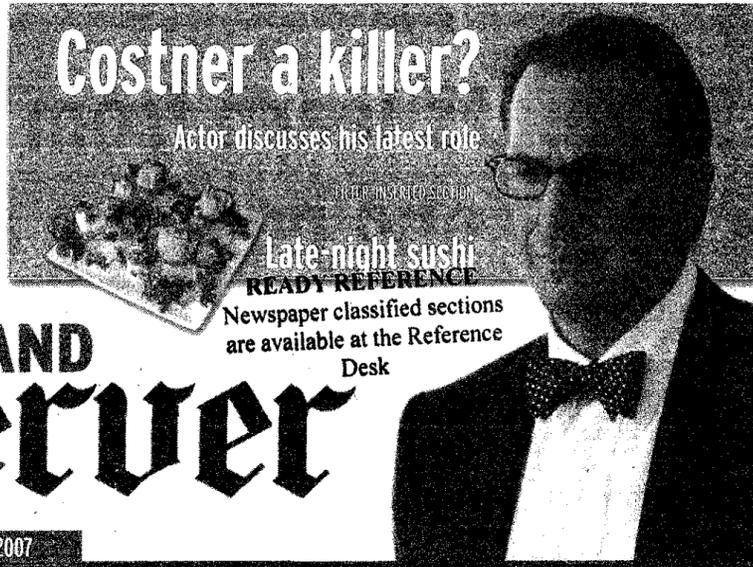


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Westland District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli, explains a case to the students taking part in this year's Law Day at Adams Middle School. For more photos and story about the annual activity, see Page A6.

Documents show township used park site as dump

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Newly found documents have revealed that the former Nankin Township - now Westland - dumped garbage in a landfill that became Central City Park, officials confirmed this week.

The township reached an agreement with Wayne County to dump garbage on the site beginning in 1956, county and city officials said.

"As of now, I believe it was from '56 to '58," Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said Tuesday.

County officials discovered the agreement while researching the history of the site, now fenced off after soil tests found elevated levels of lead in the popular park near Ford and Carlson. The township and the Wayne County Road Commission signed the documents on March 8, 1956.

Westland Mayor William Wild publicly divulged the findings Monday during a Westland City Council meeting. Officials said it's too early to say what the latest developments could mean in terms of shared

PLEASE SEE DUMP, A7

Wild: City looks to rein in costs for pension board

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

With some taxpayers blasting the city's pension system as extravagant, Westland officials indicated they will try to rein in costs.

Mayor William Wild, saying he heard new complaints "loud and clear," confirmed that his administration's bargaining team will be mindful of taxpayer concerns during this year's contract negotiations with police and fire unions.

"We're taking a look at all these issues," he said Monday during a Westland City Council meeting.

Wild's remarks came in the aftermath of criticism of three officials from the five-member Westland Police and Fire Retirement Board, who plan to attend a weeklong pension conference this month in Hawaii.

The board members, who serve in unpaid positions, have defended the trip as necessary for teaching them to make wise investments of taxpayer-backed pension funds.

Resident Burke Rock warned Monday that spiraling pension costs could ultimately deplete city coffers and lead to layoffs.

"I don't want to see layoffs in the future," he said.

Rock referred to published reports indicating that former Police Chief Emery Price receives an annual pension of \$114,000.

"How could that happen?" he asked.

City officials confirmed that Price receives more than \$100,000, but they said he also invested some of his own money into his pension. They also said the amount he receives is an exception.

John McGuire, a retired Ford Motor Co. tool-and-die maker, said he and others are losing some retirement benefits while the city pension system appears "outrageous."

"It's greed as far as I'm concerned - just sheer greed, and I wish someone would put a stop to it," McGuire said.

Resident Shannon Moody reminded city officials that the Hawaii trip will come as she, her husband and their six children wait for a settlement after raw sewage flooded their home on the city's southeast side - due to no fault of their own.

Moody thanked city Finance Director Steve Smith, a pension board member, for not making the trip along with three other members.

Wild conceded that some private-sector employees also attend conferences in places like Hawaii. Still, he said the pension board might want to rethink its practices in coming years.

Robert Bianconi, pension board president, indicated that board members don't have an annual limit on what they can spend on conference costs, such as airfare and hotels.

"We follow the city's policy," he said.

Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer chimed in earlier criticism from two of his colleagues, Charles Pickering and Cheryl Graunstadt, who said they considered the Hawaii trip excessive.

"I think it's a little big, especially when we're down," Stottlemeyer said, referring to declining city revenues.

Graunstadt also said the city could save money by eliminating annual longevity bonuses that city employees receive. That pay amounts to \$100 for each year of service to the city, starting after four years. At a minimum, Graunstadt said, the practice should be ended for new hires.

Meanwhile, Graunstadt asked whether the pension board can legally send three of its five members - a majority - to the Hawaii conference.

Bianconi said the pension board's attorney "has no problem with that." City Attorney Angelo Plakas said a board majority can go to a conference as long as the members don't discuss how they might vote on an issue.

Pitsenbarger, Monit ready to tackle issues

For information on election results in the Livonia Public Schools and Schoolcraft College, see stories on Page A4.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

As Martha Pitsenbarger sees it, her mission during her new four-year term on the Wayne-Westland school board is to keep the school district moving forward.

"I'm so grateful that people voted for me and that they had the faith to send me back for four more years," said Pitsenbarger. "I'll do what I can do to have the school district be the best it can be."

The Wayne resident cruised to a fourth term as the top vote-getter in Tuesday's school election. A clinical social worker, she received 2,114 votes in unofficial results.

Placing second was fellow trustee Skip



Pitsenbarger



Monit

Monit who received 1,798 votes. Also a Wayne resident, he's in project management with Sensormatic/ADT. He is in his eighth year on the board.

"It feels good," he said about the election night results. "It's a big relief to have the election over with. Now, we can move on and deal with the issues I think we're going to face right from the start."

Brian Mulligan of Westland had a strong showing in his first school election, finishing third with 1,359 votes. A distant fourth was T. Cortez Spann Jr. of Wayne

WAYNE-WESTLAND BOARD

(unofficial vote totals)

Martha Pitsenbarger	2,114
Skip Monit	1,798
Brian Mulligan	1,359
T. Cortez Spann Jr.	374
Bhagwan Dashairya	230

winners in bold

who received 374, while Bhagwan Dashairya of Westland was last with just 230 votes.

Both Monit and Pitsenbarger agree the school district faces challenges. For Pitsenbarger, the concern is the loss of state school aid.

"I think the board will have the same

PLEASE SEE ISSUES, A7

Board gives Baracy outstanding evaluation

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy has scored high marks when it comes to the goals set for him by the Board of Education.

That's the word from board President Frederick Weaver who announced that Baracy has received an outstanding evaluation for 2006-2007.

"He continues to outperform the standards set by the board," Weaver said. "He continues to excel above his peers and colleagues around the state."

The school board found that after 10 years at the helm of the district, Baracy "continues to exhibit a high energy level when dealing with all aspects of school district operations."

In a prepared statement, the trustees noted that "Baracy received an outstanding evaluation due to his deep commitment, strong work ethic and passion for the students and community."

"I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the students," Baracy said. "I pledge to do my best to present the best educational opportunity to our

students."

The board did the annual review on March 19 and looked at eight areas - professional leadership and personal qualities, curriculum and instruction, community relations, business and finance and employee, board, intergovernmental and student relations.

They found that he "continues to motivate the staff to address board of education goals set for the district."

"I've worked with him for 10 years and I feel like he's the life of the community," said board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger. "He has lived in the area, gone to the

schools and is involved in the community. We're lucky to have found someone who does such an excellent job."

According to board Vice President Terrance McClain, the evaluation is well-deserved because of the "excellence" Baracy brings to the district.

"He is very highly respected among his peers and continues to work to provide an excellent education in this district," he said.

"I think we're all in agreement that we're lucky to have Greg Baracy as superintendent," added Pitsenbarger. "I don't want him to ever leave us."

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Students learn from teacher's cancer and positive attitude Sale offers piece of Botsford Inn

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Sixth-grader Richie Wiczorek wore a pink polo shirt to school Friday. And he wasn't the only boy at Cooper Upper Elementary dressed in pink.

They do it to show support for physical education teacher Susan Schnettler.

"Because she has breast cancer, every Friday we're supposed to wear pink," Wiczorek said.

Students also pay 25 cents for the privilege of wearing a hat in school Fridays to raise money for cancer research, and the school's leadership group raised \$650 selling pink ribbons at the school's art fair.

Snettler calls the students "outstanding" and the school's support "unbelievable."

"This is a wonderful school," she said.

Snettler has been open with students since she was diagnosed, saying: "I'm not going to die. ... This is something Mrs. Schnettler has to deal with."

"I wasn't planning on missing any school," she added.

Snettler, who has taught in the district for 26 years, told students she would lose her hair and, if they didn't like her hat, they could bring her a new one. She had enough hats to wear two at a time all winter.

"I do not think children will ever view cancer the same way," special education teacher Pam Pruet said. "She was doing pushups the other day."

Snettler, who also cares for 35 horses at her home in Metamora and takes on



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Cooper Elementary School gym teacher Susan Schnettler stands alongside one of many posters throughout the school showing the Cooper Cares ribbons, sold at the school's art fair to help raise money for cancer research.

lunch duty every day, just finished eight rounds of chemotherapy the same week she turned 50.

"I feel fabulous," she said. "My prognosis is very good. I just have to go through the protocol." A recent CAT scan showed no signs of the disease.

She has a surgery scheduled for May 22, but plans to be back in school for field day later that week. She will receive six weeks of radiation therapy after that.

Snettler said she was shocked to be diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I haven't had a cold in 30 years," she said. She had regular mammograms and lives a healthy lifestyle.

"I learned a lot. (Students) learned a lot," she said. "It's a really good life lesson. It's a shame that somebody has to get sick."

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BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

It seems everyone has a fond memory or two from the historic Botsford Inn.

Whether it was a wedding, an anniversary or a summer jazz festival in the courtyard, the sprawling white inn on Grand River has served as a landmark for anyone who's ever raised a glass, enjoyed a meal or danced on the spring-loaded dance floor in the upstairs ballroom — and the memories live on.

"It was clearly a meeting place for the community," said Margo Gorchow, corporate vice president of community relations, marketing and development at Botsford Hospital. "The hospital feels the commitment to the inn and it, too, is part of the legacy of the Botsford Inn."

The public can grab a piece of that legacy at an estate sale as the hospital prepares to demolish the east and west wings, which were added in recent decades. Botsford Hospital plans to build a cancer treatment center on the site, but preserve and restore the central portion of the inn, which was built originally as a home in 1836.

"There are a lot of fond memories here — and this place is historically important because of who owned it, including Henry Ford," said Andrew Adelson, owner of the West Bloomfield-based Everything Goes Estate Liquidators Inc. "A lot of people are going to want to have a piece of the memory."

Everything Goes Estate Liquidators Inc. will conduct a public sale of the inn's contents from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 11; Saturday, May 12; and Sunday, May 13; Friday, May 18; Saturday, May 19; and Sunday, May 20.

Items for sale include cher-

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Andrew Adelson, owner of the West Bloomfield-based Everything Goes Estate Liquidators Inc.

ry and mahogany bedroom sets, book cases, dining sets, chests, mattress sets, bedding, linens, some antiques, artwork, the 24-foot oak and cherry Coach House bar, lighting fixtures, hundreds of chairs, a wine cooler, windows, doors, awnings, shutters, air conditioner units, televisions, radios, paneling and commercial kitchen equipment, including coolers and freezers.

Items will be taken from 65 rooms, three apartments, two ballrooms and one commercial kitchen on the property.

All items will be priced, but Adelson said there will be room to deal.

"All prices are negotiable and very reasonable," he said. "We want to sell everything."

Items that do not sell will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

The Botsford Inn is located on the north side of Grand River, between Middlebelt and Inkster in Farmington Hills. Gorchow said the antiques will be set aside and used in the restored portion of the inn.

"We want to use the antiques to create a sense of history and to maintain the legacy of the inn," she said.

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Incumbent team aims to keep LPS strong

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

"We're in!" came the first victory call, from school board president Lynda Scheel's back porch at about 9:10 p.m. Tuesday.

A few minutes later, upon hearing solid numbers from the Livonia City Clerk's office, the crowd of supporters, some wearing yellow "No Recall" T-shirts, engaged in celebration. The party included all current school board members and some district administrators.

Livonia Public Schools voters re-elected first-term incumbents Scheel and Robert Freeman, and supported Greg Oke, who had aligned with them early in his first campaign for school board.

Scheel, the school board president, said the three of them are determined to do what is best for the district, to keep the district's educational program strong, and that they will continue working to bring people together.

To that end, she said, "Everybody has to be willing to gather around the table together. We have to be willing to discuss things openly."

Freeman said his goal is to "see that we meet the vision of this district."

"I want to continue to be a servant leader, to do what is best for our kids," he said.

Three candidates who were part of an August recall attempt led by the Citizens for Livonia's Future were shut out.

During their campaigns, Steve Futrell, Eileen



Lynda Scheel, left, and Greg Oke celebrate their school board election victory at Scheel's home Tuesday night.

LIVONIA SCHOOL BOARD

(unofficial vote totals)

Lynda Scheel - 4,918

Rob Freeman - 4,588

Steve Futrell - 4,299

Eileen McDonnell - 3,907

1-year term

Greg Oke - 4,411

Patrice Mang - 4,025

winner in bold

spoke against the Legacy Initiative, the board's decision in December, 2005 to close schools and reconfigure grade levels, which led to the failed recall effort. For two, four-year terms, combined unofficial vote totals from the cities of Livonia

the top vote-getter with 4,918, Freeman had 4,588, Futrell came in third with 4,299 and McDonnell had 3,907.

For the one-year term, Oke had 4,411 votes to Mang's 4,025.

A third candidate for the one-year seat, Ralph McComber took 521 votes even though he had stated previously that he was no longer campaigning. Because he didn't withdraw until after the deadline, though, his name was still on the ballot.

Voter turn-out was just over 11 percent in Livonia, or 8,134 of the city's 71,867 eligible voters; nearly 15 percent cast absentee ballots.

"The silent majority cleared their throats in August, but spoke today," said Jerry Kmiecik, who once led the group Livonia Cares, a political action committee that opposed the recall.

Livonia resident Susan Meyer, who cast her ballot at McKinley Center, said she voted for the incumbents because she thinks they have learned from the fallout in the past year and have taken corrective action.

"Sometimes the first term is a learning term," Meyer said.

Scheel agreed with that sentiment.

"You learn a lot when you first get on the board," Scheel

said. "You definitely learn from things that happen."

Freeman said, "In education, we're about lifelong learning. We learn every day."

He said he overheard someone at the polls say, "I'm voting for change."

"The whole issue was they didn't want change," he said. "I find that paradoxical."

Many voters were tight-lipped even after leaving their polling places, but resident David Parker, after casting a ballot at Dickinson Center said, "Over a period of time, I'd just become annoyed with all the dissent and distractions getting in the way of business as usual."

... School board members have a fiduciary responsibility to balance the budget. I voted for the incumbents and Oke."

With the school district facing a budget shortfall of at least \$4.5 million, Scheel, Freeman and Oke said that is their top priority.

Whether the divisiveness of the past 18 months will continue remains to be seen, the winning candidates said.

"That's up to the other side," Freeman said. "My opinion is we need to move on."

Scheel said it is important to respect the opinions of both sides. "I don't think any (idea) should be kicked out the door."

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Gebhardt finishes first in Schoolcraft election

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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The nonpartisan Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees race had a strong partisan flavor this year, but top vote getter Joan Gebhardt credits her standing as a Schoolcraft mother and an educator as being more important factors in the race.

Gebhardt was appointed to the board in December to replace Kevin McNamara, who resigned when he won a seat on the Wayne County Commission. She finished first Tuesday in the five-person race for three board seats.

Veteran board members Mary Breen and Brian Broderick were re-elected. Canton attorney James Fausone finished fourth and former Schoolcraft registrar Ron Randall finished fifth.

Gebhardt, an adjunct education professor at Madonna University and an aide to Democratic state House Speaker Andy Dillon, said she didn't think partisan considerations were a deciding factor in the election. Gebhardt is a Democrat and received strong backing and letters of endorsement from area Democratic elected officials. Fausone is a Republican and received backing and letters of endorsement from area Republican leaders.

"I am a Democrat and work for the Democrat speaker but I was not running as a Democrat but as a parent and as an adjunct professor. I hope that was the deciding factor."

"Voters made a statement," Gebhardt said. "All five candidates have excellent qualifications, anyone of us would have made a good trustee."

She said having two children attending Schoolcraft may have had an impact on the election.

"I worked real hard," she said. "I appreciate the help I received and the vote of confidence I received at the polls."

Fausone was not available for comment. Breen will be returning for a fifth term on the board. Broderick will begin

SCHOOLCRAFT VOTE

(unofficial vote totals)

Joan Gebhardt 11,693

Mary Breen 11,169

Brian Broderick 10,231

James Fausone 8,395

Ronald Randall 5,646

Winners in bold



Breen



Broderick



Gebhardt

a third term as a trustee.

"It was a good race with all strong candidates," Broderick said.

He said he looks forward to the development of Schoolcraft's new biomedical facility and the potential for building a four-year nursing program.

He said Livonia dwarfed other communities in voter turnout, which might have had an impact on the low vote for Canton resident Fausone.

Breen said that with five people running for the three seats, she wasn't about to take the election lightly.

"I'm thrilled to have won. We worked hard for it," she said.

She said she looks forward to developing programs at the college, especially improving the schools police, fire and homeland security programs.

Ronald Randall said he was disappointed in his showing but "the people have spoken."

"I'm going out this morning and picking up my signs," he said. He said he is still a Schoolcraft supporter "100 percent."

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McDonnell and Patrice Mang and Westland show Scheel was

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A mandatory site inspection is required and may be scheduled by contacting Jim McMuldloch, District Engineer at (734) 744-2500, ext. 42158.

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

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SANDRA L. POLLACK,
Supervisor of Finance
Livonia Public Schools

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Sandra L. Pollack,
Supervisor of Finance
Livonia Public Schools

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Budget talks

The Westland City Council is expected to wrap up its discussion of Mayor William Wild's proposed budget during a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

The council will discuss the following departments - library; executive/mayor's office; legislative/city council; finance, including City Hall and grounds, general government; and police and fire retirement board. There also will be a final budget overview that evening. The council is expected to approve a budget at its June 4 meeting.

Contest winner

Fawna Cicotte, an 11th-grader at Wayne Memorial High School, has won a Law Day essay contest sponsored by the Westland City Attorney's Office. She received a plaque and a \$100 savings bond.

The topic of this year's essay contest dealt with whether schools should be allowed to have policies against wearing items that show support for political candidates.

Cicotte received her award Monday during a Westland City Council meeting.

Card Party

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a Blossom Time luncheon and card party 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy in Westland.

Bring a friend and play cards or games of your choice. Tickets are \$6. For reservations, call (734) 722-1343. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Cheer program

The Westland Stars will hold a cheer and dance summer program 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning June 14, in the multipurpose room of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

Come and join the Westland Stars and learn new dances and stunt with the team. The summer program runs four-six weeks, depending on camp. It's an opportunity for girls to get ready for try-outs for the fall team.

The Stars will be participating in the Westland Summer Festival, a youth cheerleading clinic and summer dance camp. The cost is \$35. Other fees include a \$20 uniform deposit and \$35 for the youth clinic. The cost of the dance camp has yet to be determined.

Register at the Bailey Center. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, May 14, at the Westland Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the third Monday of each month.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday, May 14.

He will be at the Westland Big Boy 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Poppy sales

American Legion Post 251 of Westland is holding its annual Poppy Sales now through Saturday. Members are at the intersection of Wayne and Ford roads as well as at various businesses 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. Look for members at various intersections throughout the city.

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 flapjacks 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Marcacinni at North Bros. Ford at (734) 524-1230 or by e-mail at info@northbros.com.

Dining to Donate

People who eat at Applebee's can help a variety of Westland organizations through its Dining to Donate program.

Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road will donate 20 percent of the bill to Wild's Walkers for Relay for Life on May 24, Kids 4 Kids on June 21, Westland Therapeutic Recreation program on July 26, Westland Historical Village Park on Aug. 23 and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27.

Coupons are required to indicate which organization will receive the donation.

Bingo

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

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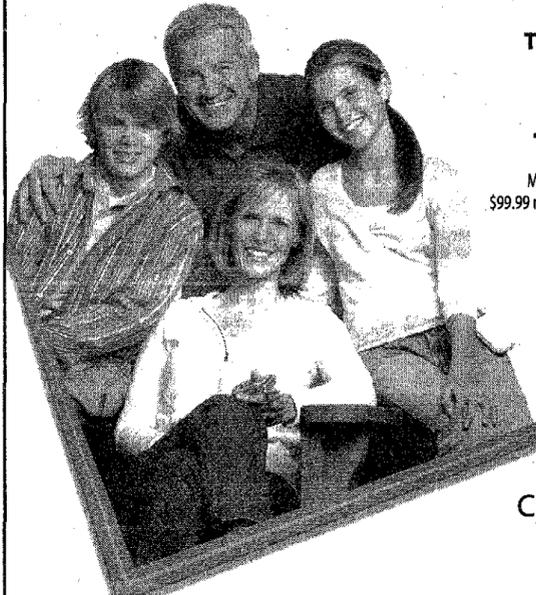
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It's the law: Judges bring court to kids

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland's district judges heard their cases last Friday in an unusual place - Adams Middle School.

It wasn't because the students had gotten into trouble.

Rather, Judges C. Charles Bokos and Sandra Ference Cicirelli held their court at the school during Law Day, giving students a firsthand look at how they handle cases involving drugs, alcohol, assault, retail fraud and driving violations.

"I think it provides a little shock and awe for our students," Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said.

"It gives our students a firsthand look at some of the consequences for inappropriate behavior and violations of the law," he said. "It's really meaningful at the middle school age. At that point in their lives, they're so impressionable."

Eighth-graders Leigha Goodwin and Erika Boyington found Law Day interesting.

"It's stupid to steal and to do drugs," Goodwin said.

"It's dumb to drink and drive," Boyington said.

That's exactly the responses the judges and school officials want to hear as a result of the annual Law Day program.

District court officials handed out copies of the docket with an explanation of charges against defendants who appeared in front of the judges.

Eighth-grade students from two other Westland middle schools, Marshall and Stevenson, also went to Adams to see the special program.

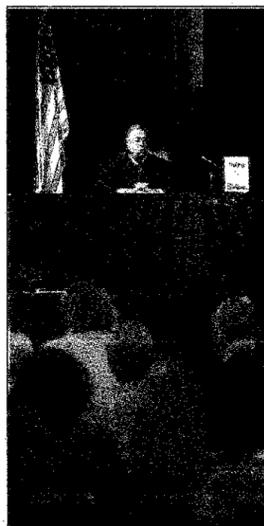
Franklin Middle School in Wayne had its own Law Day program involving Wayne District Judge Laura Mack, Baracy said.



Adams Middle School eighth-graders Jordan Jasinski (from left), Tawni Kenyon, Erika Boyington and Leigha Goodwin listen to the court proceedings at Law Day.



Franklin Middle School eighth-grader Michael Delhulf asks Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos what would happen if a defendant tried to flee the courtroom while on trial. Standing with Michael is Chief Probation Officer Chris Raymond.



Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos goes over a case with Adams Middle School students at Law Day.

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20,000 step up for heart health

BY WAYNE PEAL
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Southfield considers itself at the heart of southeast Michigan communities.

That's why sponsors say they couldn't find any more appropriate place for the American Heart Association's annual Detroit Area Heart Walk, set for Saturday, May 19, on the grounds of the Southfield Municipal complex.

"The city has been wonderful to us and for all the people we have coming, Southfield is a truly central location," AHA spokeswoman Katie Grode said.

More than 20,000 people are expected to arrive for the walk, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. at the municipal complex, 26000 Evergreen.

"We are delighted to be part of such a regional event," said Nimrod Rosenthal, city communications director. "They (the AHA) approached our parks and recreation department with the idea and we were very willing to help."

The walk, formally called the 2007 Start! Metro Detroit Heart Walk, is the AHA's biggest annual fund-raiser. An estimated 500 walks being held in other U.S. communities that day and throughout the year. The new name coincides with the AHA's new Start! campaign which calls on individuals and employers to create heart-healthy lifestyles and workplaces.

The local walk is the second to be held on the municipal center grounds. The first Southfield walk was held on a damp, rainy morning in fall 2005.

"We're obviously hoping for better weather this time around," Grode said.

Participants can sign up for a walk of one mile, five kilometers or 10 kilometers and are asked to raised pledges from friends, relatives and co-workers.

Money raised through the walk supports AHA research projects and local outreach programs such as the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and Power To End Stroke.

Heart disease is considered the nation's leading cause of death with stroke ranking third.

Southfield's own 100 Days to Health campaign, conducted in conjunction with Providence Hospital, will also kick off that day.

"We'll have a tent on site with information about 100 Days to Health," Rosenthal said.

The heart walk includes such national sponsors as the Subway restaurant chain and Healthy Choice foods, as well as local sponsors including the Henry Ford Health System, Fifth Third Bank and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Additional information on the walk, as well as on other AHA programs, is available by visiting www.detroitheartwalk.kintera.org or calling (248) 827-4214.

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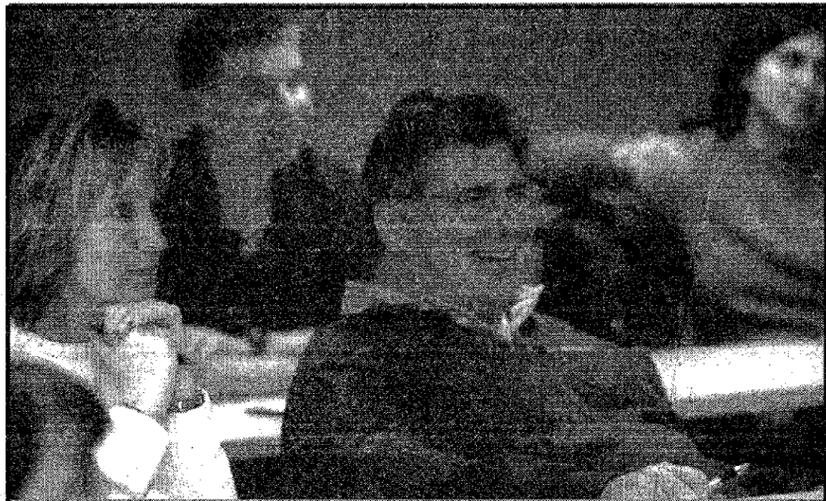
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Students arrested, 1 hospitalized after fight at Churchill

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

A Churchill High School student was taken to the emergency room to be treated for cuts after a fight at the school Monday morning, school officials said.

About eight students were involved in the fight, which occurred in the cafeteria before school, said Rod Hosman, director of administrative services for Livonia Public Schools.

Five Churchill students were arrested. According to Livonia police reports, a fight between two groups of students had been brewing for some time when it erupted before start of classes at 7:20 a.m. Monday. One student was pushed through a window, requiring staples to close a wound in his side.

Three of the minor students were arrested for disorderly conduct. A 17-year-old student was arrested for assault and battery, disorderly conduct and destruction of property. A 19-year-old student was arrested for felonious assault, disorderly conduct and destruction of property.

Details of the case have been handed over to prosecutors. Although Hosman said he isn't sure exactly what the students were fighting about, he said, "It

stemmed from something that took place outside of school over the weekend."

"It started out with four (students), but some other kids jumped in," he said. Churchill staff broke it up quickly and called police, he added: "It's pretty significant and we want to treat it as such."

In an e-mail to parents, principal Joe Anderson said: "I would like to make you aware of the fact that we had a serious fight in the cafeteria before school this morning at Churchill High School. ... I want to personally reassure you that everyone involved has been removed from school at the present time and everything is in order here today."

In November, a fight before school in the Franklin High School cafeteria sent a sophomore to University of Michigan Hospitals with a closed head injury after his head was slammed into the ground.

The student recovered quickly and returned to school the next week. The attacker was arrested and later pleaded guilty as a juvenile to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. He was sentenced to juvenile detention. Staff writer Alex Lundberg contributed to this report.

DUMP

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responsibility for cleaning up the contaminated site.

Wild ordered the 100-acre park fenced off after he took office in January - years after previous officials knew of the problem.

County officials have shared their latest findings of township dumping with the city and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The Village of Wayne also used the site, which had been excavated as road workers hauled out sand and dirt, Helmkamp said.

The latest developments came as the DEQ just finished a geo-

probe study that involved soil borings to determine contamination levels.

Official results won't be known for several weeks, but DEQ project manager Beth Vens confirmed Tuesday that preliminary findings of lead were "fairly widespread."

Vens and Wild also confirmed that the latest samples found methane - a gas that is common in garbage dumps. Vens indicated there is little danger to anyone who used the park.

"As far as being a general park user, it doesn't mean anything," she said. "Methane is common in landfills. It becomes a danger only if it migrates into someone's basement and hangs low."

In such cases, explosions can

occur when a furnace kicks on, which obviously wouldn't be a problem for Central City Park.

Vens indicated that it appears methane is limited to the park, although she said it "would be wise for the city or county to do further studies" around the park.

In yet another development, Vens confirmed public statements by Wild that early geo-probe results don't indicate a problem from industrial waste from drums known to have been dumped on the site.

"They did not uncover any evidence of industrial solvents and products," Wild said. "I think that's good news for the city of Westland."

Vens agreed, although she cautioned that full results of the geo-

probe study won't likely be known for several weeks.

Meanwhile, Helmkamp said the county has conducted its research to better determine what was dumped on the property decades ago.

The county, the city and the former township have had close ties for decades involving land in the area - land that ultimately became home to Westland City Hall, district court, the police station and the Bailey Recreation Center, in addition to Central City Park.

Officials couldn't yet speculate on what those ties might mean for sharing the costs of cleaning up the park.

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ISSUES

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focus it's had, it's not going to change," said Pitsenbarger. "We're ahead of the game when we started cutting four years ago. If we hadn't done that, we'd be up the creek."

She added that she doesn't want the state to take money away from the district and that "we're going to have to put pressure on the legislators."

"Don't take no money, we're talking about the education of little children," said Pitsenbarger. "We have to do what we have to do. We elected them and they have the same responsibilities I have."

Monit sees the implementation of the state's new high school curriculum as well as addressing the overtime issue related to full-time district employees who

serve as coaches as issues that will continue into his new term.

The district will have to work out the bugs related to the new curriculum as well as determine what works best for Wayne-Westland students. It won't be a simple process, according to Monit.

"I see it being a couple of years' process, hopefully not," he said.

The overtime issue surfaced at last month's school board meeting when John Glenn High School cheerleaders pleaded to let their coach stay.

"We have to come to some resolution, it's tough for our employees who are looking to make some extra money and it's tough for the district because it can't afford to pay the overtime," he said.

Westland residents in the Livonia Public Schools portion of city agreed with their Livonia counterparts in re-electing first-

term incumbents Lynda Scheel and Robert Freeman, and supporting Greg Oke, who had aligned with them early in his first campaign for school board.

In the race for the two four-year terms, Westland voters made Scheel their top vote-getter with 645 votes. Freeman was second with 594 votes, followed by challengers Steve Futrell with 499 votes and Eileen McDonnell with 488 votes.

Westland voters also favored Oke for the one-year term, giving him 495 votes. Second was Patrice Mang with 425 votes.

Ralph McComber who withdrew

from the race received with 217 votes.

In the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees race, Westland residents favored incumbents Mary Breen and Brian Broderick and recent appointee Joan Gebhardt for the three six-year terms. Gebhardt was the top vote-getter. She received 739 votes. Breen placed second with 624 votes, while Broderick was third with 584 votes. Finishing fourth was James Fausone with 396 votes, and Ron Randall was fifth with 281 votes.

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2045- Donna Bauer- mattress set, television, boxes
3020- Joseph Cooper- TV, refrigerator, boxes
3050- Becky Kirkland- boxes, couch, table
3064- Rachel Prieto- mattress set, vacuum, microwave
3067- Tiffany Roots- toys, 8 bags, 12 boxes
3091- Jason Dieks- boxes, TV, totes
4008- Nicole Spisz- mattress set, entertainment center, boxes
4019- Dennis Cole- stove, stereo, Power washer
4057- Barbara Koltuniak- misc. items
4071- Nicole Monthei- refrigerator, exercise equipment, boxes
5026- Yvette Passament- Boxes, Love Seat, Portable Television
5069- Carl Hicks- washer, dryer, boxes
5079- John Reardon- love seat, mattress, television
5089- Sandra Church- boxes, bikes, luggage
6034- Kevin Davanzo- stove, desk, television
6071- Paul Emerson- office equipment, medical equipment
6095- Patrick Patterson- boxes, totes
6109- Scott Seppala- mattress, boxes, chairs
6119- Sherre Roy-30 boxes, chair, stereo
6127- Chanta Anderson- washer, dryer, box spring
6193- Jason Anderson- ac unit, dresser, desk
7029- Mansfield Sports Cards- boxes of baseball cards
7054- Denmark Bellman- bikes, lawn mower, 2 televisions
7058- Arthur Mesler- toys, boxes, bunk bed
9061- Tegra Hall- bunk bed, TV, dresser
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CAFETERIA TABLE REPLACEMENT ROSEDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bid forms and specifications are available at the Maintenance Department, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. A \$25.00 fee is required for the specifications.

Sealed bids will be received until 9:30 A.M. on the 17th day of May, 2007 at the Board of Education, Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified, and will not be opened.

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

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All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Ray Irvine, Maintenance Supervisor, (734) 744-2514.

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, is accepting General Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the new buildings construction work for:

MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS FROST M. S., HOLMES M.S., JOHNSON E.S., RILEY M.S. & FRANKLIN H.S.

Bid forms and specifications are available at the Livonia Public Schools, Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI for a \$50.00 non-refundable fee.

Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 PM on the 18th day of May, 2007 at the Livonia Public Schools, Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Sandra Pollack. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified, and will not be opened.

No pre-bid walk through is scheduled, but contractors may visit each site by checking in with the front desk of each school.

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All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1082- Mayer Sherman- love seat, couch, boxes
1484- Carla Hickman- 2 couches, love seat, TV
2262- Timothy Elliot- tool box, TV, love seat
2304- Nina Costello- TV, dresser, boxes
2380- Brandy Clever- washer, dryer
2388- Jerry Taylor- sectional couch, exercise equipment, TV

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1132 - Quartesia Fields - Big Screen TV, Couch, Table
4010 - Kevin Harbour - 4 Chairs, TV, Sports Equipment
4058 - Ryan Clark - Entertainment Center, TV Big Screen, Misc Items
5096 - Fayvian Watts - 10 Bags, 10 Boxes, Dining Table
3012 - Shannon Fields - Drums, TV, 3 Bikes

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **May 16, 2007 at 2:15 p.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

City of Westland Weed Cutting

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at (734) 487-3204. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dwayne R. Harrigan
Controller

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HOIST DECOMMISSIONING/CONCRETE REMOVAL LIVONIA CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER

Contract documents may be examined at the Livonia Public Schools, Maintenance Department Office at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI, from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday. Bid forms, specifications and drawings are available at the Maintenance Department, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

A mandatory site inspection is required and may be scheduled by contacting Jim Muldroch, District Engineer at (734) 744-2500, ext. 42158.

Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 A.M. on the 21st day of May, 2007 at the Board of Education, Business Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified, and will not be opened.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

Home buyer seminar

Want to own a new home? Learn how to prepare for your new purchase at a home buyer seminar 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 19, at 29126 Currier Ave., in Westshire Place Subdivision in Westland. Hear from industry professionals - lender, credit counselor and Realtor - at the seminar, sponsored by Peoples Community Hope for Homes and Detroit Commerce Bank. Reserve a spot by May 16 by calling Peoples Community Hope for Homes at (313) 561-1030 or Detroit Commerce Bank at (313) 967-5150.

Free seminars

Dr. William H. Karl will present a workshop on thyroid disorders at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at Contours Express, 6558 Wayne Road (Hunter Plaza),

Westland. If you suffer from hair loss, cold hands or feet, stubborn weight gain or unwanted pain, there may be help. Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns and learn the safe, natural, effective alternatives to naturally help yourself.

Dr. Carol A. Fischer will present a seminar, *Eating Your Way to Thin*, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, also at Contours Express in Westland. Learn why diets do not work, ways to avoid weight gain and how to lose weight with diet/nutrition and exercise. When to eat, what to eat and how to eat will be discussed. Learn why eating the correct fat will not make you fat. There is no charge for classes, however, call (734) 525-8588 to reserve a seat.

Genealogy workshop

The Detroit Genealogical Society will present a beginning genealogy workshop 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in the Internet Training Lab of the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Get started on your family research and learn to make use of the collection of resources of the Burton

Historical Collection. Special emphasis will be on helpful Internet resources. The workshop is free of charge and includes and opportunity to tour the Burton Historical Collection. For more information, call Mary Lou Duncan at (313) 884-0039 or Catherine Phillips at (248) 541-0403 or by e-mail at cpsrch@aol.com.

Quilt-A-Fun Day event

The Western Wayne County Quilt Guild will hold a Quilt-A-Fun Day from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 12 at South Middle School, 45201 Owen St., Belleville. The guild's goal is seven quilts in one day to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The group needs all types of help, so if you're a quilter, have sewn garments or have never attempted to sew, they have a spot for you. The guild will have coaches that will walk participants through the process. Bring a team or just yourself. Reservations are required by May 5 for the free event. Call Terry at (734) 697-6162 or Roxann at (734) 485-4271. Prizes, surprises, fun and learning will be throughout the day with lunch being provided.

'Dateline' airs look at Livonia officer's film

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

A local filmmaker's documentary will be part of a nationally televised news feature that will explore three different theories on the unsolved murder of a South Carolina college student this Friday.

Livonia Police Sgt. Pat Moug's documentary, *Bold as a Lion - Conversations with a Murder Suspect*, will be the focus of a Friday, May 11, broadcast of NBC's *Dateline* NBC news feature program.

Moug's documentary examines the unsolved murder of Jennifer Morgan and centers around Morgan's brother, Thomas, who the filmmaker believes police and prosecutors should consider a suspect.

"They saw the documentary and interviewed me, Morgan and the sheriff," Moug said. "I'm anxious to see the segment. I don't know what kind of take they're going to have."

NBC Producer Carol Gable said this is a story that's been coming together for years. The extended nature of the story lends itself to *Dateline's* two-hour format.

"This is not a minute-30 (item)," she said. "A story has to have a lot of steps to be on the show."

She said the broadcast will

center around all three theories of the death of Jennifer Morgan: Her brother's theory, Moug's theory and the thinking of law enforcement in North Carolina.

"We're going to present all three in a linear way," Gable said. "Morgan has his movie, Pat has his suspicions and movie. Law enforcement has their own."

Moug was working on his last movie, *The Ugly One*, in 2002 when an actor on the set told him about a friend who had worked out his own screenplay for a movie about his sister who had been murdered in South Carolina.

He contacted the writer, Tom Morgan, and read a copy of the screenplay. He later met him and the filmmaker in Moug took a back seat to the policeman.

"There was something suspicious about him, items in the conversations we had and on his Web site lead me to believe he was involved in a crime," Moug said. "He said things like, 'I feel fortunate no one was ever arrested.' Who would feel that way?"

Moug put a video of Morgan before other Livonia police officers and they all came to the same conclusion - that Morgan's comments and the text of the screenplay excused the person who murdered his

sister rather than seeking to find him or her.

Moug said he had started the project as a way to direct South Carolina police officers to look critically at Tom Morgan's behavior. When they seemed uninterested, he turned the collected video into the new documentary.

If any of this helps the investigation into the death of Jennifer, he's going to be happy. "I want to get justice for Jennifer," Moug said.

What he has made clear is that his movie does not say Morgan killed his sister, rather that he should be considered a suspect. He's not sure why investigators in the case haven't, or why the points brought up in his movie have fallen on deaf ears.

"I don't know," he said. "Maybe they don't want to listen to police from other states. Maybe it's because there's been no pressure from the family."

The movie, which will get a showing at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Canton Emagine theater as a benefit for First Step, has been under review by two production companies. If things go right, *Bold as a Lion* might be seen in theaters across the country.

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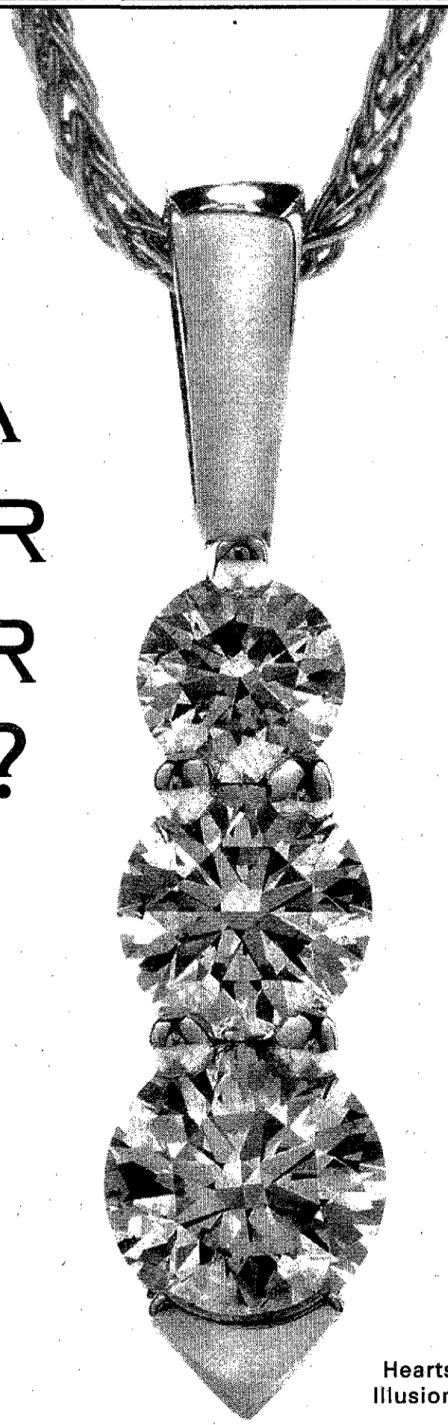
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We have high expectations for all of these students.

Today, in a special section inside this newspaper, we salute the All-Stars and the runners-up. All of these students are smart, motivated and eager to expand their world. They are generous with their time and talent. They act locally, but think globally. They are eager to make their communities, the state, the nation and the world a better place. They are grateful to their teachers and parents who have nurtured them along their path to academic and personal success.

Congratulations to the 2007 Academic All-Star Team of (in order of ranking) Zhe (Julie) Xiang, Canton High School; Joshua Mann, Churchill High School; Sruthi Renati, Farmington High School; Lauren Jones, Harrison High School; Alexander Sapick, North Farmington High School; Breanna Miller, Canton High School; Jakob Poznanski, Plymouth High School; Shobha Narasimhan, Salem High School; Laura Oliver, Thurston High School; D.J. "Dorothy J." Heebner, North Farmington High School; Chelsea LeBlanc, Salem High School; Shulamite Chiu, Harrison High School; Anna Sheppard, Farmington High School; Katherine Lebioda, Plymouth High School; Kimberly Martinez, Stevenson High School; and Zhe Guan, Churchill High School.

The *Observer* salutes these outstanding young men and women and the more than 25 runners-up as they close the door on a successful high school career and move on to what promises to be an outstanding future.

Nursing is a growing and vital occupation

This is National Nurses Week, May 6-12. The week is scheduled to coincide with Florence Nightingale's birthday May 12.

Nightingale is considered the founder of modern nursing, famous for her efforts to care for British soldiers during the Crimean War.

Nursing has come a long way since Nightingale first raised public awareness of the profession. It is a demanding, rewarding and growing field.

According to the U.S. Census, nursing will grow by 623,000 jobs between 2002 and 2012, the largest job growth for any occupation.

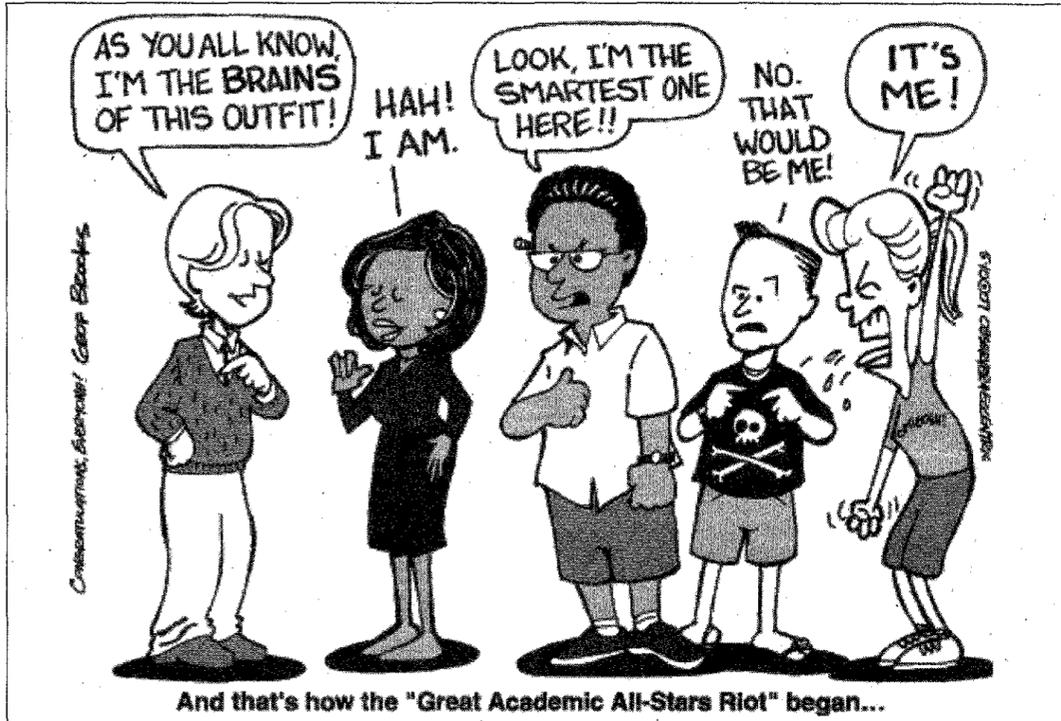
These figures reflect the severe nursing shortage in the U.S. and particularly in Michigan. The Michigan Center for Nursing highlights several factors for what is expected to be a continuing problem over the next couple decades: a growing and aging population; fewer young people entering the nursing workforce; an aging workforce in a field that demands physical strength; a workforce that doesn't reflect the diversity of the general population; and more professional options for women, who represent 92 percent of registered nurses.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proposed the Michigan Nursing Corps. to train 500 additional nursing instructors to graduate more than 3,000 additional nurses in the next three years.

Area nursing schools at Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, Oakland Community College and Oakland University are putting a new emphasis on health care professions, particularly nursing. Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress has proposed that the Legislature allow the college to offer a four-year nursing degree.

Currently, nurses are burdened by mandatory overtime and a heavy patient load.

For their sake and for the sake of the public health, we need to encourage a growth in nursing by offering better educational opportunities and better compensation for those men and women who take up the challenge to follow Florence Nightingale.



LETTERS

Trip is a free ride

The officials that want to go to Hawaii because it is so important for their jobs should pay for the trip themselves instead of taking a free ride. This state is in a financial crisis and they want to have the taxpayers pay for their vacation in paradise.

Please do not use my tax dollars to take a vacation — use your own money. What this trip will cost is more than some people on fixed incomes make in three months. Whomever goes on this trip needs to get into the real world not just have a because I can take a trip and have someone else foot the bill attitude.

Mary Moran
Westland

Why all the fuss?

I am a bit irked by the public fuss about members of governmental agencies' pension boards traveling to Hawaii for a national conference.

I understand the media's pandering to their readers on a subject everyone knows what the public reaction will be. But let's look at the issue from a rational and financial perspective.

Many pension boards make investment decisions on hundreds of millions of dollars and in some cases billions. If they can spend a few thousand dollars on a conference that will result in a suggestion that could result in millions of additional dollars to their respective pension funds, the trip is well worth it. On an individual level, I have subscribed to several financial newsletters or magazines that helped me in retirement generate thousands of additional dollars for my IRA accounts. The few dollars I spend has been an excellent investment.

The same principle goes for those managing large pension funds. I know that the persons who receive pensions from those funds appreciate the board members keeping up to date on what's happening in a global economy and investment community as well as current employees who would certainly want their pensions to be there when they retire in the next decade or two.

Leonard Pogor
Westland

PTA is growing

I am writing in response to a letter written by Cheryl Hudzik, which stated that the "biggest decline in membership the PTA has seen in years" has occurred this school year. As the Membership Chairperson for the Livonia PTSA Council, I can assure readers of this newspaper that this is simply not the case.

The Livonia PTSA Council, comprised of all local school PTA units in the Livonia Public Schools district, is in fact the largest PTA Council in the State of Michigan with nearly 11,000 members this school year to date. This represents an increase of more than 17 percent from our membership in the 2003-2004 school year.

PTA is a nonpartisan organization, which does not support or oppose any candidate for any elected office. Our membership is comprised of people from all sides of every issue, united by a desire to make a difference in the lives of children.

PTA exists to support the children of our district and it should not be disparaged, particularly with statements which are untrue, for political purposes.

Pamela Wheat
Membership Chairperson
Livonia PTSA Council

Eroding women's rights

The recent Supreme Court ruling regarding a woman's right to choose whether or not to become a mother or to continue a pregnancy if problems develop demeans women.

The ruling takes away the inherent right of a woman to make decisions about her body. The fetus has more rights than the female who carries it. It inserts a politician between patient and doctor. One recalls the Terry Schiavo case. The decision prohibits doctors from giving advice on the best health interests of both the woman and the fetus and from acting upon that advice. Thus, the medical profession loses influence and freedom also.

One main objective of the evangelical, fundamentalist Christian Right has been achieved: to defeat the 1974 ruling of Roe v. Wade. The intent is to destroy the '74 ruling in small steps, state by state. The Supreme Court made George W. Bush president in 2000 largely through efforts by this form of Christianity. He has appointed anti-choice persons to the Court. Such Christian Right persons as Dr. James Dobson, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson continue to have power and set policies under the current administration.

Other objectives of Christian Right which has controlled the Republican party since 2000 have been realized and are being realized. Dissent is unpatriotic; issues of privacy and freedoms have eroded; the wall between the separation of church and state has been weakened; the unilateral invasion of Iraq continues to cause the deaths of thousands of persons; plans are being made to "spread democracy" elsewhere in the Middle East; America has lost the respect of other countries; the environment throughout the world is in danger; the NRA remains a top lobby in D.C.; the middle class is shrinking while the wealthy prosper. The list of detrimental effects by the intrusion of religion into politics is endless.

Many anti-choice persons use inflammatory language and emotion instead of precise facts and reason. In her dissent, Ruth Bader Ginsberg was passionate yet reasonable in her defense of a woman's right to choose. Some anti-feminist language appears in the ruling. Women can be thankful they do not have to wear a burka.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

Greatest generation

(Tom) Brokaw's book is based on the WW II exploits of what he identified as the "greatest generation." My generation of baby boomers also fought a war, the Vietnam war, where we won every battle and the country (the politicians) lost the war by failing to fund the efforts of the former Republic of South Vietnam.

We were actively engaged from 1965 to 1972, limited engagement from 1972-73 and the South Vietnamese fought alone from 1973-75. In 1975 Congress failed to fund the war and without monies the Republic of South Vietnam fell and the communists took over.

Furthermore, there was a "bloodbath" in Southeast Asia as a direct result of this activity. Unfortunately in Vietnam, much like the current war on terror, only the military fought the war. The country sat on the sidelines and didn't "demand" victory like they did in World War II!

My belief is that a true and accurate review of history would demand baby-boomers are truly the "greatest generation"

Roger Kehrier
Plymouth

Tax outsourcing

Unfortunately, the auto industry, and therefore Michigan, has been hit hard with outsourcing of many jobs. I have experienced this myself at my place of work for an automotive supplier. What happens with these trade agreements and business models is that entire industries are pushed over a cliff and the region, families, and businesses all suffer until an alternative industry or service is found. Business models are stating that this happened when the steel industry went under — now supposedly, 30 years later, that region is prospering, even though it was greatly depressed for quite a while.

Instead of pushing Michigan over the cliff, why can't we go to these companies that are outsourcing in Michigan, charge a 4 percent fee for every head that is/has been outsourced. We could do this for a 15-year period. This would give Michigan time to slowly ramp down and ramp up other industries/businesses to meet our employment needs. Let's take an outsourced software engineer with a salary and benefits makes \$100K (it's actually a lot more) — if we took 4 percent of that at 20,000 jobs — that's yearly income of \$80 million dollars. The company that is being given that fee could pass that onto the country it is outsourcing to, since they are helping out that country — it could be the cost of doing business to India and China. We could use this money for training programs, new business startups, and alleviate the growing welfare rolls due to unemployment.

Three years ago, those of us with company-matched 401(k)s had company-matched funds suspended immediately due to the business climate. State employees (including legislators) currently get an automatic 4 percent placed into their accounts. If the state employee places another 3 percent in, the state will match that also — for a total of 7 percent.

I could not obtain how much the state pays in 401(k) benefits yearly through FOIA (they don't have that available, they wrote), but at 7 percent of all state employees salaries — that's huge in this climate.

We should immediately suspend all state money input to 401(k) until we get back on our feet.

Hadley Hudak
Canton

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QUOTABLE

"I think this is huge this year. With the way the economy is turning, you're seeing so many businesses downsize or close. It's hard enough to be on the dole, but with rising prices, it's needed."

Letter Carrier Ray Fox about the food drive postal employees will be conducting on Saturday throughout Westland.

Glimmer of hope from Lansing offers chance to move forward

Now here's a little good news for a change — a glimpse of what can happen when the political system works and politicians rise out of their ideological trenches to try to do what's right.

This came last week, after months of intense partisan squabbling about Michigan's business tax structure. Finally, we saw the beginnings of a breakthrough that could lead to an agreement.

Those with long memories will recall that last year, a petition drive launched by Oakland County Executive L. Books Patterson led to the repeal of the Single Business Tax, the state's main levy on business, a tax that brings in around \$2 billion annually.



Phil Power

But the Legislature abolished it without putting anything in its place, effective at the end of this year. In a state already facing billion-dollar deficits for both this fiscal year and the next, that threatened to add enormously to an already daunting financial crisis.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's early ideas for replacing the SBT were declared dead upon arrival, and much of this year has been consumed by complicated arguments about what to do about it.

These arguments involved not only the political parties (Democrats generally wanted any new business tax to be revenue-neutral, while Republicans pushed for a \$500 million tax cut), but also various sectors of Michigan businesses (manufacturers wanted reduction of the personal property tax, while insurance companies wanted to maintain their favorable position in the tax code).

Those arguments became more intense as lawmakers discovered — duh! — that businesses were simply not going to consider moving to or expanding in Michigan without knowing what the tax environment was going to be like. Jim Epolito, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., reported that up to \$5 billion in potential investment here was being held hostage until it was known just what Michigan's business tax structure would be.

Moreover, there is even less time left than might appear. Officials at the state treasury began noting that it would take at least six months to develop the forms and procedures needed to actually collect whatever tax the Legislature agreed on.

So as the calendar moved forward into May, everybody began to recognize that time was running out. Enter three groups not usually noted for working closely together: the powerful Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan House of Representatives and the governor's office and her appointed state treasurer, Robert Kleine.

Under the leadership of Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford) and tax committee chairman Steve Bieda (D-Warren), House Democrats proposed a tax package that would fully replace SBT revenue. The money would come from taxing a combination of business

income and net worth, provide around \$900 million in personal property tax relief and offer some \$700 million in new tax credits for companies that invest in Michigan.

A lot of interested people said they liked the package. Capital intensive manufacturers, who dislike the personal property tax more than the SBT, were happy. Local government folks were relieved that reduction of the personal property tax wouldn't hurt their revenue stream. Major corporations, business groups like the Michigan Manufacturers Association, organized labor and universities, all had something nice to say.

Most important was the state Chamber of Commerce, which said it was "intrigued" with much of the plan. Tricia Kinley, the chamber's tax expert, praised features that would give businesses incentives to expand in Michigan. At that point, momentum for a bipartisan, broadly acceptable business tax plan began to build.

When I talked to Rich Studley, executive vice president of the chamber late last week, he was cautiously optimistic. "Of course, there will be some political maneuvering and posturing," he said, "but we want to play a constructive role in this. This is not a political issue, but a public policy issue."

The chamber has, Studley said, pulled together more than 100 business leaders from around the state, surveyed business tax conditions in other states and held meeting after meeting of its tax committee over the past year. "Having supported SBT repeal, we felt an ethical obligation to play a constructive role in the process," he said.

Studley also praised Kleine: "I talked with Kleine, who is a smart and sensible guy. He made it clear that we really had to have some time of detailed act passed in time for treasury to work out how to collect it. He was very responsive." Studley added: "If we miss the deadline for passing a business tax, Michigan will look like some kind of banana republic."

Of course, given a package as complicated as this, there will be no end of debates as the process moves forward; both the House and the Senate passed differing plans last week by largely straight party-line votes. The Senate plan gives businesses a \$600 million tax cut, and a lot of work will have to be done to mold the plans together. But the fact that there is, at long last, momentum to get something done is an important sign that lawmakers and interest groups can come together and do the right thing.

This was an example of how Michigan should work and a cautionary tale about what hasn't worked in times past. Now imagine what would happen if people actually got together and earnestly tried to find common ground on issues like prison spending, higher education and the current budget deficit.

We might even have a state that worked once again.

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News media needs to win back the public trust they've lost

In the public's eyes, just about the only folks struggling with believability issues more than the Bush administration are journalists.

And journalists largely have themselves to thank for that.



Christine Tatum

This past week, newsrooms nationwide observed Ethics in Journalism Week, and they have a sorry state of affairs to consider.

Since the mid-1980s, Americans have been increasingly skeptical of the information they receive from the news media, and no major news outlet has escaped the trend, according to The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press.

Last year, only 19 percent of people surveyed by the Project for Excellence in Journalism said they believed "all or most" of what they read in their daily newspaper, a drop of 10 points in eight years. Another 40 percent believed only "a good deal" of what they read in the paper.

The loss of public trust should come as no surprise. Journalists have been caught making up stories (Jayson Blair, formerly of *The New York Times*, and others); rushing stories into the public domain ("Al Gore is our next president. No, make that George Bush. No, make that ..."); accepting payment from the government in exchange for news coverage (three journalists formerly at *El Nuevo Herald* in Miami, and others); plagiarizing (too many culprits to name here); and juicing their stories with loaded language and sensational imagery (again, we don't have enough space to start naming names).

Business agendas are also getting in the way of good journalism.

What else would explain an ABC reporter's "story" about a medical procedure that just happened to play a starring role in the episode of *Grey's Anatomy* that aired right before the newscast?

What happens to local news coverage when hundreds of reporting positions are cut to satisfy investors' expectations, or one corporation owns hundreds of news outlets?

Good journalism is at the heart of our democracy. Like it or not, a free press — warts and all — is what creates an informed citizenry that can hold business, government and the institutions that affect our lives accountable. This nation is great because it has a free — albeit noisy and messy — news media.

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The easy thing for a cynical public to do is watch passively as journalism reels from its self-inflicted wounds, or bash the news media until they deliver nothing of substance or value.

The media most certainly need to win back the public trust they've lost. That trust starts with a commitment to ethical news production, which is, above all, accurate, fair and independent of special interests.

Many news organizations, publicize their ethics policies online. The Society of Professional Journalists' code is widely considered the gold standard of the industry and can be found at spj.org. SPJ members routinely debate journalism ethics online and encourage the general public to join their conversations.

Rather than tune out, readers, listeners and viewers should hold news organizations and the companies that own them accountable for their news coverage and the business decisions that undermine responsible journalism. Write letters, send e-mail, make phone calls or blog.

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Christine Tatum is national president of the Society of Professional Journalists, the nation's largest journalism advocacy organization, and an assistant business editor at *The Denver Post*.

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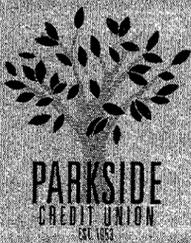
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Honorary degrees were given to 1959 alumna Sister Mary Janice Ziolkowski and retired General Motors Vice President Edward P. Czapor. The Distinguished Alumna award was given to Joan Duggan, class of 1973.

The invocation was given by Bishop John M. Quinn, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Madonna University trustee. On Thursday, a graduation Mass was celebrated for all graduates and their families at the Presentation House at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse.



Madonna University's Master's Degree candidates enter Calihan Hall.



Chairman of the Board of Trustees John Landis and Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa confer an honorary doctoral degree to Sister Mary Janice Ziolkowski. She is the author of the 585-page "The Felician Sisters of Livonia: First Province in America."



Elodie Rogers uses her cell phone to find her family in the crowd at Calihan Hall.



Sheila Anne Bell earned an associate of science degree.

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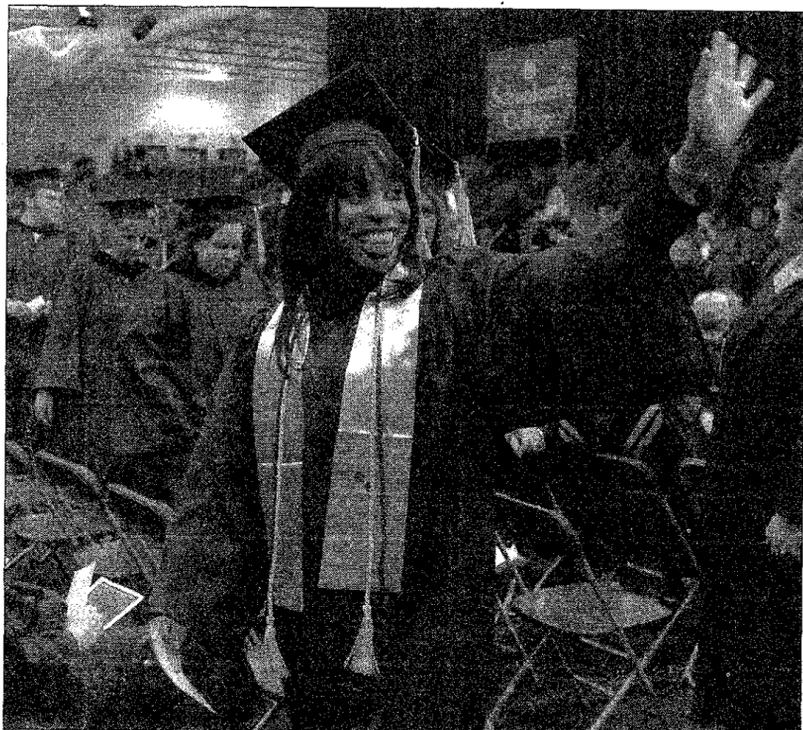
Schoolcraft holds two graduation ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies for Schoolcraft College were held Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, 110 Police Academy, Police Reserve Officer Training and Fire Technology graduates received their degrees and certificates at ceremonies at the Physical Education Building. Andrew Arena, special agent in charge of the Detroit division of the FBI, was the special speaker.

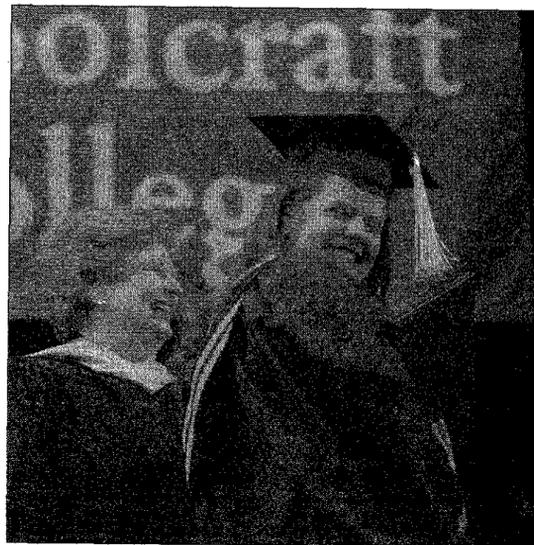
On Saturday about 425 of the 1,456 eligible students received their diplomas at a ceremony at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow addressed the graduates.

Stabenow received an honorary degree. Laura Carter Callow, a women's rights advocate and an original member of the Schoolcraft Women's Advisory Committee, also received an honorary degree.

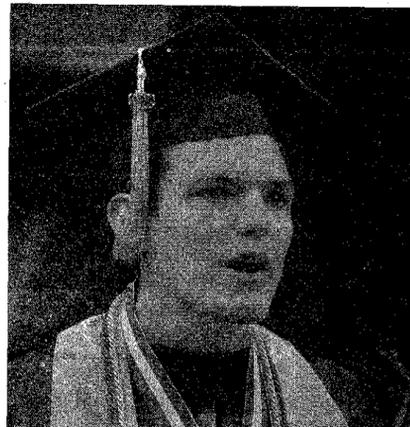


Sophia Jean Nelms recognizes someone in the audience.

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After picking up her diploma, Robin Boucha reacts when someone in the audience shouts "You did it!"



Michael Siegrist, Editor in Chief of the Schoolcraft College Connection Newspaper, addresses his classmates.



To all the nurses of UMHS,

On behalf of the U-M Health System, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize you and your outstanding work during National Nurses Week.

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CITY OF WESTLAND

Notice of Public Hearing for Review of a Housing and Community Development Annual Consolidated Plan Action Plan for Fiscal 2007/2008 Including Proposed Housing and Community Development Goals, Strategies and Proposed Use of Funds for Program Year XXXIII (7-01-2007/6-30-2008)

BACKGROUND

As required by U.S. Congressional Statutes, the City of Westland prepared a Five-Year Consolidated Plan Strategy for the period July 1, 2005-June 30, 2010 as a prerequisite to receiving funds from a variety of federal and state sources including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Homeless Assistance Programs, the HOME Program, and certain other federal programs, including Section 8 housing assistance. In addition, the city prepared an annual Consolidated Plan Action Plan with funding requests for project and programs for the upcoming fiscal period.

2005/2010 CONSOLIDATED PLAN ACTION PLAN NARRATIVE

The 2005/2010 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will provide information regarding the financial resources which are expected to be available during the next five years for community development and affordable housing programs including new construction, rehabilitations, rental assistance, home purchase assistance programs, etc. The Five Year Consolidated Plan reviews various federal, state, county, and local resources as well as those of the private and nonprofit sector.

The Consolidated Plan Action Plan and One Year Action Plan also discuss implementation for the city fiscal year 2007/2008 (7/1/2007-6/30/2008) in terms of the number of households to be assisted by federal, state or local programs and to which family types the assistance will be provided. For fiscal 2007/2008, the city anticipates programs and projects which were already projected under the 2005/10 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. The 2005/10 Consolidated Plan Action Plan provided a mixture of housing programs to serve very low and lower income families; owners and renters; elderly, small family and large family commensurate to the amount of federal and state assistance provided to the city. Housing rehabilitation for owners; rehabilitation of rental property in the Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions; and the provision of Section 8 rent subsidies to all family types will continue at levels provided during the five-year period 2000-2005. The city has an established home buyer program in both the Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions to encourage a greater interest in homeownership amongst families who currently rent. The Westland Housing Commission (WHC) will continue to operate its Family Self-Sufficiency Program for up to as many as (37) interested families who are currently receiving Section 8 Housing Assistance benefits. The program encourages families to either work or obtain an education and become independent of government assistance. In April of 1999, the Commission began to administer 212 Housing Preservation Vouchers at the Pointe West Apartment complex in Westland. This contract was awarded to WHC by HUD when the owners opted out of their long-term contract with HUD. WHC has also aggressively pursued scarce housing vouchers by taking over administration of the City of Wayne Housing Commission's 27 voucher program, and participating in a senior citizen housing conversion action in Royal Oak Township which provided the WHC with an additional 200 housing vouchers under its administration. The WHC is now the third largest housing commission located in Wayne County.

The city will continue with the implementation of its Carver Subdivision Revitalization Plan and has designated a nonprofit housing provider, Peoples' Community Hope for Homes, to continue affordable housing initiatives including in-fill housing on vacant lots and an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program for vacant homes. PCHFH may also undertake some demolition activities to remove long term, vacant, substandard housing. In its place, PCHFH will build new construction, single-family homes. PCHFH has an approved Neighborhood Preservation Program with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Housing construction is well underway at Westshire Place, a new subdivision in the city, abutting Carver Subdivision. Currier Street has been built and storm and sanitary sewers have been installed. An existing watermain has been upgraded to current standards. A total of (34) new homes will be constructed of which (17) have been completed to date and another (17) are underway or in the planning stages. PCHFH has been chosen by the city as the Designated Developer for the Currier Street project. PCHFH had a competitive proposal process to select three qualified builders to construct the new homes. A total of (14) or 41% of the new homes, at a minimum, will be available for moderate-income families only.

Homeless shelter programs will continue as is, with Wayne County and local governments needing to plan for transitional and permanent housing for the homeless. Supportive housing programs for special needs individuals will continue to be provided by countryside nonprofit organizations who may possibly be subject to budget cutbacks. It is assumed that Wayne County will continue to support the operation of the Wayne County Family Center which provides (23-25) units of emergency shelter. The shelter is operated through a contract with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

The Westland Department Housing and Community Development will monitor the progress and implementation of the Consolidated Plan and provide reports to various commissions, HUD, and the local legislative body on a regular basis.

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - YEAR XXXIII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM

The City of Westland anticipates receiving approximately \$1,085,438 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Year XXXIII Program which begins July 1, 2007, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is proposed to utilize \$100,000 in program income returned to the city from loan and grant repayments from the CDBG funded Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide an increased level of capital improvements and public service activities in the Year XXX Program. The total expected HOME funding is \$329,318. The city also anticipates receiving approximately \$10,000 in program income from the HOME Program.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The CDBG program was enacted by Congress in 1974 to address the problem of deteriorating cities and neighborhoods. In order to achieve this goal of revitalizing the nation's communities, the federal government established three broad national objectives to which the City of Westland has certified it will give maximum feasible priority. These objectives include:

- Activities which benefit low and moderate income families.
- Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
- Activities which address an urgent threat to the health or safety of the community.

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

- Preserve and/or expand the existing housing stock through housing rehabilitation, rental rehabilitation, and code enforcement programs.
- Conserve and upgrade the neighborhoods of low/moderate income families through capital improvements and the installation of a new public infrastructure.
- Improve and expand the recreational facilities for low/moderate income families, including senior citizens and the disabled.
- Provide for, and expansion of, a varied program of social and community services to low/moderate income persons including senior citizens.
- Provide for the expansion of job opportunities for low/moderate income persons.
- Alleviate conditions which are detrimental to the health and safety of the residents.
- Undertake planning studies for the future provision of capital improvements and expansion of social and community services.
- Barrier-free accessibility projects for physically disabled and disabled persons.
- Expand housing opportunities for low income families with special initiatives including new construction single family homes; multi-family or a senior citizen residential rental projects; homebuyer program with financial incentives for low/moderate income families who are renting and wish to purchase new and existing housing; in-fill housing for vacant lots in existing neighborhoods; and, an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program.

2007/2008 PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Consistent with the above-stated objectives, the Administration is proposing the following list of projects/programs for the city's Year

XXX Community Development Block Grant Program.

Project	Funding Level	Classification	Objectives	Location
CD Administration (08-01)	\$235,179	Program Admin.	1	1-9 A, C
Administer Community Development Block Grant program, federal regulations, subgrantee monitoring, housing assistance and state housing grant programs, operate Dorsey Community Center.				
Rehab. Admin. (08-02)	\$187,124	Low/Mod. Rehab. Admin.	1	1 A, C
Administer General Rehabilitation Program, Emergency Repair, Barrier Free and HOME Rental Rehabilitation Programs. Repair substandard units to meet city codes and eliminate health and safety hazards.				
Housing Rehab. (08-03)	\$108,150	Low/Mod. Rehab. Single Unit Resid.	1	1 A
Fund loans, grants, and deferred loans to provide financing to complete programs listed under Item 05-02. Proposed funding could be used to assist (3) homeowners for General Rehabilitations and assist (10) homeowners with emergency repairs or barrier-free access improvements.				
Senior Programs (08-04)	\$175,000	Low/Mod. Public Service/Seniors	1	3,4 A, B
Operate Senior Center on Newburgh Road. Provide services including telecare, homebound meals, congregate site lunch, emergency transportation, home chores, etc. (funding for Operation Breadbasket is \$21,600 included in the amount above). The Senior Resources Department may utilize grant funding and resources from other county, state, and federal sources in addition to block grant funds.				
Hegira Programs (08-05)	\$5,000	Low/Mod. Public Service/Substance Abuse	1	4,6 A, E
Provide substance abuse counseling services to individuals and groups and prescribe treatment programs.				
First Step (08-06)	\$5,000	Low/Mod. Public Service/Battered Spouses	1	4,6 A, G
A program to reduce incidences of spouse abuse and sexual assault, counseling, education, outreach, transportation, and emergency shelter.				
Youth Assistance Program (08-07)	\$30,000	Low/Mod. Public Service/Youth	1	4 A, Q
Partially fund Youth Assistance Program, a juvenile counseling and mentoring program for disturbed delinquent youths, 7-16 years of age.				
Friendship Center Building Expansion, Section 108 Loan Payment (08-08)	\$32,916	Low/Mod Public Improvement/Senior Centers	1	2 B
Construct additional space at the Westland Friendship Center due to the increasing number of seniors participating in daily activities at the Center. A total of 4,620 sq.ft. addition was constructed on the east side of the existing assembly hall. The addition houses (4) new activity rooms with folding partition walls. The total project cost was \$863,487 (excluding architectural fees and interest on the project financing). A primary loan was obtained from HUD via the Section 108 loan program in the amount of \$530,000 and \$100,000 was budgeted for the project in the fiscal 1997/98 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. Repayment will be made in five years for the first loan. The difference between the revised project cost and the allocated funding was met by the city obtaining a second, concurrent 108 loan in the amount of \$300,000 with a term of ten (10) years. The \$39,000 in funding represents scheduled loan repayments of both principal and interest for both loans.				
Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer (08-09)	\$91,000	Low/Mod Public Improvement	1	6 K
The Building Department will locate a licensed building official at the Dorsey Community Center. This would provide daily access for residents and landlords to resolve health, safety and code compliance issues including securing and maintaining abandoned buildings. This position would also monitor senior and family apartment complexes, as well as group homes for code compliance; also, commercial structures located in distressed areas. This position reports directly to the Building Director.				
Outreach Ordinance/Station No. 5, Section 108 Loan Payment (08-10)	\$91,000	Low/Mod Public Improvement	1	2 M
Engineer and construct a 4,823 sq.ft. fire station, No. 5, in the Carver Subdivision (CT 5690) at the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene Roads. The facility is built on city-owned property and is manned full-time to provide emergency medical, advanced life-support, and fire response. An office has been constructed for Community Policing and this will be manned on a part-time basis. The total cost of the project, which is still to be completed, is estimated to be \$1,180,000 which includes the architectural/engineering, sitework, building, furnishings, and equipment to make the station operational. Funding consisted of \$539,393 in CDBG funds and \$700,000 section 108 loan which will be repaid in annual increments over a ten-year period. The city pledged its full faith and credit to collateralize this loan. Surplus funds will be used to construct a 19,584 sq.ft. children's playground adjacent to the fire facility including site preparation, play surface materials, equipment, furnishings, and landscaping, etc. The \$107,605 in funding represents a scheduled payment of principal and interest for the \$700,000 section 108 loan.				
Neighborhood Resource/Code Compliance Officer (08-11)	\$70,000		1	6 K
This position in the Police Department will handle 50% code enforcement to remove illegal and junk vehicles as well as hazardous materials both individually and in support of an ordinance officer and a fire code inspector working with potentially violent situations in CDBG targeted neighborhoods. Areas focused upon will be schools, senior centers, commercial strips and high-density lower income housing units. The other 50% of the assigned duties will be to perform community policing in CDBG target areas, and work as a school liaison officer for schools also located in CDBG target areas (\$35,000 code enforcement and \$35,000 public service).				
Reconstruction of Dorsey Road-Merriman to Venoy (08-12)	\$185,813	Low/Mod Public Improvement	1	2 D
Reconstruct 5,280 l.f. of existing paved Dorsey Road from Merriman Road to Venoy. Current Road is in unsafe condition and has become a danger to the health and safety of the Neighborhood Strategy Area. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$538,232 with the balance of the funds coming from other state and local sources. Remove existing pavement and replace with 7" concrete pavement with curb and remove and replace 3,600 s.f. of 4" concrete sidewalk.				
Salvation Army (08-13)	\$4,000	Low/Mod. Public Service/After School Program	1	4,6 A, E
Increase existing after school program for low and moderate income youth from 35 daily to 45 daily. Program is designed to help "At Risk" youth academically and to go on to college or employment.				
Subtotal Year XXX CDBG Program				\$1,216,832
REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS:				
05-18 Firefighter's Park			Decrease:	Increase:
06-11 Dorsey Center Rooftop Heating Unit			\$750	
06-13 Carver Subdivision Mass Grading			\$20,000	
06-19 Cayley Park East Phase I			\$9,089	
			\$1,555	
SUBTOTAL:				\$31,394
TOTAL REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS:				\$31,394
2007/2008 PROPOSED USE OF HOME FUNDS				
HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program (Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions) (08-HM01)	\$110,6850	Rehab. Multi-Unit Residential	1	1,9 D, H, J
Funding to be used to continue existing HOME Rental Rehabilitation in targeted neighborhoods. Anticipate (5) projects with (14) dwelling units for renters at 60% of median income. Must bring entire unit up to the currently adopted 2000 Michigan Residential Code, both interior and exterior. Program provides 50% of total project cost up to a maximum of \$14,999 per unit. Lead-based paint affected items which need to be repaired or replaced will have a 75% program participation. Owner provides the remaining project funds from non-government sources. Rents are restricted for a five-year period. No displacement of families permitted under program. Due to new HUD regulations for lead-based paint inspection and abatement in all federally assisted housing projects, anticipate a significant reduction of units participating and units completed; and an increased cost and time factor to complete all units beginning in fiscal 2007/2008. (CT 5685 and CT 5690)				
HOME Funds	\$32,479	Administration/	1	1 A, C

Administration (08-HM02)

In conformance with Federal HOME Program regulations, utilize 10% of allocated HOME funds for reimbursement to the city for eligible administrative and planning costs. No new personnel will be hired. Use to offset the cost of staff time to administer HOME programs as well as consultant fees, contractor costs, and other anticipated fees and expenses (i.e. appraisal, legal, engineering, environmental, title work, planning, banking, architectural) necessary to implement and administer the various City of Westland HOME programs.

Set-Aside to Non-Profit Housing Organization (Peoples' Community Hope for Homes, Inc.) (PCHFH) (08-HM03)	\$137,309	Homeownership Assistance (Special Subrecipient)	1	9 J
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Existing non-profit housing organization has been designated by the City of Westland to conduct affordable housing projects and programs to initiate a revitalization of the Carver Subdivision, a distressed residential neighborhood. Planned activities include in-fill housing on existing lots. Another program includes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of homes that are currently vacant. No displacement of low income families will be permitted. PCHFH will use a 100% recapture of grant funds provision for properties sold before the end of the HOME affordability period. PCHFH has an approved Neighborhood Preservation Plan through the State of Michigan which will provide additional funding for the Carver Subdivision Revitalization for (2-3) new homes at Westshire Place. Administrative/operating costs will be allocated at \$18,350 and the remaining funds, \$140,527 must be used for project costs.

Liberty Hill Scattered Site Housing Project (05-HM04)	\$58,845	Rehabilitation/ Special Housing Needs	1	1 U
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Liberty Hill Housing Corporation is a non-profit, 501(C)(3) charitable corporation that leases homes to persons with developmental disabilities. The \$58,845 in funding will be used to rehabilitate to code (10) single family homes located in the City of Westland and leased to people with special needs. This scattered site project involves major and minor rehabilitation including roof replacements, furnace replacements, upgraded bathrooms and kitchens, replacement of windows, walkways and driveways. The average age of each home is 39 years. If these structures are not rehabilitated in the near future, the health and safety of residents may be jeopardized. This money will be matched with other funding from both public and private sources.

Subtotal HOME Funds 339,318

TOTAL PROPOSED CDBG BUDGET \$1,216,832

Regular Block Grant Allocation:	\$1,085,438
CDBG Program Income:	\$100,000
Reprogrammed Funds	\$31,394

TOTAL PROPOSED HOME BUDGET \$339,318

U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development HOME Program Income:	\$1,085,438
	\$10,000

LOCATIONS:

- City-wide impact for low/moderate income persons
- 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland, MI 48185
- 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186
- Census Tract 5685, Norwayne, (Wildwood, Palmer, Glenwood, and Merriman)
- 8623 N. Wayne Road, Suite 156, Westland, MI 48185
- Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland, MI 48185
- 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170
- Census Tract 5690 (Annapolis, Inkster, Van Born, and Middlebelt)
- Census Tract 5689 (Annapolis, Van Born, Middlebelt and Henry Ruff)
- Census Tract 5690, Carver Subdivision (Annapolis, Harrison, Van Born, and Middlebelt)
- CDBG target areas citywide
- Stottlemeyer Park, Census Tract 5689, Dancy south of Annapolis, Westland, MI 48186
- Fire Station #5, 28801 Annapolis Road, Westland, MI 48186
- St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, Westland, MI 48186
- Wayne Road (museum property south of Wayne & Marquette)
- Fire Station #1, 36435 Ford Road, Westland MI 48185
- Youth Assistance Office, Westland Police Department, 36701 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185
- Area bounded by Wildwood, Palmer, Glenwood and Chesapeake and Ohio road right-of-way
- Area west of CSX Railroad, north of Cherry Hill, east of Hix Rd and south of Marquette
- Area east of CSX Railroad, north of Cherry Hill

ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL 2007/2008 (07/01/04 - 6/30/05)

Listed below is the total anticipated funding to be received by the City of Westland from federal and state sources:

- Community Development Block Grant - Estimated funding to be received by City of Westland from HUD
- Time Period for Expenditures (12 Months) \$1,085,438
- Program income allocated to new CDBG projects and programs.
- Time period for expenditure (12) months. \$ 100,000
- Program income allocated to new HOME projects and programs.
- Time period for expenditures - (12) months. \$10,000
- Participating Jurisdiction HOME funds received directly from HUD.
- Time period for expenditures - (24) Months. \$329,318
- Annual contract authority from HUD for 1,090 Section 8 housing choice vouchers for participating families or those on the official waiting list at 50% of median income or below.
- Time period for expenditure (12) Months. \$6,477,780
- Annual contract authority from HUD for Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Wages and salary only. Contracted out; no new permanent staffing.
- Time period for expenditure (12) Months. \$ 32,472

Total Anticipated Funding: \$6,035,008

DISPLACEMENT:

No displacement is anticipated for any Year XXXIII proposed project or program. Consistent with the historical use of CDBG funds and the proposed projects listed above, the City of Westland will not allocate monies where it would result in the involuntary and permanent displacement of residents. However, if displacement should unexpectedly occur, the city is prepared to assist residents so displaced in any of the following ways:

- Payment for replacement housing;
- Payment of reasonable moving expenses;
- Payment of reasonable cost of rental housing;
- Referrals to housing agencies;
- Benefits and procedures for displacement will be carried out in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Act.

A complete statement of the city's Displacement Plan is on file in the Community Development Department at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, for citizen review during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Westland City Council will receive public comments at a public hearing on May 21, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. on the One-Year Action Plan for fiscal year 2007/2008. Anyone who is unable to attend the official public hearing and wishes to comment or make suggestions can do so by submitting their comments in writing to the Department of Housing and Community Development at 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186. Technical assistance will be provided on a limited, as needed basis to low, very low and extremely low income resident groups that require assistance in developing proposals for eligible projects, approved by the city under the consolidated submission. A full copy of the revised Citizen Participation Plan is on file in the Housing and Community Development Department during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

William R. Wild, Mayor
City of Westland

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When making a loan to a family member, put it in writing

Have you ever been asked to loan money to a family member?

I was recently asked if it's a good idea to consider such a loan and what are the legal implications when dealing with family members.

I believe whenever family or friends get involved in a business transaction there is the potential for problems that can impact someone financially and cause rifts within a family.

However, there is one side of the equation and that is the good feeling you get from helping out a family member or friend. In addition, if a family member is starting a small



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business it may be very difficult for them to obtain financing at a reasonable interest rate. Sometimes the only chance of success is to go to family and friends.

If you're thinking of getting involved in a transaction with family or friends, my advice is that there has to be a clear

understanding whether the money is a gift or a loan.

Both parties should know in advance what is expected. I know that these discussions with family members can be uncomfortable, however, keep in mind the transaction involves more than the parties involved. It can also impact the whole family.

If the transaction is a loan, then the terms should be discussed up front. Just like any other loan, the terms include payment schedule, interest rate, collateral, if any, and what happens in case of default. If the lender says "pay me when-

ever you can" this can cause problems because the terms are open ended. In this case, the lender has to recognize that they may never be repaid.

Even when terms are discussed up front, problems can develop if payments aren't made. Even though you may have the legal right to do something, your actions impact the family and that is something to consider. Everyone has to recognize there is more than a financial risk with these types of transactions.

If the money is a loan, I recommend terms be put in writ-

ing. It's a good idea to have an attorney draw up the document so it is a legally binding. Having an attorney involved lets the borrower know they are entering a legal transaction and that there are consequences if they fail to comply with terms of the loan. Even if the money is a gift, it's a good idea to also put that in writing.

What you charge in interest is always an issue. From an IRS point of view, in order for the loan not to be treated as a gift, thus causing gift tax consequences, you have to charge a fair rate of interest. However, the law does recognize that you

do not have to charge the same interest rate as a financial institution. The lender does have to report the interest received as taxable income while the borrower may or may not be able to deduct the interest.

Many people believe if they make a loan to a family member and he or she does not repay the loan that they can deduct the loan as a bad debt. According to the IRS, if you take a deduction for a bad debt, you have to prove that you used all reasonable efforts to collect on the debt. This action includes potentially bringing legal action against the borrower.

Lending money to a relative or a friend is a nice gesture, however, it can cause problems. The key to avoiding problems is to make sure everyone involved understands the agreement.

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-AM (1400).

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Wolver-Bents hold recumbent bike rally

The Wolver-Bents Recumbent Cyclists will sponsor its annual Michigan Recumbent and Tandem Bicycle Rally 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. For those not familiar with the bicycles, recumbents have the rider sit on a chair-like seat instead of a narrow saddle, providing a very high comfort level.

The event will consist of recumbent and tandem bicycle displays, test-rides, dealers, a noon group ride, as well as a "buying your first recumbent" talk at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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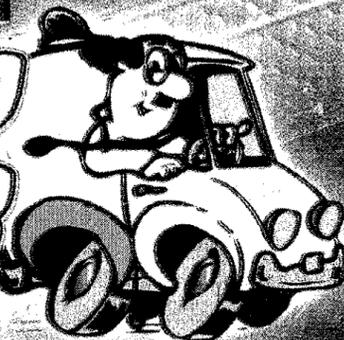
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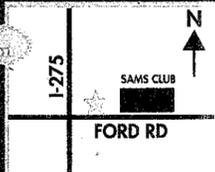
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AGNES MacDONALD

Age 72 of Livonia, went to be with her Lord on May 7, 2007. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Roy (Mac). She is survived by her three sons, Alan (Cheryl), John and Roy. Her loving family also includes grandsons Cody and Shane, sister Catherine (Dave) Curtis, Rose and Joan MacDonald and nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Fri. May 11th at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church located at 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the church or Salvation Army in memory of Agnes. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Traverse City Chapel of Covell Funeral Home, 231-946-6515.



BENSON V. BENEKER

New Bedford, MA. --- Benson V. Beneker, 93, passed away peacefully May 1, 2007 at St. Luke's Hospital following a brief illness. Ben was the beloved husband of the late Alberta Ormsbee (Gibbs) Beneker, to whom he had been married since 1941. Born in Provincetown, MA., he was the son of Gerrit A. Beneker and Flora (Van Vranken) Beneker. As a young man he attended Loomis Chaffee, Bowdoin College, and New York University, where he majored in journalism. In 1934, Ben began a career in reporting and public relations, at the Cape Cod Colonial and Millerton, N.Y. News. He was staff writer and copy editor at the Providence Journal when war broke out in 1941. Ben served in Naval Intelligence in New Bedford before shipping out to the Pacific as a communications officer. He participated in the invasions of Tarawa, Kwajalein, Guam, Saipan, Leyte, and Iwo Jima. In 1946 he resumed his public relations career at A.T.&T. later serving as general advertising manager at Michigan Bell. Ben will be remembered for his undying optimism, straightforward manner, pursuit of excellence, kindness and devotion to his family. He loved sailing and New Orleans Jazz. Memberships included Advertising Club of Detroit, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, and Bayview Yacht Club Race Committee. In 1976, Ben and Alberta retired to Padanaram Village, MA. Surviving are his sister, Helen Menin of Brewster MA, son Gerrit of Lake Orion MI, daughter Katrina of Padanaram, son Jan Nicholas, and grandsons Andrew and Benson of Bloomfield MI. He was father to the late Cornelia Ann of Quadra Island, BC., and brother to the late Katherine Murphy of Wellfleet MA, and the late Jean Kubik of Beverly Hills, MI. Services will be held Sunday 4:30 PM at Seaman's Bethel. Flowers (to our home) are acceptable or donations to Community Nurse & Hospice Care, 62 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Viewing will be at Nickerson Funeral Home, 340 Main Street, Wellfleet, MA, at noon Monday, followed by burial at Pine Grove Cemetery, Truro.

DOROTHY D. HOPPE

Age 77, died May 4, 2007 in Livonia. She resided in Livonia. She was buried at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

EILEEN E. MASON

Saline, MI, formerly of Farmington Hills, MI. Age 82, died Sunday, May 6, 2007 in the loving care of the Arbor Hospice Residence, located in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was born June 3, 1924 in Wyandotte, MI, the daughter of Ernest and Laura (DeClerque) Jackson. She was married to James P. Mason for 54 years, and he preceded her in death on May 26, 2002. Eileen was a member of the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline. Loving mother of two sons; Rob (Susan) Mason of Scottsdale, AZ. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one sister, Jean Marie Brush. A Mass of the Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. at the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline, with Rev. Fr. William J. Stevenson as Celebrant. Burial will take place in the Arborcrest Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home where friends may begin calling on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 between the hours of 3:00 - 8:00 P.M. and at the church on Thursday, May 10, from 10:00 A.M. until time of service at 11:00 A.M. Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, 301 East Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176

KENNETH L. KAHRL

Age 91, of Monroe, formerly of Plymouth, died May 8, 2007. The son of the late Herbert and Lillian (Krumm) Kehrl, he married the former Marvel Boyd, June 1939, in Plymouth. She died August 22, 1996. He was a car salesman at Atchinson Ford and a self-employed farmer, retiring in 1982. He was a life member of the Elks; member of Plymouth Rock Lodge #47 F & AM, Shriners and Monroe Moose Lodge #884. Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Karen S. Kehrl of Monroe and two granddaughters, Katie and Erinn Kehrl of Monroe. He was preceded in death by a son, Herb S. Kehrl, and a sister, Phyllis Henry, Visitation 3-8 PM Friday at the Rupp Funeral Home. Monroe where a memorial service will be held at 7:30 PM Friday. Memorials may be made to Frenchtown Senior Citizens Center or Herb Kehrl Memorial Scholarship at Monroe County Community College.

MAXIE M. SHARP

of Farmington Hills. Age 74. May 8, 2007. Beloved wife of Roger for 40 years. Loving mother of Joan, Judith, Gerland, John, Peggy, Roger and the late David, Glenna, Janie, and Sandra. Cherished grandmother of Jason, Joshua, Kristopher, Curin, Brian, Theresa, Brandy, Brandon, Zachary, Jaylynn, Byron, Chris, Jordan, Derek and Marisa. Great-grandmother of Blake, Hunter, Chayton, Mike and Alex. Dear Sister of Gene Bradley. Funeral Saturday (time pending) at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Thursday 5-9 P.M. and Friday 2-9 P.M. Interment at New Hudson Cemetery.
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MRS. BETTY RUTH REDD

made her transition on Saturday May 5th 2007. Her body is being handled by Swanson's Funeral Homes, Detroit. She will lie in State on Friday May 11th, 2007 at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, 29066 Eton, Westland, MI. 48186, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Services will be held also at Gethsemane on Saturday May 12, 2007. Family Hour: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m.

REV. ALFRED GOULD, B.E.M.

May 3, 2007 of Livonia for 25 years. Loving husband of Sharon. Father of Robert, Lisa and Kim. Also survived by eight grandchildren. Instate at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Friday 1 to 5 pm and 7 to 9 pm and instate at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. 6 Mile Rd., Northville, Saturday 9:30 am until time of service at 10:30 am. Memorials may be made to Ward Presbyterian Church, Chine Bible Church or Angela Hospice. To leave a message of comfort, please call 1-800-795-6160 or sign online guest book, please go to www.rgrharris.com

RUTH LORRAINE MARTIN CHANDLER

Age 87, passed away May 5, 2007 in Plymouth, Michigan formerly of Westland. Loving mother of Laurence (Ruth), Carolyn Miller (Eldon), Robert (Sue), and Judith Smith. Dear grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of 17. Preceded in death by her husbands Roy Martin, father of her children, and Charles Chandler. Visitation Wednesday, May 9, 5-9PM and Thursday 10 AM to 12 Noon at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Funeral service Thursday 12 Noon. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne, Michigan. Memorial donations to Heartland Hospice would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

RUTH M. HITT

Age 88, of Alpena passed away peacefully on Friday, May 4, 2007 at Tendercare Alpena. Ruth was born on July 23, 1918 to the late James and Fredreka (Schradler) Norman in Detroit, MI. She married Vernell W. Hitt on August 17, 1940 in Toledo, Ohio. Ruth was employed as a secretary at Wayne County Training School for many years and later worked in the family greenhouse for 20 years. Ruth loved flowers, carving figurines and painting. She also enjoyed the dolls she collected. Ruth is survived by her loving husband, Vernell of 66 years; her son, Bill and wife, Judy Hitt of Alpena; two grandchildren, William "Rob" Jr. Hitt of Margate, FL and Sherrie (Mrs. Paul) Carnarvon of Allen Park, MI; two great-grandchildren, Paulie and Jessica Carnarvon; one brother, Robert and wife Jo Norman of Kalkaska, MI, as well as several nieces and nephews. Ruth was preceded in death by two brothers, Louis and William Norman. Per her wishes, Ruth has been taken from the Karpus-Hunter Funeral Home for cremation.

Robert J. Durivage

Died May 3, 2007 at his home in Bonita Springs, Florida. He was born November 6, 1922 in Youngstown, Ohio, a son to Arthur and Lillian McCann Durivage. Robert was a World War II veteran, trained as a military specialist, and called to serve for the U.S. Army's infantry of 78th Lightning Division. He fought in combat at the "Battle of the Bulge." "Bob" was a graduate of Kent State University. He married Kathryn Marguerite Lehnerd on June 12, 1948, in Youngstown, Ohio. Together they moved to Lorain, Ohio for a short time, and then on to Livonia, Michigan where Bob made a career with the Ford Motor Company as a Quality Control Engineer. He retired in 1988, and moved with his wife to Bonita Springs for the winter months. Bob and Kaye also maintained a summer home at Canadian Lakes in Stanwood, Michigan. His loving wife Kathryn died in 1992, and for the last 7 years, his life companion has been Ruth Strubbe of Bonita Springs. In both Florida and Michigan, Robert remained active in the Catholic Church, serving locally at St. Leo's and St. John the Evangelist as Eucharistic Minister and Minister of the Word. Bob volunteered for the St. Vincent DePaul Society and Hope Hospice. Until the last year of his life, Bob trained and supervised a volunteer staff of income tax consultants who assisted community residents with their annual income tax returns. Bob was an avid tennis player, sailor, and sports enthusiast. In retirement, he traveled extensively around the world with friends and family. Bob and Kaye raised a family of 11 children, nine girls and two boys. Robert is preceded in death by his daughter Suzanne Durivage. He leaves eight daughters, Mary Jo Durivage of Dearborn, Michigan, Marguerite Rivage-Seul of Berea, Kentucky, Michele duRivage of Katonah, New York, Virginia duRivage of Long Beach, California, Jane Durivage of Glendale, California, Kathryn Fagan of Merchantville, New Jersey, Frances duRivage of Louisville, Kentucky, and Lorene Pastor of Omaha, Nebraska, and two sons, Robert Durivage of Wixom, Michigan and Arthur Durivage of Commerce Township, Michigan, and 17 grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Mary Donna Barrett of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Jeanne duRivage of Poland, Ohio. An eternal optimist, Robert Durivage led an ethical and vibrant life in service to his family and community. He died by the light of the full moon, shining brightly over Little Hickory Bay. Services will be held TODAY, Friday, May 4, 2007 at Fuller Funeral Home, 1625 Pine Ridge in Naples. A public viewing begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by an 11:00 a.m. funeral service conducted by his brother-in-law, Fr. Frank Lehnerd. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Naples. A memorial service will be held for family and friends on Saturday, August 18, 2007 at 11:00am at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Remus, Michigan. Fuller Funeral Home, Naples, FL, 239-592-1611

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

MAY

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

Cinco de Mayo
Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Hgts. Please bring a dish of Mexican or spicy food or a Dulce de Leche Cream Cake (double cream cake), and \$5 at the door. Cards and board games afterward. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Lifeworks
Single Point Ministries at Ward Presbyterian Church presents Lifeworks 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, Dick Bont continues his series Creating and Re-creating Relationships touching on topics concerning single adults with encouraging methods and ways to grow healthy relationships, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Light refreshments and good conversation being served. No fee or registration required; free childcare provided. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Bicycling group 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12, presented by Single Point Ministries at Kensington Metro Park. Take Exit 151 off of I-96, north of Kensington Road to the park entrance, east one mile to the West Boat Launch. Single Point bike rides are geared toward the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels welcome. The group stops for lunch (at your own expense) half way through the ride and will ride every Saturday morning starting from various locations until the weather turns cold again. The next ride is 10 a.m. May 19, meets at Newburgh Point, Hines Drive, west of Newburgh Road. For a schedule or information, call the SPM office at Ward Church (248) 374-5920. All riders must wear a helmet.

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

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

Higher Rock Cafe
Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m., presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsahigherrockcafe4t.com.

Worship service
10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Teach-in
A journey to eliminating health care disparities 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, west of Newburgh, Westland. Do you ever wonder what your doctor said after you return from an office visit? Need to know what your prescription does? Have trouble hearing or understanding your medical directions? Join us for this Teach-in. For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or send e-mail to colleen@princeof-peacewestland.com.

Living rosary
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 1141 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. All area Catholics invited to participate in this spiritual experience in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer it represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered, a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month of Our Lady, will follow the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic

Adoration in which the church is open from 10 a.m. until closing ceremonies at 7 p.m. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200.

Neon indoor golf
Friday, May 18, details are to be determined. For more information call the Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Monthly meeting
For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, Saturday, May 19, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford road, next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Coffeehouse concert
Lee Murdock performs Saturday, May 19, at MAMA's Coffeehouse in Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, near northwest corner of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Murdock has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories on the Great Lakes. Colin O'Brien, a singer-songwriter from Wisconsin, opens. Admission \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Refreshments available. Call (248) 569-0965 for information, (248) 626-4650 to reserve an open mic time.

J.O.Y. meeting
The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share. Anyone age 55 plus is welcome to the luncheon. This is a time of fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters in a safe and fun environment. After lunch, feel free to stay around and play some good old-fashioned games.

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

A healthy you
Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

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Franciscan peacemaking
How do we find personal peace in a chaotic world? How peace in our everyday life is achieved through forgiveness and loving kindness. Personal peace can set the stage for international peace. These topics will be discussed during a presentation by the internationally known author, poet and spiritual master Rev. Murray Bodo, OFM at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. Tickets \$15. For more information call St. Aloysius Parish (313) 237-5810 or Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (734) 453-0326, ext. 221. Bodo is the author of 21 books including his work on St. Francis of Assisi titled Francis: the Journey and the Dream. Bodo has conducted pilgrimages to Assisi for over 30 years and is intimately familiar with the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare. Bodo also spends time working from Geneva, Switzerland with Franciscans International in an effort to support international peace initiatives in many troubled parts of the world.

Garage sales
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 1-2, at Cherry Hill Village and Cherry Hill United Methodist Church near the intersection of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. If you need it, you will find it. Call church for more information or directions (734) 495-0035.

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

Texas Hold-em
Tournament 5:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 2, at St. John Bosco Church, 12170 Beech Daly, Redford. \$30 cash buy in, first prize is \$500. Prizes prorated for smaller groups, age 18 and over, pre-registration required 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (except for noon to 1 p.m.) Monday-Friday. Call (313) 937-9690.

Worship service scheduled
The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) holds its first Wednesday evening worship service 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at the Canton Twp. Historical Museum on S. Canton Center Rd. at the corner of Heritage Park Drive. Rev. R. Sherman Isbell and Rev. Sean Humby will preside. The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) preaches traditional doctrines of the Protestant Reformation. An informational meeting will be held at the museum 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, for those who have questions about the church. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or go to www.westminsterconfession.org.

Italian night & auction
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church presents the first Italian Night & Auction Friday, June 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner and Craft Show, 7:30 p.m. Auction, in the social hall at 321 S. Ridge Road, one block west of Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Come one, come all. Free dinner, fun and a chance to support the church and its Habitat for Humanity Project. Call and reserve your spot at (734) 495-0035.

Baccalaureate Mass
And reception for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at 47650 North Territorial at Beck. All area high school and college graduates are invited to attend. Graduates are to arrive in cap and gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level of the church at 3:30 p.m. To register, call (734) 453-0326, ext. 243 or visit www.olgcpish.net and click on Life Teen to download response form.

Summer safety event
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Westland Fire and Police department staffs talk about safety to kids. No charge. All invited. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Father and Son Dinner
4-6 p.m. June 16, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for dads and their son. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. Cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by June 13 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia.

Summer camp
The camps run 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 18 to Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

Crafters wanted
St. Aidan Catholic Parish in Livonia is hosting a craft show to raise funds for their youth for their pilgrimage to Sidney, Australia for World Youth Day in 2008. Crafters are needed for a show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Monsignor Brunett Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Save your table today. Call Ruth McCarthy for an application (734) 464-5973.

Uplifting church services
Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

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

Depression recovery
Trapped by depression? Depression Recovery Program began 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Cherry Hill Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. You can be happy again! Call (734) 673-5917 for more information.

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

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

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

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County holds Transportation Education Expo

To help observe National Transportation Week (May 13-18), the first Wayne County Transportation Education Expo will take a look to the future and a nostalgic ride in the past from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Exhibits will range from a plug-in hybrid automobile and electric cars to award-winning custom cars, robots, award-winning bridge displays and the latest technological advancements in the transportation industry. A classic car cruise along Hines Drive will begin at 4 p.m.

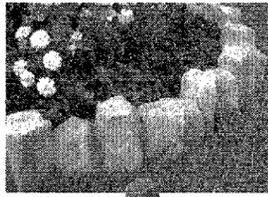
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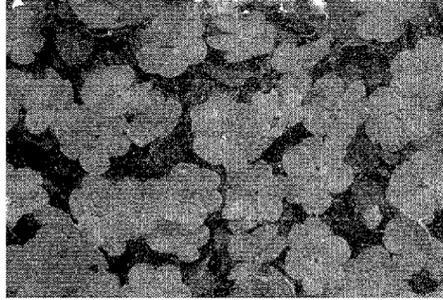
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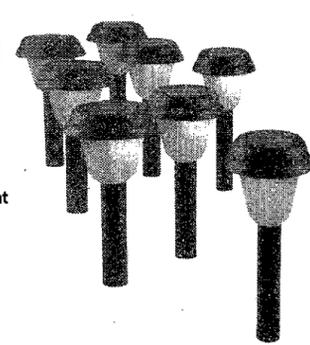
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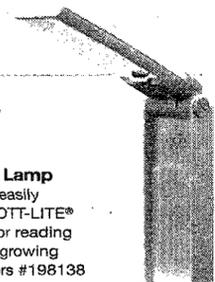
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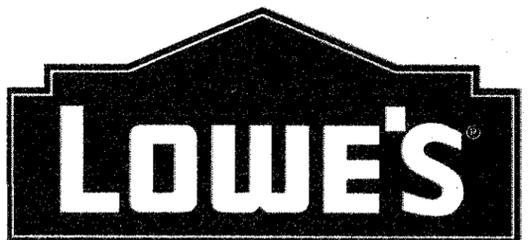
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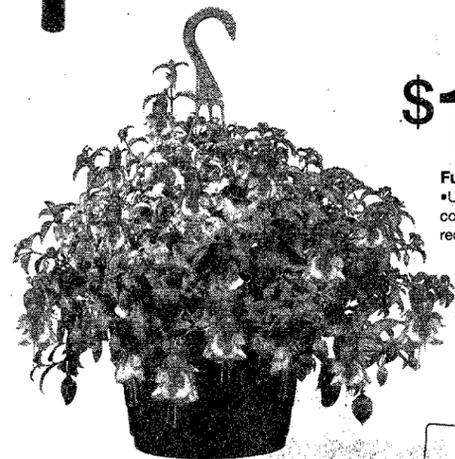
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Stevenson's Myles White (middle) checks his position with Northville's Cavan Corcoran (left) and Salem's Baze Efremov (right) in the 110-meter hurdles final during Saturday's 37th Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays hosted by Farmington High School. White won the race and Stevenson earned its first Observerland crown since 1980.

Sidelines

Demolition 59-0

Running back Kiana Dennis rushed for over 200 yards and scored six touchdowns as the Detroit Demolition ran their record to 2-0 in the Independent Women's Football League's Midwest Division with a 59-0 win Saturday against the host Iowa Crush.

Linebacker Misty Findlay paced the defense with eight tackles and three sacks. She also made all of her extra point attempts.

The Demolition, winners of 41 straight regular season games, return to action at 7 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Stevenson High School to face the 1-0 Chicago Force, which opened its season with a 27-6 win over the Iowa Crush.

Tickets for home games are available by calling (248) 474-9176. Prices vary and special early purchase and group rates are available. For more information, visits www.demolition.com.

CC salutes Marmul

Jake Marmul, a senior from Livonia St. Michael's, was recently presented with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High's Whelan Award, given annually to a senior who has excelled academically, is an outstanding athlete, and is looked upon by his peers as a Christian gentleman.

The award is in honor of Rev. James Whelan, CC's fourth principal. Marmul lettered in three sports at CC including football, basketball and lacrosse. This past fall he was captain of the football team and is also captain of the lacrosse squad. He earned Academic All-Catholic League honors for basketball and is ninth in his graduating class along with being Student Council vice-president.

Marmul will graduate from CC with a 4.4 grade-point average and will attend the University of Notre Dame this fall and will compete in lacrosse.

WHAC salutes MU 6

Six Madonna University baseball players earned first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors in a statement released last Thursday in a release by the league office.

First-team selections by the league coaches included Ryan Morrow, Gary VanAllen, Tony Luttmann, Kyle Fedorka, Mike Orehek and Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn).

Woodman Dr. K

Livonia's Grant Woodman, an eighth-grader at St. Valentine's Grade School in Redford, recently pitched back-to-back no-hitters in the Catholic Youth Organization baseball league. On April 28, the right-hander struck out 15 in a 15-0 six-inning mercy-rule victory over St. Robert Bellarmine and followed up last week by striking out all 18 batters in a 10-0 six-inning win over Wayne St. Mary's.

Stevenson goes those extra Myles for win

First Observerland crown since 1980; Churchill second

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

After a near-miss, second-place finish a year ago, coach Scott Shaw and his Livonia Stevenson athletes left no doubt who was No. 1 in the Observerland Relays this year.

The Spartans won going away Saturday night, finishing with 89 points and 14 better than city rival Livonia Churchill in the 37th annual meet at Farmington High School.

It was the first Observerland championship since 1980 for Stevenson, which finished a point behind Canton last year.

"Obviously, our kids ran really well," Shaw said. "We scored in 13 out of 16 events, and that's the key to being successful in this meet. Obviously, you have to have a number of kids running well to be able to do that. We're just pleased with the way everything went."

Stevenson had a better start this year, winning the three-man long jump and high jump relays.

The Spartans still trailed Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which won both throwing events, by a few points in the early scoring, but they moved into the lead after six events following a victory by Myles White in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Complete Observerland results, B4.

"We came out of the field events in a lot better shape than we did last year," Shaw said, adding his team scored 20-plus points as compared to just one in 2006. "We felt, if we could come out of the field events with some points, we could contend on the track."

Shaw made all the right moves when he put together his lineup for the running events, too.

Stevenson also won the distance medley, 800-meter and sprint medley relays, and the Spartans were in the top three in three other events.

"You just don't know what's going to happen (on the track), where teams are going to put people," Shaw said. "You just hope you put a lineup together where you can compete. Some load up to win one event. We tried to spread it out, so we could compete in a lot of areas."

After winning the 800 and sprint medley relays, Stevenson maintained its lead, which grew to as much as 24 points, for the duration of the meet.

"We have a lot of kids back," Shaw said. "We lost some sprinters, but some younger sprinters have picked it up quite well. And we have a couple sophomore long jumpers who are doing real

well.

"Myles, obviously, had a great day, winning the 110 hurdles and being a part of the 800 and long jump teams. Matt Rzepka was second in the mile and ran two good relay legs. We have some depth, and our distance guys are coming around pretty well."

"Nobody ran poorly. There was no place we had a major disappointment. The pole vaulters (Brad Dow, Jon Gudeman, Osama Al-Hakimi) all PR'ed tonight. We took fifth place and we haven't been real strong in the pole vault. That was kind of an unexpected place in the field events."

After the Spartans established their lead, the battle was for second place with Churchill holding that position for the second half of the meet to finish 10 points ahead of Northville, 75-65.

The top eight included Farmington, Westland John Glenn, CC, Farmington Harrison and Canton, which had won five of the previous seven meets.

"I thought it was an outstanding Observerland Relays," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "Stevenson was, obviously, the class of the field. They had a lot more first-place finishes than we did or Northville."

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Churchill's Brian Robertson leads the pack as he rounds the turn during the first leg of the 4 x 1,600-meter relay during Saturday's 37th Observerland Relays at Farmington High School.

Ex-Spartans put WMU tennis on NCAA map

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The NCAA-regional bound Western Michigan University men's and women's tennis programs have players from all over the world.

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But two key components for the Broncos' success this spring come only a two-hour drive away from Kalamazoo.

Livonia Stevenson High graduates Brady Crosby and Ashley Moccia are two of the reasons why WMU repeated as Mid-American Conference men's and women's champions.



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Moccia

Campaign with the winner taking on either No. 21 Michigan (19-6) or No. 52 Drake University (23-2) for the right to play in the NCAA team finals later this month in Athens, Ga.

The Bronco women, featuring players from Germany, India, Japan and Canada, is rated No. 63 and will take a 22-6 mark against No. 5-ranked Northwestern (21-4) Friday in Evanston. The winner meets either No. 24 Indiana (20-6) or No. 43 Boise State (17-4) for the right to play in Athens.

The 6-foot-1 Crosby, a co-captain, is

PLEASE SEE TENNIS, B6

Noder's on target in Crusaders' win

Senior left-hander Shannon Noder notched her sixth shutout of the season Tuesday as the Madonna University women's softball team downed Indiana Wesleyan, 7-0, in round two of the NALA Region VIII Tournament at Bailey Park in Battle Creek.

Noder, who hails from Lincoln Park, pitched a complete game, while scattering six hits and striking out four to earn the win.

Madonna (33-14) scored their first run in the fourth inning as sophomore Alison Grant hit a bloop single behind second base and sophomore Hannah Godfrey raced home to give MU a

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

1-0 lead.

Indiana Wesleyan's (30-14) Hillary Meals surrendered three runs in the sixth inning, including a two-run double by freshman Caitlyn Sidor (Livonia Churchill).

The Crusaders tacked on three more runs in the seventh inning off Wildcat reliever Jennifer Stansel.

Freshman Brittney Scero (Canton) doubled home a run and later scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of junior Heather Richardson (Canton). MU tallied its final run on an RBI single by Sidor.

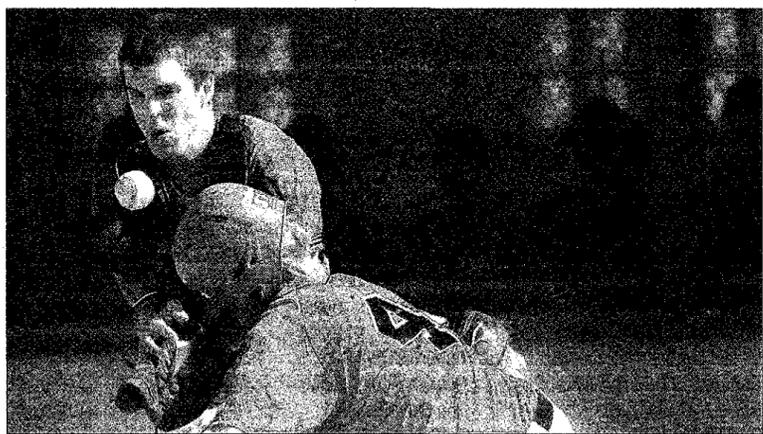
Sidor led the Crusaders offensive attack with a 2-for-4 performance with three RBI. Grant recorded three hits and two RBIs to help the MU cause.

Madonna advanced to Wednesday's winner's bracket game against Bethel College (Ind.), which defeated Aquinas, 8-2, earlier in the day.

The loser will play the winner of the Indiana Tech-Marian (Ind.) game with the winner awaiting the final team left in the loser's bracket in the championship round, which is scheduled to begin later in the day.

Eye popping

Livonia Churchill catcher Steve Jones (top) attempts to make a play as he blocks the plate from Westland John Glenn's Nathan Cover, who slides in safely into home plate on a safety squeeze bunt put down by Jerry Smith during the second inning. The Rockets went on to beat Churchill in a Lakes Division game in the Western Lakes Activities Association, 7-4. For a round up area high school baseball game, see page B9.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, May 10
 Allen Park at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Northville at John Glenn, 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
Thursday, May 10
 Allen Park at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Northville, 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.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK
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 Rat 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
Thursday, May 10
 Garden City at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 12
 W.L.A. Tourney at Plymouth, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
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.
GIRLS GOLF
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
Saturday, May 12
 Catholic League Finals
 at Ladywood, 1 & 3 p.m.

Old Spartans returning to form; tie Northville, sink Vikings, 2-0

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

After struggling during the first half of the girls soccer season, Livonia Stevenson is back to being the old Livonia Stevenson again.

After tying state-ranked Northville 1-1 on Friday, the Spartans handed another top-10 ranked team in Division I, Walled Lake Central, its first setback of the season Monday at home, 2-0, as Stephanie Gutkowski scored both goals.

Stevenson improves to 6-5-2 overall and 4-3 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, while Central falls to 10-1-1 and 5-1-1 in the division, a full game behind first-place Livonia Churchill.

"I was proud of the girls tonight," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "I thought we stayed disciplined defensively and created some good chances on the offensive end."

It was scoreless at intermission before Gutkowski scored on a header from Lauren O'Connor midway through the second half after Victoria Slavin served a ball across the Central box.

Gutkowski then notched her second of the night after Julia Schroeder got possession

GIRLS SOCCER

inside the Vikings' box and laid the ball off to Gutkowski, who one-timed it past Central keeper Taylor Comiskey (13 saves). Stevenson's defense was also able to hold Central's top scoring threat Sam Echols in check all game.

The defensive effort was spearheaded by Amber Sharp, Liz Tokarsky, Kayla Kimble, Jamie Chandler and Jenn Gately. Mandi Keedle, who faced just four shots, was the winning goalkeeper.

"I thought we really moved the ball around well in the first half, creating some of our best chances of the season ... we just couldn't convert," Pinta said.

Against 8-1-3 Northville, the Spartans converted their lone goal just five minutes into the match. Taleen Mergian played a ball through the Mustangs' back line to Kaitlyn O'Hara, who regained control of the ball after it was won back briefly against a Northville defender. O'Hara found herself open inside the 18-yard line and dumped a shot past Northville keeper Julie Blaszczak.

Stevenson had a chance to go up 2-0, but Molly McConnell's shot to the far

post off a set-up by Slavin was denied.

The Spartans controlled the first half and kept Northville standout Danielle Toney off the board by limiting her opportunities to shots from outside the box.

But the second half was a different story as the Mustangs carried a majority of the play creating five or six good chances, only to be denied by Keedle, who was outstanding in goal.

"Mandi was awesome in goal, making the big saves that she should have, and coming up big on a couple of others," Pinta said. "She came off her line really well tonight denying any would-be opportunities."

Northville, however, got the break it needed with 20 minutes remaining when Sarah Stern was awarded a penalty kick, which she converted to knot the game at 1-1.

Blaszczak then went airborne to deflect a hard shot over the crossbar taken by Slavin.

"I thought tonight was a great team effort," Pinta said. "We tired a bit in the second half and were able to withstand some high pressure by Northville's offense. Had we been able to play a full 80 minutes like our first half, the outcome may have been different."

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Lakes-leading Chargers roll, 8-0

The Livonia Churchill girls soccer team had a CBS moment that Ed Bradley, Lesley Stahl and Andy Rooney would all be proud of.

It took just 60 Minutes Monday as the state-ranked Chargers mercied host Westland John Glenn, 8-0.

Churchill is now 10-0-2 overall and 6-0-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Glenn falls to 2-9-1 and 0-6.

Alisha Lussiez had two goals and two assists to pace the Chargers, who took over sole

SOCCER ROUNDUP

possession of first place in the Lakes following Walled Lake Central's 2-0 setback Monday to Livonia Stevenson.

Alyssa Mira chipped in with a pair of goals, while Bailey Brandon added a goal and one assist.

Lindsay McMullen, Callie Mack and Jessica Stroud also tallied goals for the Chargers.

Goalkeepers Stefanie Turner and Megan Bauman combined on the shutout, Churchill's fifth

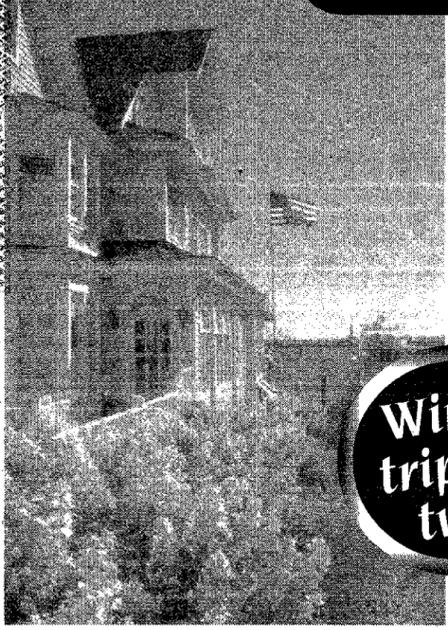
straight. The Chargers have allowed only five goals all year.

MERCY 3, LADYWOOD 0: On Saturday, Alyssa Risk scored twice and Paige Sheridan tallied the game-winner in the opening half as Farmington Hills Mercy (9-0-4, 7-0-3) blanked visiting Livonia Ladywood in a Catholic League Central Division game.

Ladywood goalkeeper Michele Ring made 17 saves, while counterpart Christine Campbell had six.

JOHN GLENN 1, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Justine Easter's first-half goal held up Friday as Westland John Glenn (2-8-1) earned the non-league at Livonia Clarenceville (4-5-2).

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8, BERKLEY 0
May 8 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Sam Blake, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Joel Goodman, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Alex Cios (LC) def. Noah Stahl, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Brian Schubiner, 6-0, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Jared Pickman-Max White, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Paul Braverman-Jacob Goodman, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. Raphia Kuper-Tim Kerby, 4-6, 6-2; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. Brian Kirsch-Andrew Ackner, 6-1, 6-0. Churchill's dual meet record: 10-1 overall.

W.L. CENTRAL 7 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1
May 8 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Clay Bartelt (WLC) defeated Tim Smolen, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Alex Colosimo (WJG) def. Brad Yanalunas, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; No. 3: Ryan Halteen (WLC) def. Brad Noyes, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6); No. 4: James Bittner (WLC) def. Gordie German, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4). No. 1 doubles: Brian Hurd-Mike Rivemonte (WLC) def. Lenny Manfre-Cliff Palac, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Casey Johnson-Ryan Rivemonte (WLC) def. Frank Toarmina-Shawn Murphy, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Brian Indianer-Koji Niwa (WLC) def. Justin Samland-Brad Sheahan, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Ilya Kheyinna-Jovan Acuff (WLC) def. Nikhil Kalothia-D.J. Dillard, 6-3, 6-0. Glenn's dual meet record: 1-10-1 overall; 0-10-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0
May 7 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Tony Semonick, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; No. 3: Alex Cios (LC) def. Steve Trapp, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Don Camilleri, 6-1, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Chad Dorton-Ryan Hudie, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Justin Adams-Galym Tusupov, 6-4, 6-0; No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. Mike Geraci-Conner Leidat, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Josh Mann (LC) def. Ryan Henderson-Ron Perlan, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. Dual meet records: Churchill, 9-1 overall, 9-1 WLAA; Franklin, 1-9-1 overall; 1-9 WLAA.

W.L. WESTERN 6, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2
May 7 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Tim Smolen (WJG) defeated Michael Chow, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Garek Ng (WLN) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Zak Goldstein (WLN) def. Brad Noyes, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Blain Globerman (WLN) def. Gordie German, 6-1, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Steve Wang-Brad Stone (WLN) def. Lenny Manfre-Cliff Palac, 7-5, 7-5; No. 2: Adam Goldman-Drew Haack (WLN) def. Frank Toarmina-Shawn Murphy, 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Scott Goldstein-Auslaj Mahajan (WLN) def. Justin Samland-Rob Jones, 4-3 (retired-injury); No. 4: Nikhil Kalothia-D.J. Dillard (WJG) def. Josh Freyberg-Justin Cykiert, 6-4, 6-0. Glenn's dual meet record: 1-9-1 overall; 0-9-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 5, W.L. NOTHERN 3
May 7 at W.L. Northern

No. 1 singles: Gino McCathey (LS) defeated Sam Hall, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Greg Watson (WLN) def. Ian Petty, 7-5, 7-5; No. 3: Dave Cross (WLN) def. Chris Martin, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Nick Majje, 6-2, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Matt Rohloff-Andy Sanders, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. Steve Olsen-Parker Wood, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 6-4; No. 3: Bob Bell-Dan Harris (WLN) def. Alex Cook-Brady Thom, 7-5, 6-2; No. 4: Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. John Anderson-Mitchell Kelley, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 7-6 (7-4). Stevenson's dual meet record: 8-2 overall, 3-2 WLAA.

W.L. CENTRAL 6, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2
May 4 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Clay Bartelt (WLC) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Brad Yanalunas (WLC) def. Tony Semonick, 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Steve Trapp (LF) def. Jovan Acuff, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Ryan Haiteen (WLC) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-3, 6-3. No. 1 doubles: Brian Hurd-Mike Rivemonte (WLC) def. Ryan Hudie-Chad Dorton, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Casey Johnson-Ryan Rivemonte (WLC) def. Ron Perlan-Justin Adams, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Brian Indianer-Koji Niwa (WLC) def. Conner Leidat-Mike Geraci, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Ryan Henderson-Galym Tusupov, 6-4, 7-5. Franklin's dual meet record: 1-8-1 overall, 1-8 WLAA.

LIV. STEVENSON 8, JOHN GLENN 0
May 4 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Gino McCathey (LS) defeated Tim Smolen, 6-1, 6-4; No. 2: Ian Petty (LS) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Chris Martin (LS) def. Brad Noyes, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Gordy German, 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Ben Bagazinski-Justin Collins (LS) def. Lenny Manfre-Cliff Palac, 7-5, 6-2; No. 2: Alex Cook-Brady Thom (LS) def. Shawn Murphy-Frank Toarmina, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Justin Samland-Rob Jones, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Anthony Hage-Garrett Adams (LS) def. Justin Samland-Rob Jones, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Anthony Hage-Garrett Adams (LS) def. Nikhil Kalothia-D.J. Dillard, 6-2, 6-1. Dual meet records: Stevenson, 7-2 overall, 7-2 WLAA; John Glenn, 1-8-1 overall, 0-8-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5, CANTON 3
May 2 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Gino McCathey (LS) defeated Nick Payne, 6-1, 7-5; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Chris Martin, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Erik Koch (LS) def. Alex Cios, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Clayton Northey, 6-0, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Pat McHugh-Mike Greco, 6-2, 7-5; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Steve Mazur-Robert Fortney (LC) def. Brady Thom-Alex Cook, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. Leon Voskov-Josh Bartoski, 6-2, 6-1. Dual meet records: Churchill, 6-1 overall, 6-1 WLAA, 5-0 Lakes Division (clinched title); Stevenson 6-2 overall, 6-2 WLAA.

May 3 at Canton

No. 1 singles: Eric Szydowski (Canton) defeated Nick Payne, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Justin Liedel, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Alex Cios (LC) def. Nathan Larimore, 7-5, 6-3; No. 4: Mike Darouie (Canton) def. Kyle Anderson, 6-3, 7-5. No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Ryan Hollingsworth-David Kang, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Riley Hoernschemeyer-J.R. LaFontain, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Steve Mazur-Robert Fortney (LC) def. Anton Schauerter-Santosh Shanmuga, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. Dan Popoff-Jeremy Lindbauer, 6-0, 5-7, 4-6. Churchill's dual meet record: 7-1 overall, 7-1 WLAA.

LIV. CHURCHILL 6, LIV. STEVENSON 2
May 2 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Gino McCathey (LS) defeated Nick Payne, 6-1, 7-5; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Chris Martin, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Erik Koch (LS) def. Alex Cios, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Clayton Northey, 6-0, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Pat McHugh-Mike Greco, 6-2, 7-5; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Steve Mazur-Robert Fortney (LC) def. Brady Thom-Alex Cook, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. Leon Voskov-Josh Bartoski, 6-2, 6-1. Dual meet records: Churchill, 6-1 overall, 6-1 WLAA, 5-0 Lakes Division (clinched title); Stevenson 6-2 overall, 6-2 WLAA.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 199
REDFORD THURSTON 227

May 8 at Beech Woods
Medalist: Paige Scarpace (Franklin), 40.
Thurston's top scorer: Christine Murray, 52.
Dual meet records: Franklin, 7-2 overall; Thurston, 8-1 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 196
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 197

May 7 at Fox Creek
Stevenson scorers: Chelsea Bathurst, 45; Laura Sims, 49; Abbey Wolfe, 50; Chrissy McHenry and Lauren Geiger, 52 each.
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 41 (medalist); Lexi McFarlane, 49; Amanda Dobos, 50; Danielle Lesniak, 57.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 8-0 overall, 8-0 WLAA; Churchill, 3-2 overall, 3-2 WLAA.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 190
DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD 197

May 7 at Dearborn Country Club
Ladywood scorers: Andrea Warzyniec, 43 (medalist); Kelly Thomas, 47; Erica Mazur and Angela Jamrog, 50 each.
Divine Child's top scorer: Caitlin Steel, 46.
Ladywood's dual meet record: 7-0 overall, 6-0 Catholic League.

SEAHOLM-MERCY TOURNAMENT
May 5 at Dearborn Country Club

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dexter, 345 strokes; 2. Lake Orion, 351; 3. Rochester, 356; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 357; 5. Grand Blanc, 358; 6. Birmingham Seaholm, 362; 7. Flint Powers Catholic, 362; 8. Greenville, 366; 9. Troy Athens, 369; 10. East Lansing, 371; 11.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

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Medalist: Amy Meier (Rochester), 75.
Ladywood scorers: Andrea Warzyniec, 86; Angela Jamrog and Kelly Thomas, 89 each; Erica Mazur, 93; Rachael Fuller, 113.
Mercy scorers: Aialina Stefan, 88; Kristen White, 98; Marina Uhrin, 99; Megan Schubert, 101; Lindsay Mack, 110.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 186
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 207
May 4 at Edgewood CC
Stevenson scorers: Abbey Wolfe, 40; Chrissy McHenry, 45; Chelsea Bathurst, 48; Laura Sims, 53.
Walled Lake Central scorers: Sarah Johnson, 39 (medalist); Kelli Miller, 52; Danni Walker, 53; Riley Collins, 63.
Dual meet records: Stevenson 7-0 overall, 7-0 WLAA.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 197
CANTON 262

May 4 at The Woodlands
Glenn scorers: Jessie Veltri, 44; Jessica

Riggs and Taylor Morgan, 50 each; Courtney McKinney and Carrie Kulkowski, 53 each; Jamie Young, 65.

Canton scorers: Chelsea Osburn, 45; Kala Gregory, 49; Alex Wee, 76; Amy Provost, 92.
Glenn's dual meet record: 3-5 overall, 2-3 WLAA.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 182
PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP 232

May 4 at Twin Lakes
Ladywood scorers: Andrea Warzyniec, 44 (medalist); Angela Jamrog, 45; Rachael Fuller, 46; Erica Mazur, 47.
Notre Dame Prep's top scorer: Allison LaRose. Ladywood's dual meet record: 6-0 overall, 5-0 Catholic League.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6-0
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 234

May 3 at Fox Creek
Stevenson scorers: Chelsea Bathurst, 48 (medalist); Lauren Geiger, 49; Abbey Wolfe, 51; Chrissy McHenry, 52.
Franklin scorers: Paige Scarpace, 50; Jessica Stchur, 59; Lauren Bailey, 62; Marlie Meyers, 63.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 6-0 overall, 6-0 WLAA; Franklin, 6-2, overall, 6-2 WLAA.

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"Winning all those events was a difference maker. Hats off to Stevenson. They're well-coached and they had all the right people in all the right places."

The Chargers won the 1,600 relay and were second in the discus, 6,400, 800 and shuttle hurdle relays. They also were third in the long jump, pole vault, 3,200 and sprint medley.

"I'm also very, very proud of our kids, most of whom competed in four events," Austin said. "They were challenged during the week, and they responded to that challenge tonight."

"Our kids get fired up for the Observerland Relays. We're excited to be a part of such a great event, and it showed in our performances tonight."

Brian Robertson, Brandon Grysko, Andrew LaBerge, Jacob McDonald, Billy Gutowski and David St. Amant were standouts on the track for the Chargers, according to Austin, who added St. Amant ran "some pretty difficult races for us with only one race in between."

In leading Northville to a victory in the pole vault relay, Mike Yassay broke a meet record held by former Livonia Franklin star and 2004 U.S. Olympic decathlete Paul Terek. Yassay vaulted 15 feet, 5 inches, bettering the 1997 record of 15-4 that was set by Terek, a former Big Ten decathlon champion at Michigan State and

NCAA Indoor Nationals runner-up.

Northville's Jason Turnbull captured the 1,600 run and anchored the winning 6,400 relay team. The Mustangs also won the shuttle hurdles by one-tenth of a second over Churchill.

Stephen Byars of Farmington High won the 100-meter dash in 10.99 seconds and also had the best long jump at 21 feet, 3.75 inches.

"He's been running so well we kinda wanted to highlight him," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said. "We wanted to put him in the 100 and see what he could do against some of the fellas, and he responded very, very well. He did well in the long jump, too, and anchored two relays."

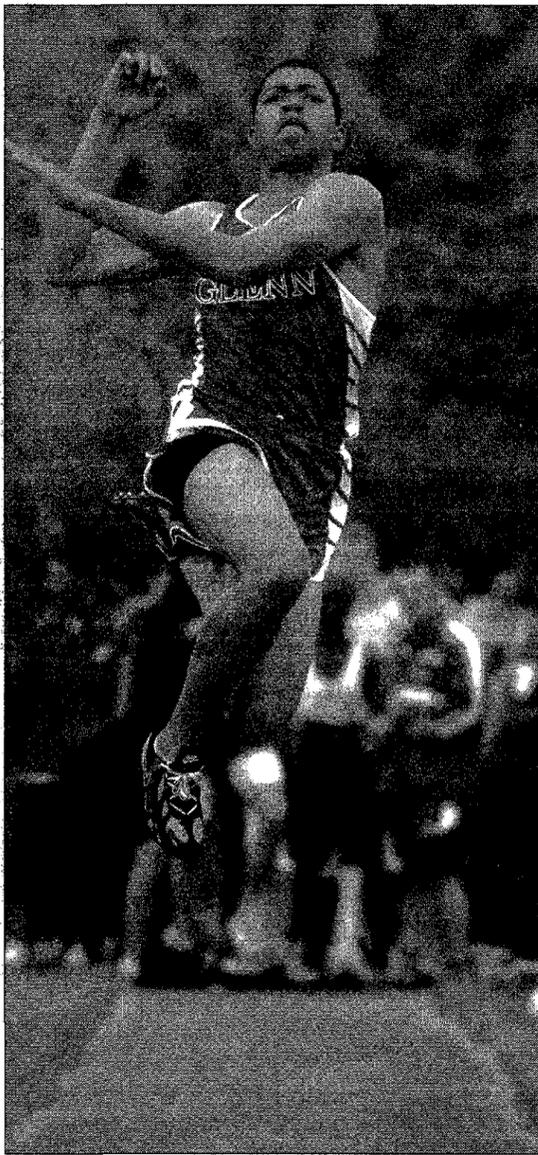
"We definitely felt we could finish in the top five and possibly be in the top three. We did everything to try to get points and have a good night."

"We're a solid team; we can score in a lot of places. As we get into the regional and conference meets, we hope to come together and finish the season with some fireworks."

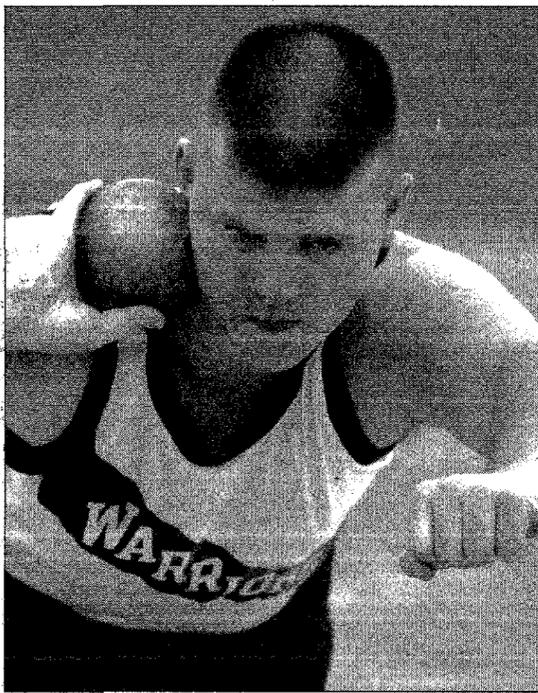
CC's Mike Martin had the best individual efforts in the shot put (56-9.5) and discus (146-6), leading the Shamrocks to a record-setting performance in the shot put. CC also held old record of 150-8.5 in 1986.

Stevenson's Mitchell White and Westland John Glenn's Ian Thornton, who was second in the 100 dash, tied for the best high jump at 6-1 each.

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John Glenn's Shawn Anthony takes off on the runway of the long jump during Saturday's 37th Observerland Relays at Farmington High School.



Lutheran Westland's Frankie Cain gathers his strength as he prepares to make his throw in the shot put during Saturday's Observerland Relays at Farmington High School.

Franklin girls hit stride, capture Stafford Relays

Records continued to tumble Saturday as the Livonia Franklin girls track team captured its third invitational of the season at the 10-team Stafford Relays with a team-high 100 points.

The Patriots took a total of five firsts to finish 48 points ahead of runner-up Walled Lake Northern in the meet hosted by Walled Lake Western.

Waterford Kettering placed third with 44, one point in front of fourth-place finisher Livonia Ladywood.

In the field events, Franklin captured the pole vault, high jump, shot put and discus relays.

Senior Robyn Whalen threw an even 139 feet to break her own school record in the discus, while Liz Holloway leaped 5-2 in the high jump to tie Rita Malec and become No. 2 all-time on the Franklin list behind Alyssa Supplee's mark of 5-7.

Whalen, Ashley Price and Kara Giummo made up both the winning shot put and discus relay teams.

The winning pole vault team was Meghan Powers, Kelly Tapella and Anastasia

Bending, while the high jump quartet consisted of Holloway, Ashley Sawyer and Ashley Butkowsky.

Franklin's other two wins came in the 6,400-meter relay as Allison Milican, Devan Walley, Laura Marshall and Kari Saarela combined for a first-place time of 23:38.9. The event consisted of a 1,600 leg, a pair of 800 legs and a 3,200 leg.

The Patriots' foursome of Casey Lynett, Butkowsky, Milican and Seneca Scott also took the 1,600 relay in 4:21.3.

McFarlane sets mark

Livonia Churchill junior Rachel McFarlane ran 11:12.63 in the 3,200-meter run to establish a new school record in Saturday's Livonia Stevenson Invitational.

McFarlane broke Kylen Cieslak's mark of 11:19.26 set in last year's Division I state meet. Churchill's other first place finisher in the non-team scoring meet was Nicole Bergeski in the discus (99-5).

The host Spartans were led by Courtney Calka's first-place finish in the 1,600 run (5:19.2) and Marla Winkler's win in the pole vault (10-7).

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH 83 LUTHERAN WESTLAND 54 May 8 at Lutheran Westland Shot put: Olivia Rork (LW), 34 feet, 6.25; discus: Katie Krueger (LW), 82-9; high jump: Siegle (LN), 4-8; long jump: Wright (LN), 14-9.25; pole vault: Szwarc (LN), 7-0; 110-yard hurdles: Becca Refenes (LW), 18.1; 330 hurdles: Siegle (LN), 51.7; 100 dash: Lauren Schwewe (LW), 11.9; 220: Kuppe (LN), 27.3; 440: Wright (LN), 1:03.8; 880: Hurd (LN), 2:33.9; mile: Katherine Mackenzie (LW), 5:38.6; 2 mile: Tweten (LN), 14:13.3; 440 relay: North, 54.9; 880 relay: North, 1:58.6; mile relay: North, 4:40.9; 2 mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Mackenzie, Nicole Zehel, Ashley Taylor-Voss, Katey Ramthun), 10:54.9; Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 8-1 overall, 3-1 Metro Conference.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 84, W.L. WESTERN 53 May 7 at Franklin Shot put: Robyn Whalen (LF), 40 feet, 9 inches; discus: Whalen (LF), 137-3.5; high jump: Liz Holloway (LF), 4-10; long jump: Megan Wilson (LF), 16-2; pole vault: Meghan Powers (LF), 9-6; 100-meter hurdles: Casey Lynett (LF), 16.26; 300 hurdles: Lynett (LF), 49.69; 100 dash: Carly Zeitlin (WLW), 12.78; 200: Zeitlin (WLW), 27.17; 400: Seneca Scott (LF), 1:05.57; 800: Allison Milican (LF), 2:33.64; 1,600: Wessel (WLW), 5:36.58; 3,200: Kari Saarela (LF), 12:06.64; 400 relay: Western, 52.92; 800 relay: Franklin (Monica Hardy, Lynett, Ashley Butkowsky, Megan Wilson), 1:52.52; 1,600: Franklin, 4:23.87; 3,200 relay: Franklin (Milican, Laura Marshall, Devan Walley, Scott), 10:47.46.

Franklin 2nds: Wilson, 100 (13.16); Marshall, 800 (2:39.05); 3rds: Kelly Tapella, pole vault (7-6); Sam Culp, high jump (4-8); Ashley Price, shot put (32-8); Kara Giummo, discus (88-6.5); Sarah Woods, 100 hurdles (18.18); 300 hurdles (1:00.75); Hardy, 100 (13.18); 200 (27.36); Saarela, 1,600 (5:50.79); Victoria Church, 3,200 run (13:27.97).

Dual meet records: Franklin, 4-0 overall, 4-0 WLLA-Western Division; Western, 1-4 overall, 1-3 WLLA-Western Division.

STAFFORD RELAYS

May 5 at Walled Lake Western TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 100 points; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 52; 3. Waterford Kettering, 44; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 43; 5. Novi, 42; 6. Walled Lake Western, 34; 7. North Farmington, 31; 8. Farmington, 26; 9. Walled Lake Central, 22; 10. Salem, 9.

Franklin 1sts: pole vault relay (Meghan Powers, Kelly Tapella, Anastasia Bending), 24 feet; shot put relay (Robyn Whalen, Ashley Price, Kara Giummo, 94-10.5; high jump relay (Liz Holloway, Ashley Sawyer, Ashley Butkowsky), 13-10; 6,400-meter relay (Allison Milican, Devan Walley, Laura Marshall, Kari Saarela), 23:38.98; 1,600 relay (Casey Lynett, Butkowsky, Milican, Seneca Scott, 4:21.3; discus relay (Whalen, Price, Giummo), 308-5; 2nds: long jump relay (Megan Wilson, Powers, Meghan Brownlee), 41-10; sprint medley (Butkowsky, Holloway, Wilson, Scott), 3:06.1; shuttle hurdle (Sarah Woods, Stephanie Belcher, Morgan Passino, Lynett), 1:14.3; distance medley (Milican, Scott, Walley, Saarela), 14:02.7; 3rds: 800 relay (Lynett, Butkowsky, Brownlee, Wilson), 1:54.9; 5ths: 400 relay (Lynett, Powers, Danielle Poole, Wilson), 54.59; 7ths: 3,200 relay (Marshall, Victoria Church, Amanda Young, Kelsey Kaplan), 11:28.6; 8ths: discus 400 relay (Giummo, Brittany Milican, Price, Whalen), 1:11.8.

LIVONIA STEVENSON INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK MEET

May 5 at Stevenson PARTICIPATING TEAMS: Ann Arbor Pioneer JV (AAP), Brighton (B), Canton (Ctn), Livonia Churchill (LC), Clarkston (Clk), Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day (DCD), Farmington Hills Mercy (FHM), Northville (N), Livonia Stevenson (LS), 10. Wayne Memorial (WM).

FINAL RESULTS Shot put: 1. Whalen (FHM), 37 feet, 2 inches; 2. Becca Bartek (LS), 32-5; 4. Mamme Adomako (LS), 31-3; 6. Shannon Getchen

(LC), 29-4.25. Discus: 1. Nicole Bergeski (LC), 99-5; 2. Bartek (LS), 98-0; 5. Whalen (FHM), 95-3; Golan (DCD), 91-3. High jump: 1. Ariel Roberts (AAP), 5-3; 2. Brianna Jenkins (N), 5-1. Long jump: 1. Konopka (N), 16-5.75; 3. Freigne (DCD), 15-10.75; 4. Stuart (N), 15-8.75; 5. Chelsea Pashnick (LS), 15-7.5; 6. Moore (DCD), 15-6. Pole vault: 1. Maria Winkler (LS), 10-7; 2. Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 10-2; 3. Julie Foucher (N), 9-8; 4. (tie) Michelle Blackstone (LS) and Eren Ural (LC), 8-2; 6. Jennifer Olmstead (LC), 8-2. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Paige Madison (AAP), 15.23; 2. King (N), 16.3; 3. Jackie Gribeck (LC), 16.34. 300 hurdles: 1. Amanda Maher (AAP), 47.61; 2. Brittany Gentile (LS), 49.1; 4. Christine Armstrong (LS), 49.85; 5. Dominique Mosby (FHM), 50.01. 100 dash: 1. Sam English (FHM), 12.78; 2. Emily Kriecheit (N), 13.02; 3. Ashley Banks (Ctn), 13.09; 5. Ashley Terry (FHM), 13.16. 200: 1. Tiara Sharp (AAP), 25.77; 2. English (FHM), 26.84; 3. Kriecheit (N), 26.89; 4. Amber Simpson (DCD), 27.52; 6. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 27.92. 400: 1. Jessica Lee (AAP), 1:01.13; 3. Kristina Bell (FHM), 1:02.36; 4. Taylor Moore-Willis (DCD), 1:02.55; 6. Amy Bernstein (N), 1:03.47. 800: 1. Kelsey Duerksen (AAP), 2:22.15; 3. Sara Kroll (LC), 2:24.11; 4. Lindsay Hagan (N), 2:24.55; 6. Lindsey Graciak (LC), 2:29.79. 1,600: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 5:19.2; 2. Hagan (N), 5:19.3; 3. Erica Hope (LC), 5:34.06; 5. Jenny Murphy (N), 5:30.63; 6. Alissa Ott (DCD), 5:38.9. 3,200: 1. Rachel McFarlane (LC), 11:12.63 (school record); 3. Calka (LS), 11:54.89; 4. Murphy (N), 12:00.17; 5. Megan Maceratin (LC), 12:06.73; 6. Ott (DCD), 12:15.33. 400 relay: 1. Pioneer (50.45); 2. Northville, 51.64; 4. Stevenson, 54.19; 5. Churchill, 55.27; 6. Country Day, 55.32. 800 relay: 1. Pioneer, 1:44.4; 3. Northville, 1:50.32; 5. Mercy, 1:54.02; 6. Stevenson, 1:54.07. 1,600 relay: 1. Pioneer, 4:07.26; 2. Churchill, 4:15.16; 3. Northville, 4:19.53; 5. Mercy, 4:32.95; 6. Country Day, 4:35.58. 3,200 relay: 1. Pioneer, 9:48.12; 3. Northville, 9:55.9; 4. Stevenson, 10:01.4; 5. Mercy, 10:48.9; 6. Canton, 11:23.0.

TORY CLARK RELAYS

May 5 at Adrian TEAM STANDINGS (7 schools): 1. Romulus, 118 points; 2. Blissfield, 103; 3. Westland John Glenn, 86. Glenn 1sts: Ryan Anderson, shot put (33 feet, 8 inches); 400-meter relay (Chanel Payne, Ashley Montgomery, Lakeysa Smith, Ashley Parker), 52.8; 2nds: Parker, 100 (13.0); 200 (26.9); Stacey Richardson, 3,200 (13:24.0); 800 relay (Payne, Montgomery, Jamie Mellas, Parker), 1:52.2; 3rds: Richardson, 1,600 (5:57.0); Kija Coits, high jump (4-9); Payne, long jump (15-9); Rachia Bohannon, 400 (1:06.5); Smith, 200 (28.7); 5ths: Montgomery, long jump (14-6); 6ths: Bohannon, 3,200 (13:24.0).

JOHN GLENN 74, W.L. CENTRAL 54

May 3 at John Glenn Glenn 1sts: Ryan Anderson, shot put (31 feet, 4.5 inches); Kija Coits, high jump (4-8); 300-meter hurdles (54.0); Amanda Femat, 100-meter hurdles (18.4); Ashley Parker, 100 dash (12.5); 200 (27.9); Chanel Payne, long jump (15-6); 800 relay (Payne, Ashley Montgomery, Jamie Mellas, Parker), 1:53.4; 400 relay (Payne, Montgomery, Lakeysa Smith, Parker), 54.8; 1,600 relay (Rachia Bohannon, Femat, Amara Ogbuaku, Mellas), 4:47.0; 2nds: Montgomery, long jump (13-4); Sierra Richardson, discus (84-2); Payne, 100 (13.1); Bohannon, 400 (1:08.0); Smith, 200 (28.4); 3rds: Bohannon, 200 (28.8); Femat, 300 hurdles (56.5); Ogbuaku, 400 (1:13.0); Stacey Richardson, 1,600 (6:05.0); Smith, 100 (13.2); Coits, 100 hurdles (19.0); Anderson, discus (84-0); Ryan Jewell, high jump (4-6). Glenn's dual meet record: 1-2 overall, 1-2 WLLA-Lakes Division.

GIRLS TRACK BEST PERFORMANCES

SHOT PUT Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 40-9 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 40-0.5 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 37-4.5 Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 36-6 Bridgid Molloy (Ladywood) 35-3.5 Olivia Rork (Luth. Westland) 34-6.25 Becca Bartek (Stevenson) 34-1 Becca Refenes (Luth. Westland) 33-11 Ryan Anderson (John Glenn) 33-9

DISCUS Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 139-0 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 123-10 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 117-4 Bridgid Molloy (Ladywood) 110-1 Kallee Hobbins (Churchill) 104-8.5 Colette Fodera (Stevenson) 99-11 Nicole Bergeski (Churchill) 99-5 Maame Adomako (Stevenson) 99-1 Becca Refenes (Luth. Westland) 98-9

HIGH JUMP Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 5-2 Liz Holloway (Franklin) 5-2 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 5-1 Kathryn Berger (Ladywood) 5-0 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 4-11 Liz Holloway (Franklin) 4-10 Kara Piorkowski (Stevenson) 4-9 Emily Schifano (Stevenson) 4-9 Kija Coits (John Glenn) 4-9

LONG JUMP Megan Wilson (Franklin) 16-2 Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 16-1 Taleesa Jackson (Thurston) 15-11 Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson) 15-11 Allie Plisko (Stevenson) 15-6.75 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 15-6.25 Jenae Bahoura (Ladywood) 15-3 Ashley Montgomery (John Glenn) 14-9 Liz Buttery (Churchill) 14-8.5

POLE VAULT Maria Winkler (Stevenson) 10-7 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 10-2 Eren Ural (Churchill) 10-1 Meghan Powers (Franklin) 9-6 Michelle Blackstone (Stevenson) 8-8 Alicia DiMuro (Churchill) 8-3 Jennifer Olmstead (Churchill) 8-3 Anastasia Bending (Franklin) 7-6 Jessica Sroka (Stevenson) 7-6 Kelly Tapella (Franklin) 7-6

100-METER HURDLES Taleesa Jackson (Thurston) 15.5 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 16.3 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 16.3 Margarita Lazarevska (Churchill) 16.7 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 16.7 Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 16.9 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 17.0 Christine Armstrong (Stevenson) 17.0 Stephanie DiGiandomenico (Ladywood) 17.1

300 HURDLES Taleesa Jackson (Thurston) 47.2 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 47.8 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 49.1 Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 49.3 Mallory Lukas (Churchill) 49.7 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 49.7 Christine Armstrong (Stevenson) 49.9 Stephanie DiGiandomenico (Ladywood) 51.1 Megan Howard (Canton) 51.3

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400 Brittany Mrozek (Stevenson) 1:01.8 Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 1:01.4 Katie Morasso (Ladywood) 1:01.7 Beth Swanberg (Canton) 1:03.0 Seneca Scott (Franklin) 1:03.6 Nicole Thornsberry (Churchill) 1:03.9 Brooke Knoche (Stevenson) 1:04.3 Somar Aoude (Churchill) 1:04.6 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 1:04.8

800 Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 2:22.8 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 2:24.2 Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 2:28.3 Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 2:29.3 Lindsey Graciak (Churchill) 2:29.8 Katie Glynn (Stevenson) 2:30.3 Allison Milican (Franklin) 2:33.7 Erica Hope (Churchill) 2:36.0 Paula Schubaltis (Canton) 2:36.0 Claire LeBlanc (Stevenson) 2:36.5

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Katherine Mackenzie (Luth. Westland) 5:36.0 Stephanie Perez (Stevenson) 5:39.5 Michelle Verellen (Churchill) 5:43.0 3,200 Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 11:12.7 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 11:45.9 Erica Hope (Churchill) 11:58.0 Megan Maceratin (Churchill) 12:03.0 Kari Saarela (Franklin) 12:06.7 Michelle Verellen (Churchill) 12:53.0 Stacey Richardson (John Glenn) 12:53.5 Danielle Kaneler (Ladywood) 12:54.0 Kim Verellen (Churchill) 12:56.0

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800 RELAY Livonia Churchill 1:50.1 Canton 1:51.0 Redford Thurston 1:51.0 Westland John Glenn 1:51.3 Livonia Ladywood 1:51.4

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3,200 RELAY Livonia Churchill 9:51.18 Livonia Stevenson 10:01.3 Livonia Franklin 10:18.4 Lutheran Westland 10:43.0

37TH OBSERVERLAND RELAYS BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

May 5 at Farmington High School TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 89 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 75; 3. Northville, 65; 4. Farmington, 52; 5. Westland John Glenn, 43; 6. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 41; 7. Farmington Harrison, 34; 8. Canton, 27; 9. Plymouth, 22; 10. Salem, 15; 11. Wayne Memorial, 14; 12. Livonia Franklin, 7; 13. Lutheran Westland, 6; 14. Redford Union, 3; 15. Redford Thurston, 2; 16. Garden City, 1.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

Discus: 1. Catholic Central (Jake Maloney), 130-6; Noait Kokoska, 131-11; Mike Martin, 146-6; 407-11 (meet record); 2. Churchill, 392-2; 3. John Glenn, 388-10; 4. Canton, 372-7; 5. Stevenson, 353-5; 6. Franklin, 350-3. Individual best: Mike Martin, Catholic Central, 146-6.

Shot put: 1. Catholic Central (Jerry Yono), 43-5.5; Jake Maloney, 52-1; Mike Martin, 56-9.5; 152-4 (meet record); 2. John Glenn, 135-6; 3. Canton, 133-4.25; 4. Churchill, 128-10; 5. Wayne Memorial, 126-3.50; 6. Northville, 124-11.25. Individual best: Mike Martin, Catholic Central, 56-9.5.

High jump: 1. Stevenson (Wyatt Stahl), 5-3; Pat York, 5-11; Mitchell White, 6-1; 17-3; 2. Farmington, 17-0; 3. John Glenn, 16-10; 4. Northville, 16-8; 5. Redford Union, 16-8; 6. Harrison, 16-6. Individual best: (tie)-Ian Thornton, John Glenn, and Mitchell White, Stevenson, 6-1.

Long jump: 1. Stevenson (Nate Sergison), 19-4; Dave Simor, 19-5.75; Myles White, 20-10.25; 59-8; 2. Farmington, 56-8.75; 3. Churchill, 54-11.75; 4. (tie) Harrison and John Glenn, 54-10; 6. Franklin, 54-7.50. Individual best: Stephen Byars, Farmington, 21-3.75.

Pole vault: 1. Northville (Mike Yassay), 15-5; Eric Francheschi, 11-6; Johnny D'Anna, 38-5; 2. Canton, 36-6; 3. Churchill, 35-6; 4. Franklin, 34-6; 5. Stevenson, 30-6; 6. Salem, 29-0. Individual best: Mike Yassay; Northville, 15-5 (meet record).

6,400-meter relay: 1. Northville (Kolbow, Dalton, Jacob, Turnbull), 18:52.00; 2. Churchill, 19:03.55; 3. Catholic Central, 19:08.58; 4. Plymouth, 19:20.23; 5. Salem, 19:35.74; 6. Canton, 19:36.82.

110 hurdles: 1. Myles White, Stevenson, 14.69; 2. Cavin Corcoran, Northville, 14.88; 3. Baze Efreimov, Salem, 15.24; 4. Nate Gholston, Plymouth, 15.34; 5. Renaldo Powell, Wayne, 15.44; 6. Andy LaBerge, Churchill, 15.52.

Distance medley: 1. Stevenson (Kyle Osborne, Kevin Reschke, Mike Gibbons, Dave McIntyre), 11:07.44; 2. Wayne, 11:10.46; 3. Plymouth, 11:11.97; 4. Churchill, 11:12.09; 5. Canton, 11:30.55; 6. Lutheran Westland, 11:36.16.

800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Steve Eideh, Dan Cragel, Nate Sergison, Myles White), 1:30.8; 2. Churchill, 1:30.9; 3. Harrison, 1:31.8; 4. John Glenn, 1:32.1; 5. Lutheran Westland, 1:32.7; 6. Farmington, 1:33.4.

1,600 run: 1. Jason Turnbull, Northville, 4:25.19; 2. Matt Rzepka, Stevenson, 4:32.12; 3. Alex Townsend, Farmington, 4:37.14; 4. Pat Slavens, Plymouth, 4:37.33; 5. Rob Curtis, Salem, 4:37.90; 6. Brian Chambers, Garden City, 4:46.29.

3,200 relay: 1. Catholic Central (Zachary Oleski, Spencer Hall, Brandon Schneider, Alex Toloft), 8:20.85; 2. Northville, 8:28.17; 3. Churchill, 8:29.44; 4. Farmington, 8:33.42; 5. Canton, 8:40.60; 6. Stevenson, 8:45.22.

100 dash: 1. Stephen Byars, Farmington, 10.99; 2. Ian Thornton, John Glenn, 11.25; 3. Chris Pride, Harrison, 11.31; 4. Jack Daykin, Catholic Central, 11.33; 5. Steve Eideh, Stevenson, 11.45; 6. David Morgan, Redford Union, 11.53.

Sprint medley: 1. Stevenson (Derek Buskey, Dan Cragel, Nate Sergison, Matt Rzepka), 2:29.29; 2. Harrison, 2:33.45; 3. Churchill, 2:34.72; 4. Canton, 2:35.74; 5. Wayne Memorial, 2:36.07; 6. Farmington, 2:37.37.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Northville (Gerish, Arastu, Francheschi, Corcoran), 1:01.90; 2. Churchill, 1:02.00; 3. Farmington, 1:03.50; 4. Salem, 1:03.70; 5. Thurston, 1:05.66; 6. Lutheran Westland, 1:06.22.

400 relay: 1. Harrison (Chris Pride, Norman Shuford, Mark Dell, Darius Davis), 44.68; 2. John Glenn, 44.76; 3. Stevenson, 44.85; 4. Plymouth, 44.87; 5. Farmington, 44.97; 6. Franklin, 45.10.

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Billy Gutowski, David St. Amant, Jacob McDonald, Andrew LaBerge), 3:25.05; 2. Stevenson, 3:27.62; 3. Farmington, 3:32.75; 4. Northville, 3:33.23; 5. Lutheran Westland, 3:37.17; 6. Catholic Central, 3:37.28.

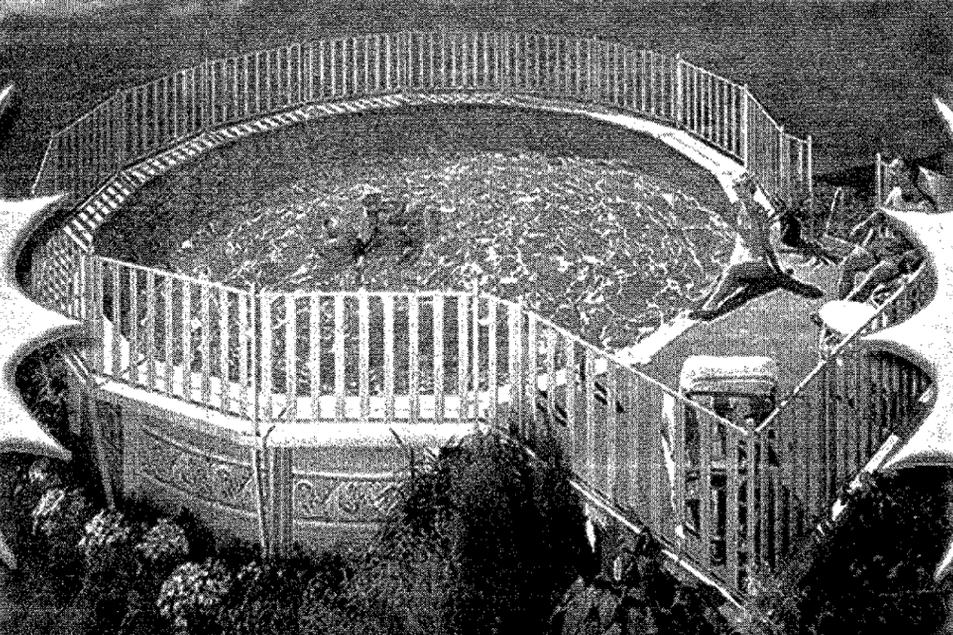
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Wolves' overtime win puts Whalers in hole

What's a sixth-seeded team doing in the Ontario Hockey League Championship Series? Very well, thank you. The Sudbury Wolves, who were seeded No. 6 in the OHL's Eastern Conference brackets, earned a 2-1 advantage over the No. 2 seed Plymouth Whalers with a 5-4 overtime victory in Sudbury Tuesday night.

The Wolves' Justin Donati scored the game-winner 3:15 into the extra session off assists from Jonathan D'Aversa and Marc Staal.

Plymouth forced the overtime with 2:36 remaining in regulation when Evan Brophrey secured a pass from Steve Ward and stuck it in the back of the net to make it 4-4. James Neal also assisted on the game-tying lamp-lighter.

Sudbury scored first 12:22 after the opening face-off when Nick Foligno scored from Andrew Self, who was named the game's No. 2 star. Twenty-six seconds later, the Whalers tied it on Ryan McGinnis's second playoff goal from A.J.

Jenks.

The Wolves led 2-1 after two periods thanks to Patrik Lusnak's goal from D'Aversa and Staal at the 6:15 mark. Plymouth evened things up at 2-2 on Jared Boll's power-play goal 6:17 into the third period.

Energized by a crowd of 5,737 at the Sudbury Community Arena, the Wolves surged ahead 4-2 with back-to-back goals from Self (his eighth of the playoffs) and Kevin Baker, his sixth.

Plymouth's Sean O'Connor (from McGinnis and Boll) narrowed the Whalers' deficit to 4-3 with 3:14 to go before Brophrey tied it 38 seconds later.

Michal Neuvirth registered 23 saves for the Whalers. Sebastian Dahm earned the win between the pipes by stopping 37 Plymouth shots.

In Sunday's Game 2 at Plymouth, the Wolves used a balanced attack and steady goaltending to defeat the Whalers, 7-3, before 3,331 fans at the Compuware Sports

Arena.

Six different Wolves scored at least two points each, including first star Self (two goals and an assist), second star Devin DiDionete (two goals), third star Matt Dias (one goal, three helpers), Baker (one and two), Nick Foligno (three assists) and Justin Donati (goal, two assists).

Dahm stopped 42-of-45 shots in goal for Sudbury. Neal (12th), Daniel Ryder (8th) and Dan Collins (7th) scored for Plymouth.

Sudbury broke open a 1-1 game after twenty minutes of play with four goals in the second period on goals by DiDionete (5:03), Dias (9:50) and two by Self (10:48 and 18:10, respectively) sandwiched around Plymouth goals by Ryder (11:08) and Collins (18:47).

The Wolves then closed out the scoring in the third period with two unanswered goals - DiDionete (11:35) and Donati (16:46).

Plymouth outshot Sudbury, 45-31.

TENNIS

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winding down a stellar four-year career.

This season, the senior finance major is 24-17 overall in singles and has been rated as high as No. 52 in the country with three victories over nationally-ranked players. Crosby also has compiled a 32-11 record in doubles and has qualified with partner Tim Bradshaw, a native of Bromsgrove, England, for the NCAA Nationals in doubles.

Crosby is only the second player in school history to be a four-time All-MAC honoree joining Ravi Pathanjali (2001-04) after an undefeated 10-0 record in the MAC this season at No. 1 and 2 singles and No. 2 and 3 doubles (with partner John Pelton).

This marks the third year in a row that Crosby has been named first-team All-MAC. He wrapped up the MAC Tournament with 204 career victories making him only the fourth player in school history to win more than 200 matches.

Crosby, who starred in three sports at Stevenson (including soccer and basketball), also earned the MAC's Sportsmanship Award and was named Academic All-MAC.

"Brady's been a special player for us since he got here four years ago," WMU coach Dave Morin said. "He has the total

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Dave Morin
WMU tennis coach

package. Brady's a great student, a phenomenal athlete and he has a tremendous work ethic and leadership skills to match.

"We've been very lucky to have him here and we'll never replace a guy of his caliber. I think he'll be in the WMU Hall of Fame in 10 years."

Moccia, a 5-6 sophomore, has elevated her game since joining the WMU women's team as a preferred walk-on. She has carved a 23-14 record in both singles and doubles. She normally plays the No. 5 flight in singles and has spent most of the year at No. 1 doubles with two primary partners including Noriko Saruta (Yamaguchi-Ken, Japan) and Kersten Pahl (Kiel, Germany).

Now on scholarship, Moccia has improved her first serve and along with her level of fitness.

"My first-serve percentage has definitely increased and now I can often win three points off my serve in a game at any time," said Moccia, who was 72-8 as a prep at Stevenson. "I also worked out a lot and starting eating right. Being fit makes a huge differ-

ence.

"Not playing last year made me realize that it takes hard work and determination. I didn't realize how tough it was to play college tennis. I've made strides and I think I've gained the respect of my teammates. I've come a long way and I'm proud of myself, but I'm even more proud of the whole team."

The WMU team is as diverse culturally as any in the country.

"It's been so fun and I've learned so much," said the special education major who carries a 3.59 GPA. "I love it and I wouldn't change a thing about this team."

And Moccia's solid contributions this season haven't gone unnoticed.

"Ashley has been great for us this year," WMU coach Betsy Kuhle said. "She went from being No. 9 in singles and No. 8 in doubles last season to No. 1 doubles and No. 5 singles this season. She worked really hard over the summer to improve her game and it is clearly the most improved player on our team."

The WMU women, like the men, are big underdogs this weekend.

"We've had great success and all of us have worked so hard," Moccia said. "Our goal was to win the MAC regular season, the MAC championship and go to the NCAA's. Northwestern has a great team, but we definitely have a chance. We have nothing to lose and things to gain."



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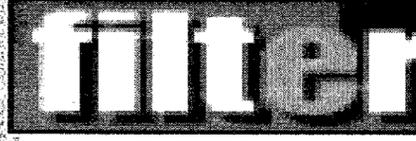
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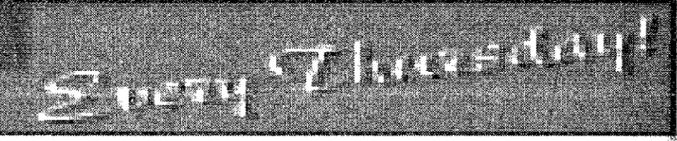
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Stevenson overcomes Burkhart's 17 strikeouts to post 2-1 victory

They refuse to be voted off the island.

WLAALakes Division girls softball leader Livonia Stevenson played survivor again Monday, withstanding the 17-strikeout performance of Walled Lake Central pitcher Brittany Burkhart to earn a 2-1 victory.

Stevenson, now 10-6 overall and 6-1 in the Lakes, won the first-place showdown thanks to Emily Hollandsworth's 2-run single in the second inning scored Amanda Paison and pinch runner Tara Sharpe.

Paison struck out, but reached first after the ball got by the Central catcher. Winning pitcher Jamie Johnson then followed with a single and the runners moved up, setting the stage for Hollandsworth.

Johnson allowed just three hits and struck out four. She did not allow a walk.

Burkhart gave up just two hits, both coming in the second inning.

The Vikings (13-4, 5-2) cut the deficit to 2-1 in the bottom of the seventh, but couldn't score the equalizer.

On Saturday, Stevenson captured two of three games in the Ortonville-Brandon Tournament.

PREP SOFTBALL

In the opener, Johnson pitched a four-hit complete game and struck out five as the Spartans downed Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 6-1.

Monica Piekarski's two-run triple keyed the win.

Stevenson then lost to the state's No. 2-ranked team in Division I, unbeaten White Lake Lakeland, 6-2.

Laura Deacon, the losing pitcher, had a two-run triple. She went six innings, allowing five earned runs on eight hits and a walk. Deacon fanned eight.

Pitchers Cayla Meek and Lauren Memmer combined for a two-hitter for the 15-0 Eagles, last year's Division I state finalist. They struck out four and walked four.

In the tourney finale for the Spartans, Johnson pitched a five-hit shutout in a 2-0 win over Essexville-Garber. She struck out four and did not walk anybody.

Deacon doubled and tripled in the victory, while Johnson went 1-for-1 with a single and sacrifice bunt.

Meanwhile, Salem's Melissa Leach was like the weather last Thursday afternoon: nearly

picture perfect.

Under cloudless skies with 68-degree temperatures, Leach yielded just one hit while fanning 11 in the host Rocks' 3-0 white-washing of Stevenson in a Lakes Division game played at Salem.

Leach issued just two free passes and retired the side in order in four of the seven innings.

The victory improved Salem's record to 4-10 overall and 3-3 in the division.

"It was a good win in that we started off this season losing to Stevenson in a 14-inning battle," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "So going out there today and putting the win on the board helps show the girls we can go through the division a second time and do what we should have the first time.

The Rocks scored in the first when Abby Pairitz ripped a double up the gap, scoring Liz Thomas, who had reached on a fielder's choice.

Salem tacked on two more in the sixth when Mary Cox doubled in Kait McKinley, who had singled. Emily Pitcole then plated Cox with a run-scoring single.

Pitcole finished 2-for-3 for the winners, who compiled six hits.

C'ville crowns Kingswood, snaps skid

Livonia Clarenceville snapped a four-game losing skid Monday with a come-from-behind 7-6 Metro Conference girls softball win over visiting Bloomfield Hills Kingswood.

The Trojans, now 6-13 overall and 3-4 in the Metro, overcame a 4-0 deficit by scoring seven runs in the bottom of the second inning.

Winning pitcher Abby Sochacki and Charmaine McQueen each delivered two-run singles during the surge. Kellie Manis and Nicole Lexson also had RBI singles.

After getting blanked the next three innings, Clarenceville needed to hold on in the top of the seventh.

After two were out, Kingswood got an RBI double from Annie Marie Skylis and an RBI single from Lauren Stanikovich followed by a Trojan error. Sochacki then ended the game on a ground-out as senior shortstop Jenna

Mrljak got the assist.

Sochacki worked all seven innings, allowing six earned runs on eight hits and four walks.

The Trojans, meanwhile, reached base eight different times on hit batsmen.

On Friday, Macomb Lutheran North improved to 6-2 in the Metro with a 9-3 win over the host Trojans.

Brittany Wange went 3-for-4 and Kari Wargelien added two hits and scored three runs for the victorious Mustangs.

Wargelien was the winning pitcher, limiting Clarenceville to three earned runs.

Manis, a senior, went 3-for-3 with a run scored, but the Trojans committed six errors, including four in the fifth inning to break a 2-all deadlock. Clarenceville also left 10 runners on base despite six hits.

HURON VALLEY 12, FRANKLIN ROAD 0: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division leader Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-

3, 5-0) romped to a six-inning, mercy rule win Monday at Novi Franklin Road Christian.

Winning pitcher Amanda Gruenewald held the Warriors to just three hits. She struck out 12 and walked only three.

Gruenewald also went 2-for-3 with a double and four RBI. Teammate Nicole Smith went 3-for-4 with a double, RBI and two runs scored.

ANNAPOLIS 11-12, CLARENCEVILLE 0-10: Dearborn Heights Annapolis swept both ends of a twinbill Saturday against visiting Livonia Clarenceville (5-12).

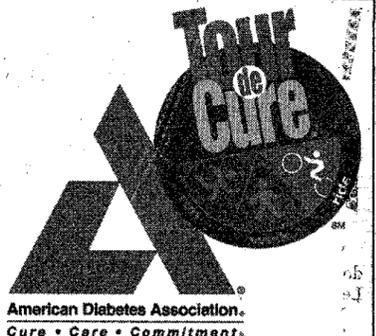
Heather Fabris allowed just one hit in the opener, an 11-0 Annapolis win in five innings. She walked five and hit three batters.

Kellie Manis had the lone Clarenceville hit.

Danielle Mapes (0-2) took the loss before giving way to Abby Sochacki in the third inning. The Trojans committed four errors.

In the nightcap, Clarenceville had nine miscues in a 12-10 setback.

Val Sochacki, in her first varsity start, gave up six earned runs on three hits and six walks over four innings. She needed relief help from Abby Sochacki in the fifth.



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LESSON ON GOLF

By Jeff Lesson

Tiger Woods took his 57th career PGA Tour victory on Sunday against one of the strongest fields of the season at the

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Tiger did it this time while finishing 20th in driving distance (304 yard average) but second in putting. Meanwhile Lefty, with the help of new swing coach Butch Harmon, hit just 39% of fairways off the tee. Harmon was hired to improve Mickelson's driving accuracy. How's that working out?

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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.

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WYAA football signup

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at beginning May 16 at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road). The WYAA has two units. The Westland Meteors practices at Voss Park (Henry Ruff and Palmer) and play their home games at Wayne Memorial High School. The Westland Comets practice at Marshall Middle School and play their home games at John Glenn High School. Age groups for both units include freshman (8-10), JV (11-12) and varsity (11-14). Players are subject to weight restrictions. All players who register must produce a copy of their birth certificate (not hospital certificate) and a recent school photo. For more information, call the WYAA during normal business hours at (734) 421-0640. The WYAA will also stage a new instructional football program for ages 7-8. No scores will be tabulated and coaches will be allowed on the field for instructional purposes. Games will be played prior to Meteors and Comets on their respective game dates. Participants must have a maximum weight restriction of 115 pounds and must supply a copy of their birth certificate to the league. Registration begins May 16 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or visit www.wyaa.org.

WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays beginning May 2 at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road). Registration for the Westland Comets and Meteors cheerleading squads is open to all girls ages 6-14 (as of Sept. 1). Both units will cheer for the Meteors and Comets freshman, JV and varsity football squads during the season and also participate in the Western Suburban Junior Football League cheerleading rally. For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or visit www.wyaa.org.

Fire on the ice

The 2000 Farmington Hills Fire Mite A spring travel hockey team recently captured the Big Bear Ring of Fire Tournament at the Arctic Edge Arena with a 7-2 win over the Trenton River Rats in the finals. After losing their opener 2-1 to Canton, the Fire responded with wins over Plymouth (2-1) and Toledo (3-2). Members of the Fire, coached by Kip Maurer, include: Jack Blake, Bryce Dorough, Brendan Olepa, Paul Maurer, Mitchell Morris, Noah De Guzman; Shane Theodore, Jack Rumohr, Michael Mancinelli, Benjamin Goguen, Joe Mack, Carson Grainer, Phillip Collingwood and Mitchell Smith. Assistant coaches include Vince Grainer, Joe Mancinelli and Peter Goguen. The team manager is Ed De Guzman.

CYO volleyball

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette who are entering grades 4-8 this fall are eligible to try out for the St. Edith Catholic Youth Organization girls volleyball program. The season runs from mid-August through mid-October. To register, sign up on the St. Edith's gym bulletin board or e-mail smart5959@sbcglobal.net. For more information, call volleyball coordinator Gary Smart at (734) 432-5959.

SK8 Jam

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its SK8 Jam for boys and girls ages 7-and-up beginning at noon Saturday, June 16 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center Skate Park, located at 15100 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile). Registration is from 11 a.m. to noon the day of the event (cost \$5). Pre-registration starts Monday, May 14 at the LCRC (cost \$3). Prizes will be awarded for beginner, intermediate and expert skaters. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Girls fastpitch

Registration for the 2007 Westland Lightning girls fastpitch softball program (ages 8-16) is being held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the Westland Youth Athletic Association Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland. Birth certificates are required. For more information, call (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

Churchill golf outing

The seventh annual Churchill Athletic Patrons golf outing will begin at 1:30 p.m. (shotgun start) Friday, June 15 at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course. Included in the \$100 cost will be 18 holes of golf, cart and dinner at George Murphy's. The CAP fundraiser will help support the athletic program and athletes at Churchill High School. For information, visit the Churchill H.S. Web Site or call the athletic department at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Stevenson golf outing

The Livonia Stevenson Golf Outing will begin at 1:30 p.m. (shotgun start) Sunday, June 3 at Salem Hills Golf Course, 8810 Six Mile Road, Northville. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. The 18 holes of golf (with cart) will be four-person scramble. Contest and prizes include closest-to-the-pin and longest drive. The pre-registration fee (before May 1) is \$100 with golf and dinner. After May 1 the fee is \$125 (dinner only is \$50). Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100, \$200 and \$500. For more information, call Chris Thom at (248) 476-7336 or Lori Hollandsworth at (248) 442-9234.

C'ville golf outing

The third annual Livonia Clarenceville Athletic Department Golf Outing will be Saturday, June 9 at Tanglewood Golf Course, 53505 W. 10 Mile Road, South Lyon. There will be a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Arrive and be registered by 1:15 p.m. The free driving range opens at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$125 (includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes). Dinner only is \$25. Corporate hole sponsorships are available for \$100. For more information, call Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217. (All reservations must be received in the Clarenceville Athletic Office no later than Tuesday, June 5.)

Drop in H.S. hockey

High school drop in hockey will be available from 3:30-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Eddie Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia. The fee is \$8 per player. It is limited to 24 players and four goalies. All players must show their high school I.D., read and sign a rules form, along with a liability waiver form.

Open swimming

Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation will stage open recreational swimming from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays through May 29 at the Dyer Orthopedic Pool, located on Marquette Road (between Wayne and Newburgh roads). The one night fee is \$2 for Wayne County residents and \$3 for non-Wayne County residents. Five swim cards are \$10 for Wayne County residents and \$15 for non-residents. For more information, call Margaret Martin at (734) 722-7620; or e-mail mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us.

Archery classes

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer a six-week advanced archery class for ages

10 and up from 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, May 14 through June 25 (no class May 28) at the Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road. Registration is at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 12100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). The fee is \$30. Equipment will be provided, but it is recommended you bring your own finger tab and arm guard. You may bring your own equipment with instructor approval the first class. For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Archery introduction

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage an introduction to target archery class from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturdays, May 12, June 9, Aug. 18 and Sept. 22, at the Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road. The fee is \$12 (residents) and \$14 (non-residents). Children 9-and-under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration, which begins Monday, April 2, is at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 12100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). Participants are welcome to bring their own equipment. A limited number of instructional bow, arrows and other supplies are available to use at no additional cost. Class participants may also bring a lunch if desired - a half-hour break is schedule during the workshop. For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Tennis introduction

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage three different sessions of summer introduction to tennis (ages 6-10) at the Sheldon Park tennis courts, located on Plymouth Road (just east of Farmington). The three-week Session I will be 9-10 a.m. or 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 19 and 21 through July 2-3 (classes will meet Monday-Tuesday due to the holiday); Session II, July 10-12 through July 24-26; and Session II, July 31-Aug. 2 through Aug. 14-16. The fee is \$75 per session for residents; \$85 for non-residents. Registration starts Monday, May 7 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile Road). For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Archery range opens

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will open its archery range from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays from April through October; and 4 p.m. until dusk Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept.-October. The range is located on Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road. Registration for an archery range season pass is underway at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's Parks and Recreation Desk, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). Resident season pass fees are \$25 (per individual); \$35 (two members); \$45 (three members); and \$55 (four or more). Non-resident fees are \$40 (per individual); \$50 (two members); \$60 (three members); and \$70 (non-resident).

Daily resident pass fees are \$4 (adult) and \$2 (17-and-under). Non-resident fees are \$6 (adult) and \$4 (17-and-under). For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Stevenson High School has an opening for a varsity pom pon head coach. For more information, call Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at (734) 744-2894. Livonia Ladywood has openings for a girls varsity dance cheer coach (fall) and girls varsity competitive cheer coach (winter) for the 2007-08 season. Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

LHA golf outing

The 11th annual Livonia Hockey Association golf outing will be Friday, June 15, at the Links of Novi Golf Course. The foursome scramble begins with bag drop at 9 a.m. followed by 10 a.m. registration. A shotgun start follows at 11 a.m. The cost for golf and dinner is \$125 (dinner only \$35). Included in the cost is 18 holes (with cart), hot dog lunch at the turn, and a barbecue steak dinner. Prizes will be awarded to the winners for longest drive and closest to the pin. You can also purchase 50-50 raffle tickets. All payments must be received by June 8. For more information, call (734) 422-5172; or visit livoniahockey.org.

Northville Runners

Runners of all levels are invited to join the Northville (formerly Redford) Road Runners, which meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday - with the exception of the first Tuesday of each month at Running Fit in Northville (Six Mile and Haggerty roads) - and Thursday at Maybury State Park (off Eight Mile Road entrance west of Beck Road). Runners also meet at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Maybury. Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-to-6 miles. Visit www.northvilleroadrunners.org for more information.

Baseball Academy

The Bernie Carbo Pro Secrets Baseball Training Academy will be staging individual, small group and team skill sessions in velocity improvement, power hitting and fielding. Marketing showcase sessions for high school players are available. Former Phillies minor league All-Star Mark Rutherford is the featured instructor. For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

Junior golf tourney

The Wayne County Trusted Choice Big 'T' Junior Classic golf tournament will be on Monday, June 25, at Riverview Highlands Golf Course in Riverview. The tournament is open to boy and girls that will not have turned 19 years-old by Aug. 2, 2007. Qualifying players from the Wayne County tourney advance to the Michigan finals, Monday, July 9, at the Flint Golf Club. The top Michigan finishers advance to the national finals July 30-Aug. 2, in Boise, Idaho. For an entry form and more information, call tournament organizer Dan Mercure, Jr. at (734) 379-9611.

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Patriots' Sciba finds groove, Ks 16 in win vs. Wayne

Sean Sciba was dialed in on the mound Monday afternoon. The senior right-hander struck out a career-high 16 as he pitched Livonia Franklin to a 3-2 WLLA-Western Division baseball triumph over Wayne Memorial.

Sciba allowed just one walk and three hits over seven innings to outduel Wayne's Brent Patterson, who scattered seven hits and two walks while fanning four in going the distance.

"We didn't have to make many plays today behind Sean," said Franklin first-year coach Matt Fournier, whose Patriots are 5-13 overall and 2-4 in the division. "Sean had 14 strikeouts earlier in the season against Milford, but we lost 4-2.

"It's the sharpest his breaking ball has been all year. He's gotten better overall as the season has gone along."

Franklin tallied all four of its runs in the fourth inning thanks to three hits and two Wayne errors.

Sciba aided his own effort with an RBI double. Garrett Gumm also went 2-for-4 with a double and run scored, while David Muller also added two hits.

Tim Siegfried went 2-for-3 for the Zebras, who dropped to 8-12 overall and 2-5 in the division. Trey Raynes knocked in both runs with a single.

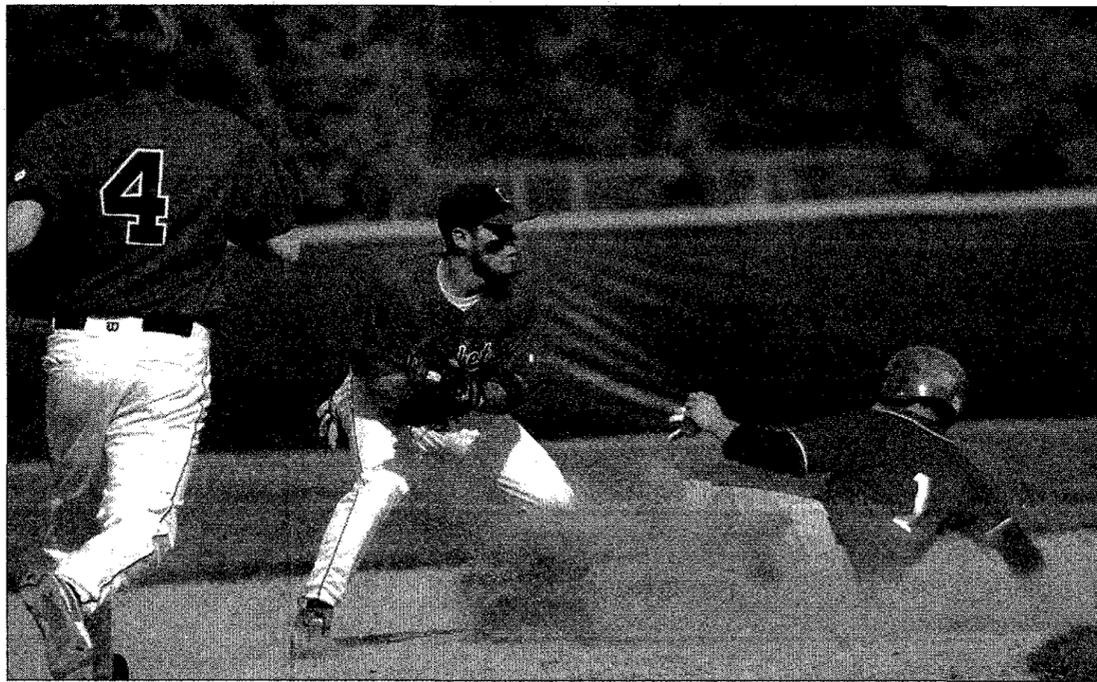
JOHN GLENN 5, WAYNE 2: Pitcher Nate Cover struck out 10 in 5.1 innings Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (8-10) won the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover against rival Wayne Memorial (8-13).

Cover allowed one earned run on four hits. He walked four.

Jeff Girgen had a two-run double for the Rockets, while Al Siewierski contributed a hit, an RBI and scored twice.

Glenn scored two runs in the first without a hit. Glenn's last run came on a Wayne throwing error.

Wayne starting pitcher Clint Cavanaugh allowed five runs on five



Glenn third baseman Nathan Cover (left) fielded the ball in the hole and goes to second baseman Al Siewierski (middle) as he looks to throw to first while Churchill's Brian Runge is forced out.

hits and five walks.

Leading hitters for the Zebras were J.B. Harris, who went 2-for-3 and scored two runs, along with Cavanaugh, who went 2-for-4 with a stolen base.

W.L. WESTERN 15, STEVENSON 7: In a WLLA crossover Tuesday, host Livonia Stevenson (10-9) lost a slugfest to Walled Lake Western (12-6).

Western, which collected 18 hits, was led by Steve Astrien, 3-for-5 with two runs and an RBI; Andy Buchanan, 3-for-5, including a homer and three RBI; and Brett Lubanski, 3-for-4 with two runs and an RBI.

Matt Loney and Nick Plinka each went 3-for-4 for the Spartans. Jeff Sorenson, Loney and Dan Rozek each knocked in a run.

JOHN GLENN 7, CHURCHILL 3: Robert Fraser went seven strong innings Monday as host Westland John

Glenn (7-10, 3-3) downed Livonia Churchill (7-11, 2-5) in a WLLA-Lakes Division game.

Fraser allowed three earned runs on six hits and two walks, while fanning eight.

Losing pitcher Shea Dwyer gave up seven earned runs on six hits and six walks in six innings.

Jerry Smith had an RBI safety squeeze and an RBI sacrifice fly for Glenn. Jeff Girgen contributed an RBI single.

Steve Jones belted a three-run double in the first inning to give the Chargers a short-lived 3-0 advantage.

W.L. CENTRAL 10, STEVENSON 0: Torrey Stimson pitched a five-inning no-hitter Monday as Walled Lake Central (11-2, 6-1) blanked host Livonia Stevenson (10-8, 3-4) in a WLLA-Lakes Division game. Stimson walked five and struck out four in the mercy-rule triumph.

He also went 2-for-3 with a double, homer and two RBI. James MacLellan also doubled, homer and knocked in three runs, while Drew Adamiec added two hits, including a double and RBI for the victorious Vikings.

Losing pitcher Andy Jones went 1.2 innings, allowed five runs (no earned) on three hits and four walks. He fanned four.

STEVENSON 6, LUMEN CHRISTI 6: Nick Plinka went 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBI Saturday as Livonia Stevenson (10-7) upended Jackson Lumen Christi (14-3) in the second game of the Farmington Tournament.

Matt Tuttle added a pair of doubles and RBI for the victorious Spartans, who did not advance to the championship game based on a tiebreaker based on total number of runs allowed. (Farmington defeated North

Farmington to take the prize, 12-0.)

Winning pitcher Grant Campbell, a junior, went 5 innings, allowing five runs on nine hits and two walks. He struck out four. Sophomore Jake Wilson got the save, allowing an unearned run on one hit and one walk over the final two innings.

Kelly Thompson, Mike Zaski and Eric Woolzel each had two hits for the Titans. Losing pitcher Mike Reiman gave up eight runs on five hits over four innings.

STEVENSON 10, HARRISON 5: Winning pitcher Matt Tuttle fanned 15 batters Saturday as Livonia Stevenson (9-7) defeated Farmington Hills Harrison (6-10) in the opening round of the Farmington Tournament. Tuttle, a senior, allowed two earned runs on five hits. He walked four.

Luke Knochel went 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored, while Matt Loney added two hits, includ-

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ing a double and two RBI. Nick Coram and Dan Rozek also knocked in runs.

Losing pitcher Bobby Rhinehart allowed 10 runs on six hits and seven walks over 4.1 innings. He fanned five.

Steve Pelletier went 2-for-2 with an RBI for the Hawks, while Dan Siroy knocked in two runs. Rhinehart also had a double and scored twice.

FRANKLIN 14, CRANBROOK 4: Jeff McCullough blasted a three-run homer in the second inning and Jesse Carpenter went 3-for-4 with two runs scored as Livonia Franklin (4-12) downed Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (6-7) in the opening round of Saturday's Clarkston Tournament.

Tyler Canyock added two hits and scored three runs in the win, while Frank Pencola contributed an RBI single.

Winning pitcher Dave Leins worked all five innings in the mercy rule win. He allowed two earned runs on five hits, walked two and struck out four.

A.A. PIONEER 14, FRANKLIN 2: It lasted only five innings Saturday as Ann Arbor Pioneer (14-4-1) mercied Livonia Franklin (4-14) in the Clarkston Tournament.

Sophomore shortstop Stephen Rogers went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and triple for the state-ranked Pioneers. He also scored three runs.

Ben Kinch was the winning pitcher, while Franklin starter Garrett Gumm suffered the loss.

CHURCHILL 4, W.L. NORTHERN 1: Brian Runge tossed a three-hitter Friday as host Livonia Churchill (7-10, 2-4) defeated Walled Lake Northern (10-5, 3-3) in a WLLA-Lakes Division encounter.

Runge allowed just one walk and struck out two.

Northern's Andy Tinkey took the loss, allowing four runs on just two hits and three walks. He struck out 10, but the Knights committed three costly errors leading to two Churchill runs in the first and two more in the fifth.

Vinny Carozza's suicide squeeze scored Matt Luneack in the fifth inning.

Northern got an RBI single from Garrett Breeding in the second.

Warriors stop Riverview after 8-7 Metro setback

Lutheran High Westland's baseball team let one slip away Monday against Harper Woods, but on Tuesday the Warriors racked up 15 hits in a 13-9 non-conference win over visiting Riverview.

Despite seven errors, the Warriors improved to 10-4 overall as Chris Ake led the way going 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Other hitting standouts for Lutheran Westland included Nate Bachert (2-for-4, double, three RBI); Ryan Baglow (2-for-3, doubles, three RBI, two runs); Sean Vandenbrink (2-for-4, RBI); Dan Abbott (2-for-2, RBI, three walks); and Adam Zehel (2-for-5, two runs). Aaron Derminer and Jake Wiemer also knocked in runs.

Baglow got the win in relief of starter Dan Krzyske.

The loss drops Riverview to 4-10 overall.

On Monday, the Warriors couldn't hold a 7-4 lead through five innings as host Harper Woods stormed back for an 8-7 victory.

The loss dropped the Warriors to 4-4 in the Metro.

Losing pitcher Derek Fleetham was victim of six errors. He allowed two earned runs on eight hits in six innings, while fanning nine.

"Errors, a blown call by the umpire and a couple of hits did us in," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Derek pitched well, got groundballs and fly balls, but the defense just didn't get it done behind him. Leaving eight guys on base doesn't help either in a one-run game."

Austin Baglow had two hits and two RBI in the loss, while Abbott, Ryan Baglow and Derminer also collected two hits apiece.

Derminer, Zehel and David Rider also knocked in runs for the Warriors.

CLAWSON 13, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Rob Freeman went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI Tuesday as the Trojans from Clawson downed visiting Livonia Clarenceville (9-17, 1-7).

Kenny Schlenker was the winning pitcher, while Brad Schwartz suffered the loss.

Allen Mazur doubled in the setback for Clarenceville.

CRANBROOK 10, CLARENCEVILLE 0:

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Matt St. Clair pitched a one-hitter and struck out 10 Monday as Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (7-7, 5-2) took five innings to mercy host Livonia Clarenceville (3-16, 1-6) in a Metro Conference game.

Zack Bobowski went 1-for-3 with three RBI to lead the Cranes. Allen Mazur was the losing pitcher for the Trojans.

ANNAPOLIS 15-16, CLARENCEVILLE 6-2: In a non-league doubleheader Saturday, host Dearborn Heights Annapolis took both ends, 15-6 and 16-2 (in five innings) over Livonia Clarenceville.

Randy Jully and Josh Genit were the winning pitchers in Game Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, for the Cougars.

Kirk Sauro went 4-for-6 with a pair of doubles and seven RBI on the day to lead Annapolis.

Allen Mazur went 4-for-6 with a pair of doubles and three RBI for the Trojans.

Mazur and Paul Wilcox took the losses on the mound for the Trojans. **LUTHERAN WESTLAND 6, CRANBROOK 0:** Starter Micah Hausch went the first 6.1 innings and reliever Ryan Baglow came on for the final two outs to combine on a no-hitter last Thursday as host Harper Woods stormed back for an 8-7 victory.

The loss dropped the Warriors to 4-4 in the Metro.

Losing pitcher Derek Fleetham was victim of six errors. He allowed two earned runs on eight hits in six innings, while fanning nine.

"Errors, a blown call by the umpire and a couple of hits did us in," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said.

Ryan Baglow struck out the first batter he faced in relief and sophomore shortstop Austin Baglow preserved the no-hitter with a diving effort and throwing out the runner going to second for the force out.

Offensively, Aaron Derminer led the way with two hits, including a double and three RBI. Chris Ake and C.J. Garber contributed two hits apiece.

LUTH. WESTLAND 9, CLAWSON 2: In a Metro Conference game May 2, Ryan Baglow hurled a complete-game five-hitter as host Lutheran High Westland (8-3, 3-3) downed the Trojans (6-9, 2-4) in a Metro Conference matchup.

Baglow faced 29 batters, allowing no earned runs on one walk. He struck out three.

Chris Ake knocked in four runs for the Warriors, including a three-run homer and RBI double. Billy Meier also had two hits and scored twice.

Adam Zehel knocked in two runs and also scored two. C.J. Garber added two RBI.

Northville does number on Chargers, 3-1

Northville tallied three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning Tuesday to earn a 3-1 Western Lakes Activities Association girls softball crossover win over visiting Livonia Churchill.

The Mustangs, now 17-5 overall, got the three runs with the aid of a walk, error and two passed balls. They won despite being out-hit 7-4.

Winning pitcher Allison Holmes went all seven innings, striking out 10 and walking only one.

Churchill starter Julie Lewandowski went five innings, allowing four hits and two walks. She struck out two before giving way to reliever Jordan Kerr, who kept Northville off the board in the bottom of the sixth.

Jenna Dumbleton led the Northville hitting attack going 2-for-4.

Paula Guzik and Katina St. Pierre each went 2-for-3 for the Chargers, who fall to 11-8 overall. Guzik had an RBI single in the top of the fifth inning to give Churchill a 1-0 advantage.

STEVENSON 5, W.L. WESTERN 4: Despite four errors, Livonia Stevenson (11-6) held on for a WLLA crossover victory Tuesday at Walled Lake Western.

Kathleen Hoehn was the hitting hero for the Spartans, delivering a

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

two-run single and RBI single (in the seventh scoring Kristina Vaclavik). Janice Hollandsworth added two hits, a run and a stolen base, while Emily Hollandsworth tripled.

Winning pitcher Laura Deacon scattered six hits and one walk over seven innings. She struck out seven. Only two of the runs were earned.

Losing pitcher Kala Mapes allowed eight hits, walked three and struck out five. Three of the five runs were earned.

LADYWOOD 5-5, MARIAN 4-1: Livonia Ladywood (6-12, 2-6) earned its first two victories in the Catholic League's Central Division Tuesday by sweeping host Birmingham Marian in a twinbill.

The three-time Division II state quarterfinalists won the opener, 5-4, as freshman Alyssa Gietl went 3-for-4.

Sarah Stempin added two hits in the win.

Winning pitcher Meredith Stasa went all seven innings, allowing five hits and three walks.

Kara Hammer went 3-for-4, while Maddie Gibbs added two hits for the Mustangs.

In the nightcap, Lauren Taylor pitched a two-hitter and struck out 10 as the Blazers rolled to a 5-4 triumph. The senior right-hander did not walk a batter in seven innings.

Emily Hayes, the losing pitcher in the first game, also took the loss in the second game.

Erin McLaughlin went 2-for-4 to lead the Blazers' offense. Alyssa

Abramoski and Taylor each contributed RBI doubles.

FRANKLIN 19, WAYNE 0: It took just three innings Monday as host Livonia Franklin (11-6, 3-3) rolled to a mercy-rule win over Wayne Memorial (1-15, 0-6).

Brittany Taylor went 3-for-3, including a two-run homer over the fence in the first inning. She finished with four RBI and scored three runs.

Twin sister Brianna Taylor went 2-for-3 with two runs.

Other offensive standouts included Keeley Wilson, who went 2-for-3 with three runs and an RBI, and Meg Schemanske, who finished with two hits and an RBI.

Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn allowed just two hits and struck out four.

Jessie Harris, the losing pitcher, allowed 11 hits and walked five.

CHURCHILL 7, JOHN GLENN 1: Jordan Kerr pitched a six-hit complete game Monday as host Livonia Churchill (11-7, 2-5) downed Westland John Glenn (0-14, 0-7) in a WLLA-Lakes Division game.

Kerr struck out three and walked two. She also went 2-for-3 at the plate. Teammate Emily McShane also added two hits.

Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook gave up nine hits, walked one and struck out four in six innings. She also led Glenn's offense with two hits.

CHURCHILL 7-11, CRESTWOOD 0-1: In a non-league doubleheader Saturday, host Livonia Churchill (10-7) swept Dearborn Heights Crestwood (3-8).

Jordan Kerr pitched a two-hit shutout in the opener, a 7-0 tri-

umph. She struck out eight and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

She also paced the offensive attack going 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two RBI.

Churchill also took the second game in six innings (mercy rule), 11-1, as Paula Guzik went 4-for-4 with an RBI. Emily McShane and Chelsea Wedick each went 2-for-3 with a double apiece.

Winning pitcher Julie Lewadowski limited Crestwood to four hits and two walks. She fanned seven.

FRANKLIN 2-1 AT SALEM: In Saturday's Salem Tournament, the Patriots (10-6) took two out of three games.

In the opener, Livonia Franklin edged South Lyon, 4-3, as freshman pitcher Alecia Geraghty (3-2) got the win. She allowed just three hits and walked four over seven innings.

Brittany Taylor went 2-for-4 with two runs and two stolen bases. Brianna Taylor added two hits, an RBI and three stolen bases.

Salem, which finished unbeaten (3-0) in its pool with a 7-6 win over the Patriots in Game No. 2.

Losing pitcher Natalie Sanborn (6-4) allowed six earned runs on 10 hits and four walks. Brianna Taylor tripled and scored a run, while Brittany Taylor singled and scored a run. Lauren Giacobozzi contributed an RBI single.

In Game No. 3, Franklin beat Flat Rock, 3-1, as Geraghty (4-2) pitched seven strong innings, allowing just three hits and four walks.

Brittany and Brianna Taylor combined to go 4-for-6 with two runs and an RBI.

Maskin was well-known sports writer and official

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

George Maskin, a former Observer sports editor and longtime sports official, is remembered as a man who wore many hats during a career that spanned eight decades.

Maskin, a resident of Novi who died last month at the age of 90, wrote for the Plymouth Mail & Observer in the 1960s and early '70s, covering the local high school sports scene.

In overlapping years, he also was the Director of Public Relations for the Detroit Pistons from 1960-1974.

One of Maskin's three children, Julie Rollins of

Farmington, related a story involving her father and former Pistons great Bob Lanier.

Rollins, a fourth grade school teacher, learned Lanier was working with the NEA in its Read to Achieve program. She asked her father if he would call Lanier or ask him to visit her classroom when he saw Lanier again.

"Bob agreed to visit," Rollins said. "We had a few minutes to talk the morning of his visit, and I thanked him for coming for me. He told me that he didn't do it for me. He did it for my dad!"

"When Bob was a rookie, my dad had treated him like a man, not just a basketball player. He treated him with respect and kindness. So, when my dad

asked him for a favor 35 years later, Bob was honored to do it.

"Bob Lanier called my dad to tell him how much he meant to him, just days before my dad passed away."

Previously, he wrote sports for Stars and Stripes, the U.S. Army newspaper, during World War II. Afterward, he worked for the Detroit Times, Detroit News and Detroit Free Press.

He was the first journalist in Michigan to establish high school and college football and basketball ratings, a concept and practice that continues today.

Maskin, who also covered professional sports for the Detroit dailies, joined the Baseball Writers of America Association in 1948 and was

the oldest living member in the Detroit chapter.

Maskin was known to many high school coaches, athletes and fans as a longtime sports official. He also worked some college games.

The George Maskin Memorial Fund, which will be used to provide college scholarships for student-athletes, has been established at the Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation, 2000 Oakley Park Drive, Suite 104, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

Maskin is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elaine, two other children - Richard (Dorothy) Maskin of Royal Oak and Douglas (Marie) Maskin of Bloomfield Hills, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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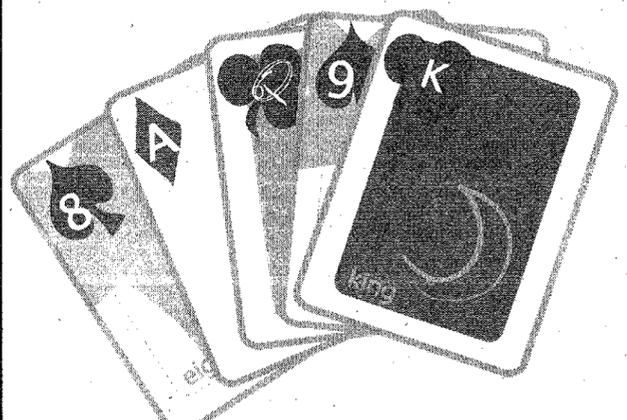
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- 15 Opposed
- 16 Without loopholes
- 18 Futile
- 20 Gold Rush st.
- 21 Octopus defense
- 22 Black-and-white striped animals
- 26 Veldt grazer
- 29 Each
- 30 Incan treasure
- 31 Loud sound
- 32 Tommy Jones
- 33 Mix together
- 34 Proposal
- 35 Big snake

DOWN

- 36 Soft leather
- 37 Does a salon job
- 39 Holed up
- 40 Condition
- 41 Dairy cattle
- 45 Flowering vine
- 49 Gotcha! (2 wds.)
- 50 Natural resource
- 51 Recline indolently
- 52 Is, to Pedro
- 53 Dripping
- 54 Rents out
- 55 Harness piece

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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