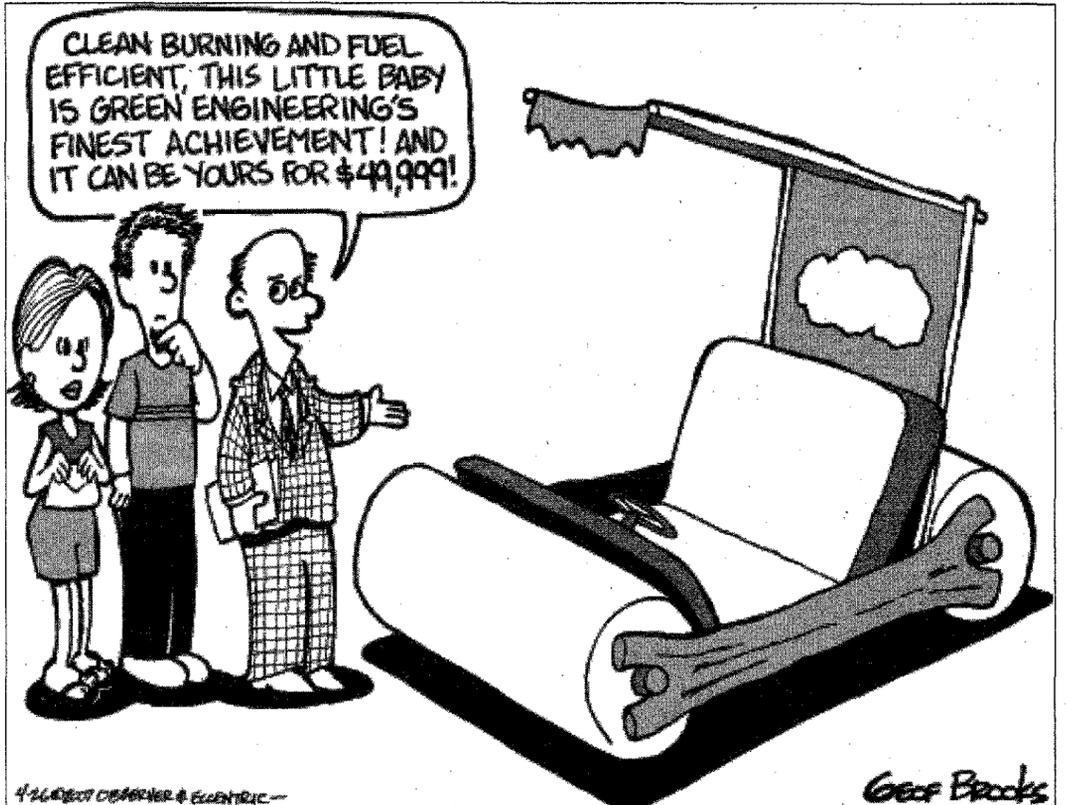
It must be said, we saw positives in all the candidates. However, we believe these three candidates will give the district the best chance to move forward and address some of the trust and communications concerns of the past year and a half.

Scheel has grown in her four years on the board and, especially now in her role as board president, has shown a good understanding that the district's shortcomings in transparency and communication helped bring this district to such divisiveness. Under her leadership, the board has implemented the Community Conversations, tried to improve and clarify public comment situations during board meetings, and pushed to get more information online and out to the community.

Futrell has a track record as being a reasonable, effective spokesman for the disaffected folks in LPS. The school board needs that voice. He's shown a willingness to work with, not just attack, those in the leadership roles of the district. We support his commitment to bring even more public interaction to board meetings, ask pertinent questions, and urge more follow-up on students who leave the district.

Of the two educators running for the one-year seat, Mang shares a clear understanding of where the district is and what it needs. Yes, she was also a leader in the anti-Legacy group, but she is committed to trying to find ways to better the plan that's in place and bring some of the lost students back to the district.

We urge residents of Livonia Public Schools to get out to the polls on May 8 and to vote for **Lynda Scheel**, **Steve Futrell** and **Patrice Mang**.



## Love dominates hate

Monday, April 16, 2007, was marked with tragedy influenced by hate. Thirty-two innocent people were killed by a crazed student. A student who apparently hated people of all races and religions. Ironically, April 16, 2007, was Holocaust Remembrance Day. Again, a day remembering the millions of innocent people who were murdered as a result of hate.

On April 18, 2007, I was at a strip mall located on the northeast corner of Middlebelt and Ford. When I approached the driveway near Hollywood Video, I noticed a large bumper sticker posted on a traffic stop sign. It said, "Stop U.S. Funds to Israel."

When I saw these words adorn a public traffic sign, I was hurt. Maybe I was thinking of the macabre event that occurred at Virginia Tech during the week. Perhaps I was recalling the news story I heard on the students whose lives were spared at Virginia Tech because of the heroic effort of Professor Livio Librescu. He blocked the door with his body so the gunman would be detained and the students could flee. He was killed.

Professor Librescu was a Holocaust survivor and from Israel. Perhaps it was because that when I visit my Uncle Jack, I see the tattooed numbers on his arm. Those numbers that were a constant reminder that he endured 11 concentration camps and lost his entire family during the Holocaust. There is no exact way to measure hate. Hate varies from bumper stickers to bullets. Hate offers no boundaries on race, gender, financial status or religion. Yet, despite the hurt that I felt from that bumper sticker, I believe that *love* dominates hate in this world.

Cheyenne Greene  
Westland

## Disgusted by administration

I recently re-read both articles written by the Citizens for Livonia's Future that were published in the *Observer*. I felt compelled to read the articles again since I was so disgusted with the salaries, benefits, bonuses, and pay outs to top-level employees in the school district. I am and have been a taxpayer and parent of the schools in the district for over 30 years, and this type of mismanagement is disgusting.

For years the school board and superintendent have been pleading broke and nearing bankruptcy, but to only turn around and award the privileged few with huge raises and advancements, or to hire a person who are friends and family is in total contradiction to what they have been telling the citizens. And above all to do this at the same time they have lying to the unions and citizens makes it a shame and totally unethical. Planning to disrupt the entire LPS communities of Livonia and Westland with the Legacy Initiative while hiding big payouts and perks should be illegal.

I was also riveted to the data they gathered on the real cost of the Legacy Initiative, and the loss of money due to the student losses. These student losses are directly attributed to the Legacy Initiative and that cannot be denied.

I also found all of the information on a Web site that contains all of the Freedom of Information Act requested documents to read anytime. Go to [www.citizensforlivonia.com](http://www.citizensforlivonia.com)

asfuture.com/foia-page.html and read the facts for yourself. It helped me to decide to vote for Eileen McDonnell, Patrice Mang, and Steve Futrell on May 8.

C. J. Wolkan-Spencer  
Westland

## Road millage makes sense

I am writing to urge all of the citizens of Wayne to vote yes on Proposal 1 in the May special election. Our home to most of us is one of the most significant investments that we have; we need to protect our investment by insuring its value. Having roads in good condition helps to keep the property values stable.

For those residents of Wayne who are not property owners most likely our biggest financial expenditure is our vehicle. The price of new or used vehicles continues to increase, so it still makes sense to protect that investment by making sure that the streets we drive on are in the best condition possible. Please vote yes on Proposal 1.

Dan Grika  
Wayne

## Road tax is for everyone

Our roads are dying. You can see it everywhere in the city of Wayne. And if they aren't dying now, they soon will be. We have the opportunity to turn this around. If we don't, we all will suffer.

If your street is in bad shape, it will be replaced. Your street may be fine, but what about the city streets on which you travel that are not in good shape? You may be faced with car repairs. Without your yes vote on the road millage, the condition of our roads can only decline.

Our roads are bad enough, but have you walked the sidewalks in our neighborhoods lately? If you have, you must have noticed how many pads are in bad shape. Or maybe you have tripped on those that have been pushed up by tree roots. With your yes vote on the road millage, all these bad sidewalk pads will be replaced.

You say your street and your sidewalk is in good shape, so why should you support this millage? Consider that this millage will continue for 25 years. The likelihood of your street or sidewalk needing replacement in that time is great. Your yes vote on this road millage will assure the integrity of our roads and sidewalks for many years to come.

Join with me and vote yes on Proposal 1, it will save our roads and sidewalks.

Skip Monit  
Wayne

## Don't ignore the problem

On May 8, 2007, the electorate in the City of Wayne will have the opportunity to take a proactive approach on the issue of the maintenance and repair of our city's streets and sidewalks. I believe this initiative to be the most cost-effective method of financing the specific, detailed plan put together by the city.

With more than 30 years experience in the road maintenance field, I can assure you that this will cost far less than ignoring the ongoing maintenance problems, until the only solution is full scale repaving or replacement. I urge the voters to pass Proposal 1.

Gilbert J. Cox  
Wayne

## Incumbents in denial

Here is a summary of what the Legacy has brought our community.

- Seven fewer neighborhood schools.
- Costs around \$8 million.
- 3,700 additional students on buses this year.
- More than 600 students left our district, mostly due to the Legacy.
- Millions of state revenue lost with those students leaving.
- Extra transitions to several new schools.
- Overcrowded elementary and middle schools.
- Biggest decline in membership the PTA has seen in years.
- Increased bullying and fighting.
- Division within our community because of the Legacy.
- More parking lots need expansion this summer due to overcrowded schools/Legacy.

Summary: A change in leadership is needed now!

Please vote on May 8 for: Eileen McDonnell, Patrice Mang, and Steve Futrell  
Cheryl Hudzik  
Livonia

## Alzheimer's support

As Gov. Granholm encourages us to look at the big picture in her recent talks about the state's budget crisis, one should note that she backs up these words with her actions. In her recent executive order, for example, she spared the Healthy Michigan Fund and, specifically the Alzheimer's Information Network, from budget cuts.

This is a small expenditure that has huge long-term savings, as this money provides community-based programs for families with Alzheimer's disease which have economic as well as humane value. Seventy percent of people with Alzheimer's live at home, rather than in Medicaid-supported facilities, and these programs are in large part responsible for this. The monetary value of services provided by family caregivers is estimated nationally to be \$257 billion and provides huge savings in publicly funded health care costs.

The state Senate, unfortunately, has rejected this executive order and has put at risk one of Michigan's most vulnerable populations.

Robert Carrico  
Franklin

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"Sixty-five is the base number for getting an idea of what's going on out there. This will give a better picture of what the city and county are dealing with."

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality project manager Beth Vens about soil boring work at Central City Park.

## New ideas and fresh thinking needed to solve state's crisis

Now what that strange sound you are hearing in the background is? The vibration from increasingly frantic talks going on in Lansing about Michigan's financial future.

After what seems like months of talking at each other, Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, have agreed to talk to each other.

Specifically, they'll be meeting daily to hash out what to do about the estimated \$1 billion shortfall in this year's general fund budget and the \$377 million deficit in the School Aid Fund.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her budget director, Bob Emerson, will be at the table as well. They've got a tough row to hoe. The deficit numbers are very large. The economy is still slumping and tax revenues are consistently falling below projections. Partisan differences are wide. And time is running out — the fiscal year ends Sept. 30. That's a fast-approaching fact that will greatly intensify the impact of any cuts.

Crunch time is clearly here.

The natural political instinct will be to try to fix the deficit gaps with chewing gum and bailing wire. After all, that's what lawmakers have done every year for the past five years. Sooner or later, however, tough choices and out-of-the-box thinking will have to replace accounting gimmicks. What follows are some common-sense ideas. I'm sure there is a lot not to like in the list, but somebody has to start thinking about the unthinkable. Starting right now:

■ **Cut prison spending** — Our prison system costs around \$2 billion a year, employs around one-third of state government's work force and warehouses 51,000-plus inmates. If we incarcerated felons at the average rate of our neighboring states, we'd save \$500 million a year. Granholm has proposed releasing very sick prisoners and those who have served their minimum sentences and are awaiting parole. She thinks that would save around \$100 million.

The "lock 'em up and throw away the key" theory of sentencing isn't working, and has to be fixed. How about allowing earlier parole for inmates who demonstrate good behavior and get a GED while in prison? How about discharging folks who are in the slam for dealing drugs (a non-violent crime) and putting them on electronic tethers?

How about completely changing the way we treat non-violent crimes, period? Theft or burglary is bad, but does it make sense to spend \$30,000 a year to imprison somebody who steals goods worth \$2,000? Make 'em pay restitution with jail time that will be thrown back at them if they commit any future violations.

Incidentally, drug courts appear to be working to keep drug abusers out of prison by prescribing treatment, sanctions like tethers and employment services. What about doing the same thing for the estimated 15 percent of the prison population that is mental-

ly ill?

■ **Take a hard look at school costs** — Michigan spends more than \$13 billion a year on K-12 schools. The School Aid Fund faces a deficit of nearly \$400 million. Cutting the per-pupil school aid formula this late in the school year is a prospect that terrifies most school people, but this may be the only step that works for this fiscal year.

In the longer run, however, we might consider rethinking the structure of the way we manage our schools. Do we, for example, really need one principal per elementary school?

Principals are important, no doubt, but much of what they do is routine: setting policy, overseeing personnel, reviewing performance, attending meetings. Elementary schools are small and much of their administrative functions could be performed more efficiently.

And many of the business tasks that each district does on its own could be consolidated in the intermediate school districts, where better technology and management could produce serious savings.

And while we're at it, let's take a look at the busing tail that all too often wags the school dog. Many school schedules are determined by the timing and deployment of bus fleets.

But many cities already have bus systems which are paralleled by school buses. Do we really need both?

■ **Look very hard at health care costs** — Medical costs for school employees are high and getting higher every year. Last week, Michigan AFL-CIO President Mark Gaffney and the American Federation of Teachers' David Hecker joined Bishop to advance an interesting idea.

The three of them proposed that all schools, universities and local government units join health insurance pools that could select providers by open bidding. If that worked, advocates say it could save as much as 8 percent in health care costs.

The Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA) is a subsidiary of the Michigan Education Association teachers union, which provides health care coverage for around half the school districts in Michigan. MESSA says this idea is nonsense and points to its flexibility in providing reduced-cost health care plans for many school districts. Maybe so, but every dollar that goes to medical care doesn't go to educating our kids. It's time for a fresh look.

There are lots of out-of-the-box ideas out there. Some are good; some are just silly. But the best of them deserve a not flinty eye, but open-minded consideration. This much we know: We're not going to solve our financial crisis by more of the same old, same old.

**Phil Power** is president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed in his column do not represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Power welcomes reader comment at [ppower@hcnnet.com](mailto:ppower@hcnnet.com).

## LETTERS

### Better practices needed

It was recently announced that Gov. Granholm's husband is now heading up a state "best practice" effort for business. But it is not business that most needs "best practice" help — it is Michigan's hundreds of local school districts, especially concerning the billions of state dollars which state government gives them, with no accountability in return.

The state absolutely must gain some control over those billions, for the good of the entire state.

Some combination of state mandates, strong recommendations or funding reductions for penalties could be used, but urgent action needs to be taken by the state — there is simply too much at stake here. Local control sounds great, but poor local management can no longer be tolerated. We all now fund all local school districts under Proposal A.

With six out of every seven local dollars routinely going to wages and benefits, the union contracts present an obvious starting point. Please consider, Rochester schools recently signed a new three-year contract with their MEA teachers union. This one contract brings them total new spending of \$30 million, with spending increase of over \$1,000 per student in the third year. All while the same school district decries the state Senate's proposed \$34 cut per student — a ratio of 30 to 1. And this is only one of Rochester's seven unions. Other districts, by the way, limit contract increases to state funding increases — obviously, best practice.

How many other districts such as Rochester continue to pay their local union president ... for doing nothing for them — only being the union president? Obviously, not a "best practice" for the kids or taxpayers.

Putting all state employees, including schools, on the same health plan would reportedly save the state over \$450 million annually — in a time of state financial crisis, another obvious "best practice" whose time has clearly come.

Eliminating the "prevailing wage" restriction on local districts is reported to save \$150 million annually — what school district would be against this changing of state law?

Privatization and consolidation of services should be optimized where gains are found.

Many businesses and residents have already voted with their feet in Michigan and left this nation's worst business job climate. Business understands. This state would clearly be better served by applying the "best practice" approach as above.

Surely the few items above could be greatly expanded, with the state working in concert with its many school districts.

**Carl Wellenkotter**  
Rochester Hills

### Supports Breen and Fausone

As voters choose between several candidates for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, I strongly urge them to vote for Mary Breen and Jim Fausone. Each of them has earned my trust and support.

Mary Breen is a retired school teacher and a distinguished trustee who brings a wealth of history and experience. Jim Fausone serves with me on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board. It is because I know Jim as a hard-working, thoughtful and dedicated leader that he has earned my support.

Schoolcraft College is an important part of our community, therefore it deserves trustees like Mary Breen and Jim Fausone who will ensure that its future is as bright as its past. Please join me in voting for both of them Tuesday, May 8.

**Charles McIlhargey**  
Plymouth

### In favor of a flat tax

Jimmy Carter got it right in 1976 when he said, "Our income tax system is a disgrace to the human race." The big issue in tax season is not whether you owe or get a refund; it is that our 67,204 indecipherable pages of tax code are out of control.

While Joe Taxpayer sits at the kitchen table sweating over deductions, special-interest groups are enjoying loopholes, earmarks and political favors at our expense.

Tax day is a good time to call on our elected representatives to scrap the current system and replace it with something that works. This will only change when citizens organize as well as special interests have, and let our legislators know that we expect a simple, fair, and flat tax code that respects us.

With a flat tax we could save billions of man-hours and hundreds of billions of dollars in costs by simplifying our code. With no more loopholes, itemizing or worrying about the AMT, we could file our taxes in minutes. A flat tax would allow a personal deduction for everyone so families could take care of themselves before paying the government.

As the presidential primary season heats up, I would like to know if the candidates stand with the lobbyists or the taxpayers.

**Paul Garfield**  
Rochester Hills

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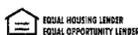
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# Stabenow will speak at Schoolcraft commencement

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow will deliver the keynote address at Schoolcraft's 42nd commencement Saturday, May 5. The ceremony will be in Compuware Sports Arena, starting at 4 p.m.

A total of 1,456 students are eligible to receive diplomas in the ceremony, with about 425 participating. Guests must have tickets to attend the ceremony.

On Friday, May 4, 110 Police Academy, Police Reserve Officer Training and Fire Technology graduates will convene in the college's Physical Education Building for their graduation. Andrew Arena, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will speak to the graduates.

Stabenow is the first woman from the state of Michigan elected to the United States Senate. She served in the Michigan House of Representatives for 12 years, marking another milestone as the first woman to preside over the House, before she was elected to the



Stabenow

state Senate. She served in the state Senate for four years.

In Washington, Stabenow is an advocate for Michigan, leading efforts to grant a tax cut to manufacturers who create jobs in the U.S. rather than send jobs to another country; fighting to stop Canadian trash from being brought into the state, and increasing Michigan's share of funding for roads and bridges. She is an expert on health care and prescription drugs.

A strong supporter of investing in education, Stabenow has championed the state's colleges and universities and supported job training initiatives in two-year colleges. She has been a passionate advocate for children and is an expert in family law and small business issues.

Stabenow will receive an honorary degree, as will

Laura Carter Callow, women's rights activist and an original member of the Schoolcraft Women's Advisory Committee who is still serving on the committee.

FBI Special Agent Arena has held FBI posts in Syracuse, Los Angeles, Cleveland, New York and Detroit. His work has involved investigating organized crime, violent crimes, public corruption, counterterrorism and counterintelligence.

A native of Dearborn, Arena holds a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University and a law degree from the University of Detroit.

Of this year's graduates, between 50 and 60 percent will transfer to a four-year university. According to Schoolcraft career counselors, the health care industry remains a hot job field, with computer software engineering projected to be one of the fastest growing occupations through 2014.

# Detroit NAACP, Ford offer Career Day

Ford Motor Co. and Detroit Branch NAACP host the 2007 Floyd Washington Jr. Career Day and Youth Summit 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center in Detroit.

This half-day event created to provide youth with an opportunity to prepare for their academic and professional futures, features workshops, essay competition winners, raffle prizes and master of ceremony/keynote, Charles Pugh and Rhonda Walker.

A key component of the event is an essay/presentation competition that awards 12 competition winners with \$20,000 in scholarships. Since 2000, \$100,000 in scholarships have been awarded to the

winners of the competition who show exemplary writing and presentation skills as well as original thought on the topics provided. The deadline to submit essays has passed.

Rhonda Walker, Local 4 News anchor and founder of the Rhonda Walker Foundation, serves as keynote speaker and Charles Pugh, FOX 2 reporter and anchorman serves as master of ceremonies for this year's summit which is targeted towards individuals ages 15 to 25. Features of the summit include a wide array of exhibitors including those from colleges and universities, and a series of workshops in the areas of entrepreneurship, money matters and professional presentations.

"This is Ford Motor Company's seventh year of partnership with the Detroit Branch NAACP for the Career Day and Youth Summit," said Pamela Alexander, director of Community Development and Business Operations, Ford Motor Co. Fund and Community Services, the philanthropic arm of Ford Motor Co. "This event continues to attract a large number of students, parents and teachers, and clearly supports Ford's commitment to assist youth in preparing for their future."

Parents and youth organization leaders are welcome to attend with students. For more information, call (313) 203-7038 or visit [www.fordnaacpcareerday.com](http://www.fordnaacpcareerday.com).

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**APRIL**

**Jazz evening**  
 Musician Darron McKinney performs Christian and contemporary jazz 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. Tickets \$5 at door (ID's checked). In addition to the

concert there will be refreshments including wine, beer, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres. The dance floor will be open. For details, call (734) 425-5950.

**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 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28 (bag sale at 12:30 p.m. Saturday), at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Hubbard road, between Five Mile and Six Mile (first traffic light west of Merriman), Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-8451.

**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.

**Rummage and bake sale**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28 (\$5 bag sale), at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Donations still needed and may be dropped off at the church back door and take elevator to basement 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, April 26. For information, call (248) 626-7906.

**Benefit concert**

Vocalist Mark Tisdell and pianist Phyllis 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 Urbiel at (248) 350-2203 or send e-mail to burbiel@angelsplace.com.

**Rummage sale**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. There will also be a bake sale by the church's youth group.

**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.

**Crop Walk**

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. For this walk, the walkers get sponsors to donate money to the charity. The money goes to feed and help the poor.

Help the needy by walking. Be a walker in or donate to the CROP walk 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Beech Daly and Orangelawn, Redford. Call Russell Maciag at (313) 283-1374 for further information or forms.

**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.

**Teen choir concert**

Intermission Teen Choir (grades 7-12) perform their spring musical, Where Jesus Is, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Victory Voices Choir (grades 4-6) presents the musical Simon Says 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the church. The Bell Choir will be having a Spring Ring from 5:30-6 p.m. that day in the sanctuary. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

**Rummage sale**

Volunteers and baked goods needed for Rummage Sale Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6, in the school gym at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church on the northeast corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly.

Drop offs Monday through Friday at the Gym 3-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 30 to May 4. Sale is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday May 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 6. Sunday is our \$3 brown bag sale. Jewelry, bake goods and large items are NOT included in this sale. Please call the Rectory at (313) 534-9000 if you can help us out.

**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.

**Youth wanted**

Twins and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Once a month our youth have an outing/activity geared specifically to their needs. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

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**UPCOMING**

**Teen dating film**

A video dealing with the subject of teen dating violence will be shown 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis Road, Westland. The video is titled It Could Happen To You: Into the Light, Combating Teen Dating Violence. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

**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 takes place 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.

**Chief appearance**

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union sponsors a cooking demonstration at the International Women's Show in Novi by award-winning local chef Tom Mackinnon from Five Restaurant restaurant located at The Inn at St. John's. Mackinnon's cooking demonstration titled, Dressing up your Dining Experience, takes place at the International Women's Show 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3. For more information, call (734) 432-0212 or visit www.catholicparishesfcu.org

**Grief counseling**

Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary is sponsoring an eight week grief counseling workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in the St. Mary Activity Center (lower level of the church building), 18200 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. No charge and open to the community. It will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. To register, call Jim King, the Director of Youth and Outreach Ministry at (734) 422-0010.

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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.

**Rummage sale**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in the gym at St. Valentine's School in Redford. Bag Sale starts at 1 p.m. Saturday. Drop off for sale is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 4. For more information, call (313) 533-7149.

**Concert of prayer**

The Senior Choir of St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton presents Somebody's Praying Me Through by Gary Rhodes and Karla Worley 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, May 6, in the church sanctuary (7000 N. Sheldon) to commemorate the National Day of Prayer. The musical celebrates what God is doing through the prayers of his people. If your life has been changed through prayer or if you know someone that prayer has touched, you're invited to join in this musical celebration. For information, call (734) 459-3333. All are welcome.

**Bridal fashion show**

And luncheon 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, north of Eight Mile, west of I-275, Novi. For information, call (248) 348-7757.

**Worship dancers**

The Earth to Eternity Ensemble, a group of worship dancers, will be featured at the 10 a.m. service of the Anglican Church of Livonia Sunday, May 6. The church meets weekly at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark. If you have never witnessed worship that combines dance with praise music, you are in for a special treat when the troupe, choreographed by Christina Eby, performs its unique art form during the service. For more information, call (248) 442-0422.

**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.

**Mother and daughter dinner**

4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for moms and their daughters. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. This cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by May 9 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), in Livonia.

**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 rodneyn@newburgumc.org.

**J.O.Y. meeting**

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday 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.

Anyone age 55 plus is welcome to the luncheon. This is a time of fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters in a safe and fun environment. After lunch, feel free to stay around and play some good old-fashioned games.

**Rummage sale**

Sellers wanted for rummage sale to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2 from when Riverside Park Church of God is promoting an outdoor mini flea market (weather permitting) to the public. Spots are available to rent at only \$20 each; 8' tables are an additional \$5. You must register by May 30. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. "One man's junk is another man's treasure" as the old saying goes. Find out for yourself on June 2.

**Father and Son Dinner**

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**ONGOING**

**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.psalmi2verse6@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.

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**LILLIAN DERMOVSES-CLARKE**  
 37 Year Old Mother Gave Her Organs so that Others Could Live.

Age 37, of Bloomfield Hills MI passed away Friday, April 20th at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor due to complications resulting from a long struggle with heart failure. Lillian was a fighter. In times of sickness, she went about life with a positive and truly heart-warming optimism. She survived three major heart surgeries, several brain surgeries, and finally succumbed to a massive stroke caused by complications following three months of hospitalization. She passed the following day after donating her organs so that others could live. Lillian needed a new heart, but God took her life so that others could live. Lillian was born March 30, 1970 in Melrose MA. She was raised an only child by her loving mother Elen Dermovses in Waterford, Michigan. She attended school in elementary school in Waterford. Lillian attended AGBU for high school in Southfield, MI, and graduated with honors. She took advanced courses while in high school at University of Michigan in Dearborn, and got her first taste of international travel with a school trip to Armenia in 1988. Lillian went to college at The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, from 1988 through 1992. She graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Engineering in 1992. While at Michigan, she was fortunate to establish wonderful, lasting, and close friendships with many people - people who would be best friends, role models, and sisters in the truest sense of the word. In 1992 at Michigan, she also met her adoring husband, John Clarke. After graduating from The University of Michigan, Lillian worked for five years as an analyst at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in Southfield, MI. While at Blue Cross, Lillian obtained her Masters of Business Administration from Wayne State University. At Blue Cross, Lillian had many close friendships with many colleagues. This group of friends came of age together, were at each others sides for marriage, and together building families. The Blue Cross crew were always there for Lillian. Lillian was loved by all. She was the eternal optimist, kind, giving warm and open. Lillian took joy in making others happy. Lillian made friends wherever she went. Most people go through life with a small circle of close friends, if they're lucky. Lillian had many of these circles, perhaps the truest reflection of her character. Throughout her childhood years, she helped her mother with her business and had many fond memories of her experiences with her mother and grandmother. Lillian was an active member of Homenetmen and attended St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic church in Dearborn. Lillian loved to travel and loved to participate with her close friends in the Armenian community. She traveled on several occasions with friends to Europe and the Far East. She was board member with Homenetmen and during these years following college, enjoyed a special closeness with her Armenian friends and the Armenian community. She loved to dance and loved music. Under the direction of Simon Javizian Funeral Home, her body will lie in State on Thursday, April 26 from 4pm to 9pm in St. Sarkis Armenian Church, 19300 Ford Road, Dearborn, with Dan Gark Prayers at 7:30pm. Funeral Friday 11:00am in the church. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Survivors: Husband John C. Clarke; five year old son: Antranig "Anto" Clarke; Mother Elen Dermovses. Memorial tributes may be given to Hai-Tahd, or Homenetmen or Terchoonian Home for Orphans. Arrangements by Simon Javizian Funeral Home, 248-626-7815. Internet condolences may be sent to Sjavizian@msn.com



**LOVETA L. GREENWOOD**

Age 85, of Canton, April 23, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Eugene R. Dear mother of Phyllis Rozof and Lorilyn (Michael) Coggins. Dear grandmother of Nathan (Julie) Rozof, Melissa (Jan) Boldt, Zachary Rozof and Joshua Coggins. Dear great-grandmother to Hannah and Spencer Coggins. Loveta was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Davison #299, Flint Court #2 Order of the Amaranth and White Shrine of Jerusalem Temple Shrine #28. Loveta retired after 35 years of service at General Motors Institute in Flint, MI. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). In state Friday 12 Noon until service at 1 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Memorial contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth or Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

**RICHARD T. WANTIN**

Age 56, passed away April 23, 2007. He was born on September 6, 1950 to Rudolph and Carol (Osborne) Wantin. He served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam and also in the Navy Reserves for many years. He was employed by Ford Motor Company at the Livonia Transmission Plant for over 30 years and was a member of UAW Local 182. Rick is survived by his beloved daughters: Kelly (Kevin) Raymond, Tracy Wantin, two grandchildren: Alexis and Kole, his father Rudolph, his brother Roger, two sisters: Kathy Avallone, Gail Deman, and many nieces, nephews, and loving dear friends. Visitation Thursday 6 - 9 p.m., Friday 2 - 9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 11 a.m. with final visitation at 10:15 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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**DOROTHY MAY COATSWORTH STEBBINS**

Age 84, died Sunday, April 22, 2007 at the University of Michigan Medical Center after a short illness. She was born October 2, 1922 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the daughter of James E. & Emma (Campbell) Coatsworth. She lived in Birmingham for 55 years before moving to Chelsea. Dorothy was a homemaker, a real estate agent, and a tax advisor for H & R Block. She was a former member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham. On September 2, 1945, she married Charles A. Stebbins, and he preceded her in death on December 15, 1982. She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Croster of Guilford, VT and Laurel Gordon of Ridgefield, CT; a son, Cort (Jan) Stebbins of Dexter; six grandchildren, Stephanie (Alex), Brooke, Colin, Kelley, Laina, and Parker; and a brother-in-law, Robert (Margaret) Stebbins. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Retirement Community, 801 W. Middle St, Chelsea, MI 48118. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

**FLORENCE "JO" SALTZMAN**

Beloved wife of the late Arthur W. Saltzman. Dear mother of Amie R. Saltzman, Sarah "Sally" (Scott Loney) Saltzman, and the late Ray Saltzman; loving grandmother of Joshua and Joanna Loney; sister of Rita (Harry) Aid. Services were held Wednesday at the Ira Kaufman Chapel, 248-569-0020. Interment at Clover Hill Park Cemetery. www.irkaufman.com

**JANE A. HOERGER**

Age 76, passed away April 22, 2007. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

**May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends**

**CALENDAR**

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**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@ward-church.org.

**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.

**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 for 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.celebrate-recovery.com](http://www.celebrate-recovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org/celebrate](http://www.wardchurch.org/celebrate).

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**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.

**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.

**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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Free seminar
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer will present a seminar on How Hormones Effect Weight Loss at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile east of Farmington Road, Livonia. Learn how your hormones control your food

cravings, your body temperature and your ability to gain or lose weight. Discover how the pancreas, thyroid and adrenals influence the size and shape of your body. Fischer will share how she went from a size 14 to a size 6 by making life style choices and using natural solutions to balance the hormones and lose weight. There's no charge for the class. To reserve a spot, call (734) 425-8588.

Ladies Literary event

The Ladies Literary Club will hold its annual scholarship fund-raiser "Second Time Around" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the First Congregational Church, Wayne Road between eastbound and westbound

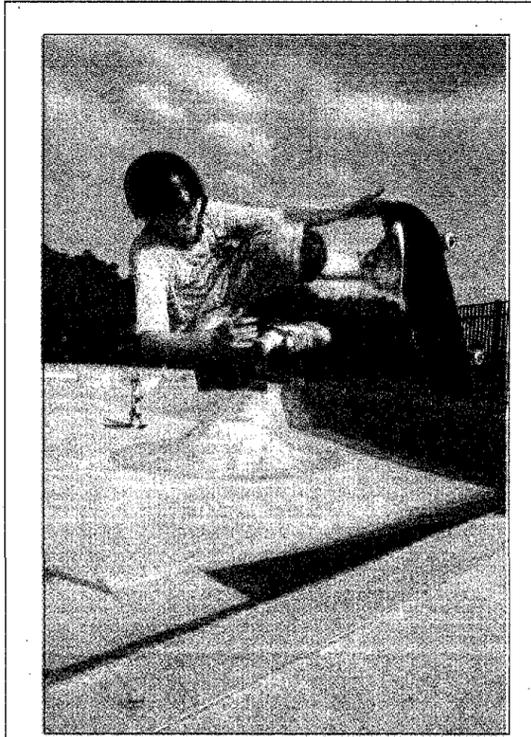
Michigan Avenue, Wayne. There will be plenty of good used household items and homemade baked goods for sale. All proceeds go towards scholarships, which are awarded to Wayne Memorial and John Glenn students. For more information about the Ladies Literary Club, call Darlene at (734) 595-3479.

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.

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Let's get the party started

Westland's Concrete Jungle skate park has been open for the season for a few weeks, but it'll be official at the season kickoff party noon-8 p.m. Saturday, April 28. There will be food, prizes and live music. Admission will be \$3. For more information, call the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 722-7620.

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, 3117 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.cl.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 and older. The cost is \$8 donation members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All start at noon and run until 3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and food. For information and schedule 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 Marquet. Beverly Kaminski is the instructor. Participants should bring a type "C" chat hook. Those interested can sit at the center's front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

Visually Impaired

The Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) support group meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Participants get information and meet others. Those interested in joining can be scheduled on a bus route for transportation. Information, call (734) 722-7632.

Hearing checks

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

Travel Group

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

Dyer Center

The Wayne-Westland school district 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, and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

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

Table with columns for PARCELS and lists of parcel numbers for various areas in Westland.

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Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of 2007.

Kevin L. Buford
City of Westland
Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

ORDINANCE NO. 223-C-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2, SECTION 30-157, SETTING VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEES AND APPROVING A UNIFORM LOCAL VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISE WITH MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO. dba AT&T MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, Public Act 480 of 2006 (the "Act") requires video service providers to obtain a franchise from the City of Westland ("City") by means of a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement ("Uniform Franchise"); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC") on January 30, 2007 issued an Order that provided a Uniform Franchise form; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides the City with fifteen (15) business days from the date an application for a Uniform Franchise is filed with the City to respond as to the completeness of the Uniform Franchise; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides the City thirty (30) days from the submission date of a complete application for a Uniform Franchise in which to act to approve the Uniform Franchise; and

WHEREAS, the City received a Michigan Franchise application from Michigan Bell Telephone Co., dba AT&T Michigan, on March 23, 2007; and

WHEREAS, there were four public, educational and government access channels (Public, Livonia Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Public Schools and governmental access) in actual use on the incumbent video providers' systems in the City on the effective date of the Act, January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to establish the franchise fees and fees to support public, educational and governmental access facilities and services applicable to video service providers with Uniform Franchises; and

WHEREAS, the City does not intend that by approving a Uniform Franchise that it shall be waiving rights, nor does it understand that the Act or the MPSC Order so requires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

1. That an annual fee of 5% of gross revenues, which is the fee paid to the City by Comcast, the incumbent video provider with the largest number of video subscribers in City and an existing cable franchise agreement with the City, is hereby established as the annual video service provider franchise fee, and an annual fee of 1% of gross revenues, which is the fee paid to the City by Comcast as determined by its existing franchise agreement, is hereby established

2. That it is hereby memorialized that there were four public, educational and governmental access channels in actual use on the incumbent video providers' systems in the City on the effective date of the Act, January 1, 2007; and,

3. That the City Council hereby approves the Uniform Franchise with Michigan Bell Telephone Co., dba AT&T Michigan, with a 5% franchise fee in Section VI and a 1% PEG support fee in Section VIIA.1; and,

4. That these approvals and the signature of the Mayor on a Uniform Franchise are not a waiver by the City of its police powers; rights it may possess under the Act, Michigan law, the Michigan Constitution, or federal law, including rights to challenge the Act, or right to challenge or modify a Uniform Franchise if the Act in whole or in part is overturned by the courts; and,

5. That this Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage, and as provided by law; and,

6. That the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized and directed to sign the Uniform Agreement with AT&T Michigan, and take all actions related to its completion and implementation, including with four public, educational and governmental access channels; and,

7. That all Ordinances or portions of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. A

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Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

Publish: April 26, 2007

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND THE CITIES OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, INKSTER, ROMULUS, WAYNE AND WESTLAND, County of Wayne: NOTICE is hereby given that a General Wayne-Westland School Board Election will be held in parts of the Township of Canton, and parts of the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., which time candidates for the following office will be voted upon: Two (2) Board of Education Members to serve four (4) year terms; terms to expire June 30, 2011.

List of polling place locations -

Table listing polling locations for Township of Canton, including School Precincts and Locations.

Table listing polling locations for City of Dearborn Heights, including School Precincts and Locations.

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The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are wheelchair accessible and all compliant.

TERRI BENNETT
Canton Township Clerk

JUDI DUDZINSKI
Dearborn Heights Clerk

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810-225-4789  
**CANTON**  
42447 Ford Rd.  
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Lilley Rds., Canton Corners)  
734-844-0481  
**DEARBORN**  
24417 Ford Rd.  
(just west of Telegraph)  
313-278-4491  
Fairlane Mall  
(3rd floor  
next to Sears)  
313-441-0168

**DETROIT**  
14126 Woodward  
(Model T Plaza)  
313-869-7392  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
31011 Orchard Lake Rd.  
(southwest corner of Orchard  
Lake Rd. & 14 Mile Rd.)  
248-538-9900  
**FENTON**  
17245 Silver Pkwy  
(in the Sears Plaza)  
810-629-2733  
**FT. GRATIOT**  
4129 24th Ave.  
810-385-1231  
**LAKE ORION**  
2531 S. Lapeer Rd.  
(Orion Mall 2 miles  
north of the Palace)  
248-393-6800  
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Three Generations Plaza  
20580 Haggerty Rd.  
734-779-0148  
**NOVI**  
43025 12 Mile Rd.  
(Twelve Oaks  
Service Dr.,  
north of Sears)  
248-305-6800  
Twelve Oaks Mall  
(lower level, play area)  
**PONTIAC/WATERFORD**  
454 Telegraph Rd.  
(across from  
Summit Plaza Mall)  
248-335-9900  
**ROCHESTER HILLS**  
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248-853-0550  
**ROYAL OAK**  
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28401 Harper Ave.  
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586-777-4010

**SOUTHFIELD**  
28117 Telegraph Rd.  
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**ROYAL OAK**  
Cellular Callutions  
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Fusion Communications  
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**SOUTHFIELD**  
Wireless USA  
248-395-2222

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**TROY**  
The Wireless Shop  
248-458-1111  
**UTICA**  
Mobile2Mobile Wireless  
586-739-9977  
**WARREN**  
MultiLinks  
586-497-9800  
Wireless Network  
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# Michigan Humane Society hosts pet adoptions at Detroit Zoo

The Michigan Humane Society and the Detroit Zoo will host the 15th annual Spring "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo," the largest off-site companion animal adoption event in the country, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and May 6, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. There is no charge for admission to the adoption event or for parking.

Hundreds of adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for immediate adoption both days. Because puppies are often in high demand, "puppy passes" will be given each morn-

ing to the first 25 adoption event guests who are looking specifically to adopt a puppy. Those with puppy passes will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 9:45 a.m., with the remainder of guests allowed to enter at 10 a.m. Preventing a "puppy rush" during general admittance to the event will ensure that all adopters - and the adoptable animals - will have a wonderful experience. A "get acquainted" area will be available to give guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal before adopting.

The participating organizations, in

addition to the Michigan Humane Society, include: Animal Rescue Connection, Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Animal Welfare Society, Battle Creek Animal Shelter, Detroit Animal Control, Faerie Tales Cat/Maine Coon Rescue, Feline Friends, Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan, Greater Hillsdale Humane Society, Home Fur-Ever, K-9 Stray Rescue, Kitty Haven Rescue, Last Chance for Animals, Metro Area Animal Adoption Association, Michigan Greyhound Connection, Mid-

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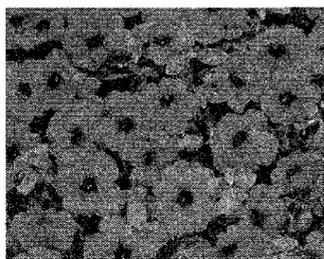
Last year, the spring Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo spring event found homes for 698 animals.

Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group. Adopters must present a driver's license or state ID card. All dogs and cats will have

received a medical check-up and age-appropriate vaccinations. For health and safety reasons, please leave current companion animals at home.

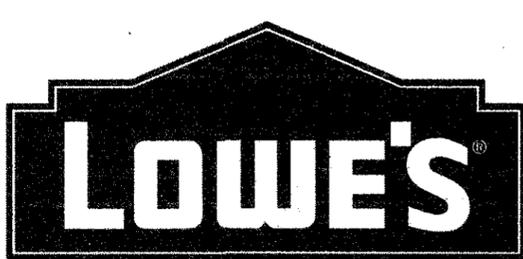
Event media sponsors include 104.3 WOMC, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, *Mirror Newspapers* and *Hometownlife.com*.

For more information or to donate to the welfare of homeless animals, call the Michigan Humane Society at 1-866-MHUMANE (648-6263), Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

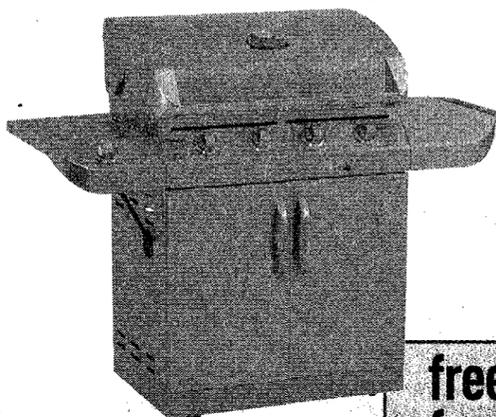


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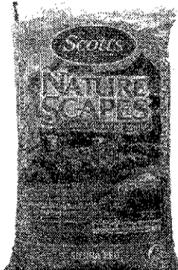
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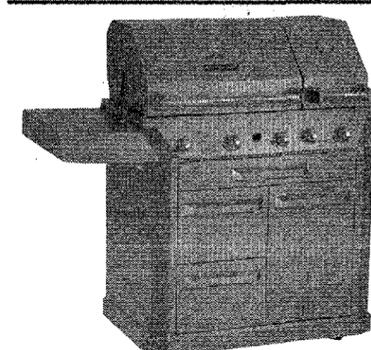
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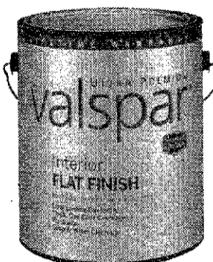
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## DTE, IKEA team up on GreenCurrents promotion

How would you like to help improve the environment, and get a free IKEA gift card at the same time? Then head over to the IKEA store in Canton this Friday and Saturday and sign up for DTE Energy's new GreenCurrents renewable energy program.

GreenCurrents is a new voluntary program that gives DTE Energy's 2.2 million electric customers the option of choosing renewable energy created from the wind, sun, water, biomass and other environmentally friendly sources.

"Every customer who signs up for GreenCurrents will cause clean, renewable energy to be generated on their behalf," said Trevor Lauer, vice president of marketing for DTE Energy. "For just a few dollars a month, customers can help improve the environment, support the development of renewable energy projects in Michigan and help us meet the electricity demands of the state without sacrificing the needs of future generations."

"This Friday and Saturday, in celebration of Arbor Day, we're offering customers who sign up for GreenCurrents at our display at IKEA a \$10 gift card good for any purchase in the store."

Under the GreenCurrents program, DTE Energy electric customers can select a renewable energy option that best fits their budget. For \$2.50 a month, residential customers can purchase a block of 100 kilowatt-hours of renewable energy, which represents about 15-20 percent of a typical home's monthly electric usage. Customers can also choose to match 100 percent of their home's electricity consumption with renewable resources for an additional cost of two cents per kilowatt-hour - or about \$10 to \$15 per month for a typical household.

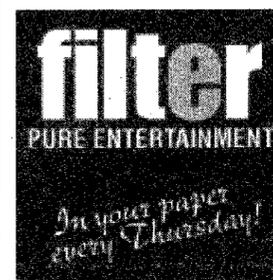
Business customers can purchase a 1,000 kilowatt hour block of green energy for \$20 a month - or match all of their electricity usage with renewable power for an additional cost of two cents per kilowatt hour.

"Currently, renewable energy facilities are more costly to build, operate and maintain than conventional sources of electricity," Lauer said. "But as customers step forward and embrace renewable energy, demand will grow, more alternative energy facilities will be brought on line and costs should begin to come down."

"We are very happy and excited to be offering the GreenCurrents program, and we look forward to partnering with our customers to create a cleaner, healthier environment for tomorrow."

Look for the DTE Energy display at IKEA Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. IKEA is at 41640 Ford Road in Canton, just west of I-275.

Additional information on the GreenCurrents program is available at [www.GreenCurrents.com](http://www.GreenCurrents.com), or by calling (866) 207-6955.



## Churchill runaway

### Livonia Public Schools meet dominated by Charger girls

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Unlike a year ago, there was little drama surrounding the winner of the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational girls track meet held Tuesday at Franklin.

Churchill ran away with the title, repeating as champion by scoring 148 points. Stevenson held off the host Patriots for second, 61-56, while Clarenceville came up empty on the final tally sheet.

The Chargers were dominating to say the least, capturing 12 of 17 events, including all four relay races.

"We had a good day all the way around," Churchill coach Keith McDonald said. "We scored in every area and there were only two events where we were outscored. Everybody excelled all the way around."

Sprinter Mandi Coppola swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes for Churchill in 13.61 and 27.82. She also anchored the Chargers' first-place 400 and 800 relay teams with times of 52.6 and 1:52.03, respectively.

Another standout was Tauri Rothermel, who won the 300 hurdles in 47.63, just missing the school record of 47.0 held by Rebecca Fedrigo. She also was a member of the first place 400 and 1,600 (4:18.27) relay teams.

Distance runner Rachel



Franklin senior Robyn Whalen was runner-up to Churchill's Kyndra Abron in the shot-put with a throw of 37 feet, 11.5 inches. Whalen won the discus with a toss of 121-1.5.

McFarlane, a junior, took the 800 (2:26.85) and 3,200 (12:06.0) runs. Another junior, Kyndra Abron, threw a personal best 40 feet, 0.5 inches in the shot put and also captured the high jump (5-1).

Margarita Lazarevska added a win in the 100 hurdles (16.99).

"All of our throwers P.R.'ed in the shot put, and both Kristin Zgorecki and Eren Ural tied the school record in the pole vault (10-1 each)," McDonald said.

Stevenson, which lost by only 13

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Churchill's Rachel McFarlane won both the 800 and 3,200-meter runs in Tuesday's Public Schools of Livonia Invitational girls track meet hosted by Franklin.

## Sidelines

### Szwed to Utica

Michigan's Miss Hockey for 2007, Livonia Ladywood's Laura Szwed, has committed to play hockey next season at Utica College (N.Y.).

Szwed led the Blazers to a 17-3-1 record with 42 goals and 17 assists. She finished with 139 career goals in 62 games.

### Freier in nationals

Erin Freier, an honor roll student at Frost Middle School in Livonia, placed fifth in the all-around with a score of 37.025 at the USA Gymnastics Level 9 Region 5 Meet held last weekend in Midland.

The 12-year-old will compete for the Region 5 team, which includes Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky, at the Junior A Level Nationals on May 11 in Orlando, Fla.

Freier, who trains 23 hours per week at Oakland Gymnastics in Walled Lake along with four hours of ballet training at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance, earned a first on bars with a score of 9.375.

The 12-year-old also added a third on floor exercise (9.45); an eighth on vault (9.25); and scored 8.95 on beam.

### Skinner qualifies

Cassandra Skinner, a sixth-grader at Livonia's Riley Upper Elementary, earned top three finishes in three different events in the USAG Power Tumbling, Trampoline and Double Mini State championships last weekend in Grand Rapids.

Skinner, recovered from a severely broken ankle in November, took a first place in double mini (Level 7); a second on trampoline (Level 6); and a third in power tumbling (Level 8).

All three scores qualified her for the Nationals, June 20-25, in Tennessee.

Skinner, who will move up to Level 10 in power tumbling next year, will be vying for a spot on the national team for power tumbling. She competes for the All World Gymnastics in Warren, which has three national power tumbling team members in Samantha Shephard, Aaron Cook and Shelby Allen.

Skinner is coached by Peter Roberts and Valter Meta.

### Pitch, Hit & Run

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation 2007 Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run contest, will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at Bicentennial Park (Field No. 3).

There is no fee for the competition, which is also co-sponsored by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association.

Age divisions for boys and girls combined are 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14. For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

## New campaign puts Demolition in the spotlight

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Detroit Demolition quarterback Kim Grodus admits she can't get the final game of the 2006 football season out of her head.

That's when a women's football dynasty came to a momentary halt.

"I've had trouble sleeping at night," she said. "But you just deal with it and move on. We just have to take teams on one by one. We won't be satisfied until we win the championship."

The Demolition, whose new home this season is Livonia Stevenson High School, were derailed in the Independent Women's Football League Championship game last summer in Long Beach, Calif., by the Atlanta Xplosion, 21-14, snapping a 52-game winning streak dating back to the team's days in the NWFA.

The "Drive for Five" starts at 7 p.m. Saturday at Stevenson when the Demolition take on the Detroit Predators in a Midwest Division game. Other regular-season home games will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 9, vs. the Iowa Crush; and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16, vs. the Kansas City Storm.

"Having a core group is always helpful, but we have 20 to 30 solid rookies," said Grodus, who hails from St. Clair Shores and works in sales by day

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## Photo finish for City

### Stevenson holds on for title; C'ville's Stewart stars

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

The margin was razor-thin again in determining the winner of Tuesday's Livonia City boys track meet at Stevenson.

The host Spartans held off Churchill for the second straight year, 100-97, after winning last year's crown by five points, 101-96, while snapping a nine-year reign by the Chargers.

Franklin finished a distant third with 40 points, while Clarenceville placed fourth with 23 points, 18 coming from senior sprinter John Stewart who swept the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes.

It was a big day for the White twins, Myles and Mitchell, who figured in a total of seven first-place finishes for Stevenson.

Myles broke a 32-year-old school record in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 3 inches. He also took the 110 and 300 hurdles in 14.75 and 40.02, respectively.

Mitchell won the high jump by clearing 6 feet, 2 inches. He was also member of the first-place 400 relay with Steve Eideh, Dave Simor and brother Austin White, a freshman, who combined for a time of 44.22.

The 800 relay team of Dan Cragel, Nate Sergison and Mitchell and Myles White also crossed the line first in 1:31.39.

Another standout for the Spartans was distance runner Matt Rzepka, who

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swept the 800 and 1,600 events in 2:03.5 and 4:29.72, respectively.

The key to the victory, however, may have been Eideh's runner-up clocking of 22.95 in the 200.

"It's only the second time he's run it and it came in the second heat," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "He's only a sophomore and he's been training hard."

Stevenson also got a boost from junior Matt Broome, who was runner-up to Franklin's Mike Wood in both the shot put and discus.

"Those were Matt's best throws in both events," Shaw said. "And Simor going 20-5 on his last long jump attempt moved him up to second."

"The long jump was a big event for us because we took first, second and fifth and outscored (Churchill) 11-0. We also trailed in the team scoring going into the 800 and we outscored them 11-5 to recoup some points."

"We held on to the title," he added. "It's one of the closest city meets we've had."

Churchill individual winners included Derik Peterman in the pole vault (13-6) and Joe Verellen in the 3,200 run (10:21.82).

The Chargers also captured the 3,200 relay easily as Brad Evans, Brian Robertson, James Waterbury and Brandon Grysko were clocked in 8:35.11.

But the Chargers' most impressive first was logged by the quartet of Andrew LaBerge, Jacob McDonald, Billy Gutowski and David St. Amant in the 1,600 relay (3:24.61).

Stevenson's quartet of Rzepka, Cragel, Sergison and Derek Buskey was clocked in a respectable 3:27.06.

Churchill coach Rick Austin was pleased with the performances by each of the four teams under ideal conditions.

"It was a fantastic meet by all the schools," he said. "Stewart had a fantastic day, along with the White brothers and Rzepka. We also had some huge performances from Peterman, Verellen, (Brandon) Grysko and Robertson."

"We dropped the baton in two of our sprint relays and that figured prominently, but we had a good meet for the most part. We're young and we'll learn from the experience."

Stewart was Clarenceville's shining light as he won the 100 (11.13), 200 (22.59) and 400 (49.44), the latter event when he held off Division 1 state placer St. Amant of Churchill.

Stewart's time in the 400 also broke the school record of 50.5 held since 1977 by Bill Peterson.

"It was one of his best performances," Clarenceville coach Dean Bergeron said of the senior sprinter. "His 200 tied his best time. It's very encouraging. I think he can go (21 seconds in the 200) when he's pushed."

## Linebacker Shaw plans to 'low-key' draft

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Tim Shaw vows he isn't going to be fixated to the TV and ESPN all day Saturday like many NFL draftniks. No fanfare. No parties.

The Livonia Clarenceville High grad will return home Thursday from Penn State and await the call on his next destination.

"It's too long, I can't watch the whole thing," said the 6-foot-1, 237-pound linebacker, whose stock has been elevated in recent months following his impressive

performance at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis. "I'm not going to watch much of it. I'll stay busy, play games, just be with my family."

Shaw has been on a whirlwind workout tour since playing his final game as a Nittany Lion in a 20-10 win New Year's Day over Tennessee in the Outback Bowl.

After signing with an agent — Scott Smith of XAM Sports, based in Madison, Wis. — Shaw played middle linebacker in the Hula Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii, before heading to Orlando, Fla., to work under Tom Shaw in preparation for the

NFL Combine.

Shaw then wowed scouts in Indy with his 40-yard dash time (4.47) and improved that clocking to 4.42 during his Pro Day workout March 22 at Penn State.

At the combine, he ranked third in the 20-yard shuttle drill (4.12); fifth in the bench press (26 reps); and sixth in the vertical jump (36.5 inches).

And on Pro Day, he went 10-6 in the standing broad jump (first overall); 11.22 seconds in the shuttle drill (first overall); and 6.88 in the 3-CN (sixth overall).

Even though he was shuttled

from running back to outside linebacker to middle linebacker and finally defensive end (during his senior year) at Penn State, Shaw may have his name called as early as the third round after being projected as a late-round pick. His versatility and ability to play special teams is a plus.

"I think I definitely improved my stock and drew attention to what I could do, which was my goal," Shaw said. "I did everything I could."

Shaw said he has talked with

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Clarenceville graduate Tim Shaw was a standout during his career at Penn State.

# Stevenson captures South Lyon tourney

Livonia Stevenson got a bonus by taking two out of three games in Saturday's South Lyon baseball tourney.

Stevenson (4-4) also won the tiebreaker and the title based on fewest runs allowed to beat out WLAA-Lakes Division foe Walled Lake Northern.

The Spartans lost the opener, 7-3, to Swartz Creek as Damon Keehn led the Dragons (2-4). Trevor Cope also went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Losing pitcher Matt Loney gave up eight hits on five walks in 4.2 innings. He struck out five. Loney went 2-for-3 at the plate with an RBI. John Saaman also knocked in two runs.

In Game Two, Stevenson edged the host Lions, 9-8, in six innings as Jeff Sorenson had two hits, including the game-winning RBI after an Andy Jones single and Matt Tuttle's sacrifice.

Sorenson, the starting pitcher, scored twice and had three RBI. Luke Knochel also added two RBI.

Winning pitcher Grant Campbell gave up one hit, did not allow a walk and struck out five in 3.1 innings. Mike Tuttle came on the 10th to earn the save.

Tom Vess went 3-for-5 with four RBI and a homer for the Lions (5-4). Joel Smith also added three hits.

In Game Three, Stevenson edged Northern, 9-8, in eight innings as Dan Rozek singled home Jones with the game-winner after Jones doubled.

Sorenson, Jones and Rozek each had two hits and one RBI in the win over the Knights, who fall to 8-1 overall.

Craig Waldie went 3-for-4 with two runs scored for Northern. Garrett Breeding contributed two hits and two RBI.

## Trojans rebound

Livonia Clarenceville bounced back from a rough weekend to score an 11-8 Metro Conference victory over visiting Hamtramck.

Brad Schwartz led the Trojans, now 3-8 overall and 1-

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2 in the Metro, with two hits and two RBI. Nick Garant and Paul Wilcox also added two RBI each.

Winning pitcher Allen Mazur scattered 12 hits over five innings. He struck out eight, walked two and allowed seven runs. Garant came on to earn the save, allowing four hits and a run over two innings.

Losing pitcher Aaron Caudill went 3-for-4 with an RBI. Kemal also knocked in three runs.

It wasn't quite as positive on Saturday as the host Trojans gave up a total of 44 runs in a doubleheader setback to Redford Union, 20-3 (in six innings), and 24-0 (in three innings).

Nick Levinson was the winning pitcher in the opener, while Schwartz took the loss.

Matt DeLong went 4-for-5 with three doubles and four RBI. Chris Gazley went 5-for-5, while Sean Meixner added three hits and four RBI.

Levan Go had a hit and two RBI in the first game for Clarenceville.

Gazley went 4-for-4, while Jimmy Cooke went 3-for-3 with four runs scored in the second game for RU (11-1).

Kyle Schuett was the winning pitcher, while John McAlpine took the loss.

## Chargers finish 1-2

In Saturday's Carleton Airport Tournament, Livonia Churchill defeated champion and state-ranked Allen Park, 10-5, as Tyler Bledsoe went 2-for-2, including a two-run double and two runs scored.

Steve Jones added three RBI, including a two-run single and three RBI.

Winning pitcher Vinny Carozza scattered 10 hits and two walks over seven innings. He fanned two.

Joe Battistelli and Aaron Goubis each went 2-for-4 for the Jaguars.

Churchill wasn't as fortunate in

the first game of the tourney, losing 13-1 to Monroe as Audie Cole went 3-for-5, including a two-run homer in the sixth inning. He finished with three RBI.

Winning pitcher Roger Brogan went all seven innings, allowing one run on five hits and four walks.

Kirk Ciarrocchi had two hits for the Chargers.

Jimmy Tyler, who went the first 4.1 innings before giving way to Ryan Holton, took the loss in the six-inning mercy.

In the tourney finale, Churchill fell to host Jets, 12-1 in six innings.

Mike Sprinkles' two-run homer ended the game. Alex Jones added three hits, scored three runs and had two RBI. Brad Hollister also knocked in two runs.

Losing pitcher John Rodeman gave up eight runs on five hits and four walks over 1.1 innings. Reliever Matt Luneack gave up four runs on five hits on 3.2 innings.

Tyler went 2-for-2 in the loss for 5-4 Chargers.

## Patriots gain split

After losing the opener Saturday to visiting Milford, 4-2, Livonia Franklin rebounded to take the nightcap, as Garrett Gumm, the winning pitcher, helped his own effort with a solo homer in the sixth inning.

Gumm allowed two earned runs over the final three innings after taking over for starter Jeff McCullough, who worked the first four.

Jesse Carpenter and Mike Basner each had an RBI and two hits for the Patriots.

Carpenter went 4-for-4 in the opener with two doubles and an RBI. He suffered the loss.

Losing pitcher Sean Sciba went all seven innings, allowing just four hits. He struck out 14 and walked only one.

Winning pitcher Mike Bray scattered seven hits and three walks in going the distance.

Both teams are 2-6 after the doubleheader split.

# Wayne can't Wright the ship in 11-1 WLAA loss vs. Canton

Canton junior pitcher Erik Wright came so close to a five-inning no-hitter Monday afternoon that he could touch it.

Wayne Memorial's Jon Bryant led off the fifth with a high chopping ground ball that glanced off Wright's mitt and beyond the reach of the Chiefs' infielders. The infield single proved to be the only hit for the Zebras in Canton's 11-1 mercy rule-shortened victory.

Wright improved to 4-0 and reduced his earned run average to 1.33 by striking out nine while issuing five walks. Wayne scored its only run in the fourth when it loaded the bases on free passes before scoring on a groundout.

The win improved Canton's record to 7-5-1 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

Wayne slipped to 4-5 overall and 1-1 in the division.

"I thought Canton played well," said Wayne coach Frank Garcia. "They hit the ball well and they didn't make many mistakes. Their pitcher threw well, too. We only got one hit, and that one wasn't hit very hard."

The Chiefs' bats were smoking from the get-go as they scored at least one run in every inning. Their biggest frames were the first and fourth when they scored three and five, respectively.

Senior outfielder Kyle Gring continued to frustrate opposing pitchers as he homered and drove in three runs for Canton. Gring's two-

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run blast in the fourth - his second round-tripper in eight days - cleared the right-center field wall by 10 feet.

The Chiefs tacked on three more runs in the inning on senior catcher Blaine Paden's two-run triple and a sacrifice fly off the bat of Wright.

Junior second baseman Mike Madias scored the Chiefs' 11th run when he singled, went to second on passed ball and scored on a Zebra error.

Dan Stoney and Ben Vaughn ripped doubles for Canton. Brad Barath reached all three times he batted with two walks and a basehit. Barath also scored two runs.

Cavanaugh started on the mound for the Zebras. He had to leave with two outs in the third after suffering an injury.

Eric Robertson and John Smoes finished out the game for Wayne, which played without two suspended players.

**STEVENSON 15, CHURCHILL 5:** Livonia Stevenson (5-4, 1-2) roared back from a 5-0 deficit Monday to mercy visiting Livonia Churchill (5-5, 1-2) in a WLAA-Lakes Division game.

The Spartans answered with four runs in the first keyed by Matt Loney's two-run homer. He finished with two hits and scored three runs.

Stevenson added five in the second, three in the fourth and three more in the fifth.

Jake Wilson belted a three-run homer in the fourth.

Andy Jones added two hits and

three RBI, while Nick Plinka had two hits and two RBI. They each scored three runs.

Luke Knochel, Dan Rozek and Jeff Sorenson also collected two hits each in the win.

Kirk Ciarrocchi went 3-for-3 with an RBI, while Eric Opiela knocked in three runs for Churchill, which failed to score after loading the bases with no outs.

Winning pitcher Matt Tuttle overcame a rocky start and completed all five innings. He struck out 11, walked four and scattered seven hits.

Losing pitcher Josh Matigan gave up seven runs in eight hits. Reliever Shea Dwyer allowed eight runs on eight hits over the final three innings.

**NORTHVILLE 6, FRANKLIN 5:** Dominic Benavides went 2-for-3 with three RBI Monday as the host Mustangs (8-4, 3-0) held off Livonia Franklin (2-7, 2-4) in a WLAA-Western Division game.

Jeff McCullough hit a solo homer for the Patriots, while Tyler Canyock added two hits and two RBI. Garrett Gumm contributed two hits, including a double.

Losing pitcher Mike Basner went six innings, allowing three earned runs on five hits and five walks. He struck out three.

Bryce Jenney pitched the first five innings to pick up the win for Northville.

**W.L. NORTHERN 7, JOHN GLENN 6:** Chris Boggs collected a double, triple and two RBI as Walled Lake Northern (9-1, 3-0) edged Westland John Glenn (4-7, 0-3) in a WLAA-Lakes Division game.

Garrett Breeding contributed two hits and an RBI for the victorious Knights, who got 4.2 innings from winning pitcher Kevin Petsch. He walked eight and allowed just one hit. Petsch struck out six.

Kevin Lafave and Ryan Wakeford each had two hits and one RBI for the Rockets.

# Walled Lake Central stings Spartans, 1-0

Walled Lake Central's Taylor Pond scored off a free kick from midfield with only 12 seconds remaining and goalkeeper Taylor Comiskey made 12 saves Monday to stun Livonia Stevenson in a girls soccer match, 1-0.

Central, ranked No. 10 in Division I, is now 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Rachel Simari went all the way in goal for the Spartans, who fall to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in the division.

"I thought we actually controlled play throughout the back and in the midfield, but that's not what matters at the end," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said.

Liz Tokarsky paced the Stevenson defense in the first half before sitting out the second half due to an injury. Kayla Kimble and Amber Sharp anchored the backline in the second half.

"We didn't give up any real shots all game besides some free kicks," Pinta said. "Jamie Chandler and Molly McConnell really worked hard for us in the midfield. Molly was our biggest offensive threat tonight."

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"She got in a couple of times, and with about 20 minutes remaining was taken down in the box, but no penalty kick was called."

**CHURCHILL 10, JOHN GLENN 1:** Alyssa Mira, Callie Mack, Hannah Otto and Bailey Brandon each scored a pair of goals Monday as Livonia Churchill (6-0-1, 3-0) rolled to a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph at home over Westland John Glenn (1-5, 0-3).

Alisha Lussiez and Julianne Puroll each added a goal and two assists for the Chargers, with the game ending at the half due to the eight-goal mercy.

Ashley Bailey scored on a corner kick from Margie Shupe for Glenn's only goal.

Megan Bauman was in goal for the Chargers.

**FRANKLIN 5, WAYNE 0:** Junior forward Molly Perkins tallied a pair of in the first half Monday as host Livonia Franklin (3-3, 2-1) blanked Wayne Memorial (2-4, 0-3) in a WLAA-Western Division matchup. Senior midfielder Diane Brda, sophomore forward Sara Ramseyer and junior forward Kelly Powers also scored second-half goals for the Patriots.

"We were able to move the ball well and find different people to score, and in a variety of ways," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "It was a solid game that got a bit chip-

py toward the end, which left me rather impressed with my players' ability to keep their composure."

**LUTHERAN NORTH 1, CLARENCEVILLE 0:** Renee Hecker's header early in the first half held up as Macomb Lutheran North earned a Metro Conference triumph over host Livonia Clarenceville (2-4, 0-2).

Clarenceville senior goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg stood out with 11 saves. The Trojans' defense was anchored by senior Season Belcher.

**JOHN GLENN 2, GARDEN CITY 1:** Cassandra Gizel's direct free kick in the second half proved to be the game-winner Friday as host Westland John Glenn (1-4) earned its first victory of the season over the host Cougars.

It was 0-0 at the half. Margie Shupe scored the first goal for the Rockets from Megan Nikula.

Lauren Whitt was the winning goalkeeper.

**WAYNE 1, TRUMAN 0:** Chrissy Jones scored the game-winning goal on an assist from Whitney Jacobs to give Wayne Memorial (2-3) the non-league win Friday at Taylor Truman.

Goalkeeper Nikole Jarvis posted the shutout.

**CLARENCEVILLE 8, LATHRUP 0:** Amanda Moody, Kristin Jolly and Jordan Fyfe each tallied a pair of goals Friday as host Livonia Clarenceville (2-2) blanked Southfield Lathrup (0-4).

Jill Brown and Shannon McNeilly also scored goals for the Trojans, who led 6-0 at halftime.

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**BOYS TRACK RESULTS**

**LIVONIA CITY BOYS TRACK MEET**  
**April 24 at Stevenson**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Stevenson, 100 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 97; 3. Livonia Franklin, 40; 4. Livonia Clarenceville, 23.

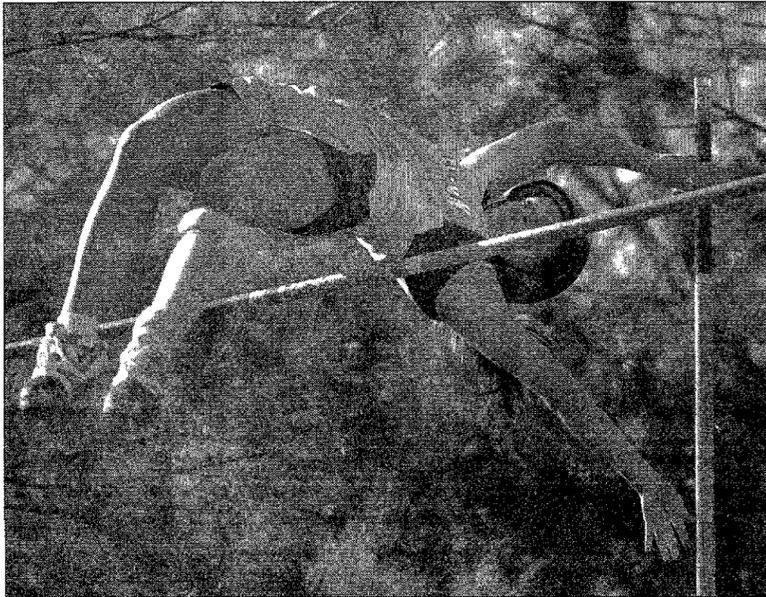
**FINAL RESULTS**  
**Shot put:** 1. Mike Wood (LF), 45 feet, 6 inches; 2. Matt Broome (LS), 44-1.5; 3. Jon Robinson (LC), 44-1.25; 4. Duane Najarian (LC), 43-10.25; 5. Chris Golonka (LS), 42-6.5.  
**Discus:** 1. Wood (LF), 138-8; 2. Broome (LS), 129-2; 3. Robinson (LC), 127-6; 4. Thomas Meyers (LC), 122-6; 5. Najarian (LC), 121-9.  
**High jump:** 1. Mitchell White (LS), 6-2; 2. Jacob McDonald (LC), 6-0; 3. Pat York (LS), 5-10; 4. Kevin Beadle (LF), 5-6; 5. Charles Pinnace (LF), 5-6.  
**Long jump:** 1. Myles White (LS), 22-3 (breaks school record of 21-11 set 1975 by P. Lokar); 2. Dave Simor (LS), 20-5; 3. Mike Sylvester (LF), 19-11; 4. Israel Woolfork (LF), 18-9; 5. Nate Sergison (LS), 18-1.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 13-6; 2. Joe Tesner (LC), 13-6; 3. Sylvester (LF), 12-6; 4. Brad Dow (LS), 10-6; 5. Beadle (LF), 10-6.  
**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Myles White (LS), 14.75; 2. Andrew LaBerge (LC), 15.93; 3. McDonald (LC), 16.06; 4. Mark Zehner (LC), 16.34; 5. Beadle (LF), 16.45.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Myles White (LS), 40.02; 2. McDonald (LS), 42.14; 3. LaBerge (LC), 42.29; 4. Stuart Gregory (LF), 43.46; 5. Dennis Swift (LS), 43.93.  
**100 dash:** 1. John Stewart (C'ville), 11.13; 2. Steve Eideh (LS), 11.4; 3. Jeremy Gainer (C'ville), 11.55; 4. Darran Carey (LC), 11.76; 5. Emmanuel Dixon (LC), 11.78.  
**200:** 1. Stewart (C'ville), 22.59; 2. Eideh (LS), 22.95; 3. David St. Amant (LC), 23.05; 4. Sergison (LS), 23.23; 5. Billy Gutowski (LC), 23.39.  
**400:** 1. Stewart (C'ville), 49.44; 2. St. Amant (LC), 50.36; 3. Dan Cragel (LS), 51.31; 4. Gutowski (LC), 51.72; 5. Derek Buskey (LS), 51.94.  
**800:** 1. Matt Rzepka (LS), 2:03.5; 2. Mark Waterbury (LC), 2:06.18; 3. Mike Gibbons (LS), 2:06.43; 4. Kevin Reschke (LS), 2:07.84; 5. Brian Robertson (LC), 2:12.32.  
**1,600:** 1. Rzepka (LS), 4:29.72; 2. Brandon Grysko (LC), 4:42.3; 3. Robertson (LC), 4:43.66; 4. Dave McIntyre (LS), 4:48.12; 5. James Waterbury (LC), 4:49.48.  
**3,200:** 1. Joe Verellen (LC), 10:21.82; 2. Grysko (LC), 10:29.37; 3. Ivan Sirena (LF), 10:33.61; 4. McIntyre (LS), 10:43.7; 5. Shawn Howse (LS), 10:46.38.  
**400 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Eideh, Mitchell White, Simor, Austin White), 44.22; 2. Franklin, 45.32; 3.

Churchill, 45.85; 4. Clarenceville, 46.26; **800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Cragel, Sergison, Mitchell and Myles White), 1:31.39; 2. Churchill, 1:33.23; 3. Franklin, 1:34.81; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (LaBerge, McDonald, Gutowski, St. Amant), 3:24.61; 2. Stevenson, 3:27.06; 3. Franklin, 3:45.09; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Brad Evans, Robertson, James Waterbury, Grysko), 8:35.11; 2. Stevenson, 8:43.14; 3. Franklin, 9:11.5.

**METRO CONFERENCE TRI-ANGULAR MEET**  
**April 24 at Lutheran Westland**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Lutheran High Westland, 112 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 42; 3. Harper Woods, 21.

**FINAL RESULTS**  
**Shot put:** Alex Edwards (LW), 44 feet, 7.5 inches; **discus:** Rubin (HW), no distance available; **high jump:** Jackson (HW), 5-6; **long jump:** Aaron Yankee (LW), 18-0; **pole vault:** Justin Hempel (LW), 10-6; **120-yard hurdles:** Kyle Ramthun (LW), 16.6; **330 hurdles:** Ramthun (LW), 43.0; **100 dash:** Mike Schatz (LW), 10.3; **220:** Josh Palka (LW), 23.6; **440:** Palka (LW), 53.3; **880:** Spencer Lyle (LW), 2:07.1; **mile:** Anderson (BHC), 4:46.0; **2 mile:** Anderson (BHC), 10:52.0; **440 relay:** Lutheran Westland (Brandon Ross, Yankee, Zach Robinson, Schatz), 47.2; **800 relay:** Lutheran Westland (Kyle Kempf, Schatz, Ramthun, Palka), 1:36.1; **mile relay:** Cranbrook, 3:55.3; **2 mile relay:** Cranbrook, 8:45.8.  
**Lutheran Westland Znds:** Ethan Haller, long jump (17-6.25); Frankie Cain, shot put (41-6); Paul Rockrohr, discus (no distance); Paul Rifeit, pole vault (9-6); Ross, 120 hurdles (16.8); 330 hurdles (45.1); Lyle, mile (4:47.2); Joe Girolamo, 800 (2:11.6); Schatz, 220 (24.1); 3rds: Josh Haller, long jump (17-0.25); Kempf, high jump (5-4); 220 (24.5); Cain, discus (no distance); Justin Palka, pole vault (8-0); Brad Larose, pole vault (8-0); Jempel, 330 hurdles (47.4); Josh Rice, 2 mile (11:40.4).

**MONROE-JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL**  
**April 21 at Jefferson**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 96.5 points; 2. Flat Rock-Woodhaven; 3. Carleton-Airport; 4. Erie-Mason; 5. Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central; 6. Lutheran Westland, 65.  
**Lutheran Westland 1sts:** Alex Edward, shot put (44 feet, 9 inches); 3rds: Mike Schatz, 100-meter dash (11.6); Kyle Ramthun, 300 hurds (42.9); Kyle Kempf, 200 (23.4); 4ths: Kempf, high jump (5-8); Ramthun, 110 hurles (16.6); Spencer Lyle, 1,600 (4:40.7); 400 relay (Brandon Ross, Aaron Yankee, Paul Rockrohr, Schatz), 46.5.



Stevenson pole vaulter Marla Winkler cleared 10 feet, 4 inches to win the meet.

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**CHURCHILL**

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points last year to Churchill (99-86), got firsts from pole vaulter Marla Winkler (10-4), distance runner Courtney Calka (5:16.63 in the 1,600) and Brittany Mrozek in the 400 (1:01.74).

"Churchill came prepared to compete, Franklin came prepared to compete, and we didn't," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "I'm very happy with my distance girls, who competed hard, and those girls who also ran or performed personal best efforts in their respective events."

"We have a lot of work to do, if we — as a

varsity team — expect to compete with teams who have great talent, a tough work ethic and put all their heart into each and every race who want to compete at the highest level they can achieve."

Franklin senior Robyn Whalen captured the discus (121-1.5) against a strong field, while fellow senior Megan Wilson won the long jump (15-7.5).

"We ran some great races and this was the closest we've been (to Stevenson)," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We needed to score in a couple of events to catch them, but it was a great three-team meet and great for Livonia track again, just like when we went one-two-three last year at the regional."

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Thursday, April 26**  
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 27**  
 W.L. Central at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.  
 Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
 Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 28 (all doubleheaders)**  
 Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 10 a.m.  
 Annapolis at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.  
 Churchill at Redford Union, 11 a.m.  
 Franklin at Lakeland, 11 a.m.  
 N. Farmington at Stevenson, 11 a.m.  
 Wayne at Ypsi Lincoln, 11 a.m.

**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Thursday, April 26**  
 Marian at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 27**  
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.  
 Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
 W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Kingswood at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
 Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 28 (all doubleheaders)**  
 Harrison at Clarenceville, 11 a.m.  
 Annapolis at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.  
 Churchill at Redford Union, 11 a.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Thursday, April 26**  
 Ladywood at Divine Child, 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 27**  
 Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.  
 Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 28**  
 Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
**Thursday, April 26**  
 John Glenn at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.  
 Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 3:30 p.m.  
 Northville at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.

**Friday, April 27**  
 Raider Relays at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 28**  
 Charger Inv. at Crestwood, 9 a.m.  
 W. Bloomfield Inv., 9:30 a.m.  
**BOYS TENNIS**  
**Friday, April 27**  
 John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.

**GIRLS GOLF**  
**Thursday, April 26**  
 Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Edgewood C.C., 2:45 p.m.  
 Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 3 p.m.  
**Friday, April 27**  
 Traverse City Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Franklin vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. Salem at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.  
 Wayne vs. W.L. Western at Bay Pointe G.C., 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 28**  
 Traverse City Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
**Saturday, April 28**  
 Madonna at Concordia (2), 1 p.m.  
**Sunday, April 29**  
 Madonna vs. Concordia at Ilitch Ballpark (2), 1 p.m.

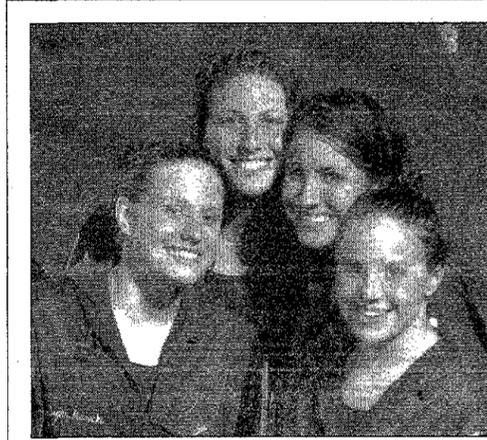
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all doubleheaders)**  
**Friday, April 27**  
 Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 28**  
 Madonna at Huntington (Ind.), noon.  
**Sunday, April 29**  
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

**GIRLS TRACK RESULTS**

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF LIVONIA INVITATIONAL**  
**April 24 at Franklin**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Churchill, 148; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 61; 3. Livonia Franklin, 56; 4. Livonia Clarenceville, 0.

**FINAL RESULTS**  
**Shot put:** 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 40 feet, 0.5 inches; 2. Robyn Whalen (LF), 37-11.5; 3. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 36-5; 4. Rebecca Bartek (LS), 34-1.5; 5. Kalliee Hobbins (LC), 33-4.5.  
**Discus:** 1. Whalen (LF), 121-1.5; 2. Krupsky (LC), 113-6; 3. Hobbins (LC), 101-3; 4. Colette Fodera (LS), 98-6; 5. Stephanie Bradshaw (LC), 93-1.  
**High jump:** 1. Abron (LC), 5-1; 2. Liz Hollaway (LF), 5-1; 3. Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 4-11; 4. Jackie Gribbeck (LC), 4-9; 5. Emily Schiffano (LS), 4-9.  
**Long jump:** 1. Megan Wilson (LF), 15-7.5; 2. Gribbeck (LC), 15-6.75; 3. Chelsea Pashnick (LS), 15-0.5; 4. Zgorecki (LC), 14-7.5; 5. Allie Plisko (LS), 14-10.25.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Marla Winkler (LS), 10-4; 2. Zgorecki (LC), 10-1 (ties school record); 3. Uren Ural (LC), 10-1 (ties school record); 4. Meghan Powers (LF), 9-6; 5. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 8-6.  
**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Margarita Lazarevska (LC), 16.99; 2. Tauri Rothermel (LC), 17.01; 3. Casey Lynett (LF), 17.3; 4. Mallory Lukas (LC), 17.5; 5. Brittany Gentile (LS), 17.7.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Rothermel (LC), 47.62; 2. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 49.34; 3. Lukas (LC), 50.49; 4. Lynett (LF), 52.19; 5. Lazarevska (LC), 52.5.

**100 dash:** 1. Mandi Coppola (LC), 13.61; 2. Sarah LaBerge (LC), 13.63; 3. Wilson (LF), 13.91; 4. Monica Hardy (LF), 14.09; 5. Nicole Thornsberry (LC), 14.11.  
**200:** 1. Coppola (LC), 27.82; 2. LaBerge (LC), 28.13; 3. Wilson (LF), 28.53; 4. Thornsberry (LC), 28.63; 5. Bartek (LS), 28.63.  
**400:** 1. Brittany Mrozek (LS), 1:01.74; 2. Jenny Butkowsky (LF), 1:03.73; 3. Brooke Knoche (LS), 1:04.37; 4. Samar Aoude (LC), 1:04.5; 5. Katie Glynn (LS), 1:04.82.  
**800:** 1. Rachel McFarlane (LC), 2:26.83; 2. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:29.29; 3. Sara Kroll (LC), 2:29.6; 4. Kristen Frey (LS), 2:32.22; 5. Laura Marshall (LF), 2:40.36.  
**1,600:** 1. Calka (LS), 5:16.63; 2. McFarlane (LC), 5:17.3; 3. Kroll (LC), 5:24.86; 4. Frey (LS), 5:29.52; 5. Sari Saarela (LF), 5:30.99.  
**3,200:** 1. McFarlane (LC), 12:06.0; 2. Calka (LS), 12:10.0; 3. Saarela (LF), 12:13.0; 4. Kroll, 12:26.0; 5. Erica Hope (LC), 12:31.0.  
**400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Rothermel, Thornsberry, LaBerge, Coppola), 52.6; 2. Franklin, 54.57; 3. Stevenson, 55.08; **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Milan Boyer, Thornsberry, LaBerge, Coppola), 1:52.03; 2. Stevenson, 1:53.56; 3. Franklin, 2:03.29; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (Aoude, Liz Buttery, Krysten Barczuk, Rothermel), 4:18.27; 2. Stevenson, 4:22.86; 3. Franklin, 4:26.82; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Sarah Niezgodka, Kim Verellen, Hope, Lindsey Graciak), 10:21.91; 2. Franklin, 10:22.25; 3. Stevenson, 10:35.9.



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The Farmington YMCA Stringrays' (from bottom left corner, clockwise) Brynn Marecki (Livonia), Katya Bachrouche (Farmington), Megan Bender (Allen Park) and Kerry Abel (Novi) captured the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:45.77 to earn first place honors at the 2007 YMCA Swimming and Diving Nationals, held April 2-5, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The same foursome, coached by Rich Bennetts, also took runner-up in the 400 medley (3:51.89). The Stingrays placed fourth overall in the team standings at the championship meet.

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# Weekend sweep eludes Crusaders in WHAC

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

It could have been a great weekend.

But Madonna University softball coach Al White and his Crusaders still had a good one, sweeping Siena Heights on Saturday and then splitting a pair on Sunday with Aquinas, their top rival in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

If not for a couple untimely bad breaks late in the second game Sunday, the Crusaders (25-12, 10-4) could be atop the WHAC standings with the regular season winding down.

But the visiting Saints (22-15, 12-4) held on for a 4-3 victory thanks to a bizarre double play in the sixth (MU had runners on first and second with no outs) and an unsuccessful attempt by freshman Samantha Bell to score from third on a

pitch that bounced several feet away from the Aquinas catcher. Bell was tagged out sliding into home, for the final out.

In the opener before a big Senior Day crowd at MU's University Field, the Crusaders earned a 5-2 victory.

"At that time it wasn't the right play because we had a lot of confidence in (Mary Kate) Setta coming up there," said White about Bell's attempt to score.

"She'd been hitting the ball hard all day. But we tell them (runners) to be aggressive at all times, and we tell them if they're on third base to get a good read.

"If it rolls more than four feet from the catcher, you're gone. (But) she didn't get a good enough jump."

The Crusaders nearly caught Aquinas in the sixth, when

sophomore shortstop Tedi Johnston opened the frame with a double to left-center off of Saints' pitcher Alyssa Fleser and sophomore catcher Danielle Richardson walked.

White then conferred with the next batter, freshman second baseman Brittney Scero (Canton), about bunting Johnston and Richardson up a base. Instead, the bunt was trapped by Fleser, who threw to third to retire Johnston. The return to throw nailed Richardson at second.

"Like I told her when I called the time out, 'See the ball, hit the ball, just don't flinch,'" White explained. "But she jabbed at it and it went right back to the pitcher. You can't blame my runners because they didn't know if she caught it or not."

The entire game was a head-shaker for White.

Madonna outthit Aquinas 11-6 in the game (three by junior

third baseman Christina Finch), taking a 1-0 lead in the third on an RBI single by sophomore catcher Alison Grant (2-for-4). Aquinas then went up 2-1 in the top of the fourth, with the help of four MU errors.

The Crusaders bounced back with two in the bottom half, sparked by run-scoring hits by Johnston (2-for-3) and Richardson (1-for-2).

Aquinas then went ahead for good in the fifth, when senior McCall Kleinfelt singled and sophomore Jacki Plough homered off MU senior reliever Shannon Noder.

"We're good, but we're young," said White with a smile, emphasizing that the difficult defeat will be a good learning experience for his team.

Sunday's opener was a case of Aquinas probably giving it away — much like the Crusaders did in the second game.

With the score tied 2-2 in the bottom of the sixth, the Crusaders had runners on second and third with two outs without the benefit of a hit. The potential third out of the frame, a foul pop up by Johnston, was dropped by the Aquinas catcher.

Johnston immediately made the Saints pay with an RBI single to center, and another run came home on a subsequent throwing error.

Scero had two of Madonna's five hits against Fleser, who gave up one earned run in six innings.

Picking up the win was Noder, who threw a complete game, fanning seven and giving up seven hits.

Madonna will play conference doubleheaders Thursday at Cornerstone, Friday at Concordia and Sunday at Indiana Tech.

Saturday against visiting Siena Heights, Grant's two-run homer in the first inning of the opener propelled the Crusaders to a 5-1 victory. Madonna kept things rolling in the nightcap, 9-3.

Noder notched the win in Game 1, supported by two-hit games from Grant and Sidor. The only blemish on her pitching line was a second-inning homer by freshman Jessica Singletary.

Junior Liz Ballinger was the winning pitcher in the second game, with Noder coming on with one out in the fifth to finish up.

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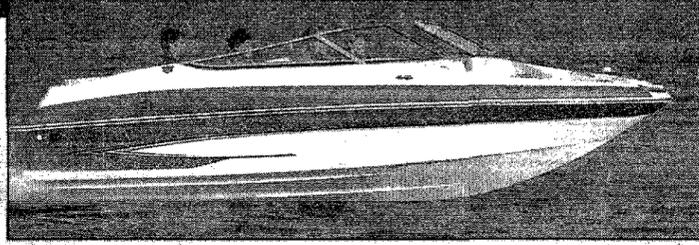
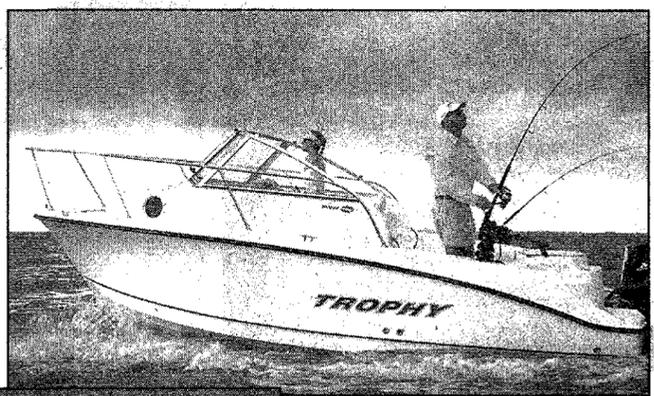
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# Weekend ends in stalemate for Madonna

It was two up and two down last weekend for Madonna University's baseball team.

But the highlight of the back-to-back Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doubleheaders with Aquinas was Crusaders' head coach Greg Haeger collecting the 300th victory of his MU coaching career.

On Sunday at Aquinas, the Saints (21-21, 6-10 WHAC) won the opener 9-7 but the Crusaders (24-16, 11-9 WHAC) rolled over Aquinas with a 19-4 decision in seven innings to claim the nightcap.

In Game 2, four Crusaders hit homers, including senior right fielder Tony Luttmann (Farmington) who hit his sixth of the season.

With a 7-2 lead after two innings, the Crusaders put up eight more runs in the third inning, capped off by a three-run homer off the bat of Orchard Lake St. Mary's alum Garrett Ignasiak.

Madonna picked up two more runs in the fourth inning as senior shortstop Kyle Fedorka swatted a two-run home run, giving MU a 17-2 advantage.

Gary Rule, a sophomore infielder, homered in the sixth to cap the MU scoring.

Madonna starting pitcher

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

Josh Regits cruised during the contest with the large cushion. Regits worked six innings and allowed just three hits and two runs, while striking out 10 in the win.

Luttmann and Ryan Morrow each recorded four hits in the nightcap. Morrow also scored five of MU's 19 runs and stole a base in the win.

Overall, the Crusaders pounded out 22 hits in Game 2.

In the first game of the day, the Crusaders jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third inning after VanAllen hit a two-run homer.

Madonna increased their lead to three runs in the fourth inning after Manny Alvarado (Southfield) tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly by senior infielder Matt Humenay's (Westland/Livonia Churchill) sacrifice fly.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Aquinas finally got on the board with four runs off Madonna starter Eric Wendling.

After Madonna picked up the tying run in the top of the fifth inning, Wendling was chased from the contest after surrendering three more Saints

runs in the fifth.

The Crusaders scored a pair of in the sixth inning as pinch hitter Dan Miller (Walled Lake Central) delivered a two-RBI double to cut the score to one run (7-6).

In the bottom of the sixth inning the Saints added two insurance runs off MU reliever Mike Hand (North Farmington).

MU picked up a run in the seventh as Zach Flavin hit a solo home run, but Aquinas was able to stop the Madonna threat and hold on for the 9-7 win.

Wendling was saddled with the loss for the Crusaders after working five innings and giving up eight runs on eight hits with four walks and four strikeouts.

## Haeger's 300th win

Haeger earned his 300th career win Saturday as the Crusaders baseball team split at Aquinas.

The coach, in his 11th season at the MU helm, picked up the milestone win in game one as the Crusaders took a 6-1 victory.

The host Saints were able to come back in game two and defeat Madonna 14-4 in seven innings to earn the split in the nightcap and putting an end to

the Crusaders six-game win streak.

Aquinas picked up their lone run in game one in the second inning after Brent Serba singled up the middle, scoring Jon Morse. However, the rest of the contest would be all Madonna as the Crusaders scored the next six runs of the ballgame.

MU pushed across four runs in the fourth inning to take a 4-1 lead.

The Crusaders would add two more runs in the top of the sixth inning as Ignasiak hit a two-run homer.

Mike Orehek (Livonia) picked up the win on the mound for Madonna, pitching six innings and scattering six hits while allowing just the one run in the second inning.

Madonna picked up a total of seven hits in the opener, led by VanAllen's 2-for-2 performance.

In Game 2, Aquinas won 14-4 in a shortened contest due to the 10-run rule.

Alvarado (2-for-3) drove in three of his team's four runs, two coming in on a home run in the second.

But despite Alvarado's best efforts to keep MU in the lead, the Saints scored 14 unanswered runs to salvage a split on the day.

# Johnson hurls Stevenson by Churchill, 4-1

Jamie Johnson pitched a four-hitter as Livonia Stevenson improved to 3-0 in Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 4-1 girls softball victory Monday at Livonia Churchill.

Johnson struck out three and walked one as the Spartans evened their overall record to 4-4.

Stevenson scored twice in the second inning and on RBI triple by Laura Deacon scoring Kathleen Hoehn. Deacon then scored when the Chargers (5-3, 1-2) made one of their five errors on the day.

Stevenson got two more in the fifth to build a 4-1 lead as Hoehn walked, advanced to second on a sacrifice by Deacon and took third on a wild pitch before coming on a Churchill infield error. Emily Hollandsworth, who reached base on the error, stole second and third and came home on wild pitch.

Churchill averted the shutout with a run in the fifth.

Jordan Kerr went 1-for-2 with a walk for the Chargers.

Losing pitcher Julie Lewandowski gave up just three hits and walked four in seven innings.

**NORTHVILLE 9, FRANKLIN 0:** Jenna Dumbleton threw a two-hit shutout Monday as the Mustangs (8-0, 3-0) rolled past visiting Livonia Franklin (7-3, 1-2).

Dumbleton struck out 11 and walked only one. The only hits she allowed were singles to Natalie Sanborn and Allison Bonsall.

Sanborn (4-2) was the losing pitcher. She allowed 10 hits, walked three and struck out one. Franklin committed three errors.

**W.L. NORTHERN 10, JOHN GLENN 4:** Liz Jones and Amanda Johnson each collected two hits Monday as Walled Lake Northern (4-4, 2-1) downed Westland John Glenn (0-7, 0-3) in a WAAA-Lakes Division encounter.

Winning pitcher Shannon Slayton scattered seven hits over seven innings. She fanned three and walked one.

Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook allowed seven hits and walked two.

Joye Clenny had a single and double in the loss. Nicole Diehl and Lisa Pecorelli also doubled.

**CANTON 16, WAYNE 1:** It took four innings (mercy rule) Monday as the host Chiefs (8-1, 3-0) rolled to a WAAA-Western Division win over Wayne

## PREP SOFTBALL

Memorial (0-10, 0-3).

Winning pitcher Sarah Anthony, allowed just one hit. She struck out six and walked four. She also helped her own cause with three hits to pace Canton's 10 hit attack. Amy Dunleavy and Kim Beaudoin also added two hits apiece.

Dunleavy homered and doubled, while Kimmy Keppen also homered.

Jesse Harris was the losing pitcher for the Zebras, who tallied their lone run in the first inning.

**HURON VALLEY 17, FRANKLIN ROAD 2:** Emily Helwig reached base four times and knocked in five runs Tuesday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-3, 2-0) took four innings to mercy Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-2, 2-1) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division game.

Helwig had a three-run double followed by a two-run single. Winning pitcher Amanda Gruenevald went 2-for-2, walked twice and scored three runs. She also had an RBI.

Gruenevald gave up just one hit, walked one and hit one batter while fanning eight.

**CLARENCEVILLE 18, HAMTRAMCK 2:** Livonia Clarenceville (4-7, 2-2) broke a four-game losing streak Monday with a three-inning mercy of the Cosmos.

Winning pitcher Abby Sochacki went all three innings, allowing two runs (both unearned) on no hits and three walks. She struck out seven.

The Trojans took advantage of 12 Hamtramck walks.

Charmaine McQueen went 2-for-2 with four RBI, including a bases-loaded double to lead the Trojans' six-hit attack. Nicole Lexson added a two-run homer, while Kellie Manis walked three times and had three RBI.

Brittany Brook contributed an RBI double, while Sochacki went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Stephanie Halkoski and Jessica McKenzie, the losing pitcher, each scored runs for the Cosmos.

**CHURCHILL 10-7, GROVES 6-6:** In a non-league twinnbill Saturday, host Livonia Churchill (5-2) swept Birmingham Groves (1-8).

The Chargers won the opener, 9-6, as Amber Holod had two hits and two RBI. Emily McShane added an RBI triple.

Winning pitcher Julie Lewandowski scattered nine hits, walked three and struck out four.

Jordan Kerr was the winning pitcher in the nightcap, allowing six hits and striking out three in going the distance. She walked two and hit one batter.

Kerr's RBI fielders choice in the bottom of the sixth tied the game at 6-all and Rachel Elery followed with the game-winning RBI single.

# Boyer's HR gives MU win over Northwood

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

Greg Haeger won his 300th career game at Madonna University last Saturday.

But the veteran baseball coach's 302nd victory Tuesday perhaps wasn't one of the prettiest ones - the Crusaders rallied late to win 11-10 over Northwood University.

Trailing 9-6 entering the bottom of the eighth inning, an RBI triple off the left-center fence by senior third baseman Gary VanAllen jump-started a big rally that was capped off by a mammoth three-run homer to right by sophomore outfielder Scott Boyer.

"I don't know if it was a hard one (victory)," Haeger said. "But these non-conference days we get a lot of kids in. Our pitching wasn't fantastic early but the bats came through at the end and got us a win."

"It never felt like we were out of reach in this game. We've been swinging the bats very well recently."

Of course, although Madonna reliever Mike Hand (North Farmington) picked up

his fourth save he couldn't get through the ninth unscathed.

The pesky Timberwolves - who outhit the Crusaders 16-10 - cut the lead to 11-10 and had two runners on with two outs when Hand fanned pinch hitter Justin Ford to end the non-conference game at Iltch Ballpark in Livonia.

"He (Hand) throws strikes and that's the key to pitching," Haeger said, "whether you're closing a game or starting a game."

Earning the win with two innings of scoreless relief was senior pitcher Mike Orehek (Livonia).

"My approach at the plate was, I've seen curveballs all day long, and that's what I got," said Boyer, who was hitless until lofting his no-doubter far over the fence. "The first pitch (from Brock Williams) was a curveball and it was a strike, and I figured he'd throw me another one and he did."

Haeger said Boyer "crushed it, he got all of it. ... It was a huge situation late in the game

for a young kid to step up and get a job done for the team, I'm proud of him."

Madonna, now 25-16, raced out to a 3-0 lead in the first on a towering three-run homer to left by junior catcher Garrett Ignasiak (3-for-5, one run, four RBI).

But an indication that the game wasn't going to be an easy one for MU took place in the third, when Northwood (14-23) cut the margin to 3-2 against Crusaders' sophomore starter Ryan Brodowsky (Farmington).

After an RBI-single by Ignasiak opened up a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the third, the Timberwolves scored again in the fourth.

The Crusaders, however, tacked on two in the fifth on a double down the left-field line by freshman outfielder Rikco Rhoades (2-for-5, two RBI).

That only led to Northwood's five-run surge in the sixth, a rally featuring four singles, three walks and a go-ahead double to right by junior Ben Shock to put the Timberwolves up 8-6.

Trailing 9-6 in the eighth,

the Crusaders started to bounce back on a leadoff walk by senior shortstop Kyle Fedorka and the up-the-gap three-bagger by VanAllen (2-for-4, three runs).

"Gary over the last week and a half or so is hitting .450 and has been our best player on the field," Haeger said. "We expect that every time he gets up to the plate that he'll get something done. I'll take the triple, but I just want him on base."

A ground-out plated VanAllen and Ignasiak followed with a single. Drawing a walk was senior pinch hitter Tony Luttmann (Farmington) and that brought up Boyer for the difference-maker.

According to Boyer, the clutch homer against a NCAA Division 2 team was something that he won't soon forget.

"It's an NCAA Division 2 team and we're good enough to compete with people like that, and I don't think people know that around the state," said Boyer. "It makes me feel great about myself to come out there and do what I did."

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## BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 5 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 3**  
April 24 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Tim Smolen (WJG) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Tony Semonick (LF) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Steve Trapp (LF) def. Brad Noyes, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Dan Camilleri (LF) def. D.J. Dillard, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6).

No. 1 doubles: Lenny Manfre-Clyff Palac (WJG) def. Chad Dorton-Ryan Hudie, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Justin Samland-Frank Toarmina (WJG) def. Ron Perian-Justin Adams, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; No. 3: Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal (LF) def. Bradley Shehan-Nikhil Kalothia, 6-1, 7-5; No. 4: Ryan Henderson-Galyn Tuszypov (LF) def. James Abraham-Corey Edwards, 6-1, 6-2.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-4-1 overall, 1-4 Western Lakes Activities Association; John Glenn, 1-4-1 overall, 0-4-1 WAAA.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 7**

**CANTON 1**

No. 1 singles: Eric Szydlowski (C) defeated Gino McCathney, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Ian Petty (LS) def. Justin Liedel, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Chris Martin (LS) def. Nathan Larimore, 7-6, 6-4; No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Mike Darouie, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Pat McHugh-Mike Greco def. Ryan Hollingsworth-David Kang, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3; No. 2: Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. J.P. LaFontaine-Riley Hoenschmeyer, 7-5, 7-6; No. 3: Alex Cook-Brady Thom (LS) def. Anton Schauerete-Dan Popoff, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Chris Onoff-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Jeremy Lindbauer-Santosh Shanmuga, 6-2, 6-1.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 4-1 overall; 4-1 WAAA; Canton, 2-2 overall, 2-2 WAAA.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 7**

**YPSILANTI LINCOLN 1**

April 24 at Lincoln

No. 1 singles: Kevin Erdmann (WM) defeated Mike Seiseo, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Aaron Koshorek (WM) def. Ahmad Alexander, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: C.J. Cooney (WM) def. Kyle Seiter, 6-4, 6-0; No. 4: Tommy Pattenaude (WM) def. Mark Proudman, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Nick Martin-Jake Fyfe (WM) def. Chris Durant-Chad Eldridge, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; No. 2: Andrew Ebricht-Tommy Seiter (YL) def. Andrew Morton-Mike Hicks, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Josh Barnett-Blake Berry (WM) def. Chris Santanski-Johnethan Gurka, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; No. 4: Andrew Thyron-Kevin Tarnowski (WM) def. Andrew Gurka-Kyle Shanahan, 6-1, 6-0.

Wayne's dual meet record: 1-3-2 overall.

**NORTHVILLE 7**

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 1**

April 23 at Northville

No. 1 singles: Gino McCathney (LS) defeated Tim Wasielewski, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Peter Curran (N) def. Ian Petty, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Mike Baskins (N) def. Chris Martin, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Steve Irvine (N) def. Erik Koch, 7-6 (12-10), 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Harry Zhang-Lee Schechter (N) def. Pat McHugh-Mike Greco, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 7-6 (7-5); No. 2: Kevin Zhang-Phil Irvine (N) def. Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Graham McHenry-Jason Raymond (N) def. Alex Cook-Brady Thom, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Andy Mills-Mike Hagan (N) def. Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey, 6-2, 6-0.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-1 overall, 3-1 Western Lakes Activities Association.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5**

**WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 3**

April 23 at W.L. Central

No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Clay Bartlett (WLC), 4-6, 6-4; No. 2: Eric Hammon (WLC) def. Niket Patil, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Brad Yanalunas (WLC) def. Alex Clos, 7-5, 6-1; No. 4: Kyle

Anderson (LC) def. Jovan Aouff, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Brian Hurd-Mike Rivamonte, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Ryan Rivamonte-Casey Johnson (WLC) def. Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Steve Mazur-Robert Fortney (LC) def. Ilya Kleyman-Brian Indianer, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5); No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. Ryan Hulteen-James Bittner, 6-1, 7-5.

Churchill's dual meet record: 4-1 overall, 4-1 WAAA.

**CANTON 5**

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3**

April 23 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Eric Szydlowski (C) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Justin Liedel (C) def. Tony Semonick, 6-4, 6-4; No. 3: Steve Trapp (LF) def. Nathan Larimore, 7-5, 6-2; No. 4: Mike Darouie (C) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Ryan Hollingsworth-David Kang (C) def. Chad Dorton-Ryan Hudie, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Riley Hoenschmeyer-J.P. LaFontaine (C) def. Justin Adams-Ron Perian, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal (LF) def. Anton Schauerete-Dan Popoff, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-4; No. 4: Ryan Henderson-Galyn Tuszypov (LF) def. Jeremy Lindbauer-Santosh Shanmuga, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Franklin's dual meet record: 0-4-1 overall, 0-4 WAAA.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 7**

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 1**

April 23 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Michael Chou (WLW) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-1, 7-5; No. 2: Nick Winkler (WLW) def. C.J. Cooney, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Arjun Mahajan (WLW) def. Nick Martin, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Tommy Pattenaude (WM) def. Scott Goldstein, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Zak Goldstein-Garek Ng (WLW) def. Aaron Koshorek-Jake Fyfe, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Brad Stone-Steven Wang (WLW) def. Andrew Morton-Mike Hicks, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Adam Goldman-Drew Haack (WLW) def. Josh Barnett-Andrew Thyron, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Lenny Kugel-Daniel Wang (WLW) def. Blake Berry-Kevin Tarnowski, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Wayne's dual meet record: 0-4-2 overall; 0-3-1 WAAA.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6**

**SALEM 2**

April 20 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Nick Payne, 7-5, 6-0; No. 2: Niket Patil (LC) def. Neil Bakshi, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Jake Bernstein (LC) def. Alex Clos, 7-6 (7-5), 2-6, 6-2; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. David Benson, 6-1, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Andy Foscick-Matt Benson, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. John Bills-John Kang, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. Ryan Aubert-Yuvi Rajeev, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. Sasa Miskovic-Andrew Steinman, 7-5, 6-4.

Churchill's dual meet record: 3-1 overall, 3-1 WAAA.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 5**

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3**

April 20 at Western

No. 1 singles: Michael Chou (WLW) def. Joe Fenner, 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Garek Ng (WLW) def. Tony Semonick, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Steve Trapp (LF) def. Blair Gioberman, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Zak Goldstein (WLW) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Brad Stone-Stephan Wang (WLW) def. Chad Dorton-Ryan Hudie, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Adam Goldman-Drew Haack (WLW) def. Ron Perian-Galyn Tuszypov, 6-0, 6-4; No. 3: Conner Leidal-Mike Geraci (LF) def. Nick Winkler-Michael Wang, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Justin Adams-Skene Milne (LF) def. Arjun Mahajan-Daniel Wang, 7-5, 6-2.

Franklin's dual meet record: 0-3-1 overall; 0-3 WAAA.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays beginning May 2 at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Registration for the Westland Comets and Meteors cheerleading squads is open to all girls ages 6-14 (as of Sept. 1).

Both units will cheer for the Meteors and Comets freshman, JV and varsity football squads during the season and also participate in the Western Suburban Junior Football League cheerleading rally.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or visit www.wyaa.org.

### Patriot baseball alums

Livonia Franklin High will stage an alumni baseball game for all former varsity players from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at the school's field.

The fundraiser for the Patriot baseball program requires a \$10 donation per player.

For more information, call Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499.

### Franklin football camp

The Future Patriots Football Camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (grades 1-4) and 12:30-3 p.m. (grades 5-8) Saturday, May 19, at Livonia Franklin High School.

The cost is \$15.

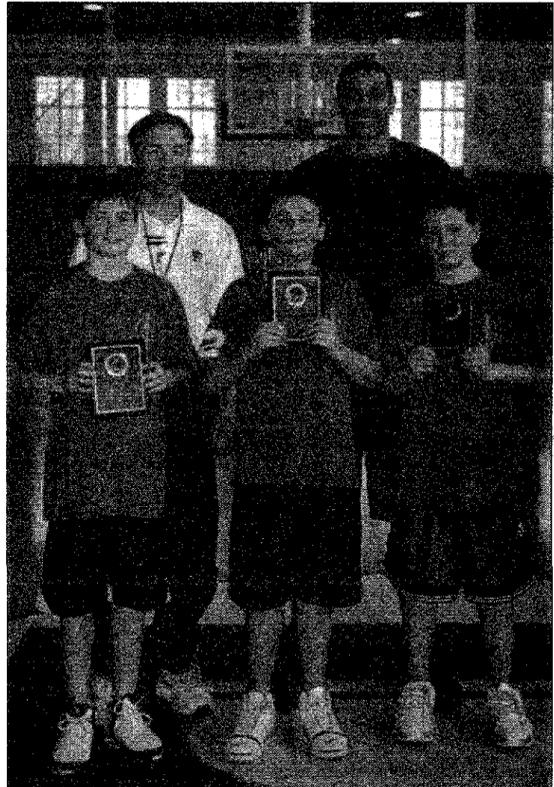
To obtain a camp brochure, visit franklin-football.googlepages.com.

### Drop in H.S. hockey

High school drop in hockey will be available from 3:30-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Eddie Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

The fee is \$8 per player. It is limited to 24 players and four goalies.

All players must show their high school I.D., read and sign a rules form, along with a liability waiver form.



## 3-on-3 champs

A trio of sixth-grade boys at Our Lady of Sorrows School won the 16th annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament March 17 at the University of Detroit-Jesuit High School. The first-place winners include (front, left to right) Nicholas Malzone, Travis Walker and Brady Hardin. The boys are pictured with U-D Jesuit Athletic Director and tournament director R.J. Lomas (left) and Jordan Morgan, a tournament referee and member of the U-D Jesuit varsity basketball team. The Sorrows boys are members of the school's fifth- and sixth-grade blue team coached by Russ Zarras.

## Tournament savvy: Blazers prove worth

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood's golf team doesn't seem to be fazed by forecasts from the Weather Channel.

On Monday, Ladywood played the Championship Course at Oak Pointe in 30 MPH howling winds to place third in the Brighton Invitational as Traverse City West edged Dexter for the team title, 346-347.

The Blazers took third with 350 as Andrea Warzyniec led the way with a second-place finish with an 81 followed by teammates Erica Mazur, 89; Kelly Thomas and Angela Jamrog, 90 each; and Rachael Fuller, 107.

Dexter's Kaitlin Davis took medalist honors with a 78.

"There were some challenging pin placements," Ladywood coach Kelliann Nagy said. "It was very tough out there today with the wind. It was swirling and constantly changing directions. I'll tell you, the wind sure takes a lot out of you. But everyone played well and I'm very happy with our start thus far. This past week we got to see some of the top teams in the state."

On Saturday, Ladywood finished runner-up to Rochester in the 24-school Grosse Ile Invitational hosted by Riverview Highlands - under ideal conditions.

Rochester took the title by five strokes with a 335, while Ladywood beat out Birmingham Groves for third in a fifth-player tiebreaker with a 340.

Warzyniec led Ladywood

### GIRLS GOLF

with an 81 followed by Thomas (82), Jamrog (85), Erica Mazur (91) and Fuller (103).

"None from our team made all-tournament, but everyone played well," Nagy said. "We are a well-rounded and well-balanced team that doesn't rely on one person to carry them. We're kind of like the Pistons a few years ago when they won it all. No superstars, but a team of young ladies with a lot of talent, dedication and heart."

Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner was medalist with an impressive 3-under 69 as the Chargers took 11th with a 357.

The Blazers, sixth last year in the Division II state tourney, opened their season April 16 by winning the East Lansing Ladies Invitational hosted by Walnut Hills Country Club, a previous LPGA Tour stop.

The Blazers had a total of 351 in 39-degree temperatures and 30 MPH winds at tee-off.

Warzyniec's 83 was good enough for second place overall. Thomas also finished in the top 10 with an 87, while Jamrog tied for 10th with a 90. Mazur added an 11th with a 91.

"It was a great overall team effort, everyone contributed," Nagy said. "The weather was absolutely horrible. The wind never let up and I think it only got to 45 (degrees), but never felt more than 20."

"The course was wet and played long, but was in great shape and the girls really enjoyed playing Walnut Hills."

## Franklin begins search for two open cage posts

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

On the heels of seeking a new boys hockey coach, Livonia Franklin High will also have two more winter coaching vacancies for the 2007-08 season.

Positions have opened up for both a varsity girls and varsity boys basketball coach.

Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye received resignations last week from Mary Kay Whalen and Russ Keberly, who coached the girls and boys teams, respectively. Whalen, a former Patriots

All-Stater who played at Michigan State and the University of Detroit, leaves after six seasons with an overall record of 47-81. She guided the Patriot girls to a 15-7 record in fall of 2006. Whalen's daughter Robyn, a 6-foot-1 center who earned second-team All-Observer honors, will be graduating this June.

"I got her resignation through an e-mail - she said it was partly due to the change of seasons, her work and it was family related," Hammye said.

Keberly, who also played at Franklin, finished 30-55 overall in his four years.

His best season was 2004-05 when Franklin finished 13-8. He also led the Patriots to a 12-10 record in 2005-06. Last year Franklin dipped to 2-19.

"I wanted to put more emphasis on the family," said Keberly, who just celebrated the birth of his second child (Logan Russell) on April 17. "The demands of a varsity job interfere with being an effective parent and teacher."

Keberly spent a total of 11 years coaching basketball at Franklin including three seasons as the JV coach under John Santi. He also served as a freshman girls coach for four seasons.

"I really enjoyed the Franklin community - the parents were supportive, it was truly a privilege to work with the families and the players," said Keberly, who teaches language arts, speech and drama at Holmes Middle School. "My wife (Janell) has been good about supporting my coaching. It's been a tremendous sacrifice on her part, but now the time is best to be with my family."

Hammye also is taking applications for a new varsity hockey coach after 57-year-old Terry Jobbitt retired with a 292-257-56 mark.

## DEMOLITION

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with Bareman Dairy. "They don't have any football experience, except for one. But we have some great athletes and great attitudes."

The Demolition have been staging spirited practices at Detroit Redford High in preparation for Saturday's season opener.

Area players include defensive linemen Lateefa Moore, Heather Harvey and Jennifer Hefner, along with center Alecia Sweeney.

"The intensity has been strong," Grodus said. "We're practicing with a chip on our shoulder. We taking it that we're just one of the pack."

The goal is ultimately to return to the divisional playoffs (July 14) and earn a spot in

Western Conference championship (July 28).

The national championship for the IWFL - consisting of 32 teams across North America, all the way from Montreal to southern California, as well as from Oregon to Florida - is Saturday, Aug. 11.

Grodus, involved sports all her life, played softball at Western Michigan University. She is a jock at heart dating back to her days at Sterling Heights High School, where she also was a member of the basketball and volleyball teams. During the off-season, she plays ice hockey.

Grodus also is excited about naming of a new offensive coordinator, Andre Harlin, who returns to call plays for the Demolition after having the job in 2002.

"We run a very sophisticated

offense, multiple sets, it's a pro-style attack," Grodus said.

"We want to run the ball efficiently to set up the pass. We'll use three backs, or empty the backfield with four wideouts. We run a ton of traps. There's a lot of trickery involved."

The Demolition will be coached again by Tony Blakenship, who has a 56-2 overall record in five seasons, including four national championships.

The former University of Michigan defensive back, who also coaches in the Detroit Public School League (Murray-Wright High), plans to put the top gridders 11 on the field, according to Grodus.

"I think there's a new mindset," the Demolition quarterback said. "Some of the players will be going both ways. Whoever is the best is going to play."

The Demolition are also under new ownership as R&R

Sports Entertainment takes over. The team will be run by Jeff and Kevin Rose of J.R. Charter Service, a motor coach limousine service company based in Novi.

Mitch Rosen, owner of Liberty Total Comfort Systems, a heating and cooling company in Redford, will continue as a limited partner after being the sole owner the past four seasons.

The Demolition's roster consists of 55 players along with 25 staff members.

The Demolition, formerly known as the Detroit Danger, have also formed a broadcast partnership and sponsorship with Bright House Networks. All home games will be taped and available on Local on Demand.

For more information about the Demolition, including tickets, visit [www.detedemolition.com](http://www.detedemolition.com) or call (248) 474-9176.

### GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

**GROSSE ILE INVITATIONAL**  
April 22 at Riverview Highlands  
**TEAM STANDINGS (24 schools):** 1. Rochester, 335 strokes; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 340; 3. Birmingham Seaholm, 340; 4. Lake Orion, 341; 5. Grand Blanc, 343; 6. Dexter, 344; 7. Traverse City West, 344; 8. Farmington Hills Mercy, 345; 9. Flint Powers Catholic, 345; 10. Northville, 357; 11. Livonia Churchill, 357.  
**Medalist:** Shannon Warner (Churchill), 69.  
**Ladywood scorers:** 13. (tie) Andrea Warzyniec, 81; 16. (tie) Kelly Thomas, 82; 29. Angela Jamrog, 86; 43. (tie) Erica Mazur, 91; 87. (tie) Rachael Fuller, 103; 99. (tie) Alaina Vince, 105.  
**Churchill scorers:** 1. Warner, 69; 43. (tie) Lexi McFarlane, 91; 71. (tie) Amanda Dobos, 98; 71. (tie) Danielle Lesniak, 99; 129. Jessica

Burdette, 119; 136. Gina Jordan, 137.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 187, PLYMOUTH 210**  
April 23 at Whispering Willows  
**Churchill scorers:** Shannon Warner, 35 (medalist); Danielle Lesniak, 49; Amanda Dobos, 50; Lexi McFarlane, 53; Katie Worley and Ashley Kuhn, 57 each.  
**Plymouth scorers:** Chelsea Jasin, 48; Melissa Miller, 51; Patricia Burns, 53; Liz Anderson, 58; Missy Gosbee, 62; Emily Libby, 71.  
**Churchill's dual meet record:** 1-1, 1-1 W-L-A-A.  
**LIVONIA LADYWOOD 172, A.A. HURON 206**  
**Ladywood scorers:** Erica Mazur, 43 (medalist); Kelly Thomas and Angela Jamrog, 46 each; Alaina Vince, 49; Rachael Fuller, 55.  
**A.A. Huron's top scorer:** Emily Carpenter, 44.

### SHAW

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just about every team in the league, including the Lions.

He was flown in for a visit with the Atlanta Falcons, met personally with Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Jack Del Rio at the combine and was worked out individually by the New York Jets.

But Shaw has no inkling what round he'll go or where he might end up.

"What I learned is that you never know what's going on," said Shaw, who had a total of 44 tackles and seven sacks his senior year en route to honorable mention All-Big Ten honors. "It's a big chess match and how teams want to keep things a secret. You just have to take things as they come. The process is wild."

And so are the questions during the team interviews. "They ask a million things," Shaw said. "They asked me if I've ever smoked anything and

how many girlfriends I have, a lot of personal stuff."

Shaw is confident he signed with the right agent. Smith represents Ike Taylor of the Steelers, along with guard Edwin Mulitalo, a recent Lions signee, and former Michigan fullback B.J. Askew of the Jets.

"I like Scott, he did everything he said," Shaw said. "He's helped me and he's been great. He's a good guy and what he's done has been above and beyond. He's a lawyer and he's been doing it a while."

The 23-year-old Shaw, who graduated from Penn State with 3.38 grade-point average and Big Ten Conference academic honors, has become attached to State College, Pa., where he has been working out.

"I can't remove myself in one big swoop," he said. "I'll still have my place here. I can't ever leave this place totally. There are a lot of great things to do around here."

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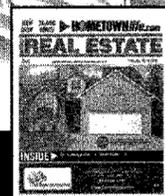
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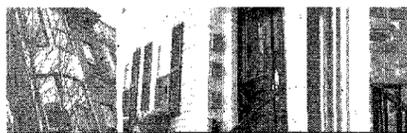
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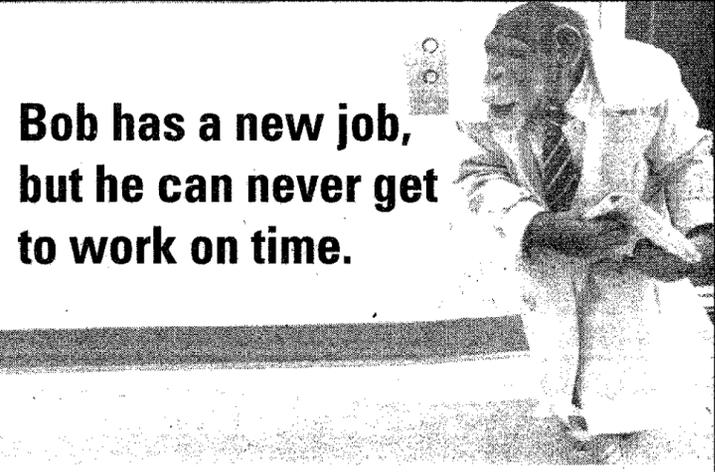
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"I discovered that when a home settles, moving earth, clay and debris often block the four points where water is intended to exit," says Renehan. "When it rains, an already-existing problem is just exacerbated by the downpour. The water has no place to go," he said.

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"They just want to sell the homeowner a second drain tile system," says Renehan. "They jackhammer your floor, install new pipes and pump, and dirty up your house when they haul concrete out to a dump truck. Nine times out of ten, it's needless effort and expense," he says.

Renehan says that his patented method for curing wet basement walls also includes the installation of an access point so that a home's drainage system can be flushed repeatedly in the future.

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