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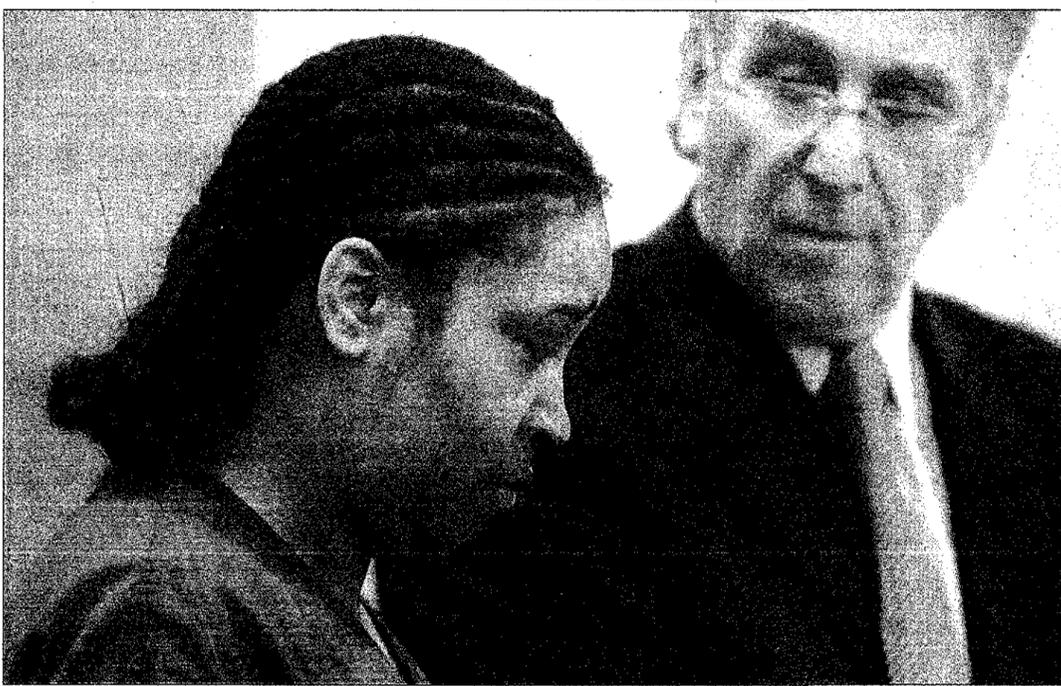
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Valeeka Noelle Gartrell's eyes fill with tears as she stands next to defense attorney Barry Resnick in Westland 18th District Court.

Court honors attorney's request for test Mother accused of putting baby in bag faces psychiatric exam

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

His name is Kyle. He began his life April 23 by being born at home, tucked in a trash bag and placed in a garage on Westland's northwest side.

He has a 3-year-old sister, Kyra, and grandparents who love him enough to care for him while his mother faces charges of trying to kill him.

Kyle is too young to ask the obvious question: Why? Why would his 27-year-old mother, Valeeka Noelle Gartrell, be accused of such a heinous crime?

In court Thursday, defense attorney Barry Resnick began trying to get answers by saying he wants Gartrell to receive a psychiatric evaluation.

After reviewing the case, Resnick said, "I did have some concerns about her mental condition."

Dressed in green jail clothing, a tearful Gartrell faced visiting Westland District Judge Gail McKnight, who delayed a preliminary hearing until May 31 to allow for a psychiatric evaluation.

Gartrell, accused of delivering her own baby, could face penalties ranging up to

life in prison if she's convicted of attempted murder and first-degree child abuse.

McKnight also granted Resnick's request to reduce Gartrell's bond from \$100,000 cash to \$50,000/10 percent, meaning the family could secure her release for \$5,000.

Gartrell plans to stay with a Westland cousin, Tonya Brown, who came to court Thursday. Brown has a 6-year-old daughter of her own, but she said the girl would stay upstairs with a grandmother and would not be in direct contact with Gartrell.

Brown also told McKnight that she is on disability and doesn't work outside the home.

She promised that Gartrell would be supervised around the clock.

Even so, McKnight ordered Gartrell to be placed on an electronic tether, and she told her not to have contact with any child under 18 years old. The judge also warned Gartrell to avoid weapons, alcohol and illegal drugs.

Resnick told McKnight that Gartrell is taking an undisclosed prescription medication.

Gartrell was charged amid accusations

she gave birth to her own baby, put it in a trash bag and placed it in the garage of her parents' home near Joy and Hix roads.

Police believe that Gartrell gave birth around 11 a.m. April 23 and then woke her mother to tell her that she was bleeding. Gartrell's parents took her to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where doctors told them that Gartrell already had given birth, police Sgt. Chris Benson said.

Relatives returned to the home and found the baby after hearing cries coming from the garage, said Benson, who praised doctors and the relatives for saving the baby's life.

Gartrell has no criminal history. In court Thursday, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Michael Woodyard didn't fight Resnick's request for a lower bond, leaving a decision to McKnight.

Woodyard simply told McKnight that prosecutors were concerned for Gartrell and any children that she may encounter - concerns that McKnight tried to address in her court orders.

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Pension board members' trip to Hawaii called 'over the top'

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Hawaii. It's the place for warm, ocean waves, flower-scented air, luau parties, staggering natural beauty - and public pension conferences paid by taxpayer-backed retirement funds.

Three officials from the five-member Westland Police and Fire Retirement Board have come under fire for planning to attend such a conference this month. They will join their counterparts from communities across Michigan and the nation.

"We've got people in this city who couldn't even get to Bay City if they wanted to, and these guys are going to Hawaii to do something - I don't know what," resident Jim Cook told the *Observer*. "It's baffling to me. I don't like it. I don't like the sound of a state that can't settle its financial problems having people go off to Hawaii for a conference."

But the retirement board's president, Robert Bianconi, defended the annual trips to pension-fund conferences, saying they help local officials brush up on investment tips that ultimately save the city money.

"It's education and networking. The world of investing is changing, and it changes quite rapidly sometimes," he said Friday, when contacted at home.

"We're not professionals," Bianconi said, "and this is the only training we get."

Bianconi, a real estate appraiser, plans to represent Westland along with former Fire Chief Michael Reddy and Fire Capt. Kenneth Leftwich. Two other board members - police Sgt. Ron Kroll and city Finance Director Steve Smith - will stay at home.

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CONCERNED ABOUT NUMBER

"I am concerned about the number of people going," Westland City Council President Charles Pickering said.

Many communities are sending no one or just one representative to the week-long event. Pickering said he believes one Westland official would be sufficient "for that type of conference in the location it's in."

Smith, responding to questions, confirmed that officials will have their airfare and hotel bills paid from the pension fund. They also will have a \$50-a-day food allowance.

Any spouses who attend are supposed to go at their own expense.

According to a Web site for the event sponsor - the non-profit National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems - rooms at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa range from \$219 to \$349 a night, depending on the view. The hotel is on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu.

The pension sessions will begin May 18-19 with a trustee educational seminar, which has a \$295-per-person registration fee. The event will continue May 20-24 with the conference, with a registration fee of \$595 a person, according to the sponsor's Web site.

The deadline for registration refunds ended April 20.

PLEASE SEE HAWAII, A5

Clerk anticipates low voter turnout in school election

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Eileen DeHart isn't expecting a flood of voters at the polls Tuesday.

In fact, the Westland city clerk expects more people will cast their votes in Tuesday's school election by absentee ballot than go to the polls.

"I'm hoping for a 5 percent turnout, if we get up to 7 percent, I'll be happy," said DeHart, who is handling the

election for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in the Westland, Canton, Dearborn Heights and Inkster portions of the school district. "Last year, there was one candidate and 3.67 percent of residents voted."

The Wayne and Romulus portions of the district are being handled by Wayne City Clerk Mary Carney. Turnout may be higher in her community, where voters are being asked to approve a 1-mill tax to repave,

repair and grade city streets and public sidewalks throughout the city.

DeHart has sent out more than 3,000 for absentee ballots and as of Friday had received more than 2,000 - 1,400 from Wayne-Westland voters and 670 from Westland residents in the Livonia school district.

The clerk's office was open until 2 p.m. Saturday to handle requests for absentee ballots.

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A5

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The *Westland Observer* invites you to have your upcoming events posted in the Community Calendar on our Web site. Just send the "who, what, where, when and why" to editor Sue Mason via e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com.

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Costner a killer?
Veteran actor discusses in Thursday's Filter his latest role, a literal change in character for the usual 'good guy.'



INFORMATION CENTRAL

Michigan Week

As a way to pay tribute to our state while promoting pride in it, Michigan Week was created in 1954. It was started by Don Weeks, who was Michigan Economic Development director at the time, as a way to unite members of the business, labor, government, and residential communities in honoring Michigan and everything that makes it unique.

This year Michigan Week will be held May 19-24 with the theme of Great Lakes, Great Traditions.

In accordance with the goals of Michigan Week, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has a great collection of Michigan materials. Come in and check out what we have regarding what Michigan has to offer.

For Michigan history, *Historical Album of Michigan* by Charles Wills and *Michigan-i-gan-ia: The Robust Years of the 19th Century* are good places to start. Well-known historian and Pulitzer Prize winner Bruce Catton's *Michigan: A History* is another terrific account of our state.

Other fun facts and trivia can be found in *Michigan Timeline: A Chronology of Michigan History, Mystery, Trivia, Legend, Lore and More* by Carole Marsh.

There is much to do and see in Michigan and we have several books on travel and tourism, such as *Backroads of Michigan: Your Guide to Michigan's Most Scenic Backroad Adventures* by Robert W. Domm and *52 Michigan Weekends: Great Getaways and Adventures for Every Season* by Bob Puhala. *Mountain Biking Michigan, Tee Up Michigan Golf and Hiking Michigan* cover just some of the recreation activities that are popular in the state.

Some examples of Michigan cookery along with interesting facts can be found in *Our Michigan: Ethnic Tales and Recipes and History from the Hearth: A Colonial Michilimackinac Cookbook. Good food from Michigan: A Collection of Recipes Featuring Michigan Grown Fruits, Vegetables and Sweeteners* by Laurie Woody and *Detroit's Eastern Market: A Farmer's Market Shopping and Cooking Guide* by Lois Johnson give recipes using ingredi-



ents that are particular to Michigan.

The library also carries many titles of Michigan fiction. Some

of the available fiction selections for Michigan Notable Books 2007 are *An Unquiet Grave* by P.J. Parrish, *Nicotine Kiss: An Amos Walker* novel by Loren D. Estleman and *Taking Care of Cleo* by Bill Broder.

So if you want to explore more of the varied aspects of Michigan's heritage, then stop by the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland to pick up relevant material. You can also call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westland.lib.mi.us. For more information on Michigan Week and events around the state, go to www.mi.gov/hal.

Highlighted Activities

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

Microsoft Word for Beginners: 2 p.m. May 12.

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, a word processing program that lets you create a variety of documents, including letters and resumes. Learn how to set margins, change font size and style, check spelling and print. No registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Financial Seminar - Capital Market Outlook: 7 p.m. May 14.

Get a rundown on the market. Let Andrew Gagne, associate financial advisor, provide context for the importance of a diversified portfolio. Question and answer session to follow. Stop by the library or call (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat.

Information Central is compiled by reference librarian Andrea Perez of the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Charges filed against cemeteries' owner

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
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The state's top prosecutor is pressing charges against an Oklahoma businessman for misusing funds set aside for the maintenance of almost 30 cemeteries he owns around Michigan.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox announced late last month he had filed 39 felony counts against Clayton Ray Smart of Oklahoma in connection with the alleged embezzlement of up to \$70 million in cemetery trust funds.

The charges account for \$38 million of the \$70 million that should be set aside in cemetery trust funds.

There may be more charges to come.

The charges include one count of racketeering, 10 counts of embezzlement and 28 counts of failure to trust cemetery proceeds.

According to Cox's office, the

money was embezzled to fund the purchase of 28 cemeteries in the state. Smart is currently in custody in Oklahoma fighting extradition to Michigan and Tennessee.

Cemetery trusts are required, by state law, so that there are funds to care for the physical well-being of the land. They are there to provide for maintenance (mowing, seeding, planting) and for the equipment to maintain the property for the future.

Among the local cemeteries involved are Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, 17849 Middlebelt in Livonia, Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, 34424 Ford in Westland, and United Memorial Gardens, 4800 Curtis in Plymouth.

Attorney general's office spokesman Matt Frendewey said the cemeteries were being maintained and operated as normal under the eye of a state-appointed conservator and contracts with them for

plots and services already purchased would still be honored.

Todd Turowski, funeral director and vice president of the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, said the charges won't affect the funeral home business, but will likely cast the entire death care industry in a poor light.

He said funeral homes have always been highly regulated in regards to trusts.

"Funeral homes have always been accountable for pre-need arrangements," he said. "We have to put 100 percent of that money in a trust — there's no money to lose."

In past years, before funeral homes lobbied to have the law changed, companies running cemeteries didn't have to put any pre-need funds into trusts. As of Jan. 1, 2005, cemeteries had to trust 65 percent of their pre-need merchandise sales and 100 percent of their pre-need service sales.

Eventually, cemeteries will

end up trusting 80 percent of the merchandise they sell.

That the incident described in Smart's charges happened, Turowski is not surprised, although the extent of the abuse was more than he would have expected. It couldn't have stayed hidden for long.

"If someone came in and wanted their property for a burial, everything would be OK," Turowski said. "If someone came in and wanted to get a refund, to not use a plot or headstone, there wouldn't be any money to pay them."

Frendewey said Cox's office got a tip from a colleague in Tennessee.

"The Tennessee attorney general was investigating Smart in a separate, but similar, case and came across information pertaining to Michigan," he said. "As a courtesy, he contacted Cox."

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6 volunteers honored by Angela Hospice

Several Westland residents have been recognized for their volunteer work with Angela Hospice at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland hosted the dinner, where nearly 100 hospice volunteers were honored for their dedicated service.

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner offered an opportunity to honor volunteers who reached milestones of 500 service hours, or five years of service. Those recognized received pins denoting their accomplishments.

Kathy McLeod and Shirley Wells, both of Westland were honored for volunteering 500 hours, while Phyllis Lucas was recognized for her contribution of 1,500 hours.

Also honored were Jane Neu for her 3,500 hours, Renee Panther for five years and Elizabeth Heimbecker for 10 years of volunteering.

"The level of commitment and generosity demonstrated by Angela Hospice volunteers is extraordinary and inspiring," said Donna Kolodsick, volunteer and spiritual care manager for Angela Hospice.

Kolodsick oversees the hospice's 475 volunteers, who contributed a total of 35,041 hours to the hospice's programs last year.

Two special awards were also presented. Kolodsick surprised



Honored for marking 500 hours of service to Angela Hospice are Marge Vendittelli of Livonia (from left), Gerry Neracher of Garden City, Angela Hospice president Sister Mary Giovanni, Shirley Wells of Westland, Dick McGuffin of Wixom, Kathy McLeod of Westland, Michelle Demers of Northville, Steve Porritt of Canton, Marge Adkins of Livonia, Judy Fortuna of Northville and Donna Kolodsick, Angela Hospice volunteer and spiritual care manager.

Livonia resident Janet Conway with the Volunteer of the Year Award. Sister Mary Eileen Malolepsza, also of Livonia, was named recipient of the 2007 Crystal Butterfly Award, for the most significant contribution to Angela Hospice.

Angela Hospice volunteers deliver a diverse range of services. Sitting with patients, providing respite for caregivers, offering grief support, garden-

ing, assisting with mailings, and planning special events are just a few of the ways volunteers assist in Angela Hospice's mission to serve the terminally ill. All Angela Hospice volunteers complete a comprehensive eight-week training program prior to beginning their volunteer work.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Angela Hospice, call (734) 464-7810.

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Carriers make pickups for food bank

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

For John Kastler of Gleaners Community Food Bank, a food drive Saturday will answer a growing need. "We're struggling," he said. "The issue facing us is a shrinking middle class and an increasing need for emergency food. Southeast Michigan, which we serve, is being hit particularly hard." Employees at the Westland Post Office will join their counterparts around the country Saturday for the 15th annual letter carriers food drive, the largest such one-day event in the nation. Carriers will be delivering post-cards on Tuesday and Wednesday, asking their customers to set out non-perishable food by their mailboxes, on the front porch or another visible spot by 9 a.m. Saturday. With the help of volunteers, they'll collect the food as part of their mail delivery. Letter Carrier Ray Fox has been participating in the collection since its inception and has filled more than half of his truck with food. This year, he has a new route, the city's Tonquish Subdivision, and is "anticipating a good

response." "I think this is huge this year. With the way the economy is turning, you're seeing so many businesses downsize or close," he said. "It's hard enough to be on the dole, but with rising prices, it's needed." According to Postmaster Kevin Brandon, the 350 employees at the three post offices he oversees - Wayne, Westland and Canton - will be collecting food. "We'll have bins in the lobby and the clerks will wear food drive T-shirts in lieu of their uniforms to promote it," Brandon said. "Historically, we've done very well in Wayne, Westland and Canton." The food drive is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers, the Postal Service, Second Harvest, United Way, Campbell's Food and Valpack. Last year, the drive collected about 71 million pounds of food nationwide with close to 25,000 pounds coming from Westland residents. "This is voluntary, but all of them participate," said food drive coordinator Joan Hicks at a kickoff rally Friday morning. "We get good participation.

People already are bringing in food today. I'd like to increase last year's by 25 percent." According to the Rev. Geoffrey Drutchas of Loaves and Fishes, who attended the rally, the donations are greatly needed at this time of the year. Many people make their donations at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and by now, supplies are running low. "The need is definitely increasing and one of our hopes is that by just making sure there's food on the table, families in need will have discretionary income for their other needs," he said. "It's important in terms of keeping families intact." According to Kastler, Gleaners distributes 25 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 19 million meals, a year throughout southeastern Michigan. "What's nice about this food drive is that the food will stay in the local communities," he said. "The food collected at this post office will go to our Taylor distribution center and then be sent out to food depots and church pantries for distribution."

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John Kastler of Gleaners Food Bank (at left) joins employees of the Westland Post Office in promoting their 15th annual food drive, slated for Saturday, May 12.

May surplus food includes pasta, ham

The city of Westland has announced the latest distribution of federal surplus food for the month of May. Residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Dorsey Community Center, on Dorsey south of Palmer and east of Venoy. Residents south of Michigan Avenue always pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

on the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, on Annapolis between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (734) 729-1737. Senior citizens in Taylor Towers may collect their food at the towers and should contact their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

Pasta, spaghetti sauce, grapefruit juice and a three-pound ham are being offered for the month of May. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites, and dates of distribution are determined by that agency. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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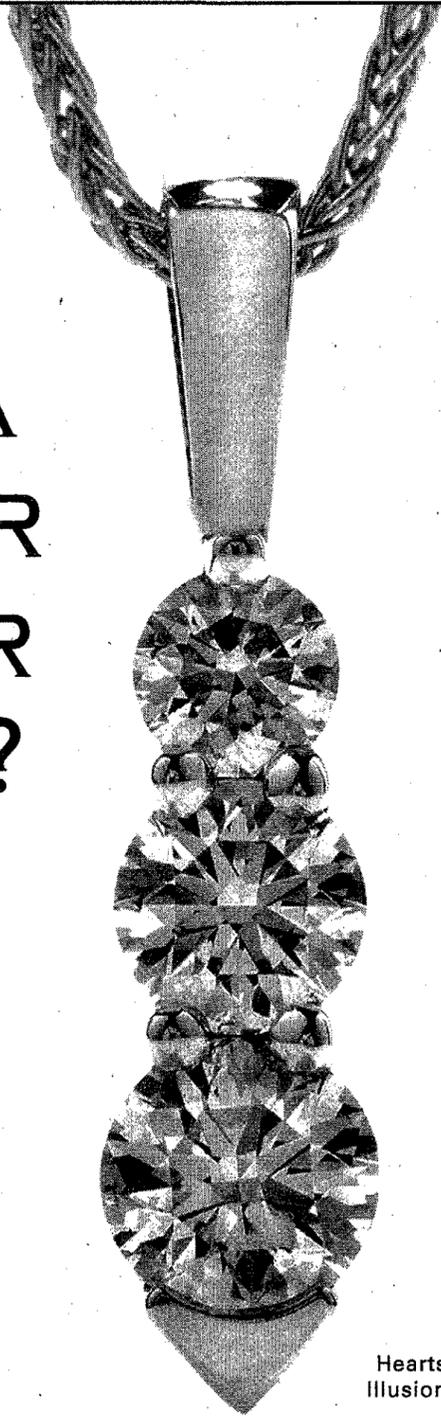
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college expenses, there are no tax consequences. This is an ideal gift for your niece.

To open a MESP account, visit the Web site at

www.misaves.com, or call toll-free number, (877) 861-MESP, (877) 861-6377. The beauty of the MESP is it only takes \$25 to open an account. In addition, you do not have to

worry if other people are opening accounts for your niece. An individual can have an unlimited number of accounts in the MESP, which is known as a 529 plan.

I like the MESP because of no commissions, low cost, flexibility and affordability. Unlike many 529 plans that are sold by the brokerage industry, MESP is commission-free and has one of the lowest management fees in the country.

MESP can be used for basically any public or private institution in the country. The money can also be used for room and board, books and fees.

The high school graduate may prefer another gift, however, a gift of helping someone with a college education is one of the best gifts anyone can give.

retirement and in addition, I need to rollover my old 401(k) plan; any suggestions?

An excellent company to directly transfer your IRA is Vanguard which offers a wealth of mutual funds and has one of the best customer service departments in the industry. The key is to have Vanguard directly transfer the money from the old 401(k) plan into the Vanguard IRA. By directly transferring the money, there will be no tax consequences and that money can continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis.

I recommend you divide the money as follows:

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If you and your husband qualify for Roth IRAs, take any new money that you are going to invest and invest in a Roth IRA. It allows money to grow on a tax-free basis. In addition, money in a Roth IRA is not subject to required minimum distributions at age 70 1/2.

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

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'IT'S A JUNKET'

"My initial response is that I felt this trip is over the top," Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt said. "With times being tough, I don't think that kind of decision sits well with people. Why are so many people going? I think it's a junket that we likely cannot afford. Would the same number of people be going if the conference was in Troy or Ann Arbor?"

Smith said three people plan to attend because some seminars are scheduled at the same time. Those going can share information and bring it back

home, he said.

"They need to stay on top of what's going on out there in the investment world," Smith said, adding that pension board members have certain fiduciary responsibilities outlined by Michigan Public Act 345.

"The more earnings the pension fund makes, that requires less contribution by the city," he said.

The retirement board acts on its own. Neither the city administration nor the Westland City Council has control over how the board spends money, Pickering said.

Westland's retirement fund now has \$153 million, Smith said. The money comes from city contributions, interest

earnings and formerly from employee contributions, he said.

Westland's tax rate for the pension fund is currently 3.35 mills, which generates nearly \$6.9 million a year, Pickering said.

"It ultimately comes from taxpayers through the millage," he said.

Last year, a local contingent went to a pension conference in Orlando, Fla.

Critics say the annual trips appear wasteful as Michigan and many residents face a financial crisis.

"Obviously the state of Michigan and our local residents are affected by the economy and the budget problems that the state is having - and

how it affects us in local government," Pickering said. "To see how that (pension board) money is being spent is sending the wrong message."

Of the five-member retirement board, Bianconi and Reddy were first appointed by former Mayor Robert Thomas. Leftwich is the fire union appointee and Kroll the police union appointee. By city charter, Smith, as finance director, rounds out the board.

"I know this board does not in any way, shape or form go to the extreme when stuff like this is going on," Smith said, referring to the Hawaii conference. "They're very reasonable."

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ELECTION

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Residents can still request them through 4 p.m. Monday in the clerk's office at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford.

Residents can vote absentee ballot at city hall on Election Day, if there is an emergency, DeHart added.

Wayne-Westland residents will choose from among five candidates to fill the two four-year terms up for grabs in Tuesday's election. Incumbents Martha Pitsenbarger and Skip Monit are facing Brian Mulligan, Bhagwan Dashairya and T. Cortez Spann Jr.

DeHart also is handling the nine Livonia schools precincts in Westland where voters will fill two four-year terms and one one-year term.

Patrice Mang and Gregory Oke are running for the one year remaining of the term that had been held by Trustee Kevin Whitehead,

who resigned earlier this year after his residency was challenged. Candidate Ralph McComber has withdrawn from the race, though his name is on the ballot.

Incumbents Lynda Scheel and Robert Freeman are seeking new four-year terms and are being challenged by Steve Futrell and Eileen McDonnell.

Westland residents in the Schoolcraft College district also will fill three seats on the Board of Trustees in Tuesday's election.

Incumbents Mary Breen and Brian Broderick are seeking new six-year terms. Joan Gebhardt, who was appointed in December, is campaigning for a new term.

Challenging them are James Fausone and Ron Randall.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

"Voters should take this election seriously," said DeHart. "School board members handle more money than their city council does."

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools
36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185

Attn: Sheila King, Supervisor of Business

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after May 2, 2007.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Indoor garage sale

Ladies of Harley Chapter 2368 is holding an indoor garage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today (May 6) at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. There will be baby and kids clothes, arts and crafts, bikes and car parts, leather goods and antiques.

Admission is free, and all proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association's local clients.

Free coffee

In honor of National Nurses Week and the contributions nurses make to the community, Dunkin' Donuts has designated Wednesday May 9, as Nurses Appreciation Day.

For 24 hours, all nurses can receive a free, large freshly brewed coffee or double brewed medium iced coffee, including their choice of flavors, at any participating Dunkin' Donuts in Michigan, simply by showing their identification cards or badges.

Poppy sales

American Legion Post 251 of Westland is holding its annual Poppy Sales now through Saturday, May 12. Members are at the intersection of Wayne and Ford roads as well as at various business in Westland and Canton.

Proceeds from the annual sale are used for the rehabilitation of and assistance for veterans and their families.

Members of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 also will hold a poppy sale Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12. Look for members at various intersections throughout the city.

Cruise nights

Got a muscle car, street rod, pro street or classic car just waiting for cruise season? Well, it arrives Monday, May 7, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 in Westland.

The Motor City Muscle Car Club has moved its Monday Nite Cruisin' to the post at 1055 S. Wayne Road and Avondale. Hours are 6-9 p.m. There also will be door prizes, trophies and music by DJ Dave

Holloway.

For more information, call (734) 721-9876.

Board games

The Westland Jaycees will sponsor a board game competition Sunday, May 20, to benefit the Westland Relay for Life. The event will take place at 2 p.m. at the Bailey Recreation Center. People age 8 and older are welcome to compete.

The cost to enter the competition is \$20. The winner will receive Board Game Champion bragging rights and a donation to the Westland Relay for Life team of their choice.

Call (734) 226-0400 and leave a message for more information or visit the Jaycees' Web site at www.westland-jaycees.org to preregister for the event.

Pancake breakfast

Enjoy all you can eat flap jacks prepared just the way you want them at the Friendship Center 8:30-11 a.m. Thursday, May 10. Choose from buttermilk or multi-grain pancakes, regular syrup or sugar free.

Breakfast includes bacon, sausage and choice of beverage, all for \$4. This event is open to all ages. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh Road, just south of Ford.

Spaghetti dinner

The Dyer Senior Center will hold its monthly spaghetti dinner 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the center, 36745 Marquette east of Newburgh, Westland. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$6.

Beer tasting event

The Westland Jaycees will host an International Beer Tasting night and a Mystery Card Party at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland.

Among the beers being tasted are Zywiec from Poland and Xingu from Brazil. Domestic Beer and Wine Coolers will be offered for purchase.

Admission for the tasting

and the card party is \$10. For more information, call (734) 226-0400.

Garage sale

Browse an eclectic mix of items including clothing, books, knickknacks, and more at the community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in the parking lot of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford.

The event is sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and the Westland Youth Assistance Program. For information on table availability, call the recreation department at (734) 722-7620.

Kites and music

Enjoy a day of kite making demonstrations at the High Flying Kite and Music Festival 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Nankin Mills area of Hines Park on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail. There also will be stunt kites and crafts for children, moonwalks and music for the whole family to enjoy. An open field will also be available so that everyone can decorate the sky with their own kites. For more information, please call (734) 261-1990.

Travel club

Friendship Center Travel Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, just south of Ford. Join local seniors as they learn of upcoming trips offered through the center. For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

Play time

The Plymouth Christian Academy High School Drama Department will present Little Women at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 17-18, in the auditorium of Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

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Annual fun run/walk

North Bros. Ford and the City of Westland will hold the eighth annual 5K fun run/walk 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The event will start at the Bailey Recreation Center. There is a preregistration deadline of May 13 with a fee of \$15 for adults. After that date, the fee is \$18. T-shirts also are guaranteed for those who register by May 13. Day-of the event registration will start at 8 a.m.

There will be prizes and recognition for the top three males and females in all age groups - ages 1-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older. The race is handicap accessible and there will be awards for the top three finishers in the handicap group.

For more information, call Jackie Maracinni at North Bros. Ford at (734) 524-1230 or by e-mail at info@north-bros.com.



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Inspire Theatre will be performing the comedy, *Divine Stella Devine*, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12, at the Underground Cafe located in the Dearborn Covenant Church, 18575 Outer Dr., Dearborn. Tickets are \$11. Inspire Theatre is partnering with two organizations to raise money and raise awareness. The troupe will be donating a portion of the ticket proceeds to the Sara Grivas Fund which will be used in work with children in the Ukraine, and the G.I.N.A. organization - www.411gina.org - which attempts to locate missing people. The money will be used to highlight missing moms, especially in the Detroit area. For more information or tickets, call Len Fisher at (734) 751-7057, or by e-mail at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or check out the Web site at www.inspiretheatre.com.

Starfish bone marrow drive honors Cash

Starfish Family Services and the National Marrow Donor Program are encouraging community members to save lives by registering with the NMDP to be a marrow donor.

A marrow donor drive will take place 1:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Starfish Family Services' headquarters on Hivley Road in Inkster.

Starfish is conducting the donor drive in honor of Dr. Ouida Cash, the organization's chief executive officer, who was diagnosed with leukemia in February.

Cash has a 29-year history in leading human service agencies that help children and families in Inkster, western Wayne County and beyond. She is currently receiving care and treatment at Oakwood Healthcare System and Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Through the NMDP network, Cash's donor was identified. She is scheduled to receive her

transplant this month.

"It's odd not knowing about the person who will be saving my life - an anonymous hero," said Cash. "This is what each person who signs up at Starfish to be a donor will be."

Participants at the May 10 donor drive will take part in an easy, noninvasive process that involves a self-administered cheek swab. Anyone who meets the health guidelines and is age 18 through 60 can join the registry.

After completing a brief health questionnaire, registrants collect a small sample of cheek cells (done with a simple swab) and sign a consent form. The whole process takes just 15 minutes.

Each year, thousands of patients are diagnosed with life-threatening blood diseases such as leukemia and lymphoma as well as certain immune system and genetic disorders. To survive, these patients need blood-

forming cells to help their bodies make new, healthy marrow.

Blood-forming cells are immature cells that can develop into red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. These cells usually live in bone marrow but are also released, in small numbers, into the bloodstream.

The NMDP maintains the world's largest, most diverse registry of more than five million volunteer marrow and blood cell donors and more than 30,000 cord blood units. It provides resources for patients and physicians and conducts research to improve the outcomes of marrow and blood cell transplantation. For more information, visit the NMDP Web site at www.marrows.org.

Cash, 59, of Northville, has dedicated her life to improving the well-being of at-risk children and families. A well-respected agency director, community leader and unrelenting

Marvaso's caters LeBlanc's bill party

A Westland restaurant owner had a chance to show off his cooking skills when he catered a "First Bill Luncheon" for State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland.

Marvaso's Italian Grille provided food for the party, a tradition in the Michigan House of Representatives that calls for a lawmaker to host a luncheon after his or her first bill passes the House.

"It was great to be able to bring a taste of Westland, and a taste of Italy, to the Capitol in honor of my first bill passing," LeBlanc said. "I'd like to thank

Richard LeBlanc's first bill passed the House in March with a vote of 93-17.

George Marvaso for serving up his delicious food to my fellow lawmakers.

"Judging by the amount of food my colleagues consumed, Marvaso's was a huge hit."

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It prohibits drivers from changing lanes in the middle of an intersection that has a traf-

fic signal. The bill is now in the Senate.

Marvaso, his son Geo, his daughter Leslie and Dave Reed, the restaurant's head cook, were on hand during LeBlanc's "First Bill Luncheon." They supplied members of the House of Representatives with a selection of pastas, desserts and more.

"Passing my first bill was a big honor for me, and it was a pleasure to be able to celebrate the occasion with one of the businesses in my hometown," LeBlanc said.

Applications accepted for 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.

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.

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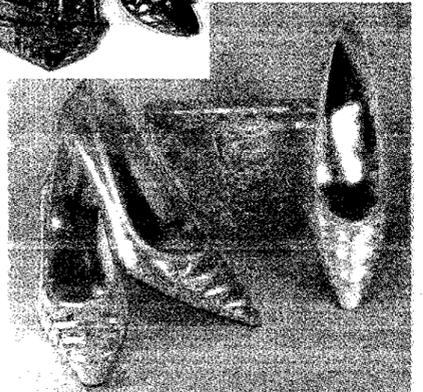
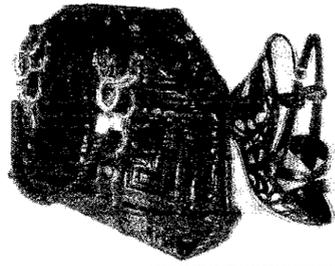
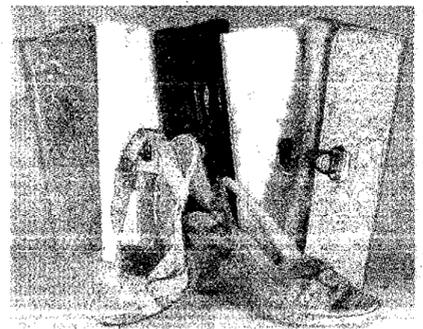
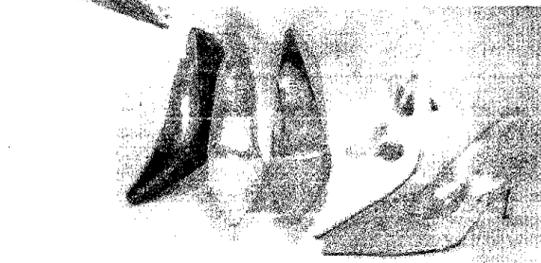
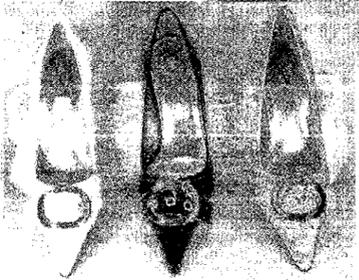
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OUR VIEWS

Get out and vote on Tuesday

On Tuesday, Westland residents will go to the polls to elect those people they believe will steer their school district through the troubled waters now facing public education.

It is a vote that should not be taken lightly. Knowledge of what is happening in education as a whole and in local school districts specifically should play into voters' decisions.

It did with us in our consideration of who would best serve the interest of the students and taxpayers in our endorsements this year:

Wayne-Westland Schools

In the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, five candidates are seeking the two four-year terms that will be filled in the election. Joining incumbents **Martha Pitsenbarger** and **Skip Monit** on the ballot are **Bhagwhan Dashairya**, **Brian Mulligan** and **T. Cortez Spann Jr.**

In looking at the issues facing the district, we believe **Pitsenbarger** and **Monit** should get the nod from voters.

Pitsenbarger has served on the board for 12 years. She has been there in the lean times of early Proposal A and has a clear understanding of what the district now faces as its fund equity disappears.

You need only look at the schools to see **Monit's** commitment to the district. As a tri-chair of the 1998 bond committee, he helped get voters to approve the \$108 million request that brought renovations and improvements to every school in the district.

There's no mistaking who these two candidates represent - the students. As members of the board, they have made the decisions that have put the students and their education first. As a result, the district has continued to tighten its belt in the face of less than sufficient revenue and spiraling costs to preserve the educational program.

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

We urge voters to re-elect **Skip Monit** and **Martha Pitsenbarger** to the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

Livonia Public Schools

In the Livonia Public Schools, six candidates are campaigning for two four-year terms and one one-year term on the board.

Two candidates are running for the one year remaining of the term that had been held **Trustee Kevin Whitehead**, who resigned earlier this year after his residency was challenged. The candidates are **Patrice Mang** and **Gregory Oke**. (Candidate **Ralph McComber** has withdrawn from the race, though his name is on the ballot.)

Incumbents **Lynda Scheel** and **Robert Freeman** are seeking new four-year terms and are being chal-

lenged by **Steve Futrell** and **Eileen McDonnell**.

The school district has had a bumpy ride since implementing its Legacy plan, and we believe **Scheel**, **Futrell** and **Mang** can give the district the best chance to move forward and address some of the trust and communications concerns of the past 1 1/2 years.

Scheel has shown a good understanding that the district's shortcomings. 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 the district.

He has shown a willingness to work with, not just attack, those in the leadership roles and is committed to bringing even more public interaction to board meetings.

Mang shares a clear understanding of where the district is and what it needs. 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.

Schoolcraft College

In the Schoolcraft College district, voters will fill three positions on the Board of Trustees. The candidates include incumbents **Mary Breen** and **Brian Broderick**, **Joan Gebhardt**, **James Fausone** and **Ron Randall**.

We believe that **Breen**, **Broderick** and **Fausone** are the best choices for seats of the Board of Trustees.

Breen has a long history as an educator who understands the college's special place in the education process and retains a real enthusiasm for what the college is accomplishing.

Broderick is a lawyer with a solid understanding of the college's budget situation and the need to find ways to replace the loss in state funding without burdening students.

Both have been part of the college's success, supporting **Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress** in his careful management of the college's resources and in his vision to push the college toward health and technical education.

Fausone, a Canton attorney, is supportive of the college's direction but critical of its marketing and its use of technology, even as it moves to take a leadership position in technical education. He has a strong grasp of both budgetary and educational issues.

In a strong field of candidates, **Mary Breen**, **Brian Broderick** and **James Fausone** emerge as the best choices for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, and we urge voters to find the time to cast their ballots. The candidates in this election took the time to get involved, now it's your turn.

LETTERS

Vote for strong schools

My husband and I raised our kids in Livonia and have been proud of the education they received. We continue to watch our granddaughter benefit from such a wonderful school district and enjoy the fact that we remain a part of this community.

When I look at the past 18 months of changes in our school district, I think back at the changes that transpired while I was raising my own children. Elementary schools were closed, boundary lines changed, my two children did not attend the same elementary school or middle school causing my son to bussed instead of able to walk, ninth grade was moved to high school and Bentley High School was closed.

The changes of late are no worse than the issues we faced when raising our own children. Although, I am concerned about where our district would be headed with CFLF supported candidates. I have read their paid advertisements encouraging a vote for change to their candidates and have to wonder if the CFLF mantra of reverse the Legacy Initiative really doesn't apply to the candidates they support. These CFLF Candidates have stated in an *Observer* article that they do not want to see the Legacy Initiative reversed. How can that be, when the group that supports them has done nothing but do everything in their power to work towards a reversal?

I continue to trust our school board and superintendent will continue to work towards providing all of the children of our community with the best possible education opportunities and that is why I am asking you to join me on May 8 in voting for strong schools and great leadership by voting **Rob Freeman**, **Lynda Scheel** and **Greg Oke**.

Eleanor Dixon
Livonia

Broderick is best choice

Brian Broderick is the best choice for Schoolcraft College Trustee. Brian listens to all sides, researches dependable sources and then forms his opinion. He is an independent thinker and an asset to the Schoolcraft College Board.

During these difficult economic times, it is crucial that we keep his leadership and experience on the Schoolcraft Board. Brian's chief concern is that Schoolcraft maintains its high educational standards for all who attend the college. We have been well served by his 12 years on the board and should re-elect him on May 8.

A vote for **Broderick** is a vote for the continued success of Schoolcraft College and its students.

Mary Stempien
Livonia

We own the schools

A board of education has been defined as a group of citizens who are concerned with the proper functioning of the school system. To me, the operative word in that definition is "concerned." A person who runs for a board of education knows that the job entails long hours, frustration and little recognition. Indeed, in a pluralistic society, the concern of many groups often manifests itself in

the outcries against policies and programs proposed by the central office and the board members. At such times, sitting on the board can be a frustrating and thankless experience.

It follows, therefore, that only someone who feels a deep and abiding concern for education; only someone who is dedicated to excellence and progress; only someone who has a need to give of themselves for the good of all - only such a person would seek and should be elected to a board of education. Therefore I support, wholeheartedly, **Rob Freeman**, **Lynda Scheel** and **Greg Oke**.

The schools of this city exist for me (adults who no longer have children in school) and for parents and their children. This is not some idealistic nonsense; it is a cold hard fact. Through our support, the schools of our city have grown into the educational institutions they are today. Our support has come in terms of the help we give by volunteering our time and services and the cooperation we exhibit in school sponsored activities. Our concern is manifested in gathering all the pertinent information we can concerning school topics and in the financial contributions we make in our local taxes.

In absolute truth, we own the schools. They are ours in every respect, and they are for our use to educate our children. However, just as our state and nation belongs to each of us but is governed by the people representatively elected by us, so, too, the schools of a district are managed and guided by a group of people who are elected for that purpose by us.

The choice is ours, and not an easy one. The individuals who sit on the board of education will inevitably be responsible for the direction of education within the school system. This is no simple task, and it requires a special type of person - one dedicated to all children and all issues.

I believe those persons are **Rob Freeman**, **Lynda Scheel** and **Greg Oke**.

Roger Frayer
Livonia

Gebhardt cares about district

I am addressing this recommendation to all voters in the Schoolcraft Community College district. I encourage each resident voter to retain **Joan Gebhardt** as a Trustee of Schoolcraft Community College. Joan is a current trustee, and was appointed to her position based on her past knowledge and experience.

Joan Gebhardt has served a lengthy career as both a classroom educator and an administrator, prior to her appointment to the board. I recommend **Joan Gebhardt** for the same reason the voters elected my son, **Marc Corriveau**, to state representative for the 20th District, in the November 2006 election.

Joan Gebhardt is similar to my son, **Marc Corriveau**, in that she places her concerns for the district ahead of any personal agenda or goals. I respected her for these attributes before her appointment to the board, and I now respect her even more for her devoted service to Schoolcraft Community College, the students, and the district itself.

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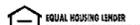
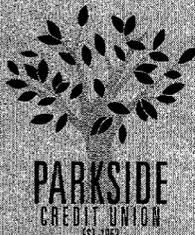
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Slow starters

Chargers heat up, cruise past Ladywood

It took Livonia Churchill a little time to figure out Ladywood's defensive scheme in a non-league girls' soccer game Friday night.

But only a little while. Junior Alisha Lussiez scored the first of her three goals with about 10 minutes left in the first half, then notched her second just before halftime as the fourth-ranked Chargers eventually rolled to a 4-0 win.

Sophomore Lindsay McMullen scored Churchill's other goal as the unbeaten Chargers improved to 9-0-2.



Ladywood's Michele Ring makes the save during the first half of Friday's 4-0 loss to Churchill. Ring couldn't finish the game after suffering an injury.

"Ladywood played quite a few at the back," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "It took us a little time to figure out how to attack them."

Led largely by junior Sarah Kempa and sophomore goalkeeper Michele Ring, the Blazers stymied the diverse Churchill attack for the first 30 minutes or so.

But Ring, who coach Brent Petkus credited with her solid play, went out with an injury and couldn't return.

"(Kempa) did a great job shutting down their offense in the first half," Petkus said. "And I thought (Ring) played

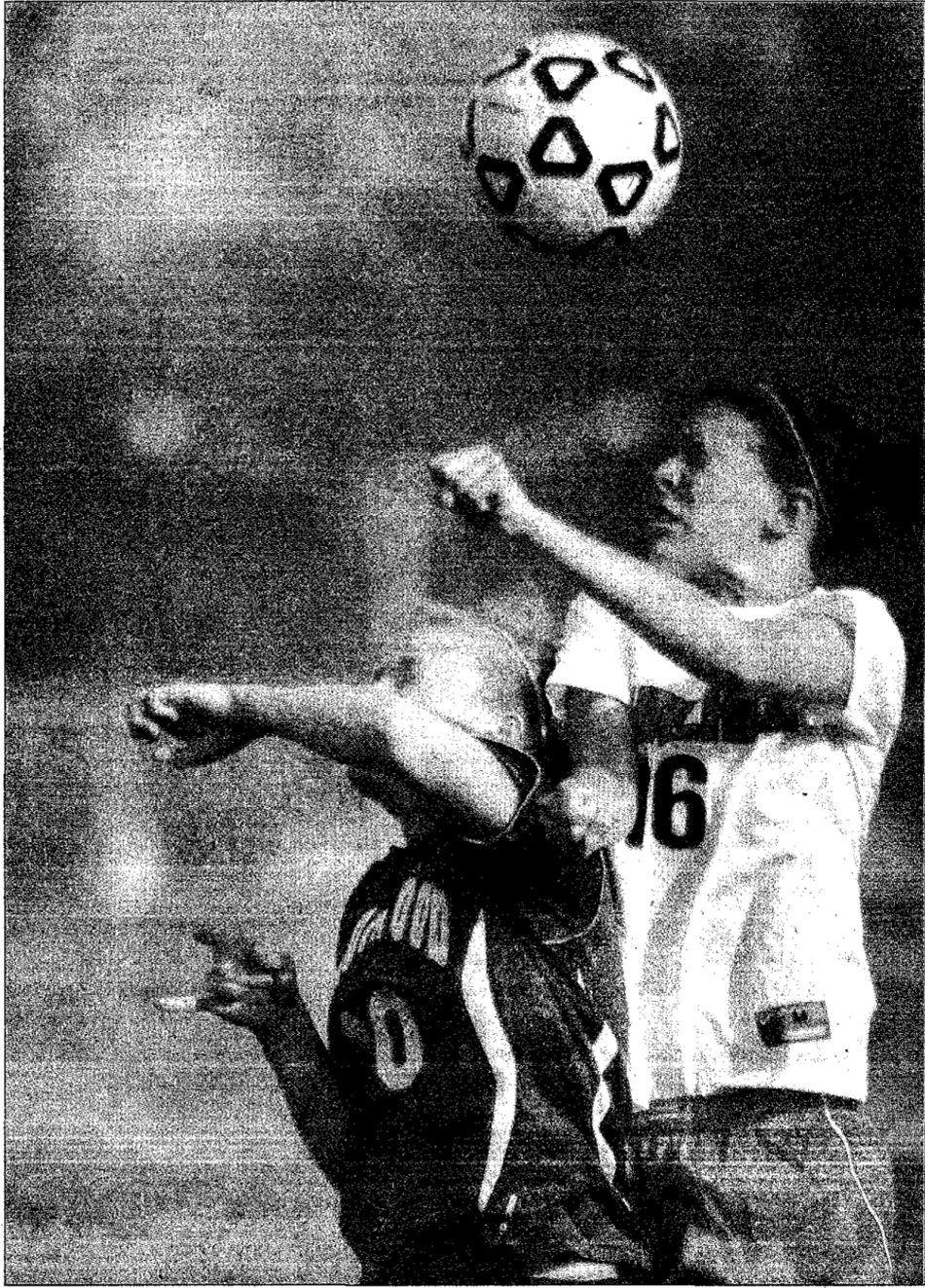
very well in the first half. She just couldn't come back out for the second half."

Sophomore Lindsay McMullen got Churchill's third goal, with an assist from Rachel Yarborough, about eight minutes into the second half. Lussiez closed out the scoring five minutes later, her third goal coming with some help from Julianne Puroll.

Stefanie Turner didn't face a shot while playing the first 62 minutes in goal. Megan Bauman stopped the only shot she faced in the final 18 minutes.

It was the seventh shutout of the year for the Chargers, who have only given up five goals in 11 games this season.

"We played well," Hebestreit said. "It was our third game this week, so we were a little fatigued. But we were organized and we didn't give up a goal."



Ladywood's Allison Krueger (left) and Churchill's Alyssa Mira go head-to-head during the Chargers' 4-0 win Friday night.

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Sidelines

Derby placer

Former Livonia Churchill High distance runner Connor Schultz won the 16-19 age group and placed 25th overall in last Saturday's Kentucky Derby Festival Marathon held in Louisville.

Schultz's time for the 26.2-mile race was 3 hours, 1 minutes and 54 seconds.

Crusaders 9th

The Madonna University men's golf team didn't make it to the final round of the NAIA Region VIII Tournament held last week at Angels Crossing G.C. in Vicksburg.

The Crusaders, shooting a two-day total of 626, missed the cut by one place and finished ninth.

Aaron Cheesman (Salem) was the only Crusader to compete in the final championship round shooting 79-71-150, good enough for 24th. His second-day score of 71 led the second round.

Other MU scorers included Jono McMahon, 78-78-156; Steve Robinson (Livonia Churchill), 78-82-160; Matt Robinson (Churchill), 79-81-160; and Steve South (Livonia Franklin), 80-82-162.

Marian College (Ind.) won the team title and qualified for the NAIA Nationals with 303-299-289-881.

MU signs Gregg

Madonna University added another women's soccer recruit last week with the signing of Livonia Clarenceville goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg, who signed an NAIA letter-of-intent Thursday before fellow students, family and friends. In March, MU coach Paul Thomas signed five players including Jamie Chandler, Livonia Stevenson; Ellen O'Rear, Madison Heights Bishop Foley; Chelsea Skinner and Katie Kozlowski, Dearborn Heights Crestwood; and Sarah Rokuski, Algonac.

Seventeen players return from last year's MU women's team which finished 12-4-2 overall.

Glenn fund-raiser

The John Glenn High girls and boys track and field teams will stage a fundraiser on Wednesday, May 16 at Max & Erma's, located on Newburgh Road, in Westland.

Twenty-percent of food sales during lunch and dinner will be donated to the teams when a flyer is presented. Flyers are available from a team member or at the school office. Call Char Boardman (734) 419-2300.

Karate tourney

Metro Michigan Shotokan Karate will host the Traditional Karate Championships from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at Livonia Churchill High School, located at 8900 Newburgh Road.

The tournament is open to children and adults. Pre-registration is necessary.

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Glenn grad new coach's first recruit

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Rick Majerus is back in college basketball as the head coach at St. Louis University and his first recruit for the 2007-08 season is junior college transfer Barry Eberhardt of Westland John Glenn High.

The 6-foot-6, 250-pound forward comes to Atlantic 10 Conference from Coffeyville Community College (Kan.) where he earned third-team NJCAA All-America honors and led the Red Ravens to a 33-5 record.

He'll have two years of eligibility remaining. "Barry gives us a low post scoring presence with the ability to pick and pop," Majerus said in a St. Louis University official press release. "We're excited about his developing rebounding game in conjunction with a defensive commitment. For the way we play, Barry's skill level will be an assist to the returning team."

Eberhardt led Coffeyville to the semifinals



Eberhardt

of the NJCAA Division I National Tournament this season. He ranked sixth in the NJCAA Region VI with a team-high 17.4 points per game and was second on the Red Ravens in rebounding at 6.2 ppg.

"I have no doubt that he can become an even better player given the dedication of our staff and my commitment to multi-faceted players," Majerus added in a statement. "Over a 12-year span, I was fortunate to put three four-men into the NBA - Keith Van Horn, Hanno Mottola and Britton Johnson (all from Utah)."

Eberhardt shot 55.9 percent from the field, including 40.3 percent from 3-point range en route to being named MVP of the Kansas Jayhawk CC Conference and earning All-Region VI honors. He also was named Region VI Tournament MVP after netting

16 points in the championship game over Barton County CC (Kan.) and 25 in a semifinal victory over Cloud County CC.

As a freshman, Eberhardt averaged 7.8 ppg and 4.7 rpg.

The former All-Observer pick will join Anthony Mitchell of East St. Louis (Ill.) High and Chicago's Marcus Relphorhe, who signed earlier in the spring signing period.

"Barry is sold on the education Saint Louis offers as well as the total university experience," Majerus said. "He visited and enjoyed what will become his teammates a great deal. I credit our staff for taking him on the last day of recruiting. During the press conference on Monday, they went to secure our position with him."

"Barry's parents were impressed with the academic environment at Saint Louis. It's easy to see why Barry is such a nice person. His parents are genuinely interested in his well-being and have raised a terrific young man."

Wildcats shut down Glenn bats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The "Flavor of the Day" for Plymouth's baseball team Wednesday afternoon was Lineberry.

Forty-eight hours after posting 18 runs against Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn's offense looked vanilla against Wildcat sophomore right-handed pitcher Brad Lineberry, who scattered three hits and seven walks in Plymouth's 3-0 WLAA cross-over triumph.

The Rockets had at least one baserunner in every inning, but managed to get just one as far as third base against the hard-throwing right-hander.

"For a sophomore to go out there and have the kind of composure Brad did today and battle like he did, that's what we've been looking for all season," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "We've been looking for guys who can step up and pitch at this level."

"The first part of the season we had difficulty finding out who that was going to be. We had assumptions of who it may be, but until they get out on the mound, you don't know. Brad really battled today. He did a nice job of getting out of some jams. As the game went along, he did a nice job of keeping them off balance."

John Glenn stayed in the game thanks to solid pitching from Robert Frazier, who yielded eight hits and two earned runs over six innings. Frazier struck out three

Crusaders top Aquinas for 1st WHAC crown

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Madonna University's softball team never gave top-seeded Aquinas a chance to take away its first-ever Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament championship.

The Crusaders, needing just one more win Wednesday afternoon to secure the tourney title, came out with their bats blazing and went on to a convincing 9-4 victory. With the win, MU (30-17) will be the number-one seed in the NAIA Region VIII tournament which begins Tuesday in Battle Creek.

It didn't take long for



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna University's softball team celebrates after winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament on Thursday. The Crusaders defeated Aquinas, 9-4.

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3-hitter helps Glenn hand Vikings first loss

JOHN GLENN 2, WALLED LAKE CENTRAL
Chris Kangas threw a three-hitter and Al Siepierski went 3-for-3 as visiting John Glenn handed the Vikings their first league loss of the season Friday.

Glenn (6-8 overall, 2-3 league) scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings, then rode Kangas' five strikeouts to the victory. Andrew Deluca went 2-for-3 for Glenn.

The Vikings (10-2, 5-1) scored their only run in the bottom of the fifth. The loss spoiled a solid effort from Derek Mitchell, who took the loss despite scattering seven hits. James MacLellan went 2-for-3 for the Vikings.

MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH 6, (at) CLARENCEVILLE 1: Allen Mazur got Clarenceville's only hit, and it wasn't nearly enough as the Mustangs fell.

Clarenceville (3-13) got seven innings out of Brad Schwartz, who gave up six runs on nine hits with a strikeout. Winning pitcher Jordan Buck gave up just one hit and struck out three in five innings for North (8-7).

STEVENSON 8, SALEM 3: Senior pitcher Andy Jones went all seven innings Thursday to pick up the victory as host Livonia Stevenson (8-7, 3-3) turned back the Rocks (7-7, 3-4) in a WLAA-Lakes Division game.

Jones gave up five hits, walked four and struck out five. Losing pitcher Joe Posler allowed six runs on seven hits in 4.1 innings.

Luke Knochel paced Stevenson's offensive attack going 2-for-3 with two RBI. Other Spartan standouts included Sam Vomastek, two hits and two runs; Nick Plinka, two RBI and two runs; Eric Krauss, two RBI; and Jeff Sorenson, RBI.

Sam Ott went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Rocks. Brad Way also knocked in a run.

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FRANKLIN 6, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 5 (8 Innings): Jeff McCullough slammed a one-out, three-run home run to tie the game in the seventh, and the Patriots scored in the eighth on a wild pitch to claim their third win of the season Friday.

Alex Dominguez led off the eighth with a walk. David Muller advanced pinch-runner Matt Madaj with a sacrifice bunt before a walk and single loaded the bases.

Losing pitcher Jake Holloway then uncorked the deciding wild pitch, allowing Madaj to score and make a winner out of sophomore Michael Basner, who went the distance for Franklin (3-12).

"This is a good win for our kids," coach Matt Fournier said. "They've been battling. They're just young."

WAYNE 6, YPSILANTI 3: Winning pitcher J.B. Harris scattered eight hits in six innings Thursday to give Wayne Memorial (7-9) the non-league win over the host Braves (7-7).

Jon Bryant led the Wayne hitting attack going 2-for-4 with two RBI. The Zebras added five runs in the fourth with four hits, a pair of walks and an error. Brent Patterson knocked in two of the runs.

Ypsilanti's Jacob Rhodes went 3-for-4, including a pair of doubles.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 9, FRANKLIN 6: The Patriots scored twice in the sixth and four more in the seventh, but it wasn't enough to catch Northern on Thursday.

Jesse Carpenter went 2-for-2, Tyler Canyock was 2-for-5 and David Muller had a pair of RBIs for Franklin. Jeff McCullough took the loss.

Northern's Craig Waldie went 2-for-3 and scored twice to help make a win-

ner of Ethan Riley, who pitched 6-1/3 innings.

W.L. WESTERN 7, CHURCHILL 5: Winning pitcher Brett Lubanski helped his own cause going 2-for-3 as Walled Lake Western (8-5) earned the WLAA crossover win Thursday at Livonia Churchill (6-10).

Lubanski went six innings to pick up the win. He allowed two runs on six hits and three walks, while fanning three.

Losing pitcher Jimmy Tyler gave up seven runs on 10 hits and three walks in 4.2 innings. Reliever Josh Matigian kept the Warriors off the board over the final 2.1 innings. He did not allow a hit and struck out one.

Western, which scored all seven runs in the fifth inning to erase a 2-0 deficit, got a two-run single from Steve Astrien. Andy Buchanan also chipped in with two hits and an RBI.

Bryon Niemczak went 3-for-4, including a double and RBI for the Chargers. Ryan Holton added a two-run double in the seventh inning.

STEVENSON 2, WAYNE 0: Jeff Sorenson's two-run double scoring Matt Loney and Andy Jones in the opening inning was the difference Wednesday as Livonia Stevenson (7-7) earned the WLAA crossover victory at Wayne Memorial (6-9).

Senior Matt Tuttle, the winning pitcher, gave two hits, walked two and struck out four in going four innings. Sophomore Jake Wilson fanned five and walked only two in completing the shutout. Losing pitcher Ryan Collop went all seven innings, allowing two runs on seven hits and two walks.

Mike Green and Clint Cavanaugh had the lone hits for the Zebras, while Sam Vomastek went 2-for-2 with a walk for the Spartans.

W.L. CENTRAL 8, FRANKLIN 6 (8): Eric Glanz doubled twice and knocked in a

run Wednesday as Walled Lake Central (10-1) outlasted host Livonia Franklin (2-11) in eight innings.

Dave Leins went 3-for-5 with two RBI in the loss. Garrett Gumm added two hits and scored twice.

Sean Sciba, who pitched the final two innings in relief, took the loss. Jesse Carpenter started before giving way to Gumm in the fifth when Central overall a 5-3 deficit with three runs in the top of the sixth to take a 6-5 advantage. Franklin got a run back in the bottom of the sixth and left the game-winning run on third in the seventh.

Drew Adamiec, who went the final two innings in relief of starter Garrett Reichle, earned victory.

CHURCHILL 3, CANTON 0: Vinny Carozza scattered eight hits to earn the shutout Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (6-9) defeated the host Chiefs (7-7-1) to earn the WLAA crossover win.

Carozza struck out three and did not walk a batter in seven innings.

Tyler Bledsoe went 2-for-3 with two RBI to lead the Chargers. Steve Jones added an RBI single. Losing pitcher Brad Barath and Ryan Neu each had two hits. Barath went the first five innings, allowing three runs on seven hits. He struck out two. Reliever Dan Stoney held the Chargers scoreless and hitless over the final two innings.

LIGGETT 16, CLARENCEVILLE 1: It went just four innings Wednesday as state-ranked Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (12-2, 5-1) defeated visiting Livonia Clarenceville (3-12, 1-4) in a Metro Conference game.

Curtis Fisher went 2-for-3, including a double and two RBI for the victorious Knights. Winning pitcher Patrick Gustine limited the Trojans to one hit. Paul Wilcox was the losing pitcher. The Trojans made a total of seven errors.

Less-gracious Pats get 11-0 revenge

The last time Livonia Franklin played Walled Lake Western, Patriot pitchers handed out a dozen walks and three home runs in a 14-11 loss.

That wasn't a problem Friday. Natalie Sanborn threw a no-hitter with four strikeouts and six walks as Franklin posted an 11-0, six-inning victory over Western.

Briauna Taylor went 3-for-3 with an RBI and three stolen bases and Britany Taylor (RBI), Heather Jaroh (RBI), Sanborn (double, RBI) and Leslie Giacobbozi all had two hits for the Patriots (8-5 overall, 3-4 league).

Franklin touched Western's Karla Mapes for 11 runs on 14 hits, breaking the game open with a four-run third inning.

HURON VALLEY 8, AGAPE 0: Amanda Gruenewald tossed a no-hitter and had a season-high 14 strikeouts Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-3, 4-0) blanked Canton Agape Christian in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division game. Gruenewald walked four in going the distance.

Anna Schaffer had a three-run double in the fourth inning, while Katie Kipfmiller contributed two hits for the victorious Hawks.

CHURCHILL 5, W.L. WESTERN 4: Amber Holod went 2-for-4 and delivered the game-winning RBI single in the top of the eighth inning Thursday as Livonia Churchill (8-6) earned a WLAA crossover win at Walled Lake Western (6-7).

The Chargers overcame five errors and Emily Carlson's 17-strikeout performance to earn the victory. Carlson allowed just six hits.

Guzik went 3-for-4 and scored three runs to pace the Churchill offense and scored the game-winning run.

Winning pitcher Jordan Kerr, who came on in relief, gave up just two hits over the final three innings. Starter Julie Lewandowski allowed all four runs on six hits. She struck out four and walked one.

Kelly Reeves went 2-for-4 for the Warriors.

W.L. CENTRAL 2, FRANKLIN 1: Pitcher Brittany Burkhardt struck out 12 and allowed just three hits Wednesday as host Walled Lake Central (9-2) edged Livonia Franklin (7-5) in a Western Lakes crossover.

Burkhardt, who singled twice, also broke a 1-all tie in the bottom of the seventh when she delivered the game-winning RBI single.

Franklin tallied its lone run in the top of the seventh on consecutive singles by Britany Taylor and Natalie Sanborn followed by a Central infield error.

Losing pitcher Alecia Geraghty, a freshman gave up five hits, walked five and allowed two earned runs over seven innings.

Sophomore shortstop Briauna Taylor had five assists and three putouts in the loss.

CANTON 4, CHURCHILL 1: Pitchers Sarah Anthony and Hillary Payne combined on a four-hitter Wednesday as the Chiefs (13-2) turned back host Livonia Churchill (7-6) in a Western Lakes crossover.

Anthony, who struck out four and walked only one, worked five innings

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to earn the victory. She allowed one run on two hits. Payne came on to preserve the win, allowing two hits while fanning three.

Losing pitcher Julie Lewandowski went the first three innings for the Chargers, allowing two runs on four hits and a walk. She allowed two runs.

Jordan Kerr finished up, allowing two runs on five hits over four innings.

She struck out three. Amber Holod had two hits, including an RBI double for Churchill's lone run.

Amy Dunleavy went 3-for-4 with a double to lead Canton. Anthony and Lauren Delapaz added two hits each.

STEVENSON 15, WAYNE 0: In a WLAA crossover Wednesday, host Livonia Stevenson (7-4) unloaded for 16 hits to mercy Wayne Memorial (1-13).

Winning pitcher Laura Deacon went 3-for-3 with a two-run homer, double and five RBI. She worked the first three innings, allowing just one hit (to Heather Henning), while fanning five and walking none.

Other Stevenson hitting standouts included Kristina Kropf, 2-for-2 (double) and three RBI; Monica Piekarski, 2-for-3 (double and two RBI); Shelle Wilson and Danielle Kotlarezyk, 2-for-3 each with an RBI apiece; and Nina Bonanno, 2-for-2.

Wayne starter Jessie Harris took the loss.

PLYMOUTH 15, JOHN GLENN 0: Kim Klonowski collected four hits and Melissa Butzow knocked in four runs Wednesday as the Wildcats (8-2) rolled to a mercy-rule victory in four innings at Westland John Glenn (0-12).

Erin Rodes added two hits and three RBI for Plymouth. Butzow and Madison Dresser also contributed two hits apiece.

Winning pitcher Ally Ciotti held the Rockets to two hits.

Lisa Pecorelli suffered the loss.

LIGGETT 13, CLARENCEVILLE 5: Livonia Clarenceville (5-10, 2-3) committed nine errors Wednesday in a Metro Conference setback at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (4-3 Metro).

Each team had 11 hits. Catcher Danielle Vespa went 3-for-3 with a triple and RBI for the victorious Knights. Shortstop Cat Vatsis went 2-for-5 with three runs scored and an RBI.

Winning pitcher Taylor Brown gave up five earned runs on 11 hits, five walks and two hit batters. She struck out seven.

Losing pitcher Abby Sochacki (5-8) gave up 11 earned runs on 11 hits, three walks and a hit batter. She fanned four.

Sochacki and Samantha Sillanpaa each went 2-for-3 in the setback.

"I have always told our players that there are three important parts to the game of softball - pitching, hitting and defense," Clarenceville coach Joe DeCaire said. "We had the hitting (11 hits), Abby pitched well enough to win, but nine errors is not going to work. The plays are there and we have to make them."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, May 7
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Romulus Summit, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Riverview at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
L.O. Baptist at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Highland Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Northville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 10
Allen Park at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 11
Stevenson at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 12
N. Farmington at Churchill (2), 11 a.m.
John Glenn at S. Lyon (2), 11 a.m.
(Lutheran Westland Tourney)
Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.
Ply. Christian vs. A.P. Inter-City at Huron Valley Lutheran, 11 a.m.
Consolation and Finals, 1:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, May 7
John Glenn at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Romulus Summit, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Ladywood at Marian (2), 4 p.m.
Highland Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9

Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 4 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 10
Allen Park at Wayne, 4 p.m.
S.H. Parkway at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 11
Churchill at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.
W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 12
N. Farmington Invitational, 9 a.m.
Dearborn at Churchill (2), 11 a.m.
John Glenn at S. Lyon (2), 11 a.m.
Annapolis at Wayne (2), 11 a.m.
Royal Oak Tournament, TBA.
(Lutheran Westland Tournament)
Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.
Ply. Christian vs. A.P. Inter-City at Huron Valley Lutheran, 11 a.m.
Consolation and Finals, 1:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 7
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
H.W. Regina at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Liggett at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 10
Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Clawson, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 11
Monroe at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at Roch. Adams, 7 p.m.

Dearborn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 12
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 10 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK
Monday, May 7
W.L. Western at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
H.W. Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Lutheran North, Lutheran South at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
Tri-Meet at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 10
W.L. Northern at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem (CEP), 3:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, May 11
South Lyon Relays, 4 p.m.
Stevenson Twilight Invitational, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 12
River Riv Inv. at A.A. Huron, 9 a.m.
Cougar Inv. at Annapolis, 9:30 a.m.
Dakota Invitational, 10 a.m.
Flint Coca-Cola Classic, TBA.
Jackson N'west Meet, TBA.
BOYS TENNIS
Monday, May 7
Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Berkley at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at F.H. Harrison, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
Churchill at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 10
Garden City at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 12
WLAA Tourney at Plymouth, 9 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, May 7

Franklin vs. Salem at Idyl Wyld, 2:45 p.m.
Churchill vs. Stevenson at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. W.L. Northern at Brentwood G.C., 3 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Divine Child at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
Wayne vs. Plymouth at the Woodlands, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Franklin vs. Thurston at Beech Woods, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
Stevenson vs. John Glenn at The Woodlands, 2:45 p.m.
Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Wayne vs. Salem at St. John's G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 10
Farmington Inv. at Kensington, 10 a.m.
Ladywood vs. Marian at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, May 11
Stevenson vs. W.L. Northern at Willow Metropark, 2:45 p.m.
Franklin vs. Churchill at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.
Wayne vs. W.L. Central at Edgewood C.C., 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Monday, May 7
Ladywood at G.P. North, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
Catholic League Semifinals at Ladywood, 4:30 & 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 12
Catholic League Finals at Ladywood, 1 & 3 p.m.
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and walked just one.
"I thought Robert pitched pretty decent today," said John Glenn coach Matt Howton. "He hit his spots at times and our defense got him out of some jams."
"We just didn't hit the ball hard at opportune times and we left a lot of guys on base. There was a big difference, obviously, from Monday when we scored 18 runs."
Plymouth seized an early 1-0 lead in the first when Ben Kosmalski ripped a one-out double and scored on Matt Priebe's two-out single.
John Glenn threatened in the second, however, with two on and two outs, Andrew DeLuca grounded out to Lineberry.
The Wildcats extended their lead to 2-0 in the fourth when Ryan Valle doubled in Garrett Rebaun, who reached on a hard-hit single.
DeLuca, who finished 2-for-3 with a walk, reached third base with two outs in the top of the fifth, but Lineberry squelched the potential rally by striking out John Glenn cleanup hitter Jerry Smith.
Plymouth tacked on an insurance run in the sixth when Lineberry reached second on error, advanced to third on a ground out and scored on a perfectly executed safety squeeze by Valle.
Matt Barrera, Kosmalski and Valle all registered two hits a piece for the Wildcats.
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Late collapse dooms Crusaders in WHAC

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The prize got away from Madonna University's baseball team Friday.

Needing just three outs to knock off Indiana Tech and claim the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament championship, everything unraveled to the tune of four unearned runs.

Indiana Tech (39-14) held off the Crusaders in the bottom half of the ninth and came away with a 4-3 win.

The winning rally against junior reliever John McCracken was fueled by three Madonna errors — the first coming in on McCracken's throwing error.

Before the frame came to a close, the Crusaders watched the tying run score on a sacrifice fly by Eric Ogden. Mark Heineman quickly broke the deadlock with a double and Joe Corona made it 4-2 with a single through the right side of the infield.

Madonna's own late rally generated a run in the ninth on a bases-loaded sacrifice fly by Gary Rule. But with runners on second and third, Indiana Tech reliever Garrett Wiejak struck out MU senior outfielder Manny Alvarado (Southfield) for the final out.

The Warriors' surge spoiled an outstanding pitching performance by Madonna junior and Westland John Glenn product Will Kennedy, who pitched six scoreless innings.



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Westland John Glenn alum Will Kennedy pitched a strong game for Madonna University in Friday's conference tourney final against Indiana Tech, blanking the Warriors into the seventh. But four unearned runs in the seventh ultimately cost the Crusaders, 4-3.

He walked just three and struck out six.

Madonna (32-18) got on the board in the second when Alvarado (2-for-4) singled to left to score Drew Fry.

What looked like an insur-

ance run in the sixth made it 2-0. The Crusaders scored without the benefit of a hit, with a groundout by senior outfielder Tony Luttmann (Farmington) bringing home senior shortstop Kyle Fedorka.

McCracken, who also went 2-for-2 at the plate, looked poised to earn a save for Kennedy, pitching scoreless relief through the eighth.

Both Madonna and Indiana Tech will represent the WHAC in the NAIA Region VIII tournament slated for this week in Battle Creek. The four-team, three-day tourney opens Wednesday. The schedule will be released on Monday.

The tourney got off to a great start Thursday for head coach Greg Haeger and the Crusaders.

A four-run first against Aquinas propelled MU to a 9-3 victory in the tourney lidlifter, moving the Crusaders into the winner's bracket.

Sparking a 15-hit attack was McCracken, who went 3-for-5. Collecting two hits each were Fedorka, senior third baseman Gary VanAllen, Luttmann and Alvarado.

Earning the victory was junior lefthander Eric Wendling. Pitching the final three frames was senior Mike Hand (North Farmington).

Madonna's next game, Thursday night, saw the bats quieted by Indiana Tech's Josh Judy, who threw a complete-game as the Warriors won 4-1. Judy fanned 12 Crusaders and gave up just four hits, singles by sophomore Ryan Morrow, VanAllen, junior Garrett Ignasiak and Alvarado.

Taking the loss despite also pitching a complete game was MU senior Mike Orehek (Livonia).

CRUSADERS

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Madonna to jump all over the tournament host Saints, who dropped to 32-14 and will be the second seed in the regional.

Madonna scored three runs in the first. Sophomore designated hitter Alison Grant singled to right to score Canton alums Brittney Scero and junior Heather Richardson, who both walked against Aquinas starting pitcher Alyssa Fleser. The third tally of the frame came in when sophomore shortstop Tedi Johnston singled home junior third baseman Christina Finch (1-for-3, one run, one RBI).

Another Crusader run in the second made it 4-0, with Scero's groundout scoring sophomore catcher Danielle Richardson (3-for-3, two runs, one RBI).

Both teams scored twice in the third. The big blow for MU was a two-run homer to left-center by Johnston (2-for-2, two runs, three RBI).

Madonna's attack kept on clicking, with the Crusaders building their lead to 9-2 in the fifth on Danielle Richardson's RBI double and a run-scoring single to center by Scero (2-for-3, two runs, two RBI).

Aquinas strung four hits together in the third to get on the board against Madonna starting and winning pitcher Shannon Noder, who gave up 12 hits but wriggled out of trouble most of the day.

Collecting two hits each for

the Saints were McCall Kleinfelt, Jacki Plough, Karissa Saterlee and Ashley Aspinall.

Madonna will await the bracket in the upcoming NAIA Region VIII Tournament which kicks off Tuesday in Battle Creek.

First-day success

On Wednesday, MU started rolling toward the eventual title with a 3-2 win over Indiana Tech, followed by a 7-3 triumph over Aquinas.

Against Indiana Tech (23-19), the Crusaders used a similar formula — scoring early to take a 3-0 edge. Two of the runs scored on a single by Danielle Richardson (two hits) while Grant's RBI safety brought in sophomore Hannah Godfrey. Also tallying two hits for the winning side was Scero.

The Warriors chipped away against Madonna's Noder, but couldn't catch the Crusaders in time to prevent them from reaching the winner's bracket.

In the second game Wednesday, junior lefthander Liz Ballinger tossed a complete game and Johnston's two-run single keyed a four-run sixth that broke open a tight game against the Saints. Another big run in that rally scored on a single to center by sophomore Kathleen Smiley (Walled Lake Western). Both Danielle Richardson and Finch collected three hits while sophomore Mary Kate Setta went 2-for-2 and scored a run.

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 94
LIVONIA STEVENSON 43
May 3 at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 37 feet, 4.25 inches; 2. Kynra Abron (LC), 36-9.5; 3. Rebecca Bartek (LS), 31-10.75.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Milan Boyer, Sarah LaBerge, Tauri Rothermel, Mandi Coppola), 51.96; 2. Stevenson, 53.96; 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Boyer, Nicole Thornsberry, LaBerge, Coppola), 1:50.06; 2. Stevenson, 1:52.42; 1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Samar Aoude, Liz Buttery, Krysten Barczuk, Rothermel), 4:18.09; 2. Stevenson, 4:22.36; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Michelle Verellen, Lindsey Graclak, Sara Kroll, Rachel McFarlane), 10:117.8; 2. Stevenson, 10:44.46.

400 dash: 1. Ashley Butkowski (LF), 1:03.0; 2. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:04.0; 3. Wilson (LF), 1:05.8.
800 run: 1. Sennecca Scott (LF), 2:37.0; 2. Allison Millican (LF), 2:40.0; 3. Laura Marshall (LF), 2:45.0.
1,600 run: 1. Kari Saarela (LF), 5:47.0; 2. Paula Schubatis (C), 5:56.0; 3. Maggie Carlson (C), 5:58.0.

Wayne's dual meet record: 0-4 overall, 0-4 WLA-Western Division.
BLOOMFIELD HILLS KINGSWOOD 78
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 46
May 2 at Clarenceville
Shot put: Chenay Kemp (C'ville), 27 feet, 1.25 inches; discus: Ashley Hall (C'ville), 78-6; high jump: Devin Marsh (BHK), 4-4; long jump: Aneta Elliott (C'ville), 14-6.5; 100-meter hurdles: Mita Nagarkar (BHK), 18.1; 300-meter hurdles: Nagarkar (BHK), 54.96; 100 dash: LaTresha Staten (BHK), 13.7; 200: Staten (BHK), 29.13; 400: Enlyoma Okechukwu (C'ville), 1:13.0; 800: Elora Gupta (BHK), 2:55.7; 1,600: Andrea Gumschiar (BHK), 6:01.0; 3,200: Tara Herms (C'ville), 16:22.0.

BOYS TRACK BESTS

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SHOT PUT
Nick Moores (Canton) 52-3.50
Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 50-4
Adam Goring (Wayne) 50-2
Jon Robinson (Churchill) 48-10.75
Steve Paye (Canton) 46-1
Mike Wood (Franklin) 45-6
Wardell Fuqua (Canton) 44-9.75
Alex Edwards (Lutheran Westland) 44-9
Matt Broome (Stevenson) 44-6.25
James Kelly (John Glenn) 43-7
DISCUS
Steve Paye (Canton) 150-9
Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 150-6
Nick Moores (Canton) 147-10
Matt Broome (Stevenson) 141-3
Robert Pennywhit (RU) 138-11
Mike Wood (Franklin) 138-8
Thomas Myers (Churchill) 138-6
Gerald Lou (Plymouth) 136-0
Duane Najarian (Churchill) 132-0
Zach Bozigan (John Glenn) 129-9
HIGH JUMP
Eric Thornton (Canton) 6-8
Mitchell White (Stevenson) 6-4
Jace Beardon (Salem) 6-2
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 6-2
Israel Woolfork (Franklin) 6-2
Ian Thornton (John Glenn) 6-2
Ross Davis (Salem) 6-0
Patrick York (Stevenson) 6-0
Marvin Whitaker (Plymouth) 5-10
Phillip Grasshof (Clarenceville) 5-10
Wyatt Stahl (Stevenson) 5-10
LONG JUMP
Myles White (Stevenson) 22-3
Marcus Bennett (Thurston) 22-2.5
Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 21-1.5
Dave Simor (Stevenson) 21-5.5
Alan Freeman (Wayne) 20-6.5
Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 20-3
Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 20-2.25
Israel Woolfork (Franklin) 19-8
Eric Thornton (Canton) 19-7
Connor McKinney (Churchill) 19-6.75
Jace Beardon (Salem) 19-5.75
POLE VAULT
Derik Peterman (Churchill) 14-0
Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 13-9
Joe Tessenr (Churchill) 13-9
Ben Ambrose (Plymouth) 13-0
Ryan Langdon (Churchill) 13-0
Chris McGinnis (Canton) 12-6
Joe Massel (Canton) 12-0
Brian Rakovits (Canton) 12-0
Andrew Sheppard (Plymouth) 11-0
Justin Hempel (Luth. Westland) 11-0
Nick Fenner (Franklin) 11-0
110-METER HURDLES
Baze Efreom (Salem) 14.7
Myles White (Stevenson) 14.8
Rico Walker (RU) 15.2
Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 15.3
Marcus Bennett (Thurston) 15.5
Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 15.5
Andrew LaBerge (Churchill) 15.6
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 15.8
Mark Zehner (Churchill) 15.9
Rico Walker (RU) 15.9
Tim Belcher (Canton) 16.0
Dennis Swift (Stevenson) 16.2
300 HURDLES
Andrew LaBerge (Churchill) 39.2
Myles White (Stevenson) 39.4
Tim Belcher (Canton) 40.5
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 41.2
Baze Efreom (Salem) 41.6
Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 42.2
Sheriff Hassaine (Canton) 42.5
Rico Walker (RU) 42.5
Kyle Ramthun (Luth. Westland) 42.7
Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 43.0
100 DASH
Ian Thornton (John Glenn) 10.6
Larry Dawkins (John Glenn) 10.6
Steve Eideh (Stevenson) 10.8
JaJuan Marks (John Glenn) 11.0

Janerian Caldwell (Plymouth) 11.1
Daran Carey (Churchill) 11.1
Casey Wolfe (Wayne) 11.1
Connor McKinney (Plymouth) 11.2
John Stewart (Clarenceville) 11.2
Mike Schatz (Luth. Westland) 11.2
200
John Stewart (Clarenceville) 22.6
David St. Amant (Churchill) 22.6
Andrew Manual (Canton) 22.7
Larry Dawkins (John Glenn) 22.7
Steve Eideh (Stevenson) 22.9
Josh Palka (Luth. Westland) 22.9
Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 23.0
Nate Sergison (Churchill) 23.0
Casey Wolfe (Wayne) 23.0
Darell Myree (Franklin) 23.0
400
John Stewart (Clarenceville) 49.5
David St. Amant (Churchill) 50.2
Dan Cragel (Stevenson) 50.4
Andrew Manual (Canton) 51.4
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 51.4
Andrew LaBerge (Churchill) 51.5
Derek Buskey (Stevenson) 51.6
Curtis Jackson (John Glenn) 51.8
Kevin Cope (Salem) 52.3
Josh Palka (Luth. Westland) 52.3
800
Kevin Lewis (Wayne) 2:00.9
Scott Zech (Canton) 2:01.3
Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 2:01.7
Kyle Wallath (Plymouth) 2:02.0
Mike Gibbons (Stevenson) 2:03.4
Brian Robertson (Churchill) 2:05.0
Justin Huey (Plymouth) 2:06.4
Mark Waterbury (Churchill) 2:06.4
David St. Amant (Churchill) 2:06.0
Spencer Lyle (Luth. Westland) 2:06.4
1,600
Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 4:29.8
Eric Zech (Canton) 4:38.2
Spencer Lyle (Lutheran Westland) 4:40.7
Patrick Slavens (Plymouth) 4:41.3
Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 4:42.3
Brian Robertson (Churchill) 4:43.9
Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 4:43.9
Rob Curtis (Salem) 4:44.6
Jacob Schofield (Wayne) 4:45.2
Justin Huey (Plymouth) 4:46.3
3,200
Patrick Slavens (Plymouth) 10:01.0
Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 10:10.8
Rob Curtis (Salem) 10:11.3
Derek Lax (Plymouth) 10:13.9
Duncan Spitz (Canton) 10:16.3
Joe Varilone (Churchill) 10:21.8
Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 10:29.4
Kevin deBear (Salem) 10:32.1
Mike Green (Stevenson) 10:32.3
Evan Sirena (Franklin) 10:33.6
400 RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 44.0
Plymouth 44.1
Westland John Glenn 44.4
Livonia Franklin 44.7
Wayne Memorial 45.0
Redford Union 45.0
800 RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 1:31.1
Livonia Churchill 1:32.4
Westland John Glenn 1:32.7
Lutheran Westland 1:33.1
Wayne Memorial 1:33.7
1,600 RELAY
Livonia Churchill 3:24.5
Livonia Stevenson 3:27.1
Canton 3:31.5
Wayne Memorial 3:33.8
Lutheran Westland 3:35.3
3,200 RELAY
Livonia Churchill 8:14.6
Livonia Stevenson 8:15.0
Plymouth 8:28.0
Canton 8:31.5
Lutheran Westland 8:33.3

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 80
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 57
May 3 at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Jon Robinson (LC), 48 feet, 10.75 inches; 2. Matt Broome (LC), 44-6.25; 3. Brad Doak (LS), 42-5.75.
Discus: 1. Broome (LC), 141-3; 2. Tom Myers (LC), 139-3; 3. Duane Najarian (LC), 132-0.
High jump: 1. Mitchell White (LS), 6-2; 2. (tie) Jacob McDonald (LC) and Pat York (LS), 6-0 each.
Long jump: 1. Myles White (LS), 20-10.75; 2. Billy Gutowski (LC), 20-9.75; 3. Dave Simor (LS), 20-0.75.
Pole vault: 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 13-6; 2. Joe Tessenr (LC), 12-9; 3. Jon Gudeman (LS), 9-3.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 15.19; 2. Andrew LaBerge (LC), 15.53; 3. McDonald (LC), 15.75.
300 hurdles: 1. LaBerge (LC), 39.12; 2. Myles White (LS), 39.38 (ties school record); 3. Mike Zehner (LC), 43.51.
100 dash: 1. Steve Eideh (LS), 11.12; 2. Daran Carey (LC), 11.58; 3. Kyle Snider (LC), 11.6.
200: 1. David St. Amant (LC), 22.58; 2. Eideh (LS), 22.83; 3. Mitchell White (LS), 23.42.
400: 1. St. Amant (LC), 50.2; 2. Dan Cragel (LS), 50.7; 3. McDonald (LC), 51.33.
800: 1. Matt Rzepka (LS), 2:01.69; 2. Mike Gibbons (LS), 2:03.31; 3. Brian Robertson (LC), 2:04.99.
1,600: 1. Rzepka (LS), 4:38.87; 2. Brandon Grysko (LC), 4:47.55; 3. Mark Waterbury (LC), 4:49.52.
3,200: 1. Joe Varilone (LC), 10:25.1; 2. Dave McIntyre (LS), 10:40.63; 3. Shawn Howse (LS), 10:44.82.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Austin White, Mitchell White, Simor, Eideh), 43.99; 2. Churchill, 44.57; 800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Eideh, Cragel, Nate Sergison, Myles White), 1:31.1; 2. Churchill, 1:32.1; 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Derek Buskey, Kyle Osborne, Sergison, Cragel), 3:41.43; 2. Churchill, no time; 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Steve Reschke, McIntyre, Gibbons, Rzepka), 8:15.0.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 4-0 overall, 4-0

WLA-Western Division; Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 WLA-Western Division.
WAYNE MEMORIAL 67.3
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 60.6
May 3 at W.L. Western
Shot put: Adam Goring (WM), 45 feet, 11 inches; discus: Calo (WLW), 134-4.5; high jump: Vernon Bryan (WM), 5-9; long jump: Alan Freeman (WM), 19-3; 110-meter hurdles: Bryan (WM), 18.8; 300 hurdles: Mack (WLW), 43.3; 100 dash: Mego Crowe (WM), 11.4; 200: Crowe (WM), 23.7; 400: Crowe (WM), 53.6; 800: Kevin Lewis (WM), 2:05.2; 1,600: Chadwick (WLW), 4:40.0; 3,200: Mahakian (WLW), no time; 400 relay: Western, 45.6; 800 relay: Western, 1:34.9; 1,600 relay: Wayne (Crowe, Lewis, A. Freeman, Antwain Calloway), 3:42.6; 3,200 relay: Western, 8:43.0.
Wayne 2nds: Bryan, shot put (40-2.5); 300 hurdles (46.6); Austin Hassen, discus (125-4); Jacob Schofield, 1,600 (4:50.8); A. Freeman, 400 (54.5); Casey Wolfe, 200 (24.0); 3rds: Matt Mills, high jump (5-3); C.J. Kelly, discus (125-2); Wolfe, 100 (11.8); D.J. Freeman, 200 (24.3); James Holbrooke, 3,200 (10:55.1).
Dual meet records: Wayne, 1-2 overall, 1-2 WLA-Western Division; Western, 0-2 overall, 0-2 WLA-Western Division.
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 77
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 60
May 3 at John Glenn
Shot put: Bryan Henley (WJG), 48 feet, 5.5 inches; discus: Penison (WLC), 145-5; high jump: Ian Thornton (WJG), 5-8; long jump: Curtis Jackson (WJG), 18-6; pole vault: Shawn Long (WJG), 10-0; 110-meter hurdles: Armstrong (WLC), 16.31; 300 hurdles: Hammed Ajetunmbi (WJG), 43.2; 100 dash: Larry Dawkins (WJG), 10.57; 200: Dawkins (WJG), 22.7; 400: Tisdall (WLC), 51.7; 800: Hill (WLC), 2:09.6; 1,600: Hill (WLC), 4:55.0; 3,200: San Filippo (WLC), 10:17.0; 400 relay: John Glenn (JaJuan Marks, Thornton, Cory Davis, Dawkins), 44.4; 800 relay: John Glenn (Jackson, Thornton, Marks, Dawkins), 1:32.64; 1,600 relay: John Glenn (Jackson, Khari Stargell, Jim Wood, Ryan Lockhart), 3:43.23; 3,200 relay: Central, 9:15.49.

Glenn 2nds: Shawn Anthony, long jump (16-5); Henley, discus (138-8); Ajetunmbi, 110 hurdles (16.46); Ian Thornton, 100 (10.8); Jackson, 400 (51.8); 3rds: Anthony, high jump (5-6); 110 hurdles (16.65); 300 hurdles (48.8); Eric Mylnar, shot put (43-7); Marks, 100 (11.25); Dan McClain, 1,600 (5:09.0); Lockhart, 400 (5:56.0); Eric Mylnar, 3,200 (11:48.0).
Glenn's dual meet record: 1-3 overall, 1-2 WLA-Western Division.
CANTON 88
FRANKLIN 49
May 3 at Canton
Discus: 1. Steve Paye (C), 133 feet, 1 inch; 2. Nick Moores (C), 128-1; 3. Mike Wood (LF), 125-2.
Shot put: 1. Nick Moores (C), 52-3.5; 2. Mike Wood (LF), 43-8.25; 3. Steve Paye (C), 42-11.50.
Long jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 19-7; 2. Mike Sylvester (LF), 18-11; 3. Pamlor (LF), 17-10.
High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 6-5; 2. Israel Woolfork (LF), 6-0; 3. Ryan Seely (C), 5-8.
Pole vault: 1. Sylvester (LF), 13-9; 2. Ryan Langdon (C), 13-0; 3. Chris McGinnis (C), 12-8.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Josh Hurst, Marcus Sylvester, Josh Godwin, Scott Zech), 8:36.6; 2. Franklin, 8:49.2.
110 high hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher (C), 17.0; 2. Stuart Gregory (LF), 17.3; 3. Beadle (LF), 17.9.
100 dash: 1. Nick Moores (C), 11.3; 2. Gerard Mincey (LF), 11.4; 3. Paul Voegel (LF), 11.6.
800 relay: 1. Franklin (Alvin Duncan, Darell Myree, Ryan Kiseda, Woolfork), 1:36.2; 2. Canton (Joe Massel, Ryan Randall, Ryan Langdon, Andrew Manuel), 1:37.1.
1,600 run: 1. Eric Zech (C), 4:48.9; 2. Duncan Spitz (C), 4:51.3; 3. Derek Hoerman (C), 4:54.2.
400 relay: 1. Franklin (Duncan, Brandon Straub, Myree, Mincey), 45.0; 2. Canton (Nick Moores, Ocie Lewis, Ryan Randall, Steve Paye), 45.9.
400 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 51.4; 2. Josh Etim (C), 53.8; 3. Ryan Seely (C), 55.1.
300 hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher (C), 41.7; 2. Gregory (LF), 43.4; 3. Joe Massel (C), 45.3.
800 run: 1. Scott Zech (C), 2:11.7; 2. Keith Zech (C), 2:13.7; 3. Joe Morris (LF), 2:14.3.

200 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 22.9; 2. Myree (LF), 23.0; 3. Woolfork (LF), 23.6.
3,200 run: 1. Evan Sirena (LF), 10:38.9; 2. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 10:44.8; 3. Kyle Clinton (C), 10:46.6.
1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Marcus Sylvester, Josh Godwin, Ryan Seely, Scott Zech), 3:41.2; 2. Franklin, 3:41.9.
Dual-meet records: Canton, 4-2 overall, 3-1 WLA-Western Division; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-2 WLA-Western Division.
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 85
BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK 48
May 2 at Clarenceville
Shot put: Matt Rubin (BHC), 40 feet, 9 inches; discus: Rubin (BHC), 11-2; high jump: Phillip Grasshof (C'ville), 5-6; long jump: Brandon Page (C'ville), 17-4; 110-meter hurdles: Andres Cardenas (C'ville), 20.1; 300 hurdles: Cardenas (C'ville), 47.5; 100 dash: John Stewart (C'ville), 11.5; 200: Stewart (C'ville), 23.3; 400: Stewart (1:00.9); Devon, 800 (3:29.9); Tia Dmuchowski, 1,600: Nicholas Anderson (BHC), 5:02.0; 3,200: Anderson (BHC), 10:30.7; 400 relay: Clarenceville (Jacob Todd, Page, Aaron McCullar, Jeremy Gainer), 48.0; 800 relay: Cranbrook (Brice Moss, Tim Stader, Larry Sanders, Damon Drew), 1:49.2; 1,600 relay: Clarenceville (Ryan Glass, Todd, Danielle Pepaj, Matt Garant), 3:56.6; 3,200 relay: Cranbrook (Paul Ahn, Anderson, Grant Brzyzga, Danielle Suber), 9:58.7.
Clarenceville 2nds: Pepaj, 110 hurdles (21.6); Gainer, 100 (11.6); 200 (24.0); Glass, 400 (56.2); Derek Zink, 800 (2:16.2); Matt Parent, 3,200 (11:35.0); Andrew Jasser, discus (109-2); Marcus Watkins, shot put (40-0.5); Brad Pozniak, long jump (16-4); Garant, high jump (5-2); 3rds: Todd, 100 (11.7); Pepaj, 300 hurdles (53-5); Page, discus (107-5); shot put (38-5.5); Joey Nelson, high jump (5-0).
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 4-1 overall, 1-1 Metro Conference.

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Stevenson sinks visiting Rocks

Victoria Slavin scored a pair of goals Wednesday as Livonia Stevenson (5-5-1, 3-3) blanked the visiting Rocks (3-6, 1-5) in a WAAA-Lakes Division game.

Slavin scored 10 minutes into the match off an assist from Liz Tokarsky.

Leading 1-0 at intermission, Salem came out and carried the play for 15 minutes and got an opportunity to draw even when Kat Griffith was red-carded, leaving the Spartans with nine players.

"The momentum changed in our favor and we were all over them for the next 15 shorthanded," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said.

Slavin then picked off a ball just inside midfield and deked two defenders, burying a shot from outside of 18 yards and burying it in the far corner for a 2-0 lead.

Stevenson goalkeeper Mandi Keedle preserved the shutout when she stopped Salem's Katie Shull on a breakaway.

"I was proud of Mandi tonight," Pinta said. "The true opportunity they had and she came up big. And I thought Vicky (Slavin) did real well tonight, working really hard. Taleen Mergian was good for us defensively, as was Jamie Chandler, Kayla Kimble, Mallory Fox and

GIRLS SOCCER

CLARENCEVILLE 2, HAMTRAC 2: Goals by Teresa Parent and Amanda Moody enabled Livonia Clarenceville (4-4-2, 2-2-2) to earn a Metro Conference tie Thursday against the host Cosmos.

CHURCHILL 3, W.L. NORTHERN 0: WAAA-Lakes Division co-leader Livonia Churchill (8-0-2, 5-0-1), ranked No. 4 in Division 1, downed visiting Walled Lake Northern as Alisha Lussiez had a goal and assist.

The Chargers led 2-0 at halftime on Callie Mack's goal off and end-line cross from Lussiez followed by Lussiez's unassisted goal off a scramble in the box after a throw-in.

Alyssa Mira's header off a direct throw into the goalmouth by Bailey Brandon capped the scoring in the second half.

Goalkeeper Stefanie Turner had to make only two saves in the victory.

She got help from Churchill's backline of Tessa Allen, Lindsey Marlow, Jessica Straub and Andrea Lopez, the latter whom left with an injury and was replaced in the sec-

ond half by Kayla Johnson.

"It was a dominating effort, we moved the ball all over the field," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 5, WAYNE 1: Junior Whitney Jacobs scored the only goal for Wayne. It was her third goal of the season.

FRANKLIN 0, W.L. WESTERN 0: Livonia Franklin (3-5-1, 2-3-1) had its chances, but couldn't convert in Wednesday's WAAA-Western Division deadlock with visiting Walled Lake Western.

"We came out slow and were very complacent for the first 40 minutes," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "While we were able to create quite a few chances, there was really no spark. The second half was much improved with Kelly Powers and Meghan Horgan combining well for a number of great opportunities. Kelly Roulter, Diana Brda, Molly Perkins and Jackie Covert all produced many offensive chances as well.

"Walled Lake had the numbers in their backfield and we couldn't break through like we wanted to." Powers had a goal called back and was denied on a Powers free kick attempt.

"We're still fighting an uphill battle as we struggle to produce in the final third," Barker said. "We've had such great play in the middle that we're hoping to see the same up-top with goals as an end result, but it just isn't happening for us."

NORTHVILLE 7, WAYNE 0: Danielle Toney scored four goals Wednesday as the Mustangs (8-1-2, 3-0-1) defeated Wayne Memorial (3-5-1, 1-3).

Karen Mayhall also scored twice for Northville, which leads the WAAA's Western Division.

BOYS TENNIS

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 7 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1

May 2 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Tim Smolen (WJG) defeated Sam Hau, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Greg Watson (WLN) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: David Criss (WLN) def. Brad Noyes, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Nick Majle (WLN) def. Gordy German, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Andy Sanders-Matt Rohloff (WLN) def. Lenny Manfre-Chiff Palac, 6-3, 7-5; No. 2: Steve Olson-Cole Davis (WLN) def. Frank Toarmina-Shawn Murphy, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Rob Bell-Parker Wood, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2; No. 4: John Andrew-Mitchell Kelley, 6-0, 6-2.

Glenn's dual meet record: 1-7-1 overall, 0-7-1 WAAA.

PLYMOUTH 7 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1

May 2 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Don Zhang (P) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Jeong (P) def. Aaron Koshorek, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Clint Korpalski (P) def. Mike Hicks, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Tommy Pattenaude (WM) def. Andy Mitchell, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Steve Schaeffer-Max Korpalski (P) def. Nick Martin-Jake Fyfe, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Pat Orono-Anoop Gopal (P) def. Andrew Morton-Josh Barnett, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Robert

Matar-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Andrew Thyrlon-Kevin Tarnowski, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Anastas Manettas-Patrick Bailey (P) def. John Mayfield-Blake Berry, 6-1, 6-0.

Wayne's dual meet record: 1-6-2 overall, 0-5-1 WAAA.

SALEM 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0

May 2 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Ton Semonick, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Jake Burnsten (S) def. Steve Trapp, 6-4, 7-5; No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Tyler Jeleniewski-Matt Benson (S) def. Ron Perian-Justin Adams, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: John Bills-John Kang (S) def. Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3: Ryan Aubert-Uvi Rajeeve (S) def. Ryan Henderson-Galyn Tuszypov, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Paul Blackford-Andrew Fosdick (S) def. Nate Warrick-Brent Rossler, 6-1, 6-1.

Franklin's dual meet record: 0-6-1 overall, 0-6 WAAA.

PLYMOUTH 6 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2

April 30 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Don Zhang (P) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Jeong (P) def.

Steve Trapp, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Clint Korpalski (P) def. Tony Semonick, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Brett Kavulich (P) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Steve Schaeffer-Pat Onoro (P) def. Chad Dorton-Ryan Hudie, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; No. 2: Anoop Gopal-Max Korpalski (P) def. Ron Perian-Justin Adams, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal (LF) def. Max Ryan-Ryan Kolesar, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: SRYan Henderson-Galyn Tuszypov (LF) def. Spencer Skotske-Nick Girimont, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 0

May 4 at Walled Lake

No. 1 Singles: Nick Payne (LC) def. Michael Chou, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Garek Ng, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Alex Clos (LC) def. Lenny Kugel, 7-6 (7-2), 6-0; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Zak Goldstein, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 Doubles: Taylor Frangle-Jay Cunningham (LC) def. Nick Winkler-Arjun Mahajar, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Steven Wang-Brad Stone, 6-1, 7-5; No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. Drew Haack-Adam Goldman, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; No. 4: Paul Yandrick-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. Boyer Gliberman-Daniel Wang, 6-2, 6-3.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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 diamond.

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.

Recumbent rally

The Wolver-Bent Recumbent Cyclists will stage its annual Michigan Recumbent and Tandem Bicycle Rally from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at the Willow Metropark pool shelter, located off Exit 11 of I-275 in southwest Wayne County.

The event, free to the public, will consist of recumbent and tandem bicycle displays, test rides,

dealers, a noon group ride, as well as information available about buying your first recumbent at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. recumbent features a chair-like seat instead of a narrow saddle, providing a high comfort level. For more information, visit www.wolverbents.org or call (734) 487-9058.

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.

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Rage is often based on shame

Yes, all of us have within us the potential to fly into a rage. But fortunately not all of us do. Rage is, as one has written, a shame-based expression of anger. It is a form of abuse. More of us feel angry at some point and that is common and natural.

My friend, Richard Pfeiffer, author of *The Real Solution Anger Workbook*, says that anger is a response we have. It is a response to what happens to us, most often an experience of pain which occurs in a relationship with another person. Whatever form the pain, be it physical, psychological, emotional, or spiritual, this pain taps into our biology, so that we are aroused physically in some way and feel a strong need for release of that pain. There are many forms of an anger response. Some anger responses are creative. Some anger responses are destructive.



Paul Melrose

Every one of us will be angry at some time. The feeling of anger comes from the sense that we in our selves experience or see something we believe to be not right or not fair. It is the destructive response to anger, which becomes the problem. What makes the difference in whether or not our anger response is appropriate, creative, or inappropriate, destructive, has to do with whether or not we feel so small in the interaction that we have a drive to respond so as to feel big. If we feel small in the interaction that stirs up our anger, it is probably coming from a place of shame within us.

When we feel shame we feel small, unacceptable, maybe contempt by others and even contempt for ourselves. The pain is huge. Some have said that to feel shame is to feel bad in one's own being. Good shame reminds us that we are human, humble. But bad shame drives us to overcome the horrible feelings and sense of being a worthless person.

It is the excessive shame that is the road toward rage and violence. Because anger is a two part process, first the pain and thoughts triggered by the pain, it is the thoughts that, out of control, work on us and stir up our anger to excessive proportions. Becoming angry involves both "painful arousal and trigger thoughts."

A person expressing excessive anger or rage may scream, become physical, manipulate, sulk, create silent blackmail, smolder silently and use anger to punish. In healthy anger one sets boundaries, discusses and works through the feelings, behaves and talks so that the anger can be worked on. Healthy anger is not stuffed down and ignored. (Stuffed anger creates resentment and a wealth of physical, mental and emotional problems.) Healthy anger is not expressed in passive aggressive and manipulative ways.

Anger management is possible and healthy. Programs require time to work through, attention, and a commitment to learn relaxation, stress reduction, and other behavioral techniques. It also requires the time necessary to discover the cues deep within, to learn where they come from, and to try to deal with the early pain as well. Listen to what the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous says: "It is plain that a life which includes deep resentment leads only to futility and unhappiness. To the precise extent that we permit these, do we squander the hours that might have been worthwhile. But with the alcoholic, whose hope is the maintenance and growth of a spiritual experience, this business of resentment is infinitely grave. We found that it is fatal. For when harboring such feeling we shut ourselves off from the sunlight of the Spirit. If we were to live, we had to be free of anger. The grouch and the brainstorm were not for us. They may be the dubious luxury of normal men, but for alcoholics these things are poison."

Pay attention to yourself, where you hurt. Listen if one inquires about the pain you feel. It may be time for you to address your anger, and thereby relieve your pain.

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SUMMER GAMERS



Activities appeal to kids with variety of interests

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jason Lombardo's two children are too young at age 2 and two weeks to attend Canton Leisure Services day camps, but the township's recreation specialist is still looking forward to the activities he's overseeing this year, especially those for teens.

Week-long camps in the area cater to a variety of ages and interests from rock climbing and cheerleading to art and theater. The sessions begin mid-June and vary in cost. Many of the camps offer extended care before and after to accommodate parents' hectic schedules.

For more information about Canton Leisure Services camps including ones focusing on science and drama, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.leisure.canton-mi.org.

"Camp Canton is for younger kids making a difference in the community," said Jason Lombardo. "Campers spend time recycling and using the stuff for projects, working in a garden and other environmental activities. There's a weekly field trip. The Teen Camp for ages 11-15 is housed in the BLOCK Youth & Teen Center and kind of like Camp Canton goes to two field trips each week throughout metro Detroit - Rolling Hills Waterpark and utilizes different parks including the zero depth water park at Heritage Park (Canton)."

Herman Smith and his Farmington Hills Special Services staff is taking advantage of their city's Heritage Park, Costick Center and Farmington Hills Ice Arena to offer lacrosse, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, skateboarding, and nature camps that allow kids ages 6-12 to arrive at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and camp out overnight in the park. For information, call (248) 473-1800 or

visit www.fhgov.com.

"At Heritage Park we have the beautiful setting with nature," said Herman Smith, recreation supervisor. "At the Costick Center, they look forward to swimming and an air conditioned gymnasium to play sports. At the ice arena we have open skating every day for about an hour. We have 3-5 year old half day camps, one in Heritage Park. On a weekly basis we probably have about 180 kids."

Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division camps appeal to kids interested in theater and the visual arts. For details, call (248) 473-1859.

"I'm excited about the new fine arts camp," said Nancy Coumoundouris. "It offers a variety of opportunities so children can experience different aspects of art and have fun doing it in a studio classroom in the historic stable nearby other historic buildings. The theater camp at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre culminates in a performance at the end. The Next Stage program is run by professional performers and managers and brings in guests. We've had the manager for Prince. They give tips they can't find anywhere else."

Motor City Youth Theatre teaches kids (grades 1-9) about singing, dancing and acting for musical theater 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 2-13 and July 17-2, at Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia. Half day sessions available in acting 9 a.m. to noon, and vocal and dance 1-4 p.m. Call Nancy Florowski at (313) 535-8962.

Slimy art and science camp is among the pottery, theater and the visual arts camps at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. For information, call (734) 416-4278.

Hands-on opportunities for children and youth to age 17. A digital media camp offers experience with professional graphic art software to create print pieces. Performing arts and guitar camps bring out the musical side of children. Overnight camps (6 p.m. to 9 a.m.) include pizza and continental breakfast.

D & M Studios hosts camps that take kids' imaginations Way Out West as they create works in a variety of media. This

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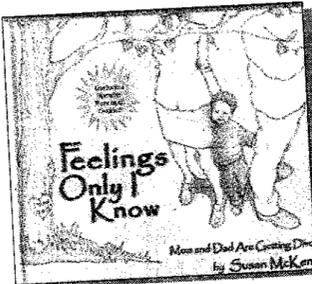
Book helps children recover from divorce

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Susan McKenna knows her words are making a difference with the children of divorce. Only last month Nathan Anderson wrote a paper on his favorite author for his third grade class at Grandview Elementary School in Livonia.

Feelings Only I Know speaks directly to children about the emotional upheaval they're experiencing as a result of their parents' divorce. For parents her words provide a comforting way to explain dissolution of their marriage to young children.

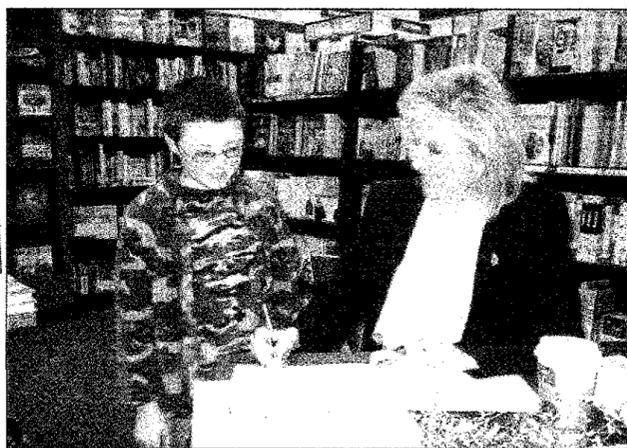
"Nathan thought the book was written just for him," said Susan McKenna. "It's good to know kids are connecting with this. I know of a mother with triplets and two other children under age 5 who read the book and the children began repeating 'it's hurting my heart deep inside.' If children can use the tools, I know I am on the right



Susan McKenna's new book helps children and parents recover from divorce.

path." The book encourages children not to keep their feelings inside.

McKenna writes, "They need to know how my heart is feeling because they can't see what is in my heart. They don't know what is in my heart



Susan McKenna signs a copy of her new book for Nathan Anderson at Barnes and Noble in Northville. Anderson wrote a paper about McKenna for his third-grade class at Grandview Elementary School in Livonia.

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summer's camp take place in the Canton studio, Frameworks in Plymouth, Canton's Summit on the Park, and a Garden City location. For details, call (734) 453-3710.

Margaret Martin is excited about all of the camps at the **Bailey Recreation Center** (Westland Parks & Recreation). Call (734) 722-7620.

"They're going to give the children the opportunity to do different things. All of the teachers are really enthusiastic and love teaching," said Martin, program supervisor. They're all specific

subject camps - Rocker Soccer July 9-13 (ages 4-14), Hoop Stars (basketball) is coming back June 18-22, and Aug. 6-10 (ages 7-14).

Kelly's Camp offers general activities July 23-27, and July 30 to Aug. 3; Adventures Camp field trips Aug. 6-8, to the Detroit Science Center, Cranbrook Institute Bat House, and Oakwoods Metro Park and an 18 passenger canoe (ages 6-12); Miss Helen's new Preschool Princess Dance Camp, July 16-17, ages 4-6, and July 18-20, ages 7-12; Metro Cheerleading and tumble camp July 23-27 and Aug. 13-17, grades K-8, and Shoestring Theatre Camp June 18-22, ages 6-12.

Cara Gray is excited about the activities available for ages 7-13

at **Camp Mirage** in Livonia. Now in its fourth summer, the offerings continue to expand and this year include a junior camp for ages 4-6. Call (734) 420-4655 or visit www.campmirage.com.

"In addition to camp activities, each child will cool off on our 85-ft Slip-N-Slide, Rock Climb our 30-ft. Climbing Tower and conquer the Human Fly Trap - a 30-ft. high vertical play structure," said Cara Gray, camp director. "We'll celebrate the week's end with a huge barbecue and hysterical water balloon party every Friday. We've tried to create an overnight camp experience except during the day and have bonfires in the morning. We have horseback riding, street hockey. A mythbusters camp is a science experiment where kids are given different myths - how many balloons does it take to lift someone off the ground, can

someone singing really break a glass. There's a Wilderness camp on the Au Sable river to go canoeing, and an Apprentice camp for young entrepreneurs to gain business skills. They'll run a car wash and get to keep money at end of week."

Barb Gamber is especially excited about the return of Camp Swoosh, a water experience at the **Livonia Community Recreation Center**. For details, call (734) 466-2900 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us and click on recreation center.

"We have 10 different weekly themes camps, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and extended care," said Barb Gamber, assistant facility manager. "We rockclimb weekly, swim every day, have craft projects, games and a playground program. We have sports camps, mad science camps, and classes from marital arts to the climbing

and swimming where their kids can interact with other kids all day."

Students can learn about their bodies at two camps at the **St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Center** in Canton. For information and to register, call (734) 398-7518.

Amazing Me focuses on keeping the body healthy and features demonstrations, dissections, games, crafts, and activities Aug. 6-10 for students completing second to fourth grades.

Awesome Asthma is designed to improve self-image and promote independence in kids with the disease. Campers learn about medications, risk factors and self-management Aug. 13-17 (students in grades 2-5).

Kids on Campus at Schoolcraft College in Livonia is flying high this summer with a new camp on Aviation and

Aerospace. Kids learn about the Wright Brothers' principles of flight as well as today's high-tech aerospace industry through field trips, rocket building and launching, and flight simulator software. Call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/koc.

In addition to offering theme camps such as chess and robots, kids learn about techniques detectives and forensic scientists use to solve crimes in Science Sleuth Camp. Fingerprinting, fiber and handwriting analysis, and casting of footprints will be used to solve a mock crime.

Has your child ever wondered how architects design buildings? Kids read blueprints, build structures including a bridge and a tower, and learn the physics and engineering behind roller coasters and other structures in the Make It Work! Camp.

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unless I tell them."

"I find parents really want to be good parents," said McKenna. "Adults do strange things when they're hurting inside. Whatever the negative you have to turn it around into a positive. Just always do what's right for your kids and you'll never regret it."

McKenna speaks from years of experience. Even though she belongs to the Deadwood Writers group and loves crafting words, McKenna never considered writing children's books until retiring from her 20 year career as a pediatric nurse. After

graduating from Bentley High School and the nursing program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, she went on to care for the young patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. It was in the pediatric unit that McKenna first observed the problems arising from divorced families. Her personal experience with a bad marriage occurred in 1992.

"I went through the worst divorce," said McKenna. "I had a newborn and a 2-year-old. It was just devastating. You think it's never going to happen to you. I began looking for books and they didn't have anything like this for children of divorce."

McKenna hopes "to give parents the power to do what's right

for their children no matter how difficult their ex-spouse." The 48-year old author has relayed that message many times in the Stepping Stones divorce recovery program she taught for adults at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. McKenna later developed support groups for parents to continue helping them to solve problems. While a special guide at the back of the book offers suggestions for dealing with the different issues caused by divorce, McKenna answers questions from anyone sending e-mail to writemckenna@yahoo.com.

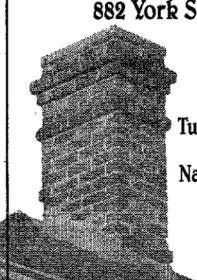
"You have to find the strength," said McKenna. "Kids need a mother and father no matter

what. My two year old was always crying and missing his father. There's nothing that can fill that." McKenna worked with social workers and teachers in Livonia schools to help her sons through the divorce. Today, Eric, 17, and Adam, 15, are giving McKenna plenty of input for her books. In the next two months, she and Wayfarer Press release a second book on divorce, *More Feelings Only I Know*, for parents and children suffering from the fighting, scary feelings and hurting hearts. The first book, *Feelings Only I Know - Mom and Dad Are Getting Divorced*, is available at Barnes and Noble, www.amazon.com and www.wayfarerbooks.com.

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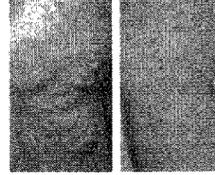
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Summer piano school programs advance students quickly

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

While other kids are riding horses or playing soccer at camp, piano students will be spending two weeks intensely studying their instrument at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Summer piano school director Donald Morelock says it's amazing to see the progress these young musicians make in such a short period of time.

This year's programming offers students from mid-elementary through high school age the opportunity to study Solo Piano and Piano Duets June 18-29, and Piano Concertos and Chamber Music Performance July 9-19, on the campus in Livonia. Tuition is \$300 per session. For more information, call the college's

music office at (734) 462-4403.

"This is a lot of fun. They learn new pieces and learn them faster. A lot gets done in two weeks," said Donald Morelock, a piano professor and chairperson of the college's music department. Morelock has students who've won top prizes in national and international competitions. He is also director of the Ann Arbor Bach Association and co-director of International American Russian Piano Institute.

"The Solo Piano and Piano Duets prepares students for a recital at the VisTaTech. We do videotapes so students can hear themselves. They play in groups for each other every day so they get experience performing in public. The duet and two piano pieces is so they can find partners. There are other activities

including listening to music and the different instruments of the orchestra, and studying biographies, music history, theory, and technique.

"The Piano Concertos and Chamber Music Performance is by audition only. They have to come with a concerto prepared and need to call the music office to set up an audition. The students rehearse then perform with a professional string quintet."

Auditions for the two summer school sessions as well as the fall semester of the Piano Academy take place during an Open House 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, in the college's Forum Building. The Piano Academy begins after Labor Day for about 120 students from age 6 through high school.

"We're starting to interview

students and will have some of the students play for the open house. It's a chance to meet some of faculty and hear them play," said Morelock. "We'll answer any questions they have - how does someone really make progress in piano playing?"

"Young children (in the Piano

Academy) take a group lesson for 60 minutes once a week and a private lesson 30 minutes once a week. The older children take a private 45-minute lesson once a week and then meet once a month and play for each other so they're performing all the time. (A monthly master class and

theory workshop is included). They go through testing in spring by Michigan Music Teacher's Association. We try to keep it dynamic and fresh."

The Piano Academy also offers adult piano study for credit or audit, and a two-year piano teacher certification program.



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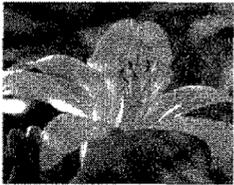
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MARJORIE L. BLANCHARD

Age 84 of Plymouth, May 3, 2007. Dear wife of the late Edward. Beloved mother of Sherry Ann Griffis, Donna Smith and Dennis Blanchard. Dear sister of Velma Parsons and Kenneth Fletcher. Proud grandmother of Mark, Krista, Jeremy and Joshua. Great-grandmother of six. Private cremation services arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth 734-459-2250. To leave a message of condolence, please see www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



KAREN KAY BURDETTE

Of Livonia passed away Friday, April 27, 2007 at her home. Karen was born in Drayton Plains, MI to Helen and Sherman Tarpensing in a loving home with brothers, Tim, Steve and Scott who encouraged a life long love of sports and athletic excellence in basketball, volleyball and a passion for U of M football that never wavered since she was 14 years old. She met and fell in love with Tom Burdette at CMU where Karen earned an Education degree and shortly after her marriage in 1985 became a beloved 6th and 4th grade teacher at Randolph elementary in Livonia. Karen adored her two children, Jessica and Jaclyn, and was a treasured daughter-in-law to Ann and Bill (Buddy) Burdette, sister-in-law to Lynn Tarpensing, Sharon Tarpensing and Gary and Marcia Burdette. Karen was a fun-loving aunt to Mike, Heather, Pam, Jennifer, Alan, Brenda (Tarpensing), Morgan and Garrick (Burdette) and great-aunt to Brendon Tarpensing. Karen and Tom enjoyed a 21 year honeymoon and heaven is made more brilliant for our loss. A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 AM, May 12, 2007 at the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia, MI 48150. A reception will follow. Memorials may be made to the Brain Tumor Research Fund, c/o Dr. Larry Junck, University of Michigan Hospitals, Department of Neurology, 1914 Taubman Center, Box 316, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0316.

ANDREW HOMICH

85, of Sun City West, died May 2, 2007. Andrew was born in Lyndora, Pennsylvania on March 23, 1922. He served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific theater from 1942-1945. Mr. Homich graduated from the University of Pittsburgh. He retired as Manager of Quality Control for Ford Motor Company in 1980. Mr. Homich was a member of the Masons and a Shriner. He and his late wife, Marion, were married for 57 years. They moved to Arizona from Birmingham, Michigan in 1982. He is survived by sisters Dolly Nazak and Ann Ptucha, and a large extended family of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at Sunland Lakeside Chapel, 15826 Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, AZ on Saturday, May 5 beginning at 10 am. followed by a service at 12 noon and brief prayer at the burial site. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made in his name to: St. Haralambos Building Fund, Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 10320 N. 84th Ave., Peoria, AZ 85345

CATHERINE E. JANSSEN (nee Waara)

Age 83, May 2, 2007. Beloved wife of 56 years of the late Sylvester. Dear mother of Carol, Margaret and Susan (Pierre) Wener. Cherished grandmother of Chantal and Nancy Wener. Fond aunt of many. 59 year resident of Garden City. 1941 graduate of Redford High School. Retired Secretary/Computer Administrative Assistant Garden City Public Schools for 19 years. Avid golfer and member of the Westland Golf Course retiree's golf league for many years. World-wide traveler. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Monday 9am until 10am Service at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy (between Ford Rd. & Warren). Memorials suggested to St. Matthew Lutheran Church or Wayne County Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped.

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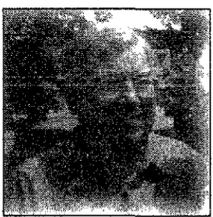
ROBERT WALLACE KIRKPATRICK

Age 86, a long time resident of Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills MI, passed away April 28, 2007 in Palm Beach Gardens, FL after a brief illness. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Helen; his daughters Wallace Berg of Corte Madera Ca, Robin Grams of Buffalo Grove IL, Nancy Scherba of Bloomfield Hills MI and Christine Millis of Clarkston MI and his grandchildren Sarah, Ted, Peter, Elise, Lara, Stephen and Jonathan. "Kirk", as he was known to his family, was born in West VA where he went on to attend Marshall University before joining the Marine Corps in 1943. In 1945 he moved to Michigan where he raised his family until his retirement from Amherst Industries in 1979. He spent his winters in Palm Beach Gardens FL where he was active in tennis and golf until his passing. He was an Honorary Life Member of Birmingham Country Club and PGA National. Kirk, who was a WWII Marine pilot will forever be a hero to his family. Tributes may be made at <http://Kirk.virtual-memorials.com>. Contributions may be made to: Buckskin Council Boy Scouts of America 2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, West Va 25311-1727. Edgley Cremation Services, W. Palm Beach, FL.



ROBERT D. DEN UYL

was born Oct. 14, 1926 in Detroit and died Feb. 25, 2007 at his home in Vero Beach, FL. Bob's wife Andrea and children Doug, Bruce and Marcia and the seven grandchildren are giving a memorial for him at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday May 12th. A Columbarium service will be in the church garden at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Parkinson's Foundation, the Michigan Humane Society or Cranbrook Hospice of Bloomfield.



EDWIN WALTER WICHERT

Age 78, died Tuesday, May 1, 2007, peacefully at his home. He was born in Bay Port, Michigan, on April 9, 1929, the son of Walter F. and Lena L. (Kleinfelder) Wichert. Edwin was an outstanding athlete at Pigeon Rural Agricultural High School. He attended CMU where he lettered in cross country and baseball. He received a BS in Math and Physical Education. Ed played semi-pro baseball for the International Falls, Minnesota Mandos. He later became a sub-coach of the Cleveland Indians and Houston Astros. He taught and coached in the Pennfield Battle Creek, Benzonia, Clio and Elkton Schools. Ed moved on to coach and teach at Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills for three years. After a successful basketball season, he became the first full-time director of Community Education/Recreation. He was responsible for the development of this department and it was considered one of the best in the state. He was also responsible for the development of a community recreation master plan for Bloomfield Hills and organized a successful millage to support the program. During this time he was very involved with the Franklin Baseball League and the Bloomfield Baseball League. When he retired from education, he and his wife moved to Old Mission where he entered into the antique business. Antiques led him to Frankfort, where he purchased the biggest and oldest antique of his life -- namely the old Bochoven House on Leelanau Avenue. He and his wife restored the house and operated it for three years as the Frankfort Land Company Bed and Breakfast. Ed was elected to and served on the Frankfort City Council in 1990 for four years. He was involved in the Frankfort Community Association and the City of Frankfort Parks and Recreation Board. Surviving Ed are his wife Mary Lou ("Lou") and three children: Timothy James (Karen) Wichert; Paul Joseph Wichert; and Elizabeth Ann (William) Van de Mark; grandchildren: Aleph Craven, Stevie Craven Morris, Wendy Beth Wichert, and Zoe Van de Mark; siblings: Nancy (Jed) Kain, Donald (Delcia) Wichert, Robert J. Wichert, Arlene (Sherman) Stevens. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. The Rev. Greg Culver will officiate at a memorial service at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 1 at the Frankfort United Methodist Church where family will greet friends afterward for a luncheon. Memorial contributions may be directed to: Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital/Cardiac Rehabilitation Program or the City of Frankfort, Harborview Recreation Center. The Frankfort Chapel of McElduff-Jowett Funeral Home & Cremation service is handling the arrangements.

STEPHEN COTTER MILLER

Passed away on April 24, 2007, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan. He was born in Pasadena, California, on February 20, 1929 to Mary Louise Cotter and Francis Hirschberg Miller. He was a 1947 graduate of Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and attended Harvard University Law School. He served in the Signal Corps for the U.S. Army from 1952-1955 and married Dorothy Cudder in 1954. They had three children; Mary Bard, Ann and Steven. Stephen had a long career in mortgage banking and commercial real estate. He served as director of the C.M. Harmon Company in Birmingham, Michigan, president of Sonnenblich-Goldman Corporation in Washington, D.C., and as chairman of Cotter Miller & Company in Long Beach, California. He was a passionate Christian throughout his life and served leadership roles in several church organizations. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Church Divinity School of The Pacific, as well as a Bishop's Warden at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, both in Malibu, California. During his years in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, he served as Vestry member and Junior Warden at Christ Church Cranbrook, and as a trustee for the Cranbrook Academy of Art. In 1995 Stephen was lead back in to the life of the former Dorothy Ellen Booth (Dodo), whom he had known since he was ten years old. Determined to take full advantage of this gift they had received so late in life, they married in June of 1996 in Harbor Springs, Michigan, at the First Presbyterian Church. They were inseparable during their nearly eleven years as husband and wife, and their devotion to one another brought great joy to their families and friends. Stephen was welcomed and nurtured by the town of Harbor Springs and became a treasured member of Dodo's family and the community as a whole. He was known for his Cheshire grin, quick wit, notorious sweet tooth, astounding resiliency and outspoken manner. Stephen was a prolific and opinionated writer whose pen was paradise for some and poison for others - much to his delight. He was a valued member of the First Presbyterian Church and Harbor Springs Kiwanis Club. He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved step-father Austin Harmon and his daughter Mary Bard Simon. He is survived by his wife Dorothy Miller and her family of Harbor Springs, Michigan, and his children: Ann (Farwell), Steven Austin Miller ("Sam"), his grandson Mitchell Simon and son-in-law Mark Simon, all of whom reside in Southern California. Contributions in memory of Stephen may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay in Petoskey, Michigan, the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society of Harbor Springs, or the Harbor Springs Kiwanis Club. Arrangements were made by the Schiller Funeral Home PO 105 Harbor Springs, MI. 49740, 231-526-2581, email: dschiller@chartermi.net.

BARBARA LAWSON PEIRCE

Age 77. A long-term cancer survivor, Barbara passed away peacefully April 30 following complications from a recurrence of her disease. Survived by William, loving husband of 51 years, three sons, William (Melissa), David (Diane) and Robert, six grandchildren Hilary, Andrew, Adam, and Caitlin, Leah and Alexandra, and sister, Joan Arnos (Richard). Active member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Seasonal resident of her beloved Glen Lake. Avid gardener and bridge player and a long-time member of Orchard Lake Country Club and The Village Women's Club. A Detroit native, Barbara graduated from Grosse Pointe University Liggett School, attended Denison University, and graduated from the University of Michigan after which she taught first grade at Birmingham Baldwin School. Memorial Service May 11 at 11:00 A.M. at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham (FUMC), 1589 W. Maple Rd, Birmingham, MI 48009. Donations to FUMC or Glen Lake Association Preservation Fund, PO Box 553, Glen Arbor, MI 49636.

DAISY SCHROEDER

97, of Westland. Died May 2. Survived by Ruth Johnson, many grand/great/great-great grandchild.

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Of Troy, May 4, 2007. Husband of Jeanne. DesmondFuneralHome.com

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ENGAGEMENTS

Bunce-Karrer

Glenda Bunce of Columbia, S.C., and Theodore Dwight Bunce of Durham, N. C., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah Leila Maurine Bunce, to Bradford Paul Karrer.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor of arts degree in biology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1991, and a doctorate in environmental studies from Duke University in 1997. She is a marine conservation scientist at Conservation International based in Arlington, Virginia.

The groom-elect is the son of Janice and David Karrer of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Plymouth and Livonia. He graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1992. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics

Mary is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently in her second year at Wayne State Law School.

Michael is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed by the city of Detroit Fire Department.

Their wedding will be held at St. Valentine's Roman Catholic Church in Redford in May 2007.



from the University of Michigan in 1997, and an master of business administration in finance from the George Washington University in 2005. He is employed by Vornado/Charles E. Smith in Arlington, Va., as a financial analyst.

A September 2007 wedding and reception is planned at Lowndes Grove Plantation in Charleston, S.C.

Cairns-Brown

Mike and Kathy Cairns of Big Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Catherine Cairns, to R. Scott Brown.

Mary is a 1999 graduate of Big Rapids High School and a 2005 graduate of Ferris State University.

Scott is the son of Randy and Carol Brown of Plymouth. He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of Grand Valley State University.



A fall 2007 wedding is planned.

Benson-Stone

John and Judy Benson of Lexington, Ky., announce the engagement of their daughter, Barrie Elizabeth Benson of Greer, S.C., to Paul Edward Xavier Stone of Greer.

Barrie has a bachelor of science degree from the College of Charleston and master of business administration from Clemson University. She is employed with Sealed Air Corp., Cryovac Division, as a market research analyst.

Paul is the son of Roger and Tina Stone of Canton. He has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan and a master of business administra-



tion degree from Clemson University. He is employed by TIC Properties as the vice president of acquisitions.

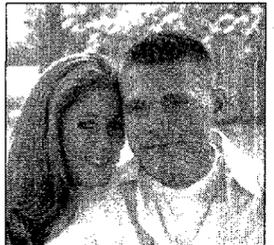
A wedding is planned for September at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington, Ky.

Graham-Maupin

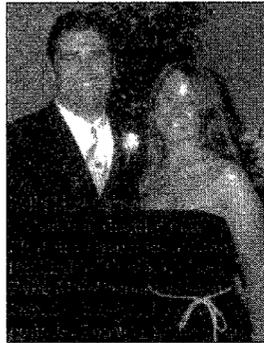
Dennis and Jane Graham of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Graham of Canton, to Brent Maupin of Canton.

Elizabeth attended Schoolcraft College and is employed by American Benefit Consultants.

Brent is the son of Cindy McCormick of Westland and Brent Maupin Sr. of Commerce Township. He attended the University of Illinois and is



employed by Salis Brothers. A November wedding is planned at St. John's in Livonia.



Casey-Cretu

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Casey of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Margaret Casey of Redford, to Michael Colin Cretu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Cretu of Livonia.

Mary is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently in her second year at Wayne State Law School.

Michael is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed by the city of Detroit Fire Department.

Their wedding will be held at St. Valentine's Roman Catholic Church in Redford in May 2007.



Foess-Halaas

David and Barbara Foess of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to John Halaas of Redford Township, the son of Steve and Donna Halaas of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan who is currently in her final year of medical school at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of Reynoldsburg (Ohio) High School who currently attends Central Michigan University. He returned from military service in Iraq in August 2006 and works in communications for BayComm.

A May 2007 wedding is planned in Northville.

Karrer-Oberlin

Janice and David Karrer of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Plymouth and Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Jean-Marie Karrer, to Brent Lee Oberlin.

The bride-to-be, a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Western Michigan University in 1999, and a teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University in 2006. She is employed as a science instructor at Michigan

Technical Academy High School in Redford, MI.

The groom-elect is son of the late Dennis Oberlin and Rosemary Oberlin of Douglas, Mich., formerly of Athens, Mich.

He will be earning a bachelor of science degree in philosophy from Eastern Michigan University in May 2007. He is employed by Border's Group, Inc. in Ann Arbor as a financial analyst.

An October 2007 wedding is planned at Vitosha Guest Haus in Ann Arbor followed by a reception at Weber's Inn.



BIRTH



Kylie Mae Carpenter

Brianna Maguire and Matthew Carpenter announce the birth of their daughter, Kylie Mae Carpenter, born on Dec. 15, 2006. Kylie weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Leonard and Karen Maguire of Livonia and Ken and Carol Carpenter of Southgate. Great-grandmother are Barbara Carpenter of Southgate and Evelyn Pyle of Fort Wayne, Ind.

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Childhood kidney conditions Benefit to raise funds for research, education

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Molly Modes doesn't like being sick, but she's feeling better these days thanks to a clinical trial. The treatment was just one of many the 9-year-old girl has undergone since being diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome, a common childhood kidney condition, and then with treatment-resistant FSGS, a disease that scars the kidney's filters ultimately resulting in the need for dialysis and in some cases a transplant.

Even though Molly is not in remission, parents Meg and Mike are hopeful researchers will find a cure.

Molly's problems started in kindergarten. She would wake up with swollen eyes leading her pediatrician to believe the symptom was caused by allergies. It wasn't until eight bouts of pneumonia later that Molly developed severe abdominal pains and was diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome in December 2005. The majority of patients with this condition typically respond to steroid treatment, but Molly did not so a kidney biopsy was performed and the FSGS (focal segmental glomerulosclerosis) discovered.

UNDER STUDY

In February, Molly became the first patient to



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Molly Modes (on swing) poses for a family photo with her sisters, Jane, 11, (left) and Grace, 14, and dad and mom, Mike and Meg. Missing from the picture is brother Michael, 16.

participate in a National Institutes of Health-funded study with principal investigator Dr. Tej Matoo at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. The clinical trial involves the use of immunosuppressives and plasmapheresis which is similar to dialysis.

During the procedure, Molly sat in a chair for up to three hours, three days a week while her blood was removed then returned to her body. The immunosuppressives leave her susceptible to infections.

At the Modes home in Livonia, the family does plenty of handwashing and uses hand sanitizer in between scrubbing sessions, but they're not complaining. Instead the Modeses, their friends and Mike's co-workers in the Wayne County Executive's Office are coordinating a fund-raiser 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

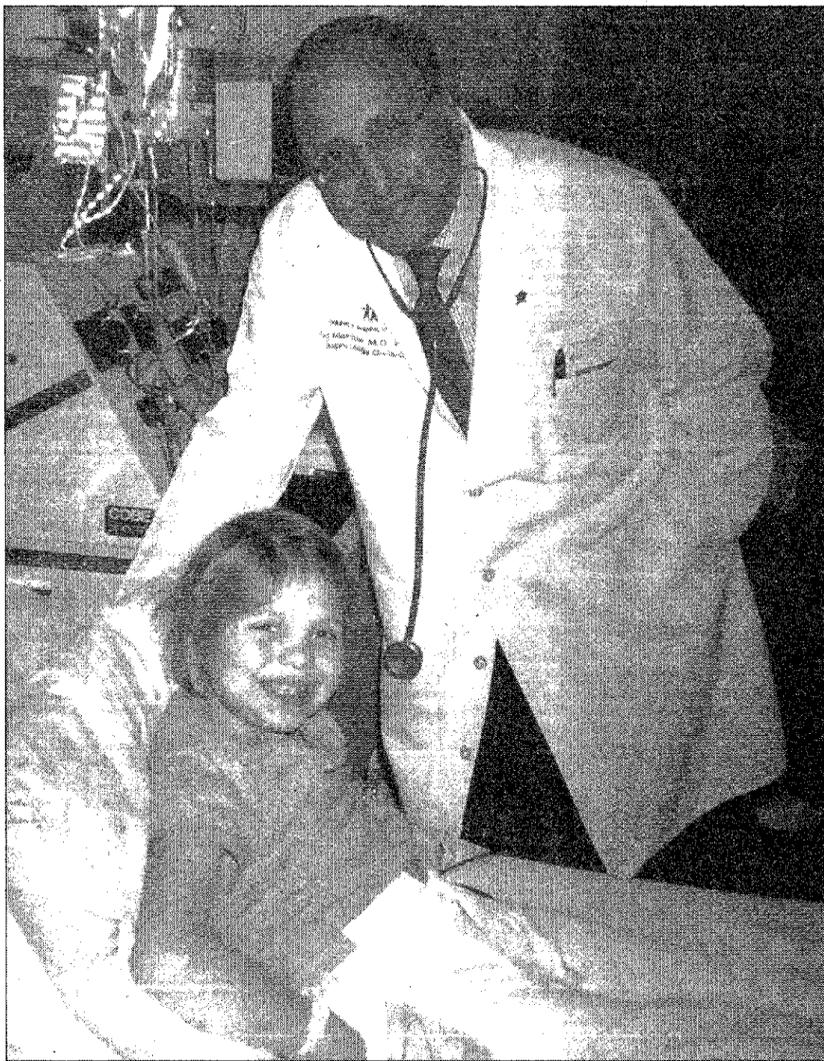
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The Modeses are looking for a miracle wherever they can find one. On Wednesday, Meg and Molly left for Lourdes, France, where they'll pray for a cure. The Holy Site is where a young woman said that Mary, Jesus' mother, appeared in 1858, and where healings have been claimed. "I'm very hopeful that they find a cure," said Mike Modes.

"You have to be hopeful as a parent," said Meg Modes. "Statistically, it's not a good course. It could eventually lead to dialysis or a transplant which may or may not work. We've latched on to research to do what we can because we don't want to see any other kid go through it. Any parent worries when their child is sick, but when they tell you we don't know how to cure it or what the future holds that's hard. 50 percent are at end stage renal disease within five years. Transplant is an option, but 50 percent of all transplants done for idiopathic FSGS return in the transplanted kidney."

ENERGY IMPROVING

While Molly isn't in remission, her energy level is rebounding. Two Sundays ago, she was back playing soccer for the Meteors. Everyone who knows Molly calls her a trouper. When asked about the game, she says, we "creamed them." It's impossible to tell that this spirited third-grade student at St. Michael's School in Livonia has been hospitalized five times since



Dr. Tej Matoo shares a moment with his patient, Molly Modes, as she undergoes plasmapheresis.

December 2005.

Matoo has been treating patients like Molly for about 20 years.

"By definition, nephrotic syndrome is a bunch of symptoms and can be caused by many underlying diseases," said Matoo, a professor of pediatrics at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, and chief of Pediatric Nephrology &

Hypertension at Children's Hospital of Michigan. "It happens when someone is losing a lot of protein in urine so that there is a significant decrease in the albumin level in blood which results in swelling. It can be caused by AIDS, lupus, certain medications and heavy

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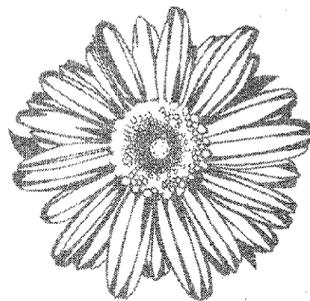
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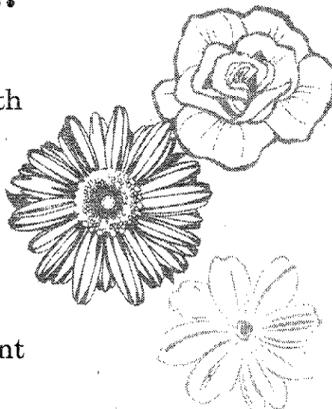


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metal poisonings. The one we see in children most of the time is idiopathic or primary nephrotic and we don't know what causes it."

RESEARCH VITAL

Patients like Molly, who don't respond to steroids, opt for studies. Matoos is overseeing the trial of the oral medication tacrolimus with or without plasmapheresis which like dialysis is invasive, but is giving FSGS patients long term remission.

"There is hope for the future," said Matoos, a Troy resident. "It's only a matter of time before we find best how to treat them."

The NephCure Foundation is in the process of gathering a data bank of information that is resulting from studies, including research funded by the nonprofit at Massachusetts General Hospital, University of Alabama, University of San Diego, and University of

Michigan.

"Sharing of information is key to research," said Henry Brehm, executive director of the NephCure Foundation in Pennsylvania. NephCure was founded in Michigan six years ago by Dr. Irving Smokler, a psychologist and former University of Michigan professor. Smokler has a son with the disease.

"Research helps progress even when they do something and it doesn't work, but compare it with cancer and heart disease and it just doesn't get the attention."

According to the foundation, childhood nephrotic syndrome can occur at any age but is most common between the ages of 1½ and 8 years and seems to affect boys more than girls.

For more information, visit www.nephcure.org or call (610) 540-0186.

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Jazz concert to raise funds for ovarian cancer awareness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Elaine Greenberg is so grateful for the seven years she's lived since being diagnosed with ovarian cancer that she wants to see the survival rate continue to improve.

The Farmington Hills woman is holding a jazz concert to benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition mission to raise awareness and promote education about the deadly disease. On Wednesday, May 16, saxophonist George Benson and The Cliff Monear Trio perform their music beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Hammell Music, 2700 E. West Maple, Commerce Township.

There is a \$30 tax-deductible donation per ticket. Tickets are available at Hammell Music or by calling (248) 624-8111.

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition is dedicated to improving the survival rate for women diagnosed with this silent killer (www.ovarian.org).

"They call it the disease that whispers because the symptoms are so vague and

symptomatic of other things, it's difficult to diagnose. I consider myself a miracle because my cancer wasn't discovered early," said Elaine Greenberg whose survived 7-years under the care of Dr. Vinay Malviya, an oncologist at Providence Hospital Cancer Center in Southfield.

"The symptoms are very difficult to diagnose. I always had stomach problems. I think everyone diagnosed with ovarian cancer has been told she had irritable bowel syndrome, or was postmenopausal, menopausal, or depressed. I just wasn't feeling good for awhile. Dr. Malviya - he obviously saved my life."

Greenberg uses her talents as a professional singer to help others battle the disease. She strongly believes in the healing power of music. About once a month she goes to the Karmanos Cancer Institute to share her experiences.

"They want to talk to a survivor," said Greenberg. "The biggest thing I can give them is hope. Attitude is everything."

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Memory linked to sugar level



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

levels of glucose performed worse on tests of short-term memory than those with normal glucose levels. The parts of the brain that are used for learning and memory were actually smaller! High blood sugar levels mean the body cannot effectively remove glucose from the blood and body tissues including the brain where it is used as fuel. Right now researchers are examining whether the problem can be reversed through diet and exercise. But think about this, it is one thing when improper diet

affects the way you look, it is a different thing when it may affect the way you think!

Sue e-mails that she is planning a family. She wants to know the latest on supplements that can benefit fetus brain power.

Sue, you are sure to find this research interesting! Researchers are now testing a supplement that can make babies smarter still inside the womb! It is a nutrient called Choline. Choline is a B type vitamin found in peanuts, soy and eggs. Research shows that lab animals getting more Choline in the womb have greater learning abilities! They are now testing the Choline effect in humans. Pregnant women can get Choline in either food or supplement form. Scientists will test the cognitive abilities of the babies as they approach their first birthday. Until more research is done a diet that is rich in Choline could be just the right thing for your newborn!

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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Hospice benefit luncheon

Women's Committee for Hospice Care holds two Spring Luncheons and Boutique 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Orchard Lake Country Club. Doors open at 10 a.m. for early birds to shop at 35 unique vendor booths, including the women's committee's Vintage Rose, a treasure trove of donated designer pieces and elegant housewares. Tickets \$60 friend, \$100 patron, \$150 benefactor. For reservations, send e-mail to karenr@adronics.com or call (248) 593-8691.

Benefit concert

The BeckRidge Chorale with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra present Sing for the Cure concert 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile. Reserved tickets \$25 or \$30, call (734) 340-4807. Tickets also for sale at door. Visit BeckRidge Chorale Web site at www.plycommunitychorus.org for details. Proceeds benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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HEAVY LEGS

The complaint of heavy legs occurs under the following circumstances: usually the patient is age 50 years or older and notes the heaviness when climbing stairs, coming up from the basement with a load of laundry, or undertaking an activity that calls for a sudden and prolonged exertion.

The patient is concerned that he or she is experiencing an early sign of heart disease, hypertension or arthritis, but that is not the case. The problem is that this individual is not in that high a state of physical conditioning as he or she believes is the case.

The problem is not heart disease because then the exertion would cause shortness of breath and a rapid heart beat. Hypertension is a silent condition, and causes headache, not leg heaviness, when pressure become high and is untreated. Arthritis would cause knee pain.

Most people are surprised when the doctor tells them that the problem is that they are "out of shape." The immediate response is disbelief: individuals say they are exercising as they always have. However, two influences are at work. First is self deception - a slacking off not realized. The second is the effect of aging. As a person grows older, he or she needs to exercise more to obtain the same stamina and reserve that came easily at a younger age.

The therapy for heavy legs is more exercise, or accepting that one has less strength. The individual's response to treat is personal not medical.

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HEART WALK.

Families find the answer in Club Z

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

In a time of shrinking school aid, larger class sizes and less individual instruction, families are discovering they can fill in the gaps with good old-fashioned, one-on-one tutoring.

Club Z, an in-home tutoring service franchise owned by Dean and Kathryn Thompson, of Canton, is the answer to many homework mysteries, conflicts and stumbling blocks.

"Working one-on-one with kids is such a nice way to meet their needs," said Kathryn Thompson, who has been a teacher for 31 years. "The way school districts are going, we're seeing less and less individual instruction."

Janet Hong, of Novi, said Club Z is a nice alternative to another group tutoring program her 8-year-old son, Kiefer, attended.

"I like the one-on-one basis," she said. "It's more concentrated on him and more catered to his needs."

The Thompsons' business has 150 tutors which serve 300-400 students via in-home tutoring at least twice a week. Club Z also tutors through school districts, which receive some funding from the No Child Left Behind federal law.

Club Z handles after-school tutoring for middle school youth in the Farmington Hills After School Program at the Costick Activities Center.

"They have saved us in the area of tutoring," said Todd Lipa, Farmington Hills Youth and Family Services director. "They have worked with so many students, many who were struggling and have become better students."

SUMMER SCHOOL

Club Z will offer a summer program at its Novi location and at the Jon Grant Community Center in Farmington Hills. The program, Summer Science Studies, will be held Mondays and Tuesdays from June 18 through Aug. 10. A Study Skills course will be offered Monday through Friday from Aug. 20-31, which will help students transition back to school.



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Dean and Kathryn Thompson, owners of the Club Z In-home Tutoring Service, stand outside their office on the east side of Novi Road, just south of Grand River in Novi. They started the franchise eight years ago from their Canton home.

"They lose a lot during the summer," Dean Thompson said. "Our parents sometimes forget we offer services year round."

Summer programs often focus on topics not typically covered during the school year, including scientific research, sports greats and even guitar lessons and courses to learn Spanish.

"This gives us the chance to fill the niches we don't get to do at school," Kathryn Thompson said.

Tutor Luis Morente, of Novi, who is a native of Venezuela, enjoys teaching Spanish in addition to the basic reading, writing, history and math.

"I learn from the kids and they learn from me," he said. "They are not as self-conscious as we are; kids just do it, while big people are afraid to make mistakes."

The tutoring sessions are usually an hour, two or three days per week.

"We set up our students, our parents and our tutors for success, not failure," Dean Thompson said. "There is such a need for one-on-one tutoring and study skills."

Kathryn Thompson said some parents have difficulty helping their kids with school work, noting conflicts often arise from frustration.

"Some parents will never be without a tutor because they've regained a fun

relationship with their kids," she said, adding that parents have told her how much they've learned from watching the tutor.

Club Z is a family thing for the Thompsons, too. Their daughter, Elizabeth, 26, works there. Their son, Joe, 28, lives in Maryland.

Dean and Kathryn Thompson started their Club Z franchise eight years ago out of their Canton home. Dean Thompson worked in the waste management field for 25 years.

"I reached a crossroads in my life and decided to do something different," he said.

Kathryn is a third-grade teacher at Thornton Creek Elementary in Northville.

Their business has grown throughout the area, with clients in western Wayne County, Oakland County, Ann Arbor and downriver.

"It's a business that gives you the opportunity to meet wonderful people," Dean Thompson said. "You're invited into someone's home and you're invited to really make a difference in a child's life."

For more about Club Z In-home Tutoring Services, visit www.clubztutoring.com.

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CLUB Z SUMMER PROGRAMS

■ Farmington Hills - Jon Grant Community Center, 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays and Tuesdays, June 18 to Aug. 10. Science studies include ecology, geology, planets and endangered species. Cost is \$230 for 32 hours of tutoring.

■ Farmington Hills - Study Skills, 10 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, Aug. 20-31. Fast start to the new school year. Cost is \$200 for 20 hours of tutoring. Call (248) 344-2200 for more information.

■ Novi - Club Z's headquarters is at 25800 Novi Road, just south of Grand River, in Novi. Several summer programs are offered, including math, writing, study skills, ACT preparation, beginning Spanish, beginning guitar, novel studies, science research, history research and more. Call (248) 344-2200 or e-mail clubz17@comcast.net for more information.

Rescue groups wanted for adopt-a-dog program

The K-9 Academy Training Facility is looking for animal rescue groups to take part in their first annual Rescue Dog Adoption Day 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23, in their building at 3441 Filbert, south of Michigan Avenue, east of Venoy, in Wayne. The purpose is to find the dogs their forever homes, according to Judy Sabo, event chairperson and obedience trainer, and co-chair Tina Foley.

There is no fee for your organization to participate. Simply come with the adoptable dogs and meet prospective new owners in the comfort of the facility. Groups are requested to bring everything they need for the dogs for the day - leashes and collars, crates to put the dogs in if you must leave them unattended, a water bowl, treats, etc.

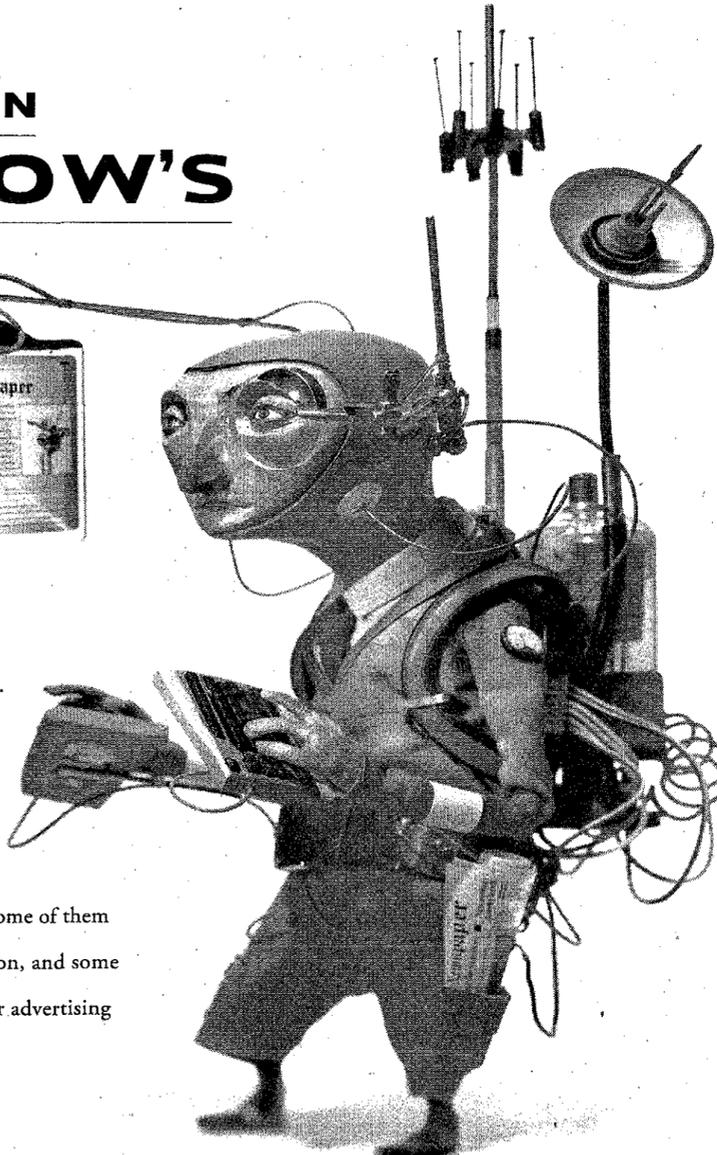
The staff of K-9 Academy will be working hard in the coming weeks to promote this event. Fliers will be sent to all of their clientele as well as area veterinarians, pet stores, and supermarkets. As an incentive for prospective pet owners there will be a raffle for T-shirts, dog treats, leashes, and toys. In addition, each new owner will receive a \$50 coupon for an obedience class through K-9 ATF. The facility staff is asking rescue groups to commit by May 23, if possible. Space is limited although this is a large facility. For more information or to sign up for the event, call (734) 641-9507 or send e-mail to mail@k9atf.com.

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Heart focus of Girls Night Out

It was an evening filled with all things beautiful at the Girls Night Out event held recently at Focal Point Studio in downtown Farmington.

The event offered Focal Point clients a chance to celebrate the important women in their lives and also gave downtown merchants the chance to display and sell their products in a boutique that was set up in the studio. The event was also a fund-raiser for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign.

As groups arrived they enjoyed food, desserts and beverages while waiting for their opportunity to receive a complimentary make-up and hair makeover by Beyond Salon.

Then, each group was escorted into the camera room to be photographed with each other as a keepsake of their special relationship. There were mothers and daughters, cousins, sisters, generations, book clubs and life-long best friends that commemorated their special bond with a portrait.

The guests then browsed items from Busch's, Merle

Norman, Edible Arrangements, Tre Sorelle, Canary International, Clothes Encounters, Eclectic Elegance and Beyond Salon. In keeping with the awareness of American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign, Mid American Sport was there offering body mass index measurements as well as fitness consultations and Laura Velzy an RN from Beaumont Hospital gave blood pressure screenings.

Each woman paid a nominal entrance fee and will receive a 5x7 portrait of their group before Mother's day. A portion of the fee will be donated to AHA. Extra raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win beautiful gift items donated by the vendors listed above. Among the prizes were: A \$100 shopping spree to Busch's, a gift basket and \$50 gift certificate to Bargain Books, a custom handmade necklace and earrings from Bead Bohemia, free memberships to Fitness 19, a gift certificate to Gala Bistro, two full haircut and color gift certificates to Beyond Salon, a \$500 gift certificate to Focal Point Studio and many



Girls Night Out at Focal Point raised \$1,500 for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. Women gathered to eat, drink, socialize and shop at the downtown Farmington studio.

more generous gifts from the downtown vendors.

Each woman left with a goody bag filled with special discounts and items donated by every vendor involved. The event raised \$1,500 to be donated to the American Heart Association.

"We weren't sure how our Girls Night Out was going to be received," said Marisa Miller, director of photography and

chairperson of the event. "This was a new concept for us and we hoped our clients would be as excited as we were to be a part of the evening. We were overwhelmed with the out come and the downtown businesses willingness and excitement to participate."

"Our clients' response was positive and many asked if we will host this event again next

year" said Michele Jakacki, owner of Focal Point. "We wanted to keep the ticket price reasonable as well as the price of the raffle tickets. We hoped by doing this, that our guests would feel their experience was well worth taking time out of their busy schedules to share in the camaraderie as well as give to a good cause."

Farmington sets Chorus concert

The Farmington Community Chorus performs its 27th annual spring concert, Come to Your Senses, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Tickets can be ordered in advance for \$12 or purchased at the door for \$15. To purchase advance tickets, call (810) 632-4067 or visit the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516 or visit www.farmingtonchorus.com.

The 85-voice mixed chorus is composed of singers from throughout the metro Detroit area. They will be joined by dancers and instrumentalists. The Langsford Men's Chorus, a group conducted by Farmington Community Chorus director Steve SeGraves, is a special guest on the concert. The Farmington Community Chorus, accompanied by assistant director Susan Garr, will perform a variety of choral music with a theme centered on the human senses. Songs include *Listen to the Music, Do Nothin' Till You Hear From Me, Banquet Fugue, Every Time I Feel the Spirit, Make Them Hear You, and I'll Be Seeing You.*

Madonna University Gala raises \$90,000 for scholarships

When the bidding stopped, Madonna University's Crystal Madonna Gala had raised \$90,000 for student scholarships and educational programs.

The 19th annual Gala, held April 20 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, drew 300 alumni, friends, community leaders, trustees, faculty members and staff. The Gala was sponsored this year by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC at the silver level, Angela Hospice and Ave Maria Mutual Funds at the bronze level, and Monal Inc. at the copper level.

This year's event featured the inaugural presentation of the Crystal Madonna Award by University President Sister Rose

Marie Kujawa. Receiving the award at the Gala were James and Earlene Bonadeo and John and Elizabeth Stevens. Unable to attend the event, William and Bridget Phillips will be presented their award at another time.

All three couples have generously supported Madonna University for more than a quarter of a century. James Bonadeo, Elizabeth Stevens and William Phillips served in leadership roles on Madonna's Board of Trustees, received Madonna University honorary doctorate degrees in business administration, and, with their spouses, have funded countless campus projects, scholarships and programs.

Event emcee, former Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey dispensed Madonna facts and funny stories to keep the guests laughing and buying. Between the silent and live auctions, everyone was entertained by staff from Madonna's office of disability resources and Sign Language Studies alumni. They had the crowd clapping and singing as they used their sign language skills to interpret songs from the movie Sister Act.

Kujawa expressed her gratitude to the Gala's generous supporters. "Many of Madonna University's students have financial needs and this event benefits those students, some of whom are helping here tonight. Thank

you for making their dreams of a quality, liberal arts education come true."

During the live auction the following items garnered the highest bids: a weekend getaway including Purple Rose Theatre tickets and accommodations at the Chelsea Centre Tourist Home drew \$2,000; airfare provided by AirIran Airways and a one-week stay in St. Lucie West, Florida brought \$1,400; the 4 pack of Lions tickets, and the suite for a Red Wings game each went for \$1,000, while the Chris Chelios jersey pulled in \$850.

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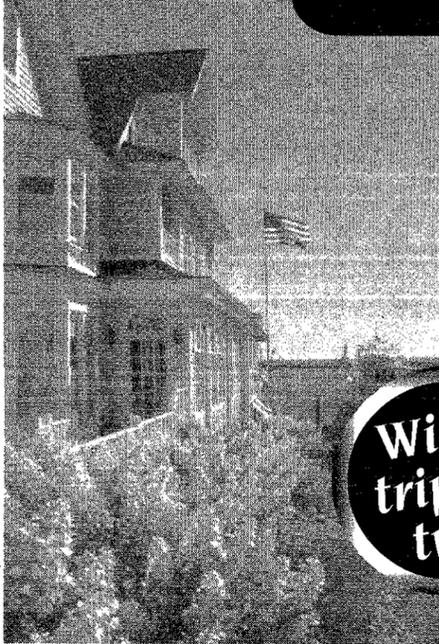
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available. Call Pat Tokar at (248)478-8977 or Diana Winn at (734)751-7386. Cost is \$25 which includes a round trip bus ride to the Casion and you will receive a \$15 voucher for cash from Greektown. Bus leaves Westborn Mall parking lot, Michigan Avenue and Outer Driver, at 5 p.m. Arrives back at 11 p.m. Public invited.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.
Sunday Fellowship
Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in

Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

■ Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101.
■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
■ Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.
■ Ward School of Christian Learning for Single Men - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Room C350. Studying the book Risk by Kenny Luck, pastor of Every Man's Ministry at Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, Calif.

Single Parents

Group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Single Adult Ministries office at Ward Church. For more information, contact Single Point Ministries at (248)374-5920.

SINGLETON

Senior groups meet weekly for dinner at local restaurants to discuss current events and future activities. For a monthly newsletter, call (313)563-9362 or write to: P.O. Box 5356 Telford Station, Dearborn, MI 48128.

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