

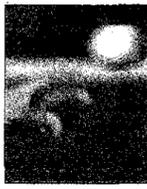
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Wearing her mortar board, Violet Hipner leaves the Tinkham Center in Westland as a high school graduate.

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'I always knew I could do it ...'

At age 71, she is now a high school graduate

'She's a wonderful example of lifelong learning, that people can learn at any stage of their lives. She was a good example for our younger students by attending every day. She had near perfect attendance.'

Janet Campbell,
Violet Hipner's counselor
at Tinkham.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Violet Hipner clearly remembers the day her brothers and sisters went off to school. She stood on the front porch of her family's home and cried because she couldn't go.

Her parents had pulled her out of school after eighth grade because of her "nerves."

"I always wanted to graduate, but I didn't do good in school," Hipner said. "I could have gone to a special school in Ypsilanti, but my parents couldn't afford it with four other children in school."

Her dream of graduating from high school was fulfilled Friday evening as she walked across the stage at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium to receive her diploma from the Wayne-Westland Community

Schools.

It took five years of sitting in classrooms at the Tinkham Center with students far younger than the 71-year-old Garden City resident and earning all of the 22 credits needed to get her high school diploma.

"I'm excited, but I'm overwhelmed," said Hipner. "It's hard for me to say I did it."

"She's a wonderful example of lifelong learning, that people can learn at any stage of their lives," said Janet Campbell, who was Hipner's counselor at Tinkham. "She was a good example for our younger students by attending every day. She had near perfect attendance."

She was such a wonderful example that Hipner also received a second, surprise honor. She was awarded the Most Determined Student Award.

Hipner happened upon the

Tinkham Center while watching the school channel on cable TV. She decided to check into it. She showed up at Tinkham in December 2002 with her certificate of eighth-grade completion from North Junior High School in Wayne. It was dated June 1952. In January 2003, she was enrolled in high school.

Hipner recalls that her parents sent her to stay with her grandparents when she missed the start of the school year. She stayed a month and then came home. She returned the next year to stay "for quite awhile" following her grandfather's death.

She filled her teen years with baby-sitting jobs and helped keep up the family home. She eventually landed a job in dietary at Annapolis Hospital where she worked for 20

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Wild: Proposed water contract lacks answers

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A proposed Model Water Service Contract has one city official wondering if it is in the best interest of Westland residents.

"I wholeheartedly understand the challenges that arise when drafting a contract of this magnitude that affects so many communities," said Westland Mayor William Wild in a letter to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. "But while the proposed contract is a step in the right direction, it still falls short in addressing the concerns of individual communities."

The model contract would have a 30-year duration with a 10-year opt out clause, meaning a community wishing to withdraw from the water system would have to give Detroit notice 10 years in advance.

Wild likens that to the failed incinerator contract, saying that the 40-year pact looked OK initially, but the marketplace changed. A 30-year contract, while benefiting DWSD, would eliminate future leverage of municipalities, especially if there is a change, he said.

He also called the 10-year opt out "unreasonable and the penalty for early withdrawal extreme."

"The problem is it's the only game in town," he said.

Wild had several other commendations for the DWSD:

- The suburban communities have more say in how this system operates, how costs are determined for maintenance projects, and ultimately how rates are developed.

- Municipalities should have access to the data which documents the need for a rate increase, and should not be forced to simply pass along rate increases to customers.

- Since municipalities are expected to pay in a timely manner, DWSD should guarantee adequate water pressure, quality and system maintenance and should be accountable financially in the event of failure to perform.

Wild believes the Detroit Water Board is trying erase the bad publicity it has received over its water rate increases and the failure of legislation introduced by then Sen. Laura Toy to give the suburbs a say in rate setting.

"It's come down to here they have a model contract, but there's things that concern me," Wild said. "It's a lot of the issues in the past like rate setting. They still won't explain that."

"They pick the day with the highest usage. (City Attorney) Angelo (Plakas) says you'd have to have a Ph.D. to understand the formula."

He added that in addition to the rate increase, the city also is expected to pick up the costs of providing the infrastructure.

With suburban communities not having adequate representation on the board, they have no input or say on projects. The DWSD decides and passes the cost on to the communities, he said.

"It appears this contract is on a fast track," he said. "My gut feeling is that by locking up the communities for 30 years, it gives them an opportunity to sell the system."

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Hearing postponed in child abuse case



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A hearing for Valeeka Noelle Gartrell on charges of attempted murder and first-degree child abuse has been delayed a second time to June 21.

A preliminary examination for a Westland woman accused of placing her newborn in a trash bag and leaving him in a garage has been adjourned for a second time.

Valeeka Noelle Gartrell, 27, is charged with attempted murder and first-degree child abuse.

On Thursday, Westland 18th District Court Judge C. Charles Bokos granted a defense motion adjourning the hearing until June 21.

The reason cited for the delay was to allow more time for obtaining medical records about Gartrell, who also has a 3-year-old daughter. Earlier, the defense had sought additional time to obtain a psychiatric evaluation of Gartrell.

Police believe that Gartrell gave birth

around 11 a.m. April 23 at her parents' home in the area of Joy and Hix, then woke her mother to tell her that she was bleeding. Gartrell's parents took her to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where doctors told them that Gartrell already had given birth.

Relatives returned to the home and found the baby after hearing cries coming from the garage.

Gartrell has no criminal record, a reason the prosecution didn't oppose a bond reduction that her family could meet to allow her release from custody.

Staying with a relative in Westland, Gartrell was ordered placed on an electronic tether and ordered not to have contact with any children under 18 years old.

Organizers ready to ride, walk for cancer society

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Robin Murphy is leaving nothing to chance. She's asking God for a little help with Saturday's third annual Ride for Life.

"The first year the weather was terrible, and last year we had a few sprinkles," she said. "We were behind the storms so we had wet roads. This year, I'm praying for good weather, but we'll ride rain or shine."

The third annual ride will leave at noon from the Bailey Recreation Center on Ford west of Wayne Road for a 100-

mile ride to Dexter and back to Chatters Lounge on Wayne Road.

Members of the Westland Police and Wayne County Sheriff's Department will provide escort for the ride which is sponsored by the Motor City HOG (Harley Owners Group) Chapter 2368.

"I hope we have 200 bikers ... I'd be thrilled to get 200," said the Garden City resident who is getting help again this year from Pamela Shaw and Lynette Hobyack. "All groups, all bikers, everyone is welcome."

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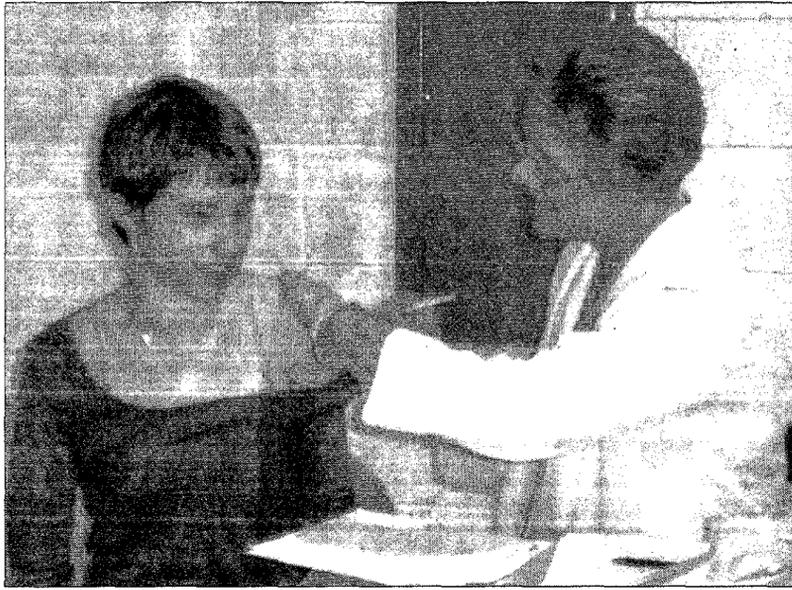
Seniors at Churchill High School made room in their busy schedules last month for an activity that could help save their lives. On May 11, 24 seniors and their parents made the decision to receive the Meningitis vaccine at the high school.

"I decided to get the shot to prepare for college next year. I was extremely nervous, but it turned out I couldn't even feel the shot," said Emily Novak. Sara Bridge added: "It was really convenient to get the shot at school. It fit really well with my busy schedule."

College freshmen living in dormitories are six times more likely to contract a form of meningitis that kills up to 15 percent of the people who get it. Others could be left with permanent disabilities such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures and limb amputation.

Mercedes Williams, RN, BSN, and health and safety chair for the Churchill PTSA, decided to hold the clinic through the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan.

"As a nurse myself, prevention is always an area of focus," Williams said. "The risks from meningitis are real, especially to college-bound seniors. Yet their busy year makes getting the immunization something that could be overlooked, with possibly devastating results."



Ally Bauman gets a shot from VNA Nurse Holly Coppiellie.

The VNA offers the clinic free to community organizations, with students and their families paying only for the cost of the vaccine for which they can apply to their insurance company for reimbursement.

The Menaetra vaccine was licensed for use in 2005 and protection lasts a minimum of

eight years. The vaccine is recommended for all children 11 and older; however, as a newer vaccine older adolescents may not have received it.

Ally Bauman also attended the clinic. "I'm going to Schoolcraft for either vocal/singing or culinary arts," she said. "Even though Schoolcraft is not a dorm col-

lege, I think getting the vaccine is the right choice."

For more information about Meningitis, visit the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan at www.vna.org; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov; or the American College Health Association at www.acha.org.

Scholarship winners make Rotary Club and parents proud

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Academic achievement and community involvement were front and center, as the Westland Rotary gave scholarships to graduating high school seniors Thursday.

The club gives annual scholarships for college "because we believe in education," said Don Douglass, scholarship chairman. "We believe in education and believe in young people."

This year's honorees are:
■ Jansen Sheffield-Sadler of Wayne Memorial High School who will attend Wayne State University to study accounting. The daughter of Ann Sheffield, she will then pursue a master's of business administration degree. She received \$1,500.

■ Sarah Marie Thurmond of John Glenn High School who plans to study graphic design at Schoolcraft College. The daughter of David and Carol Thurmond, she received \$1,500.

■ Bradley Noyes of John Glenn who plans to study construction architecture at Henry Ford Community College. The son of Michael and Dawn Noyes, he received \$1,500.

■ Kimberly Costello of John Glenn who will attend Wayne

State to study business education. The daughter of Robert and Debbie Costello, she received \$1,500 given by Douglass each year in memory of his late wife, Arlene, who taught second-grade at Schweitzer Elementary in Westland.

■ Josh Brist of Livonia Churchill High who will attend Madonna University to study business. The son of Lori Fodale and Guy Brist, he received \$500.

Lou Toarmina, incoming club president, shared in the pride of parents who attended the lunch at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps.

"I know how you parents feel," said Toarmina, who also has a son graduating this spring and headed to college. "We're both happy and sad our kids are growing up."

Douglass noted escalating college costs make the scholarships more important than ever.

"Any more money is always helpful with the price of education," he said.

Some of the scholarship recipients were selected by club members, while others were picked by educators at the schools.

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'You are our heroes ...'

Burger students, staff make squares for Quilts of Valor

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The walls of Russ Mullen's Ypsilanti home are covered with quilts made by his wife Sue. There's a ladder that displays 12 of her designs and all their children and grandchildren have at least one quilt.

And by Russ Mullen's count, there's at least 12 soldiers around the country who have one to call their own, thanks to the couple's involvement in the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

The Mullens have been making quilts for QOV for more than a year after Sue heard about it from a woman at the Quilting Seasons shop in Saline. She visited the Quilts of Valor Web site and went from there.

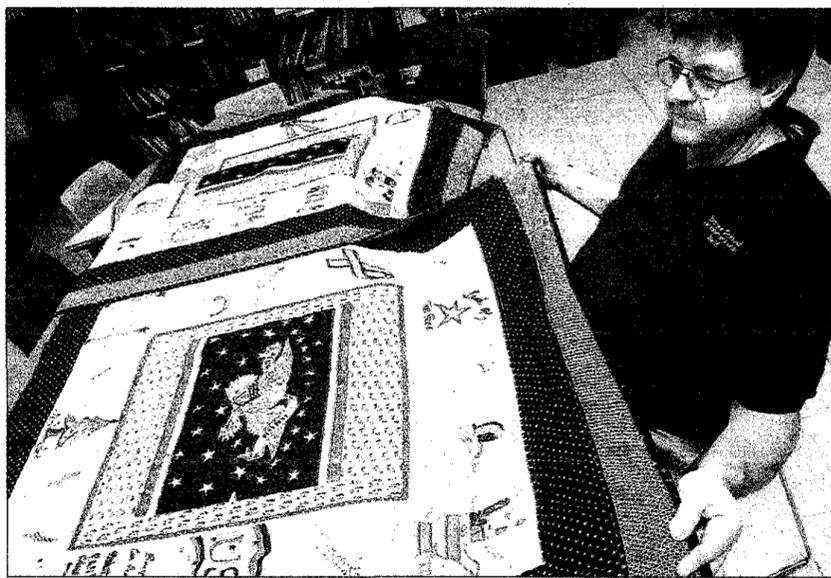
"We're doing it for our son (Army S.Sgt. Dennis Morton) who came home safe," Mullen said. "Sue found out about the organization just about the time Dennis was coming home."

But the project has gotten bigger. A teacher at Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City, Mullen now has the students and staff involved in the quilt making.

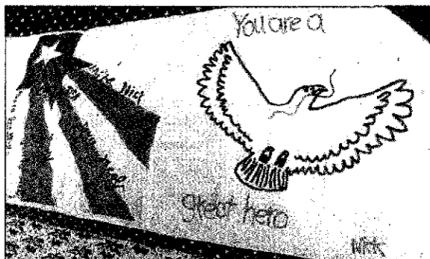
Last year, students bought material to fit into a red, white and blue theme. The material was cut into squares and then made into three quilts that Mullen displayed the finished quilts outside his classroom before they were sent to a chaplain at Walter Reid Hospital to be given to injured soldiers.

"It was cool, most of the squares were by students and they would come by and say they bought that material," he said.

This year, Mullen did it differently. He sold 9-inch ecrucolored squares for \$1 each to staff and students who then decorated them with such things as hand-drawn puzzle pieces, a symbol for autism; a scene with a Jeep and tent; a 1970s peace sign and the a patriotic-colored sing language



Russ Mullen, a teacher at the Burger Center for Students with Autism, shows off the two quilts students and staff helped create for the Quilts of Valor Foundation.



Students decorated the quilt squares with drawings and messages for the wounded soldier who will receive the quilt at a military hospital in Loma Linda, Calif.

symbol for love.

There was even one with a heartfelt message: You are our heroes.

Mullen sold enough squares to make two quilts. The money he raised to help buy the batting, backing and contrasting material that Sue Mullen used to assemble the quilts.

Last year the quilts were sent to a longarm quilter with Sue Mullen handstitching the outer edge. This year she did it all, from making the quilt top to doing the machine quilting and finishing work.

The quilts include labels letting the recipient know who made them.

The soldier has the opportunity to respond and many of the letters are posted on the Web site.

According to Mullen, what they say about the quilts can bring a person to tears.

"I know they appreciate them," he said. "When they get to the hospital they pretty much take all their possessions. When they get the quilt, it's theirs, it means a lot to them." This isn't the first time the

Burger students have done a project for the troops. Several years ago, they did a Movies for the Troops project and collected movie DVDs and theater treats to send to Iraq.

Mullen plans to bring the project back to the center next year to help the QOV Foundation achieve its goal of covering all combat-wounded and injured service members from the war on terror, whether physical or psychological wounds, with wartime quilts.

"Unfortunately, there's 60,000-80,000 wounded soldiers and up to this point, they've only supplied 8,000 quilts," he said.

People interested in helping the foundation achieve its goal can visit the Quilts of Valor Foundation Web site at www.qovf.org.

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Business offers day care, respite care for adults

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A new Westland corporation will offer adult day care and 24-hour respite services for people with family members who can't be left alone.

Owner Renee Peebles plans to open her Evangelical Adult Day Care & Respite Corp. on Friday, June 15, at 400 Venoy Road at Cherry Hill.

"I think this will really enhance Westland as far as the caregiver and respite are concerned," she said. "We're the only (center) that provides 24-hour respite service."

Even the most patient caregiver occasionally needs time alone, whether it's to run errands, take a vacation or simply attend to personal needs like a doctor's visit, senior advocates say.

Peebles plans to offer adult day care 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, including weekends and holidays. Her staff also will provide around-the-clock respite care, including private rooms, meals, laundry service, physical therapy and other skilled services.

Respite care will be provided one to 30 days, but, Peebles said, "we're not a long-term care facility."

A wide array of help will be offered, such as nursing services, a current-events group, bowling, movies, bingo, cards, church services, pet therapy, arts and crafts, exercise sessions, field trips and transportation to doctor's appointments.

Transportation also will be provided to and from the facility, Peebles said.

The cost of services will depend on income, she said, and the center accepts private pay, most long-term care insurance plans, Medicaid waivers, and most plans from the auto industry, worker's compensation and Veterans Affairs.

Funding also may be available to those who qualify through the Older Americans Act, Office of Services to the Aging, and The Senior Alliance, Peebles said.

The Evangelical Adult Day Care & Respite Center will have such staff members as a nurse, a social worker, a program manager and an activities director. Peebles is a licensed social worker.

One home health aide will be available for every three people with advanced dementia, and one for every 10 people with other disabilities, Peebles said.

The facility can accommodate up to 20 people a day for adult day care and up to five people for overnight respite, she said.

To start her business, Peebles was given special land use approval earlier this year from the Westland City Council. Now, she's ready to open.

The center will open Friday, June 15, and an open house will be offered a week later, noon to 6 p.m. Friday, June 22.

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years. She never married and stayed in the family home in Wayne until a few years ago when she moved to Garden Tower in Garden City. She admits she was apprehensive about attending class. She sat in the front row and ignored the other students. "The last two years they started speaking to me and saying 'hi,' before that they said nothing," she said. She took anywhere from two to five classes a semester and got As, Bs and Cs for her efforts. She finished high school with a 2.9 grade point average. "I sort of liked geography a lot, but math I couldn't stand," she said. "That was the hardest thing even when I was younger."

Her support network was her church, Community Baptist in Garden City. When she was struggling in one class, church members would remind her how far she had come and tell her she could do it. "They kept pushing me, they'd say, 'Just do it, and so I continued,'" she said. In addition to a few relatives, members of her church were at Friday evening's commencement ceremony. They're now encouraging to go to college. "They tell me there's different classes and it's fun, I don't know," she said. For now, Hipner is relishing having her diploma and getting ready for a graduation party the church will be holding for her. "I always knew I could do it," she said.

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Resolution honors Ford Wixom Plant

Two state lawmakers have introduced a resolution commemorating the history of the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant in Novi. The Wixom Plant closed Friday after 50 years of operation. "As a veteran of an auto assembly plant myself, I know these guys are some of the hardest workers on the planet," said State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, who introduced the resolution with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "Our state has the best workers in America, and if we invest in our workforce, I am confident that we will attract long-lasting, 21st-century jobs."

It also was designated as one of Industry Week's 12 America's Best Plants. "The Ford Motor Company, its UAW partners, staff, and other employees have fostered the social, economic, and cultural heritage of our great state," LeBlanc said. "They are deserving of this recognition for their many accomplishments, including the production of nearly 7 million vehicles." Since its opening on April 15, 1957, the Wixom Plant has played a key role in Michigan's heritage and is known for producing a number of award-winning cars. Wixom employees built the 1958 Thunderbird, 1990 Lincoln Town Car, 2000 LS, 2002 Thunderbird, all Motor Trend Car of the Year Award winners, and the 1989 Lincoln Continental, a recipient of Car and Driver's Best 10 Award.

The Ford Wixom Assembly Plant's vehicles earned many industry awards, including the 2004 Bronze Award in the J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study, North and South America Plant Awards.

AROUND WESTLAND

60th anniversary

In celebration of its 60th anniversary, Garden City Hospital will present a Summer Celebration 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today (June 3) on the hospital grounds at 6245 Inkster Road north of Ford in Garden City. Residents are invited to participate a day of activities with the theme of "Look and Learn." The programs include Child ID Program, including photos, fingerprints and DNA samples; Garden City Fire Department Smoke Alarm Giveaway; Pill Disposal; Boo-Boo Bunny Crafting; raffles; White Elephant Sale; Grill Tent and Strawberry Shortcake.

There also will be hospital information/demonstrations including: Surgical Instruments - What do they do?; Lab Specimens - What do gallstones and other items look like?; X-ray Oddities; Rehabilitation Lift Chair and Rehabilitation Games; Speech Therapy Demonstrations; Obstetrics, Cardiac and Diet and Nutrition Information and the Emergency Room Decontamination Tent. The annual Cancer Survivor Acknowledgment Program will be at 2 p.m. in front of the hospital's main entrance. Information will be available for the Tree of Angels.

Coffee Hour

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday, June 11. 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.

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

Garage sale

The Salvation Army will hold a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy Road, south of Palmer. Spaces are available for \$20 each. A limited number of tables also will be available for an additional \$10 charge. For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation in charge of any land in the City of Westland:

Table with 3 columns of property addresses: 001 99 0012 703, 049 03 0023 000, 074 01 0753 000, etc.

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of 2007. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll.

KEVIN L. BUFORD, City of Westland Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

Publish: June 3, 2007

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, June 14, 2007, various items of the City of Westland DPW will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m.

Table with columns: STOCK YEAR MAKE MODEL V.I.N. 3105695 2007 Coats Wheel Balancer 05-99-J2-1745, etc.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 11, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed Comprehensive Fee Schedule, which is on file and can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON BETTIS City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: June 3, 2007

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Architect will receive sealed bids for:

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MARQUEE SIGN AT WILLIAM FORD TECHNICAL CENTER

Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner in public. Date: June 20, 2007. Time: 1:30 p.m. EST. Place: Board of Education Wayne-Westland Community Schools 36745 Marquette Westland, MI 48185

Atttn: Sheila King, Supervisor of Business Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after May 31, 2007.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Publish: June 3 and June 10, 2007

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 11, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:25 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following: Proposed FY 2007/2008 Budget of the City of Garden City

Copies of the complete document are available at the office of the City Clerk, Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON BETTIS City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: May 22, 2007

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2593-T. Joseph-32669 Merritt Request for a 1.6% lot coverage variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 17' x 22' addition to the rear of the existing home.

Petition #2594-A. Beydoun/Maration Station. 31425 Ann Arbor Trail Request for a non-conforming sign variance from Ordinance 248 in order to alter an existing non-conforming sign located at the site by changing the 35 square foot price sign portion of the sign.

Petition #2596-L. Holt-236 S. Norma Request for two variances (a fence location & a fence height variance) from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a six (6) foot high vinyl privacy fence along the south side yard of the home.

Petition #2597-L. Epperson-8242 St. Johns Request for two variances (a fence location variance & a fence height variance) from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances as a result of the installation of a six (6) foot high privacy fence along the north side yard of the home.

Petition #2598-J. Hootman-8715 Hubbard Request for a 1 foot, 6 inch side yard fence height variance from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a six (6) foot high privacy fence in the south street side yard of the home.

Petition #2599-R. Wilson-37239 Norene Request for a non-conforming structure variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 19' x 12.5' addition to the rear of the existing home.

Petition #2600-C. Lubna-33454 Bordeaux Ct. Request for a two (2) foot, six (6) inch rear yard fence height variance from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a nine (9) foot high privacy fence in the west side rear yard of the home.

Petition #2601-J. Strong-33701 Cowan Request for a 1.9 foot front yard setback variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 6' x 20' covered porch addition to the front of the existing home.

Petition #2602-Westland Plaza-6501-6647 N. Wayne Request for a non-conforming sign variance from Ordinance 248 in order to alter an existing sign located at the site.

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RIDE

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This isn't a Harley-Davidson event, it's a motorcycle event."

The ride is being held in conjunction with Westland's Relay for Life which kicks off at 10 a.m. that day at Jaycee Park at Wildwood and Hunter. The 24-hour American Cancer Society event celebrates and honors cancer survivors and pays tribute to those who have been lost to the disease, while raising money to help fight it.

Last year's Ride for Life raised \$3,000 and Murphy hopes to double that amount this year.

"It's a very popular ride, everybody has nothing but compliments and with the support of the Westland Police and Sheriff's Department and Motor City ride captains, it's been awesome."

The ride costs \$15 per person payable at registration, which starts at 10 a.m., the day of the ride. The fee includes the ride as well as food, drawings and door prizes at Chatters. The lounge also has lined up five bands that will perform for riders.

"The public is welcome to Chatters, parking will be at Westland Car Care and Westland Veterinary Hospital," Murphy said. "We were packed last year, so we're setting up

tents in the lot for the crowd."

Back again this year is the raffle of a mini chopper, donated by Tundra Enterprises International. The bike is on display at Chatters which also is selling the tickets at \$5 each.

In past years, the ride has gone by the Relay for Life event as it was taking place in Westland's Central City Park, and Murphy hopes to continue that tradition with its move to Jaycee Park.

The city moved the event after Central City Park was closed to the public because of lead contamination problems.

Holly Soranno, an American Cancer Society community representative, is excited about the move to Jaycee Park which has a half mile walking path.

"The teams will be closer together, they'll be able to do some bonding," Soranno said.

Thirty-three teams have signed up for this year's relay. Soranno was hoping for 35. Of those teams, 10-13 are returning, but "there's a lot of fresh faces this year," she said.

The event will include the opening ceremony at 10 a.m., with the cancer survivor's victory lap at 4 p.m. At 10 p.m., the walking path will be lined with lighted luminaries in remembrance of those who have lost their battle with the disease.

Teams set a goal and raise money. As part of the actual

event, they will do on-site fund raising. In the past, teams have gone so far as to serve chicken dinners, hamburgers and hot dogs to increase their fund raising, Soranno said.

"We encourage teams to raise as much as possible and have total signs we put up," she added. "We have a traveling trophy that's goes to the highest fund-raiser. Last year, Thompson Gale took it with \$13,959."

There also will be live entertainment, but because the park is in a more heavily populated residential area, there will be no live entertainment after 11 p.m.

"We sent a letter to residents in the Wildwood-Hunter area and it was followed by one from the city," said Soranno. "We invited them to come and enjoy the event. There really will be a lot of fun things for families to do."

Soranno is still hopeful of getting 35 teams for the event. The goal is to raise \$101,000 which will go for research, education, advocacy and services for patients and their families.

People who want to become involved still can by contacting Soranno at (248) 483-4359 or by e-mail at holly.soranno@cancer.org.

"I think we're on track to hit our goals," Soranno said.

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MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Named to the honor roll for the third marking period at Marshall Middle School were:

Joshua Abraham, Kristen Acosta, Bisi Ajetunmbi, Jason Akerley, Ryan Albright, Aaron Alholinna, Bradley Alholinna, Rachael Alholinna, Alexandria Allen, Daniel Ammons, Cierra Anderson, D'Vonteono Anderson, Heather Anthony, Destiny Antieau, Ryan Arnold, Sara Aulidge, Julianne Ayers, Yvette Ayers, Sean Bailey, Arnisa Bane.

Sarah Barnett, Jessica Barton, Joshua Baguhn, Sonia Belfiore, Ewre Bernard, Nkemdilem Bernard, Chelsea Bess, Alexandria Bielec, Izabela Birsanescu, Rebecca Bizek, Gianna Blannon, Angela Blay, Fatien Bleta, Ryan Boes, Kimberly Bolden, Bonjiovonna Bonner, Chase Bovia, William Brokenshire, Joshua Brooks, Stephany Brown, Mara Buie, Taylor Bumgardner, Alexis Bunker, Jacob Burcicki.

Dontez Burgess, Markese Burton, Cierra Busby, Michael Cach, Ashley Cadaret, Jessica Campbell, Alyssa Canzoneri, Ernestine Carlos, Bradley Celmer, Aaron Chave, Amber Chave, Jevon Claypool, Davis Clenney, Desiree Clenney, Robert Codd, Aida Coka, Taylor Collins, Holley Compton, Matilda Corbaxhi, Brittany Covault, Brittany Cox.

Dennis Cox, Cody Crane, Daniel Croft, Sarah Cunningham, Brittney Dandridge, Megan Daugherty, Brian Davis, Jordyn Davis, Robert Davis, Tahj Davis, Andrea Dawkins, Brionna Delafore, Amanda Derosia, Samantha Derosia, Brandon Detherage, Asha Dixon, Dakota Douthat, Jennifer Drum, Kody Duhl, Summer Dunn.

Daishanae Elliott-Hughey, Halee Endicott, Sarah Fanny, Brian Fawley, Jessica Fielhauer, Raeven Finch, Eileena Flannery, Andrew Floied, Tatianna Flowers, Stephanie Foley, Cassie Fournier, Emily Fox, Nichole Frobe, Alec Gager, Antoinette Galindo, Lauren Gallant, Edgar Garcia, Jael Gardiner, Sean Gerth, Taylor Gibson, Kayla Gillies.

Kyle Gillies, Brandon Girard, Liridon Gjocaj, Violeta Gjocaj, Desirae Gladden, Chelsea Gnida, Marcus Gooden, Shaun Gornall, Tiana Grafton, Jonathan Guertin, Paul Gutu, Chelsea Guy, Jeremy Gysel, Candace Haggerty,

Steven Hall, Jon Handzlik, Shakim Harris, Teresa Hartwig, Sarah Headrick, Amy Hein, Jacquelyn Hewitt, Adam Hicks.

Thomas Hildebrandt, Jontae Hill, Ronald Hill, Shalonda Hill, Arielle Hines, Melissa Hoppe, Alaysha Horne, Bradley Houghton, Kellee Hubbard, Joseph Hubble, Nicole Hubble, Jeffrey Huber, Tiaunna Huddleston, Maleik Hull, Antawon Humphrey, Chelsea Hunt, Kyle Hunter, Cassandra Huren, Ajee Hurst, Ahsan Hussain, Andrei Iacob.

Brandy Jackson, Sabrina Jackson, Terrance James, Rebecca Jarvis, Joshua Jenderat, Je'Na Johnson, Katelyn Johnson, Asha Jones, Johnathan Jones, Kathryn Jones, Kaytlyn Jones, Alexis Judd, Mark Kassab, Coty Kazmierczuk, Rachel Kazmierczuk, Bria Kimbrough, Samantha Kingston, Hunter Kirchinger, Parker Kirchinger.

Cody Klann, Noah Klavinger, Rachel Klein, Kellie Klepsch, Arnold Kocibelli, Kristo Korcari, Keith Kranning, Kelly Kranning, Kelsey Kreger, Kaltra Kruja, Sharon Kumari, Rachel Landry, Sabrina Lawrence, Rebecca Lawrukovich, Steven Leblanc Jr, Caitlin Lenard, Miriam Lewis, Melanie Libres, Amberlynn Lilygren, Devin Lombard, Maverick Longuski.

Colleen Loudon, Jacob Lower, Kaitlyn Ludke, Jeffrey Luke, Ramil Manibog, Ray Manibog, Alyssa Manley, Jalen Manning, Ashley Maples, Matthew Markey, Alicia Marnon, John Marnon, Anthony Mastrogiro, Lorenzo Matthews, Leila May, Alexis McCarver, Khadijah McCloud, Robert McCloud, Kody McCollum, Angelic McCullers.

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Okunawo, Jordan Pappas, Robert Parker, Ashley Patton, Jessica Payne, Drew Pennington, Emily Perkins, Kendall Perkins, Shelby Perusse, Jessica Pesenecker, Ravyn Pete, Phillip Peters, Kelly Petersen.

Jared Peterson, Jessica Peterson, Randy Phagoo, Janae Pierce, Brandi Pinard, Brandon Polak, Madalin Pop, Justin Powers, Natalie Qassis, Anna Quillen, Barry Rafferty, Robert Rafferty, Hailey Randall, Alec Raymond, Megan Redmond, Jesse Reid, Dajanieri Rice, Latasha Richardson, Andrew Roberts, Jessica Roberts, Brandi Rock.

Taylor Rock, Rogelio Rodriguez, Shawn Roegner, Emily Rogers, Isaac Rogers-Lewis, Francis Rosales, Corneliu Rus, Anthony Rushlow, Christopher Sabal, Shannon Sailsbury, Thomas Sample, Amber Santo-Gawrecki, Danielle Saunders, Olivia Scalf, Austin Schacht, Kalleigh Schippa, Jonathon Schlacht, Aubrie Scott, Britney Sergeichik.

Heather Sergeichik, Austin Sharp, Travis Sharp, Brittney Sheahan, Amber Shellenbarger, Kala Sherman, Kyle Shipley, Victoria Silva, Laura Simons, Daj'ah Simpson, Megan Singh, Kaitlyn Skowronski, Doneeshea Smith, Kaitlyn Smith, Kirsten Smith, Mary Smith, Aaron Snyder, Ashley Solberg, Briana Soto, Kevin Spears, Joseph Stanley, Lindsay Stapleton, Marissa Stawkey, Julianna Stewart.

Bret Stoddard, Anastasia Strickland, Colton Strong, Anthony Sumpter, Holly Sutherland, Ashley Sweeting, Monique Sweeting, Harinder Syan, Shyann Szmansky, Ashley Tackett, Kayla Tadejewski, Nikunj Talati, Klara Thomas, Anthony Tinsley, Megan Trantham, Rachel Trombley, Tyler Trombley, Marinela Tupa, Steven Udell, David Vader.

Austin Valentine, Keven Wacker, Kyle Wagner, Kelli Wakeford, Jesse Wallen, Brandon Warnick, Eric Warnick, Crystal Warra, Britany Washington, Kyle Watts, Todd Watts, Kenneth Webb, Kayla West, Devin Wester, Emily White, Steven White, D'Kari Wilson, Erica Wilson, Christopher Wimer, Kaela Wojtowicz, Angeina Wolrich. Haley Woodhouse; Kenneth Woolford, Shu Wu, Latina Yacks, Ji Ye, Jaylyn Young, Nicole Young, Jacob Zadorski and Brooke Zywick.

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Operation Smile medical volunteers treat children around the world suffering from correctable facial deformities such as cleft lips, cleft palates, tumors and burns. The event will pay tribute to Operation Smile's 25th anniversary of helping more than 100,000 children around the world to smile.

Auction items include tickets to see Celine Dion perform in Las Vegas, Top Ten college football tickets, a 50" plasma television and trips to Manhattan, Monte Carlo, San Francisco, a chateau in Paris, and a ski trip to Whistler.

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For additional information or to RSVP, contact us at 248-347-3659, or RSVP@dgmanage.com
http://www.operationssmile.org/chapters/semichigan/

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Task Force to host 'Run Drugs Out of Town' fund-raiser

A fun event to help solve a serious problem is planned by the Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force.

The fund-raising event, called Save Our Youth Task Force: Run Drugs Out of Town, will feature a 5K Fun Run/Walk & 1 Mile Walk will be held Saturday, June 9, at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland.

The event begins with registration from 8:30-10 a.m. A 5K competitive run starts at 10 a.m.; a 5K noncompetitive walk starts at 10:15 a.m.; and the 1 Mile Family Fun Walk starts at 11 a.m.

Awards will be given for the competitive race, with water and aid offered every mile, professional timing by Everal Race Management and refreshments by Macaroni Grill and Stucchi's Ice Cream. T-shirts are guaranteed with advance registration and plenty of prizes will be raffled off to participants - from restaurant gift certificates to tickets to Detroit Tiger games, the hydroplane races, the Detroit Zoo, The Henry Ford, the Detroit Science Center and more.

Advanced registration entry fee is \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and senior citizens. On-site registration is \$20 for adults, \$17 for students and seniors. Children under 5 are free.

Money raised will support the Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force and it's effort to raise awareness and understanding of substance abuse issues.

A special appearance is planned by 100.3 WNIC's Chris Edmonds.

Register at www.justsayrun.com or contact Christen Ogden at (734) 522-0076 or chrisogden@justsayrun.com.

Women face trial on robbery charge

A Westland woman and her daughter have been ordered to stand trial on charges of robbing an elderly man in Venoy-Dorsey Park.

Tammy Kmet, 37, and her daughter Shawna Neumann, 21, of Wayne were ordered to stand trial on charges of unarmed robbery and larceny following a preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court Thursday.

The victim, 83, reported being robbed by the women May 18 after he parked his pickup truck in the park, located between Glenwood and Michigan Avenues.

Testifying before Judge C. Charles Bokos, the victim said Kmet recognized him because they'd met previously in the park when he'd paid her for sex.

Once a similar offer was declined on May 18, the victim

said Kmet climbed into the truck through an open window and took an envelope, containing \$248, from his pocket.

The victim, who had been struggling over the envelope, then got out of his truck to continue fighting with Kmet. He said her daughter started throwing cans at him in an effort to aid the mother.

The women fled and were arrested by Westland police near Henry Ruff and Michigan Avenue.

Both women were being held in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond.

If convicted, the women could face up to 15 years in prison for unarmed robbery. The larceny charge is punishable by up to 10 years in prison. Neumann also is charged as a second-degree habitual offender, meaning her penalties could be increased, if she's convicted.

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

Ashley Abbott, Michael Acerrano, Christina Adomitis, Arika Agnew, Sean Albaran, Shannon Alcodray, Omar Alkatie, Samia Alkatie, Cody Allen, Kaili Aloisi, Marissa Alvarez, Nathan Alvord, Shane Anderson, Nacorea Antone Diamond, Josiah Ault, Michael Babler, Mary Bache, Megan Bache, Seth Baker, Julie Bancroft, Juliana Bangura, Justin Bean, Samantha Begdorian, Jack Begley, Sidney Bennett, Andrew Benyo, Jessica Berg, Caylyn Best, Emily Best, Troy Beverley, Courtney Billings, Brandon Bleau, Hailey Blevins, Ryan Boczar, Casey Bone, Cody Borg, Zachary Bower, Shelby Bray, Ailjah Brown, Codie Buege, Jordan Buford, Jalyn Bulls, John Burger, Jonathon Burns.

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Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address. Deadline to enter the June contest is 5 p.m. Monday, June 11.

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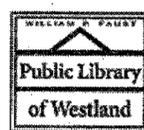
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Look for upcoming dining with these local stars — July: Jay Towers of WKRK-FM (97.1); August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9); September: Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4) — in all *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror* editions and online at www.hometownlife.com.

No purchase necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters. The star(s) featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date to be determined with winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

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Internet 101: 7 p.m. June 4.
A beginner's guide to the Internet - how do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site. No registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Internet 201: 2 p.m. June 6.
An inside look at Internet search engines. No registration or fee required.

Microsoft Word for Beginners: 7 p.m. June 11.
Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, a word processing program that lets you create a variety of documents, including letters and resumes. Learn how to set margins, change font style and size, check spelling and print. No registration is required.

Children, Teens and Adults get geared up for the Summer Reading Program beginning June 16!

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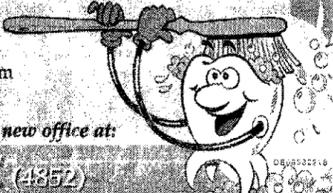
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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed 2007 Tax Millage for all assessed property in the City of Garden City for the purpose of collecting sufficient funds to meet the needs of the services performed by the City.

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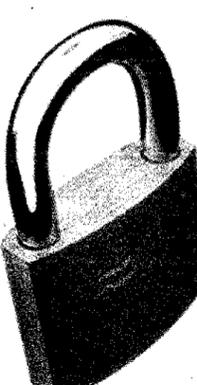
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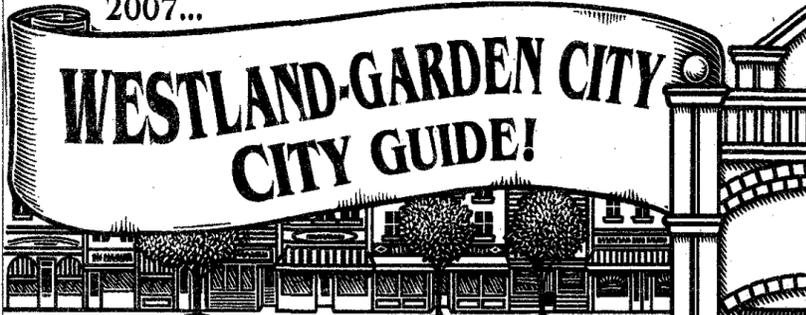


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Don't borrow on your 401(k) plan for home improvements

Dear Rick: We would like to move, however, we cannot sell our home. Because of that, we are going to do some home improvement work. We are thinking of taking a loan from our 401(k) to pay for the improvements. We do have cash in the bank to pay for the improvements. Which would you recommend?

You should use your cash to pay for home improvements. I believe 401(k) money is sacred. It is your retirement money. You can't have too much money saved for retirement.

Many people believe that borrowing from a 401(k) plan is a great way to finance home improvements. I disagree. There are a number of downsides associated with this idea. If you have an outstanding loan on a 401(k) plan, in many situations you will no longer be able to contribute more money into the plan until the loan is paid off. This prevents you from saving more money in retirement and could prevent you from taking advantage of the company matching program.

Another downside is what can happen if for some reason you lose your job. In many situations when you lose your job, the loan must be immediately paid. If the loan is not paid off, then it is treated as a distribution to you and you can be hit with taxes and penalties.

I recognize that many people like to borrow from their 401(k) plan because they feel the interest they are paying on the loan goes back into their account, thus it doesn't cost them anything. However, that is really not the case. Yes, you do pay the money back to yourself, however, it goes into your account and when that money eventually comes out of your 401(k) plan it's taxed at your ordinary income bracket. Thus, you've turned money that you've already paid taxes on into money that you'll have to pay taxes on a second time. In addition, the interest you pay on money borrowed from your 401(k) plan is not deductible.

I generally look at 401(k) plans as the last place to borrow from. For home improvements, if someone could not pay cash, I recommend a home equity loan. However, before you make any improvements to your house, make sure that you can afford the payments.

Dear Rick: We recently were on vacation and looked at a timeshare. Do you think timeshares are good investments?

No. Many people own timeshares, however, very few people make any money on them. I do not consider timeshares good investments. That being said, I don't automatically recommend people avoid buying timeshares.

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timeshare, the issue should not be based upon whether it is a good investment, but rather will it increase the quality of your life.

Many people purchase timeshares because they are under the mistaken belief that they can sell the timeshare in the future and make a substantial amount of money. Unfortunately, that rarely happens. In fact, if you do an Internet search looking at timeshares, you will see a tremendous number of them are for sale and many of these are selling below the original purchase price.

If you are thinking about purchasing a timeshare, what you need to consider is the convenience and the cost. Examine the cost of purchasing and the cost of maintaining them. After all, when you use your timeshare, they're not free. You have a maintenance fee.

One thing that I do not like about timeshares is that many times they are sold based upon high-pressure sales tactics. These tactics include such things as free shows, free meals and other gimmicks. My philosophy has always been that whenever a product is sold by high-pressure sales tactics, it is a product that I avoid.

For people who are thinking about purchasing a timeshare, do your research independently and never forget to focus on why you are buying the timeshare. Remember, it is not an investment, but rather a quality-of-life issue.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at moneymatters@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).

One word describes the local real estate market – nightmare

As I write this I am waiting for words from my beleaguered Realtor that will determine where my family will live for the foreseeable future. I'm not the type of person who issues ultimatums but enough is enough. My wife, Robin, is pregnant with our first child and we've been on the verge of selling and buying for weeks.

It is now 2:20 in the afternoon on Wednesday and I gave our Realtor until 4 p.m. to get back with me — either the couple buying our house must come up with \$5,000, the developer selling us the new house deduct the same amount from his price or the whole shooting match is called off. Sadly, after nine months of showing our house and finally finding a potential buyer, the deal is on the verge of falling apart over less than 2 percent of the transaction. Many restless nights have preceded this moment — my wife is understandably upset and even my Realtor is ready to pack it in. It is now 2:35 and still no call.



Larry Ruehlen

I guess this is reality in a strong buyer's market. At the starter home end of the realty game, people with almost no money want to buy. Sellers either have to drastically reduce the asking price or give huge concessions to make a deal.

Our house in White Lake Township went on the market last fall. Nearly everyone who walks through the place say they like it. One cash buyer said she wanted the house, then reneged because she couldn't find a suitable boat slip. Another nearly bid then bought a different house because it had a first-floor laundry. Those things happen and are expected. What isn't expected is a guy without a dime saved up for a down payment wanting \$20,000 off the listing price and oh yeah, could you please give me enough to make the down payment and close the loan.

We told that first no cash guy to take a hike. By the time another couple with no money came sniffing around we weren't so picky. At least they could qualify for an FHA loan if we offered a 6 percent concession for their down payment.

We agreed to take \$10,000 less than the house appraised at two years ago in exchange for the promise of moving to a bigger house at a bargain price. A plum foreclosure was our target, but that soon changed. People who lose their houses are angry. We toured a house with huge holes in the walls, every light fixture and wall plate removed, hundreds of missing ceiling tiles and 2,000 square feet of carpet lifted from floor — and that was one of the nice

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ones. The truly ugly foreclosures lurked in the nicest of neighborhoods. They had everything from walls full of graffiti to animal waste displayed prominently in the foyer.

We also watched too many families packing up their belongings after banks foreclosed. An unemployed bread truck driver with three young daughters being tossed from a brick colonial and moving to a mobile home. A man filling the back of his pick-up truck with essentials while we walked through the home he could no longer afford. When we saw children's toys being boxed in a Winnie the Pooh bedroom, foreclosure hunting no longer seemed a bargain — the human toll was too high. Who would want to live in a house of crushed dreams?

It's 2:50 and I'm still waiting. We looked at dozens of houses over two weeks while waiting for our buyer's loan to go through. We bid on a nice brick house that we both liked but the owner wouldn't come down more than \$2,000. We moved on to our second choice and made a great deal. A builder's model that once appraised at \$32,000 more than we offered — which the builder snapped up like a dog who hadn't eaten in days.

We were practically packing boxes when the inevitable bad news hit. The appraisal for our house was \$8,000 lower than anticipated thanks to the mess that is our state's economy. We expected it to be lower but not that low. The low appraisal meant the buyers could no longer qualify for the amount bid on our house. The deal was now for \$8,000 less and they — a couple who hadn't saved a penny for a down payment and had already forwarded their mail to our house — told us to take it or leave it. The builder of the house we wanted to buy originally said he'd take off \$5,000 then changed his mind. I don't blame him, I'd have done the same.

That's when the ultimatum was made — either the buyers meet us in the middle or the deal is off.

My cell phone just rang — the deal is off.

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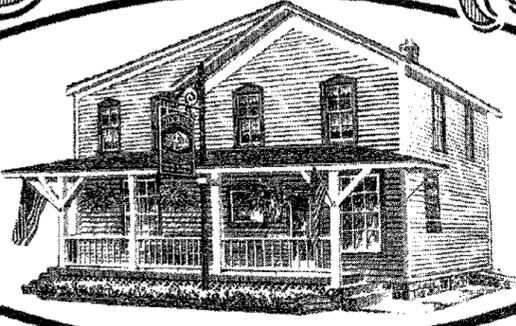
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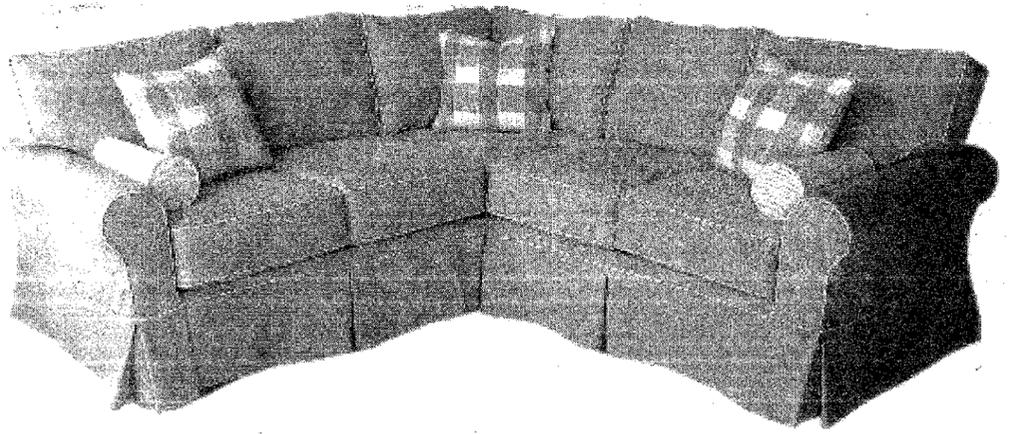
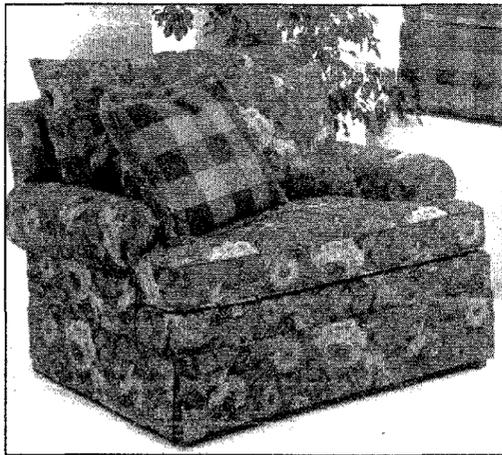
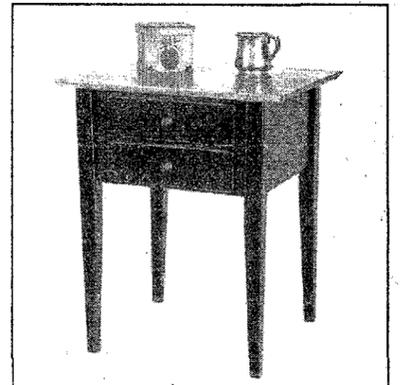
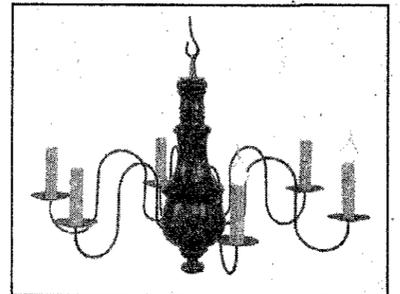
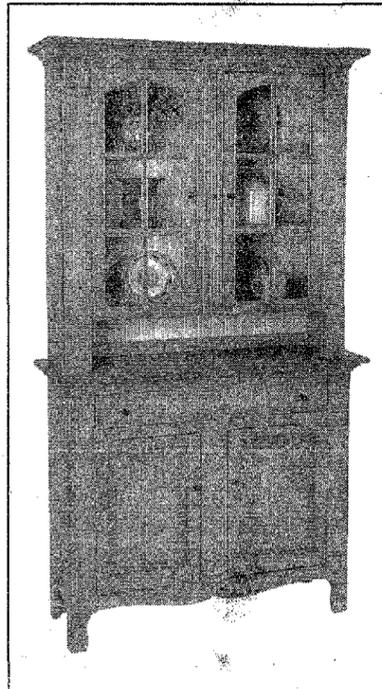
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Churchill's Lindsay McMullen (4) and Tessa Allen (10) converge on Northville's Kelsey Fiscus during overtime in Friday's Division 1 district final.

Sudden outcome

Toney's goal gives Mustangs district crown in double-OT vs. Churchill, 1-0

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It was almost LeBron James-like play, as if the Red Sea had parted. Sarah Stern took the opening kick of the second 15-minute overtime and found a wide-open Danielle Toney streaking up the middle of the field.

The Penn State recruit did the rest as the Mustangs took just 12 seconds to score the game-winning goal Friday to beat host Livonia Churchill, 1-0, for the Division 1 district girls soccer championship.

Northville, now 14-3-3 overall, advances to this week's Saline regional to play the Ann Arbor Huron, 15-2-2.

The Mustangs, who lost to Churchill just nine days earlier in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, 1-

0, carried the play much of the second half and into the first overtime.

But once again Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Stefanie Turner (eight saves) was up to the challenge, robbing the speedy Toney of a point-blank attempt midway through the second half to keep the game scoreless.

The sudden-victory goal, however, seemed almost like a play that was diagrammed following the two-minute break between the OT periods.

"Usually when I take the kickoff I mess it up and it gets intercepted," said Toney, a senior captain. "We work on set pieces, but nothing off the kickoff."

"I called for it and she (Stern) played a perfect ball. She saw that I was open and I was able to find a

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Sidelines

Hawks tie 0-0

Despite a scoreless deadlock Wednesday night with the host Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever at Hefner Stadium, the Michigan Hawks remained atop the W-League's Midwest Division of the Central Conference with a 2-0-1 women's soccer mark.

The Hawks, who played Saturday night on the road against the Chicago Gaels, return home for a game Thursday, June 14 at Livonia Stevenson against West Michigan. (Game time is 7:30 p.m.)

The Hawks opened their season May 18 with a 4-0 win over the Fever (0-2-2) at Troy Athens before beating the London (Ontario) Gryphons May 25 at Stevenson on first-half goals by Lauren Hill (Northville), Nicole Cauzillo (Northville) and Kelly Amorino (Sterling Heights Stevenson).

Lerg honored

Michigan sophomore goaltender Jeff Lerg (Livonia) will be honored Wednesday by USA Hockey at its 2007 Annual Congress at the Sheraton Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Lerg, who helped the Spartans to the 2007 NCAA championship, its first title since 1986, has been named the organization's College Player of the Year.

Lerg, who was also honored as the USA Hockey Junior Player and Goalie of the Year while playing for the Omaha Lancers of the U.S. Hockey League, played in all 42 of MSU's games in 2006-07 and posted a 26-13-3 record to go along with a 2.41 goals-against and .931 save percentage.

In the NCAA tourney, Lerg allowed just five goals in four games en route to Midwest Regional MVP and Frozen Four All-Tournament Team honors.

Pentathlete 5th

Three-time Olympian and 1996 Atlanta Games gold medal swimmer Sheila Taormina (Livonia) recently placed fifth in the World Cup modern pentathlon held in Drzonkow, Poland.

The Stevenson High grad who represented the U.S. twice in triathlon at the 2000 Sydney Olympics (sixth place) and 2004 Athens Games (23rd) was coming off a sixth-place showing May 15 in Moscow at the fourth World Cup stop where she scored 5,504 points. She took a silver medal in the second World Cup event in March in Cairo, Egypt.

In Poland, Taormina was the top American finisher with 5,344 points as she won the swimming (1,388 points) and took fourth in the run (1,120 points). She was 16th in equestrian riding (1,444), 23rd in fencing (760) and 27th in shooting (952).

Taormina, trying to become the first U.S. Olympian to compete in three sports, is scheduled to compete in the Senior Nationals, June 9-10, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Blazers repeat in Division 2 rerun

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Friday's rematch between Redford Thurston and Livonia Ladywood in the Division 2 girls soccer district finals played out almost as it did in 2006.

The teams battled into double overtime, again, before a Szczypka scored to give the Blazers the district title. Junior midfielder Alison Szczypka tallied the game-winner at 3:25 of double OT to give Ladywood a 1-0 win over the host Eagles.

In last year's D2 final, her younger sister, Caitlyn, won with a goal at the 3:27 mark of the second extra frame.

"This time, it took a perfect shot to get past outstanding Thurston junior goalkeeper Megan Schulz (11 saves), who probably was the star of the game with diving, scrambling saves throughout.

"She kept us in the game a lot of times," Thurston coach Jason Brater said about his goalie.

On the winner, a corner kick from junior midfielder Kaitlyn Vitale bounced across the goal mouth where

Szczypka waited just off the left post. Her quick, rising shot just found the mark under the crossbar.

"Allison has been great on those corner kicks all year and she found a way to put it into the net," said Ladywood head coach Brent Petkus, whose 6-10-1 team moves on to the Berkley-hosted regional. "She threaded the needle."

Brater, proud of the effort his team put in, added that "soccer is a game of inches. Sometimes you get it and sometimes you don't. Eventually, if we keep playing like this, we're going to get 'em."

Still the defeat, which ended Thurston's year with a record of 5-10-5, was like taking a second swig out of the same medicine bottle.

"It's hard," said Brater about again losing to Ladywood in an overtime heartbreaker. "But we played much better this year than we did last year."

"I don't know if we could have played any better."

The winning goal came shortly after Ladywood sophomore goalkeeper Michele Ring (six saves) robbed



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Ladywood's Kristen Selasky (right) takes a shot on goal in the district final defended by Thurston's Rebecca LeDuke.

Eagles junior forward Ashlie Ingold at point-blank range.

"Ashlie Ingold took a shot pretty close in, and their goalie made a good save," Brater said. "The ball came off, but nobody could get it. We've had trouble all year getting garbage goals."

Brater also realized that Ladywood is too good of a

team to not take advantage of corner kicks or free kicks at some point.

"I was nervous when they hit that corner," Brater said. "You only get so many times when they hit a good cross and nobody fields it."

At the other bench, Petkus

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Glenn stymied by Garden City hurlers in final

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Pitching and defense are two of the big reasons why Garden City lives to play another day in the Division 1 state baseball tournament.

The Cougars earned their first district title since 2003 with a 3-1 win over Westland John Glenn in Friday's final hosted by Wayne Memorial.

Right-hander Aki Itoh went the first 6.1 innings to get the win with reliever Angelo Zoccoli coming on for the final two outs to get credit for the save.

That came after the Cougars disposed of Romulus in the semifinals, 8-0, thanks to senior Matt Fitzgibbon's one-hitter.

Itoh, the Japanese exchange student, appeared to have tired a bit under the hot sun after walking Ryan Wakeford and Andrew DeLuca with one-out in the bottom of the seventh.

GC ninth-year coach Steve Herman then summoned his bullpen, calling

PREP BASEBALL

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McCathney nets 2 wins in D1 tourney

Livonia Stevenson's number one singles player Gino McCathney made a strong run before being eliminated in the Division 1 boys tennis finals held Friday at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

McCathney, a senior, accounted for two of the Spartans' three wins as he defeated Matt Karin of Troy Athens and sixth-seeded Phillip Claus of Grand Ledge, both by identical scores of 7-5, 7-6 (9-7 in the tiebreakers).

McCathney then fell in the quarterfinals to third-seed Andy Gauthier of Ann Arbor Pioneer in three sets, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron were tied for first place in the team standings heading into the second day with 24 points apiece. West Bloomfield was third with 18.

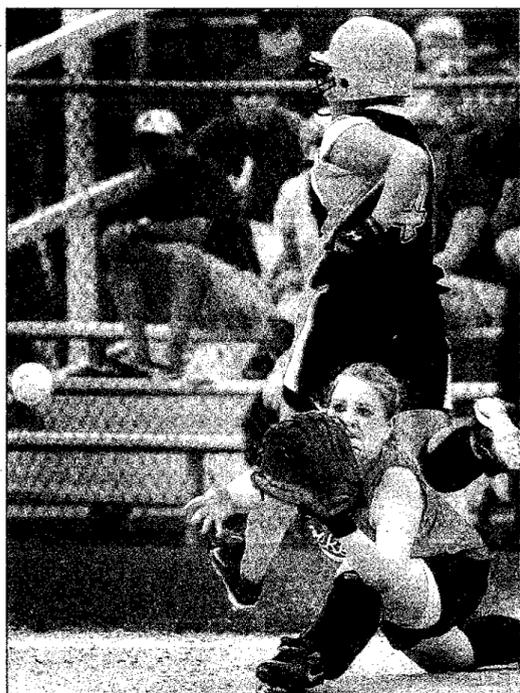
Regional champion Livonia Churchill scored five points.

Among those winning singles matches for the Chargers included Aniket Patil (No. 2), who defeated Caesar Bucalos of Troy Athens, 6-2, 6-0, before losing to top seed David Seyferth of Pioneer, 6-0, 6-0; and Alex Clos (No. 3), who downed Northville's Mike Baskins, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, before falling to second-seed Ryne Dushane of Holland West Ottawa, 6-1, 6-1;

Also in singles, Churchill's Nick Payne (No. 1) fell to John Telfer of Midland, 6-1, 6-1, while Kyle Anderson (No. 4) lost to Port Huron's Evan Ramales in three sets, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Churchill's Kyle Peczynski and Dan

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Extended effort

Glenn first baseman Stacey Truskowski stretches for the ball as Belleville's Brandi Craig was safe in the Division 1 district semifinal at Wayne Memorial. See girls softball story on page B3.

Ladywood hangs tough in D2 finals

Livonia Ladywood was hanging close after the first day of the Division 2 state girls golf tournament held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East Course.

The Blazers sat 11 strokes off the lead and two out of second as Dexter (332) and Caledonia (341) set the first-round pace.

Andrea Warzyniec's 78, tied for fourth individually, paced the Blazers, who shot a 343. Angela Jamrog and Erica Mazur were next with 88 each, while Kelly Thomas added an 89. Rachael contributed a 101.

"The girls really played well," Ladywood coach Kellianne Nagy said. "Andrea (Warzyniec) led us with her best round of the year. Angela (Jamrog) is playing with a broke wrist and a hot pink cast. She shot her average, so all is well."

The first 10 holes featured rain and cold weather, followed by the sun under sauna-like conditions.

"It's anyone's to win," Nagy said. "We believe we can win it all."

Liz Nagel of DeWitt was the first-round individual leader with a 72 followed by Dexter's Katelin Davis, who shot 75.

Warner shares lead

Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner, the defending Division 1 state champion, shot a first-round 73 and was tied for the lead with Amy Meier of Rochester and Vanessa Koechli of Brighton.

Lake Orion led after the opening round with a 341 followed by Grand Blanc (349), Rochester (353), Traverse-City West (359), Troy Athens (367), East Kentwood and Farmington Hills Mercy (368 each), Ann Arbor Pioneer (370) and Northville (376).

Livonia Stevenson was 14th out of 15 teams with a 395. The Spartans were led by Abbey Wolfe's 89 followed by Chelsea Bathurst (94), Chrissy McHenry (98), Laura Sims (114) and Lauren Geiger (123).

Mercy 2nd-half comeback ousts Blazers in lacrosse regional, 8-5

BY DAN O'NEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Mercy elevated its game in the second half Friday and rallied to defeat Livonia Ladywood in a Division 2 regional final in girls lacrosse, 8-5.

The Marlins (7-9-2) captured their first regional championship in the three-year history of the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament.

Mercy will play either defending state champion Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart or Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggitt in a state semifinal game 5 p.m. Wednesday at Lansing Waverly.

Ladywood, which finishes 12-4 overall, had a 5-4 half-time lead at Country Day Middle School, but the Blazers were shut out in the second half, being denied numerous times by Mercy sophomore goalie Maura Malone.

"She played great," Ladywood coach Julie Holland said. "You hit a hot goalie, and it will take you a long way. In the first half, she was good; in the second half, she was great."

"They took our top scorers out of the game. When we had the ball near their goal, we couldn't finish. When we got shots, their goalie stood on her head."

Mercy seniors Courtney VanAntwerp and AnneMarie Centlivre scored two goals apiece in the second half. VanAntwerp finished the game with three, junior Anne Gariepy two and senior

Maggie Silvasi one.

Centlivre scored the tying goal 39 seconds into the second half, and Van Antwerp put the Marlins ahead 10 minutes later when she scored on a free-position shot following a foul.

"It was a great team effort, especially the second half," Van Antwerp said. "We knew the season was on the line."

"Our defense looked awesome today. We were marking up hard. We knew that's what was going to win the game for us."

"We tried to slow it down a bit, work the ball and get good shots as much as possible," she added.

In the meantime, Malone made several big stops, including a stick save on a close shot by Ladywood senior Rachel Killian, who scored four goals in the first half.

"Maura has had a great season," Mercy coach Julie Williams said. "She had slow start this year, but she's playing extremely well again."

"Lacrosse is a game where you need a really strong goalie, and we're very happy to have her on our team."

Mercy led 3-1 early in the game, but much of the final 18 minutes were played in the Mercy end of the field with Ladywood on the attack.

Junior Ellen Gwozdek put the Blazers in front, 4-3, with eight minutes left in the half, and Killian's fourth goal gave Ladywood a two-goal advantage with 5:32 remaining.

Gariepy's second goal with 1:17 on the clock was assisted by Van Antwerp, who circled

the net and then threw back to Gariepy in front, and made it 5-4.

"I thought they capitalized on the little things we did (wrong)," Holland said. "We made some mistakes. We got beat in the little things. Things went their way and not ours. You have to get the lucky bounces."

Ladywood's best defense was its offense in the first half, according to Holland.

"In the first half, we dominated possession time, so when we have the ball they can't score," she said. "I think we played a heckuva game and a season."

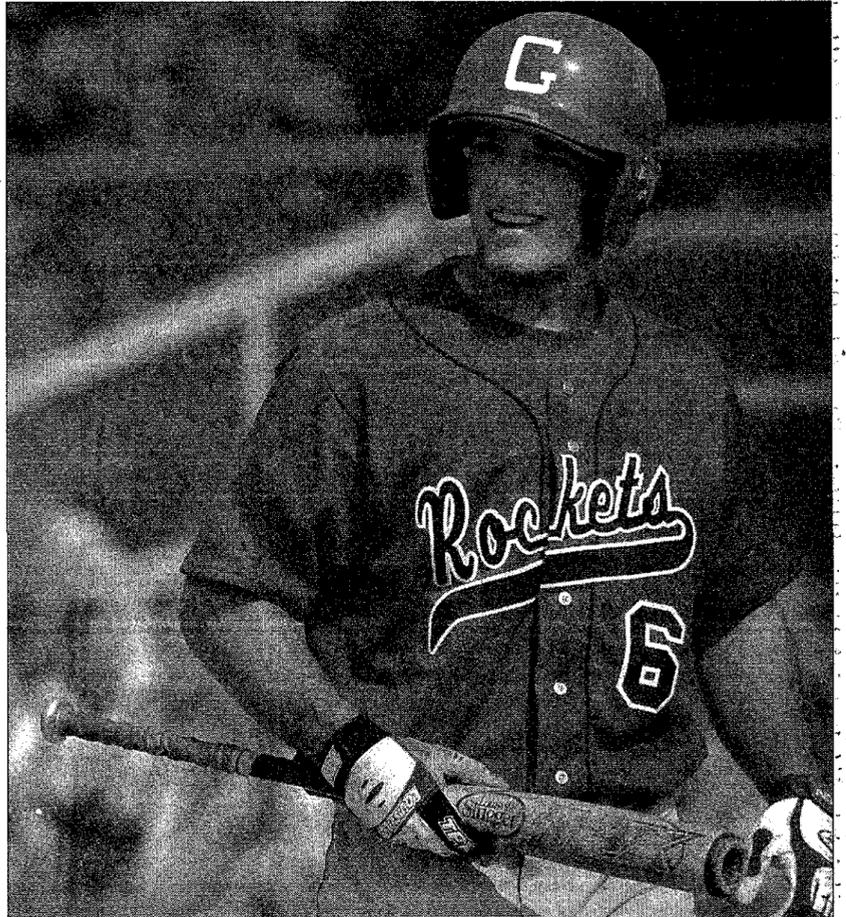
Centlivre and Van Antwerp added insurance goals in the final 10 minutes.

Sophomore Sarah Fritz carried the ball up field and passed to Van Antwerp on the left side of the net for the final goal.

"I try not to look at the score until there are a couple goals between the teams," Williams said of the one-point halftime deficit. "Then there's more wiggle room. Then you know you have to step up your game and hold the ball a lot more."

"Obviously, we were a whole lot stronger in the second half. The girls always know what they need to do. It doesn't always happen on the field, but it all came together for them in the second half."

On Wednesday, Lauren Anastos and Caitlin Cox provided the spark in a 23-8 Ladywood semifinal victory over Riverview Gabriel Richard.



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Glenn's Alan Siepierski walks back to the dugout following Glenn's 3-1 Division I district final loss Friday to Garden City.

GLENN

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upon Zoccoli, who got the final two outs, a fly to left followed by a dipping curveball in the dirt for the third strike to end the game.

The victory sends the Cougars, now 10-14 overall, into this Saturday's regional semifinal at Saline against the Ann Arbor Huron district champion. (Game time is 10 a.m.)

"The pitching was outstanding today," Herman said. "In the seventh, Aki (Itoh) had a couple of calls not going his way so we went with Angelo."

"He (Zoccoli) was going to be our first reliever in both games. He was ready to go and had a tough job against their number three and four hitters, but he got a pop-out and a strikeout, very impressive."

The Cougars took a 1-0 lead in the second on a double by

senior catcher Josh Hudson, a stolen base and an RBI single by Jon Turnbull. Hudson was back in the lineup after recovering from a fractured arm.

Glenn responded with a run in the third when DeLuca doubled, went to third on a bunt single by Justin Reid and scored when the Cougars turned a double-play.

In the fourth, GC took the lead for keeps when Kevin Polzin singled, advanced to second on a fielder's choice and scored on Brendon Gnida's bloop single.

The Cougars added a run in the fifth when Paul Cole singled, advanced to second on a sacrifice by David Wilson and scored on a Glenn infield error.

Garden City out-hit Glenn, 8-7.

Glenn starter Jon Gillis, who gave up six of the eight hits and two runs, took the loss. He was relieved by Chris Kangas, the hero in Glenn's 2-1 pre-district win Tuesday over host Wayne.

"We hit the ball hard, but

right at people," Glenn coach Matt Howton said. "But give their outfielders credit, they're pretty good."

Herman, meanwhile, not only appreciated the strong pitching, but also the defense.

"In 14 innings we made one error," he said. "We'll take that. It's acceptable."

JOHN GLENN 6, BELLEVILLE 5: In the first game, the Rockets (14-17) held off the Tigers (7-15) as Chris Kangas went 3-for-3, including the game-winning RBI single in the sixth inning to score Justin Reid.

Robert Fraser and Jake Murawski each had two-out RBI singles to spark a five-run Glenn surge in the third inning.

Belleville out-hit the Rockets, 12-10, but committed four errors.

Phillip Sullins went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Kaari Cigan added three hits and one RBI.

Reid also had two hits in the Fraser, the Glenn starter, went 4.2 innings before giving way to Jerry Smith, who went the next 1.2 innings. Kangas came on to get the final two outs and earn the save.

Josh Sparkman took the loss for the Tigers.

Rams remain a staple in scaled-down LCBL

BY BRAD EMONS
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SANDLOT BASEBALL

The Livonia Collegiate Baseball League is down to four teams, but the 20-and-under Michigan Rams remain a fixture.

Rams manager Rick Berryman, who doubles as Livonia Stevenson High's varsity coach, will be gunning for his fifth consecutive trip to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The other three remaining teams include the Michigan Bulls, managed by former Detroit Lion guard Frank Gallagher; the Oakland Cubs, managed by Dan Grassley; and the Detroit Eagles, managed by Darren Mosley.

In 2006, the Rams made an early exit from the AAABA Nationals, losing two consecutive one-run, extra-inning games.

In 2004 and 2005, the Rams finished 3-2 in each tourney to claim fourth. The Rams are the only team to have beaten three-time defending AAABA championship Baltimore (2004 and 2005).

Meanwhile, the 2003 team

lost to New Orleans in the regional finals and took third in the National Amateur Baseball Federation College World Series in 2002.

This year's squad features Madonna University pitcher Joe Kennedy, Wayne Memorial High grad Justin Collop, who just finished his freshman year at the University of Toledo; Wayne native Erik Vojtkofsky, a Catholic Central High product now playing for Spring Arbor College; Garden City's Ryan Shay, a Dearborn Divine Child High grad now at Bowling Green State (Ohio); and infielder Kyle Gendron, a Canton native who graduated from DC and plays for Western Michigan University.

Rounding out the pitching staff is Shane McCatty (Grand Rapids CC), Sam Yashinsky (Michigan), Ryan Gunderson (Albion College), Justin Mazur (Wayne State) and Mike Kaiser (Aquinas College).

Vojtkofsky, Mike Wiseman (Wayne State) and Tommy Jablonski (Oakland University) will handle the catching duties.

Other infielders include

Andrew Stafford (OU), Frank Persichino (Macomb CC), Max Kelmigian (Western Michigan), Shay and Kaiser.

Outfielders include Kyle Hurtt (Michigan State), Mike Kittle (Michigan), Drew Churchward (Wayne State) and Nick Urban (Michigan)

Rams drop opener

The Rams opened their 2007 schedule Wednesday in the wooden bat league with a 3-1 loss to the 22-and-under Oakland Cubs.

Justin Collop was the losing pitcher. He allowed two runs on four hits and three walks in five innings. He fanned eight. Sam Yashinsky pitched the final inning in relief.

Raoul Torres, the winning pitcher, went 6.1 innings, allowing just one hit. He struck out 10 and walked six. Reliever Tom Chancy went the final two-thirds of an inning to pick up the save.

Ryan Shay had the lone hit for the Rams, while Mike Wiseman scored the only run.

Matt Nickels had two RBI for the Cubs. Tony Fazi also knocked in a run, while Tim McEvoy went 2-for-2.

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Spartan keeper sees action in Bucks' loss

High school senior All-State goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt of Livonia Stevenson saw action Wednesday in the Michigan Bucks' 3-0 exhibition loss Wednesday night to the Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew at Berkley's Hurley Field.

Hildebrandt, bound for Oakland University, entered the game in the 61st minute and made his first save against the pros less than a minute later as he came on during the second half for OU's Steve Clark.

In front of an enthusiastic crowd on a perfect evening for soccer, the Crew gave their minor league affiliate, the 2006 North American Premier Development League champions, a valuable lesson when they exploded for three goals within a 15-minute span to lead 3-0 at halftime.

Clark made three spectacular saves before Bucks defender Alex Morriset was called for a foul in the penalty area at the 25-minute mark.

Eddie Gavin put the first goal past a diving Clark, who nearly saved his second PK of the year.

Only four minutes later the Crew built a counter-attack down the right side of the field and played forward Kei

Kamara in on goal. Kamara cracked a sizzling shot into the upper short side corner in which Clark had no opportunity.

Kamara would close out the scoring in the 40th minute when he took a centering pass from Brandon Moss and finished his second strike of the night.

The Bucks normally potent offense created several chances throughout the game, but could not connect or penetrate a very disciplined Columbus defense.

"We have several objectives in this annual meeting with the Crew and one of them is not necessarily winning the game," Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald said. "Although that would be nice, the real achievement here is to understand what is happening on the other side of the field. The Crew represent what every one of our players are striving to become, and they must start now to fully appreciate the commitment that is made to succeed at the highest level in this country."

The Crew, despite struggling with a 1-2-5 record in the MLS, took care of business against a team made up primarily of collegiate-level players.

"The Crew did not come here to play the Bucks, they came

here as professionals to keep their jobs and earn a living," Fitzgerald said, "and that is a huge difference as to the attitude of most amateur players coming to play in a summer environment. This is the exact same type of environment the Bucks try to emulate each year."

After PDL road games this week in Toronto and Cleveland, the Bucks, 3-0-1 in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference, begin preparation for the first-round Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup match June 12 against the defending Division 2 champion Richmond (Va.) Kickers of the United Soccer Leagues. (Game time is 7 p.m. at the University of Richmond Stadium.)

"We really like to use this (Crew) match as a tune-up for the boys for Open Cup to fully understand the speed of play at the next level," Bucks assistant coach Brett Jacobs said. "If we, firstly, understand the speed of play, and secondly, adapt to it, then we will have an opportunity to make some noise in the upcoming tournament. If we play at a casual PDL level, we will not earn the right to get to the ensuing rounds to meet another MLS club when it really means something."

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Martin won their opener at No. 2 doubles against Chase McFarlane and Andy Hart of Port Huron, 6-3, 6-4, before losing to top seeds Danny Frank and Nick Schwartz of Pioneer, 6-0, 6-1.

Churchill's No. 3 doubles team, Robert Fortney and Steve Mazur, ousted Arthur Kelsey and Carl Papa of Birmingham Brother Rice, 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, before losing to No. 1 seeds Sanjiv Rao and David Yang of Huron in the quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-2.

The Chargers' No. 1 doubles team of Jay Cunningham and Taylor Frankie fell in straight sets to Andrew Gustafsson and Mike Parker, 6-2, 6-2, while the No. 4 team of Andy Clairmont and Paul Yandric lost in straight sets to Grosse Pointe South's Ivan Moshchuk and Rob Montgomery, 6-2, 6-2.

Stevenson singles player Erik Koch (No. 4) won his opener against Chris Amrich of Grand Blanc, 5-7, 6-2, 6-0, before losing to No. 2 seed Spencer Hogikyan of Ann Arbor Huron, 6-0, 6-4.

The Spartans' Ian Petty (No. 2 singles) lost to Ji-Hwan Kim

of Huron, 6-2, 6-0, while Chris Martin (No. 3) was downed by Robbie Nelson of Grand Blanc, 6-1, 6-0.

Stevenson was shut out in all four doubles matches.

Mike Greco and Pat McHugh (No. 1) lost to Tyler Marengo and Russell Kovar of Port Huron Northern, 6-1, 6-1; Justin Collins and Ben Bagazinski (No. 2) to Ryan Goodman and Kevin Lai of Novi, 6-0, 6-1; Alex Cook and Brady Thom (No. 3) to Mark Merten and Anthony Yee of Troy, 6-2, 6-2; and Chris Orlas and Clayton Northey (No. 4) to Tim Yeh and Prithvi Murthy of Troy, 6-3, 6-0.

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Truman shows Churchill, 9-4

Matt McVeigh clubbed a three-run homer and Andy Bosnell went 3-for-4 Wednesday as Taylor Truman earned a 9-4 prep baseball win over host Livonia Churchill.

Josh Simpson and Robby Liner added two hits apiece

for the Cougars, who improved to 19-8 overall.

Truman used three pitchers with Liner going the first three before giving way to Larry Anthony, who got the win in three innings of relief work. Travis Ziesmer pitched the final inning.

Steve Jones had a two-run single for the Chargers (15-17).

Churchill, out-hit 11-4, used four pitchers with Vinny Carozza, Brian Runge, Rob Matigian going two innings apiece. Ryan Holton finished up.

Each team made one error.

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gap in their defense."
Stern has had some big assists, but none bigger this season than the pass to Toney.
"It just worked out perfectly," said the junior. "We've been player together for two years and I always know where she is. I could hear her calling for it. She deserved that one."

It was a tough loss, meanwhile, for Churchill, which ends its season at 15-3-3.

"Stern and Toney are two great players, they did their business when they needed to," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We were a little gassed the second half and in the first overtime. Our legs got tired and we paid for it."

"The first 20 minutes (of the match) we were all over them. It's the best we've played all season. But when the overtime came we were already dead. We got in and sat back. We didn't play our game the last 40 minutes."

With 20 of 22 players back next season, including all 11 starters, the future appears to be bright for the Chargers.

"Turner was outstanding, she made that big save on Toney," Hebestreit said. "And I thought Kayla Johnston had a real good game in the back. It was a learning experience for us. We're two evenly matched teams. We went 1-1-1 against Northville and goal differential was 1-1 (including a 0-0 tie in the season opener)."

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kept repeating to his players about the importance of executing whatever corner kicks they might take.

"I told the girls throughout the last five minutes of regulation and (overtime), 'We will win this game,'" Petkus said. "What wins games in playoffs are set pieces and defending. And sure enough, a corner kick came."

Other Ladywood players to rise on the occasion included sophomore defender Laura Bou-Maroun and junior defender Sarah Kempa.

"Laura (Bou-Maroun) played well on the outside, very steady, very composed," Petkus said. "And Sarah Kempa did a solid job" shadowing speedy Thurston senior forward Nicole Tolentino.

There still were several times during the match when Tolentino, almost playing with reckless abandon in her prep finale, practically blew past every Ladywood defender in her way.

"She's so physical and fast," Brater said.

Petkus, meanwhile, praised the play of the Eagles.

"They're a very good team," he said, "they should be proud of their effort."

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CYO cheer champs

For the third consecutive winter, the Livonia St. Michael's varsity competitive cheer squad (grades 7-8) captured the Catholic Youth Organization's championship hosted by St. Paul's in Grosse Pointe Farms. St. Michael's bested the nine-team Division I field with two performances including a cheer and dance round involving stunting and gymnastics skills. St. Raphael's of Garden City was runner-up followed by St. Lawrence of Utica. Members of the St. Michael's squad include (front row, from left): coach Stephanie Grima, Mackenzie Murphy, Marianne Grima, Shelley Popiel, Mackenzie Everson, Margaret Molloy, Emily Broda; (middle row, from left) coach Jennifer Grima; (back row, from left) coach Lauren Mies, Rebecca Shaver, Megan Schmidt, Kaitlyn Glowacki, Mallory Fry, Jennifer Boycott, Kristen Eisterhold, Megan Gilhooly, Angela Kraska and Morgan Mercieca. All three coaches were competitive cheer team members at St. Michael's before moving on to Dearborn Divine Child. (Not pictured is cheer moderator Terese Koestering.)

PREP BASEBALL

ALL-METRO CONFERENCE BASEBALL FIRST TEAM

Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett: Curtis Fisher, Jr.; D.J. Henderson, Jr.; Mike Thomas, Jr.; Joe Conway, Sr.; **Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook:** Matt Broder, Jr.; Dan Dan Pernireno, Soph; Zack Bobowski, Jr.; **Macomb Lutheran North:** Josh Mick, Sr.; Robbie Schneider, Jr.; **Lutheran Westland:** Chris Ake, Sr.; Ryan Baglow, Jr.; **Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest:** Jacob Rinkinen, Sr.; Justin Klausmeier, Jr.; **Clawson:** Brandon Grerasmovich, Sr.; **Hamtramck:** Aaron Caudill, Soph; **Livonia Clarenceville:** Allen Mazur, Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Liggett: Patrick Gustine, Jr.; Andrew Malaski, Soph; Yates Campbell, Sr.; **Cranbrook:** Matt St. Clair, Soph; Xander Streck, Jr.; **Lutheran North:** Christian, Jr.; Samir Kialani, Sr.; **Lutheran Westland:** C.J. Garber, Sr.; Micah Hausch, Soph; **Lutheran Northwest:** Ian Geheb, Jr.; Drew Fowler, Sr.; **Clawson:** Shawn Giroux, Soph; Rob Feeman, Fr.; **Hamtramck:** Andrew Caudill, Soph; **Clarenceville:** Nick Garant, Sr.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

1. Liggett, 7-1; 2. (tie) Cranbrook and Lutheran North, 6-2 each; 4. Lutheran Northwest, 5-3; 5. (tie) Lutheran Westland and Clawson, 4-4 each; 7. Harper Woods, 3-5; 8. Clarenceville, 1-7; 9. Hamtramck, 0-8.

TOURNAY FINISH

1. Liggett; 2. Cranbrook; 3. Lutheran North; 4. Lutheran Westland; 5. Clawson; 6. Lutheran Northwest; 7. Hamtramck; 8. Harper Woods; 9. Clarenceville.

ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BASEBALL TEAMS ALL-CONFERENCE

Pitchers: Bret Spencer, Sr., Northville; Bryce Jenney, Sr., Northville. **Catcher:** Drew Adameic, Sr., Walled Lake Central. **Infielders:** Bryon Niemczak, Sr., Livonia Churchill; Dominic Benavides, Sr., Northville, Ryan Warwick, Sr., Walled Lake Western, Matt Johnson, Jr., W.L. Central. **Outfielders:** Kyle Gring, Sr., Canton; Brent Reichle, Sr., W.L. Central; Luke Knochel, Sr., Livonia Stevenson. **At-Large:** Torrey Stimson, Sr., W.L. Central.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION

Pitchers: Erik Wright, Jr., Canton; Mike DeLuca, Sr., Northville. **Catcher:** Tim Siegfried, Jr., Wayne Memorial. **Infielders:** Garrett Gumm, Soph., Livonia Franklin; Dave Leins, Sr., Franklin; Matt Priebe, Fr., Plymouth; Matt Barrera, Sr., Plymouth. **Outfielders:** Gerard Powell, Sr., Northville; Dan Stoney, Soph., Canton; Brett Lubanski, Soph., W.L. Western. **At-Large:** Andy Buchanan, Jr., W.L. Western.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION

Pitcher: Matt Tuttle, Sr., Stevenson; Derek Mitchell, Jr., W.L. Central. **Catcher:** Tyler Bledsoe, Soph. C, Churchill. **Infielders:** Nick Plinka, Sr., Stevenson; Bryan Patterson, Sr., W.L. Central; Alan Siepierski, Sr., Westland John Glenn; Matt Loney, Sr., Stevenson.

Outfielders: Robert Johnson, Sr., W.L. Northern; Jerry Smith, Sr., Westland John Glenn; Kirk Ciarrocchi, Sr., Churchill. **At-Large:** James MacLellan, Sr., W.L. Central.

HONORABLE MENTION

Northville: Steve Anderson, Damaril Saunderson, Nick Balow, Joe Mitchell; **W.L. Central:** Garrett Reichle, Eric Glanz, T.J. Thewes; **Stevenson:** Sam Vomastek, Jeff Sorenson; **Plymouth:** Ben Kosmiski, Garrett Rebin, Brad Lineberry, Ronnie Coble, Ryan Valle, Tyler Locklear; **John Glenn:** Chris Kangas, Jake Murawski, Andrew DeLuca, Nate Lopez; **Canton:** Dan Milus, Brad Barath, Will Tidwell, Blaine Paden; **W.L. Northern:** Chris Boggs, Brendon Clarke, Alex Petrik, Brian Pritchett, Craig Waldie, James Tinkey, Andy Tinkey; **Churchill:** Mike O'Keefe, Vinny Carozza, Eric Mitchell, Tyler Cotter, Brian Runge, Steve Jones; **Salem:** Matt Woster, Justin Horgan, Sam Ott, Mike Myers, Brad Way, Steve Pydyn; **Wayne:** Clint Cavanaugh, Trey Raynes, Jon Bryant, Mike Green, Brent Patterson; **Franklin:** Tyler Canyock, Jesse Carpenter, Michael Basner; **W.L. Western:** Steve Astrain.

FINAL DIVISION STANDINGS

Lakes: 1. Central, 9-1; 2. Stevenson, 6-4; 3. John Glenn, 5-5; 4. Salem, 4-6; 5. Churchill, 3-7; 6. Northern, 3-7. **Western:** 1. Northville, 10-0; 2. Plymouth, 6-4; 3. Western, 5-5; 4. Canton, 4-6; 5. Franklin, 3-7; 6. Wayne, 2-8.

WLA CHAMPIONSHIP

Northville 11, W.L. Central 1

Belleville's Cole fans 22 in win over Glenn Stingy Rockets fall in 10 innings

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS SOFTBALL

As hard to fathom as it might seem on a hot-and-muggy day, Belleville sophomore pitcher Samantha Cole turned up the heat Friday against Westland John Glenn.

Cole struck out 22 Rockets, but she found herself embroiled in a scoreless pitcher's duel with John Glenn sophomore pitcher Brittany Holbrook in the Division 1 district softball semifinal at Wayne Memorial.

Finally, a bad-luck bounce on a bunt near home plate opened the floodgates for a four-run Belleville rally in the top of the 10th and that was all Cole and the Tigers (21-7) needed to win the contest, 4-0.

The 1-22 Rockets, coming off their lone win of the season in Tuesday's pre-district against the host Zebras, had very few opportunities against Cole. She gave up singles to freshman Lauren Baker, and sophomore Stacey Truskowski and a double by freshman Amanda Caudril, but her teammates were unable to break through against Holbrook, either.

"She's incredible," Glenn coach Julie Rogers said about Holbrook, who made two outstanding fielding plays to stem the Belleville tide. "She's our rock, she stays focused." Holbrook gave up just nine

hits, five of them coming in the deciding inning.

One after one the scoreless innings continued. But the scoring drought finally ended in the Belleville 10th, which opened with a double by junior Danielle Stabnau.

One out later came the key play.

Junior Wendy Morton attempted to bunt, and it hit the ground in front of Glenn junior catcher Joye Clenney only to take a crazy spin off her glove into foul territory, enabling Morton to reach base safely.

A bunt single by junior Lacey Marcotte scored Stabnau and a second run came in on a late throw. Cole helped her cause later in the inning with a two-run single up the middle.

That proved to be more than enough for Cole, who baffled John Glenn (1-23) batters all day with electric stuff.

"We didn't make good decisions in our batting, about what to swing at," lamented Rogers. "But yeah, she (Cole) is a great pitcher."

Belleville went on to nip Garden City, 6-4, in the district final. The Cougars had mercied Romulus, 11-0, in a five-inning semifinal behind junior pitcher Hallie Minch's no-hitter.

GIRLS SOCCER

2007 ALL-METRO CONFERENCE GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett: Jessica Leonard, Sr. F (MVP); Monique Squiers, Sr. Def.; Rachel Goldberg, Jr. F; Elizabeth Palmer, Sr. MF; **Clawson:** Meghan Hawswirth, Sr. MF; Katie Ross, Jr. MF; Brianna Shaney Felt, Sr. Def.; **Bloomfield Hills Kingswood:** Abby Cohen, Soph. GK; Becky Ostosh, Jr. Def.; Ashleigh Green, Sr. Def.; **Macomb Lutheran North:** Anne Bierschbach, Jr. GK-MF; Elyse Miller, Sr. Def.; **Lutheran Westland:** Allyson Yankee, Soph. Def.; Juliann Thomas, Soph. Def.; **Livonia Clarenceville:** Amanda Moody, Jr. MF; Chelsea Gregg, Sr. GK; **Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest:** Allison Wolgast, Sr. Def.; Cayla Van Gordon, Fr. F; **Hamtramck:** Catherine Gasior, Sr. MF; Angelika Niemczyk, Jr. F; Harper Woods: Janine Buchanan, Jr. GK.

SECOND TEAM

Liggett: Grace D'Arcy, Sr. GK; Katherine Fridholm, Soph. F; Charlotte Waldmeier, Soph. Def.; **Clawson:** Sarah Edwards, Jr. Def.; Shannon Moorhouse, Soph. F; Lauren Nenadovich, Sr. MF; Meghan Morin, Jr. MF (at-large); **Kingswood:** Anna Callis, Jr. F; Casey Miller, Jr. MF; Ariel Roddy, Soph. F; **Lutheran North:** Renee Hecker, Jr. MF-F; Afton Hoch, Soph. MF; Rachel Thomas, Jr. Def.; **Lutheran Westland:** Miranda Kasprovicz, Fr. MF; Emily Meier, Fr. Def.; **Clarenceville:** Season Belcher, Sr. Def.; Mallorie Lemon, Sr. Def.; **Lutheran Northwest:** Danielle Mijal, Jr. MF; **Hamtramck:** Wioletta Stachnik, Sr. MF; Mariola Koplejewska, Jr. GK (at large).



Best of Midwest

The Livonia YMCA Meteors '91, an under-16 boys team, captured the Premier Division at the Best of the Midwest tournament, May 28, in Plainfield, Ill. The Meteors finished tournament play with a 5-0 record, while outscoring their opponents, 9-4. In the championship match, the Livonia Meteors '91 battled the Milford Meteors Golf to a 0-0 tie through regulation and two overtimes before winning on penalty kicks, 4-2. Meteors '91 reached the championship with a 2-1 semifinal win over Gary (Ind.) Inter White, 2-1. Preliminary round wins came over Gary (Ind.) U-16 Black, Orland Park (Ill.) Stars and St. Charles (Ill.) Strikers Fox Valley Black. Goalkeeper Ben Zukowski (Livonia) allowed just four goals in five games. Other members of the '91 Meteors, trained by Rick Block (Lutheran High Westland and Devon Stenrose, include: Nick Anagnostou, Ricky Chrzasz, Evan Garber, Robby Pollock, Matt Regan, Brian Rowe, Nate Sergison, Drew Sieber, David Simor, Kendal Snow, Brady Thom, Steve Trapp and Tyler Vines, all of Livonia; Ron Berger, Garden City; James Lefler, Commerce Township; and Jordan Turner, White Lake. The head coach is Bob Regan, assisted by Mark Vines and Jeff Sieber. The team manager is Doug Garber.

THE WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE
Sunday, June 3
at Livonia's Ford Field
Mich. Bulls vs. Det. Eagles (2), noon.
Mich. Rams vs. Oak. Cubs (2), 5 p.m.
Monday, June 4
at Livonia's Ford Field
Oak. Cubs vs. Mich. Bulls, 5:45 p.m.
Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6
at Livonia's Ford Field
Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Rams, 5:45 p.m.
Oak. Cubs vs. Mich. Bulls, 8:15 p.m.
Friday, June 8
at Livonia's Ford Field
Mich. Bulls vs. Oak. Cubs, 5:45 p.m.
Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, June 10
at MU's Ilitch Ballpark

Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Rams (2), noon, at Southfield-Lathrup H.S.
Det. Eagles vs. Oak. Cubs (2), noon.
WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Saturday, June 9
Det. Demolition vs. Iowa Crush at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7 p.m.
Det. Predators vs. Chicago Force at Livonia Franklin H.S., 7 p.m.
MEN'S SOCCER PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE
Sunday, June 3
Mich. Bucks at Toronto Lynx, 6 p.m.
Friday, June 8
Mich. Bucks at Cleveland Int'l., 7 p.m.
W-LEAGUE SOCCER
Thursday, June 14
Michigan Hawks vs. West Michigan at Livonia Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.

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Jr. Irish Champs

The Livonia Meteors U14 Girls team went a perfect 5-0 in capturing the the Junior Irish Memorial Day Invitational tournament title in South Bend, Ind. The Meteors, who compete in the Michigan State Premier Soccer League, won their four preliminary matches by a combined score of 16-3 before defeating the London City Flash 1-0 in the finals. Pictured with their trophies are (top row, left) Sara Zawacki, Alyssa Wozniak, Allison Slavin, Naomi Kiura, Rachelle Taubitz, Marie Bunker, head coach Adil Salmoni, Ana Trivax, Kathryn Ramsay, Chelsea Williams, Kristen Kwiatkowski, Gabby Meredith, Megan Miller, Nicole Heinz and Sarah Bauman.



Cup champions

The Livonia YMCA Rockets captured the Memorial Day weekend Under-14 White Division of the Canton Cup soccer tournament with a 1-0 victory in the championship match over the Canton SC Crew. The Rockets outscored their opponents, 8-1, while posting three shutouts. Members of the Rockets include (standing, from left): assistant coaches Rod Hassinger and Steve Vasko, Kevin Francisco, Kyle Keller, Philip Worley, Scott Vasko, Zachary Miller, James Hassinger, Danny Lobo, Tim Talty, Joe Flanagan, head coach Todd Francisco; (kneeling, from left) John Falkowski, Josh Schwartz, Tyler Ruchala, Jake Allen and John Sheppard.

CAMPS/CLINICS

Blazer spiker camp

Livonia Ladywood will stage a volleyball camp from 9 a.m. to noon (grades 3-6) and from 6-9 p.m. (grades 6-9), Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, at the high school.

For more information, e-mail Cameron Kompoltowicz at ckompo@yahoo.com.

Glenn football camp

The Westland John Glenn football summer skills camp for incoming grades 5-10 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 19-22, at high school.

The cost of the camp, directed by Glenn varsity coach Todd DeLuca, is \$50 (includes awards and pizza party).

For more information, call Dan Massey at (734) 419-2329.

Future Stars baseball

Livonia Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier and his staff will stage a summer baseball camp for boys and girls exiting grades 3-6 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 28, at the high school.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt). You must be registered by Friday, June 15.

For more information, call Fournier at (734) 968-0499; or e-mail mfournie2livonia.k12.mi.us.

Glenn hoop camp

Westland John Glenn boys varsity coach Dan Young will stage a basketball camp for boys and girls (entering grades 3-9 in the fall) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, at the high school gymnasium.

All participants will receive instruction on all phases of the game including offense, defense, shooting, rebounding techniques, ball-handling

skills, mental attitude and teamwork.

The cost is \$50 (includes T-Shirt). For more information, e-mail youngda22@yahoo.com.

Field hockey camp

The 2007 Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp for grade six through incoming freshman will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at Livonia Ladywood High School. The cost is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt with on-site athletic trainer). Registration is due June 15.

The camp, directed by Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, will put an emphasis on fundamentals and techniques. All camp participants must bring shin guards, a mouthpiece and water bottle. Rubber cleats are recommended along with a field hockey stick (some available for signout at the camp). You should also bring a sack lunch.

For more information, e-mail coachkris@ameritech.net.

All-Star Hoop Camp

Registration is on for the All Star Basketball Camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15 hosted by Madonna University.

MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry will direct three sessions of boys camps including: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 12; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, June 13-16; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 18-22; also July 30-Aug. 3.

The girls camp will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday through Monday, July 5-9.

The cost for each session is \$175 (hot lunches are available for \$5 per day).

For more information, call coach Henry at (734) 398-5975; or MU at (734) 432-5591.

Franklin hoop skills

The Livonia Franklin boys basketball skills camp (grades 4-9) will be from 9-11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 16-19, at the high school fieldhouse.

The pre-registration cost is \$65. Walk-up registration is \$75. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and red, white and blue basketball. Baskets can be lowered to 8 feet and mid-sized balls will be provided to younger players. Older players will be on separate course.

Printable registration information is available at franklinbasketball.googlepages.com or e-mail jrheault@livonia.k12.mi.us.

C'ville mat camp

The 2007 Trojan Wrestling Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16-20 at the Livonia Clarenceville High School gymnasium.

The camp is open to any Clarenceville student presently in grades 1-7.

The cost is \$60. Checks should be made payable to Clarenceville Wrestling (c/o Anthony Saliccioli) and sent to: 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Call Saliccioli at (248) 719-3273.

Diesels football camp

The Detroit Diesels, a minor league team, will stage a three-day youth football camp along with the Livonia Family YMCA from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 25-27, at Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia.

Camp participants will be split into four age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

The cost is \$30, which includes camp T-shirt, Diesels season pass (\$48) value and pizza party on the final day.

For more information, call (313) 299-1277.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Livonia Y leagues

The following leagues are now underway for registration at the Livonia Family YMCA including: Co-ed T-Ball, coach-pitch and kid pitch league (ages 4-10) and pee wee soccer (ages 3-6), July 7-Aug. 11; fall soccer (starts early Sept.) instructional (ages 3-8) and recreational (boys and girls under-9 through under-14).

New sports camps and off-season sports training are also offered. Prices vary.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

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 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.

Registration is underway for the WYAA's new instructional football program for ages 7-8 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road).

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.

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 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.

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 is underway at the LCRC (cost \$3).

Prizes will be awarded for beginner, intermediate and expert skaters.

For more information, call

(734) 466-2900.

Youth Fitness Meet

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Youth Fitness meet for boys and girls ages 7-14 will start at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 28 at Rotary Park.

Free registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. on June 28. Youths must live in the Livonia or Clarenceville school districts to participate.

Among the events include standing long jump, running long jump, chinning, dashes, agility course and softball throw.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

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.

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Friend should lose boyfriend

My best friend's boyfriend treats her badly. He always seems to be mad at her. Some days, he jokingly hits her and she gets really upset, but she refuses to break up with him. How do I convince her she deserves better than him?

Concerned in Garden City

It sounds like you are really worried about your friend, and you are right to be concerned! No one deserves to be treated with disrespect and it should never be OK to hit someone, no matter how "jokingly" it's done. Your friend needs to know that a relationship should be uplifting and a source of happiness, not depressing and angry all the time.

Ask your friend what good things she gets out of being with this guy. Does he buy her things, take her places and make her feel good about herself? Then ask your friend about the bad things she gets from this relationship. Does she find herself always trying to please

him, but never really succeeding? Does she often think she's done something to make him mad, but can never really figure out what it is?

Help your friend identify good qualities about herself. Is she loyal? Honest? Fun to be with? Smart? Generous? Make sure your friend knows that you appreciate those good qualities in her, and that her boyfriend should too. But, in the end, it will be your friend's decision to stay with this guy or not. Stand by her and support

her no matter what her decision ... the last thing your friend needs is to be isolated from her friends. The less support she has, the more likely it is the relationship will become more abusive.

How can I get people to stop making fun of me without being mean?

Bluegrass in Garden City

Let me just say that the people making fun of you are the ones being mean! Standing up for yourself is OK. It's thoughtful of you to consider the feelings of the people making fun of you ... but remember, they certainly aren't considering your feelings when they tease you.

I encourage you to be assertive and tell these people to back off! Remind them that they aren't perfect, either, and that making fun of other people just shows the world how insecure they really are. It's unfortunate that some people feel the need to put other people down, just to make themselves feel better. If these people don't stop taunting you, just ignore them. The more power they think they have over your emotions, the more they will make fun of you. Move on, you're better than them!

My friends are always yelling at me, saying that I spend too much time with my girlfriend. I barely see her out of school! What should I do?

Marked in Garden City

It sounds to me like your friends are jealous. It's hard on the group when one of you gets a girlfriend ... the group starts feeling abandoned. Assure your friends that you still like hanging out with them and that their friendship means a lot to you. Ask them to give you an idea of how often they want to hang out with you. Then, you'll have to decide if that works for you and your girlfriend. But if your friends are unwilling to share your time, you might want to question their friendship.

Friends should support each other and allow each other the freedom to explore new things. Friends that want to control you and monopolize your time have other motives. This is not an easy decision ... breaking off from the group can be hard.

If you feel the need to separate yourself a little from your group of friends, do it gently ... you might need them if the relationship goes south!

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Sea of pink

Race for the Cure attracts survivors, supporters

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

For Sandy Jessop the hardest part of receiving a diagnosis of breast cancer four years ago was having to tell her family. On Saturday, June 16, the Farmington Hills woman proudly dons a pink T-shirt to participate in the 16th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Comerica Park.

The pink apparel proclaims her a survivor. Last year 1,500 of the 30,000 race participants wore pink shirts. The number of survivors continues to grow because of fund-raisers such as the Detroit event.

A total of 60 team members, including Jessop's family, have committed to walk with her to raise money for the organization founded 25 years ago by Nancy Brinker after her sister, Susan Komen, died of breast cancer at age 36. Last year a total of \$1.1 million was distributed locally for breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The rest of the money, \$600,000, went to the national organization to fund research. This year Jessop and the Detroit committee hope to raise \$2 million from the race presented by the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

"I was very lucky because they found it at such an early stage," said Sandy Jessop of Farmington Hills. "I didn't need chemo. I had surgery and radiation and do my follow ups very regularly."

"Originally I had a lung tumor which was benign and had it removed. My mammogram was put off a little bit and when I had it they found a small spot which turned out to be cancer."



This photograph of Sandy Jessop was taken her during her first race in 2004. Here, the Farmington Hills resident poses with two team members who are also breast cancer survivors - Cathy Rozenberg (left) and Arlene Simoni.

Jessop has volunteered to make the race a success every year since being diagnosed with breast cancer at age 46. She started by packing up T-shirts with her daughter Grace who was 11 at the time. This year Jessop is co-chairperson for the teams which means registering about 400 groups of 15 or more people.

Jessop's 18-year-old daughter Sarah and her husband Bo help as well. This year Bo's band, Bo White and the Bluezers, are playing along the route.

"The amazing thing, one of many, is they have bands and music from rock to high school bands and choirs," said Jessop. "It's wonderful. The one thing I do want to mention is people get confused between the Three Day and the Komen 1-

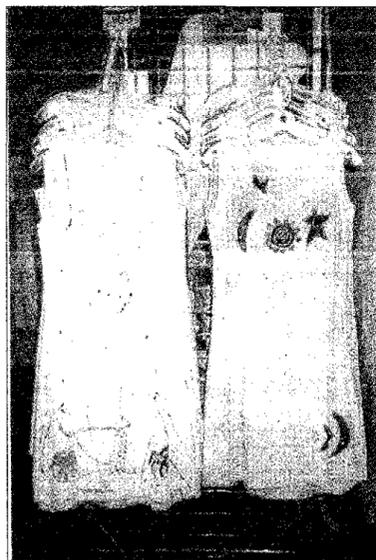
PLEASE SEE RACE FOR CURE, C3



Robin Dahlman and her husband Rob, son Ryan and daughter-in-law Kelly at Detroit's Race for the Cure. Robin Dahlman of Canton is the event volunteers co-chair.

Art from the Heart offers giggles, more

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



Angela Wiseman of Livonia creates hand-painted clothing with the help of her sister, Diane Pochmara.

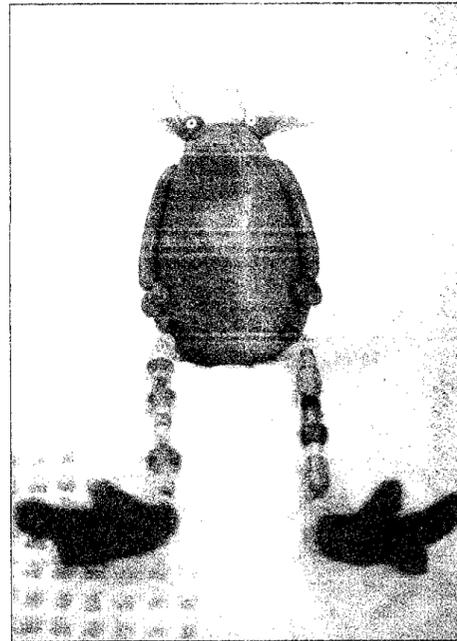
Art fair visitors laugh every time they spot Ann Marie Fischer's polymer clay frogs and turkeys so she named the crafty business Giggles.

The brightly colored figures take the form of lapel pins, earrings and miniatures which sit on shelves or computers and make people smile.

Fischer is one of more than 125 exhibitors delighting Art From the Heart patrons 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 9-10, on the grounds of the Livonia Civic Center complex at Five Mile and Farmington roads.

"We're hoping for 130 to 140 because we're still receiving applications although some categories are closed," said Chris Wish, a representative of Livonia Community Resources. The department serves as a liaison to the Livonia Arts Commission, presenters of the festival.

"We're showcasing wood, media, photos, jewelry, glass, pottery, ceramics, a man weaving hats from Wyandotte, a



Ann Marie Fischer crafts whimsical creatures like this frog from polymer clay.

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'Journey of Smiles'

Hills couple to speak at Operation Smile gala

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Ellis, a Farmington Hills mother and speech and language pathologist, wasted no time seeking help for Callum — even before he was born.

An ultrasound revealed that he would have a cleft lip and a cleft palate, so before he was born, she interviewed surgical teams in the metro-Detroit area.

When Callum arrived, he benefited from living in an urban area full of medical expertise. The Ellis family knew that other children around the world weren't as lucky.

"We were fortunate," Jennifer said. "Today, Callum's speech is only about six months delayed."

Jennifer and her husband, Brian, eagerly accepted an invitation to be keynote speakers at the Journey of Smiles Gala on Saturday, June 9 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn, which is hosted by Operation Smile Southeast Michigan.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Operation Smile is a worldwide children's medical charity dedicated to helping children and young adults born with facial deformities such as cleft lips and cleft palates.

In November, to commemorate its milestone year, Operation Smile will conduct a week-long World Journey of Smiles, which will include 43 simultaneous medical missions in 25 countries with a goal of treating 5,000 children with facial deformities.

In 25 years, Operation Smile's medical volunteers have provided free reconstructive surgery for more than 100,000 children and young adults in 25 countries. Thousands of health-care professionals have been trained globally.



The Ellis family: From back, left, Brian, dad, Jennifer, mom, Nolan, 5, front left, and Callum, 3, front right. Brian and Jennifer are keynote speakers at the Operation Smile Gala, Saturday, June 9 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

During a typical Operation Smile Medical Mission, 300-500 patients receive free medical evaluations and an average of 150 are surgically treated. Operation Smile partners with local physicians and institutions to build a legacy of trust, hope, health and dignity for patients hoping for a chance at a normal life.

"Operation Smile changes lives, one smile at a time," said Terri Klimek, organization chairwoman and medical volunteer. Klimek, an anesthesiologist at the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Michigan Health System, has volun-

teered on 13 Operation Smile medical missions since 2000.

"People often ask me why I give up my vacation to go and do these missions," she said.

"When you see the look in the eyes of the children and their parents, watch their faces the first time they look in a mirror after the surgery, you know you have truly done the most gratifying thing you can do with your profession."

Tickets to the June 9 gala are \$250 per person. For more information, call (248) 347-3659.

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Father's Day brunch to raise funds for Michigan Jazz Festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Midge Ellis is especially looking forward to this year's Father's Day Brunch to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival on July 15, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Every Father's Day the festival's committee presents the best in jazz together with a gourmet brunch prepared by the college's Food Service under the direction of Tom Savage. This year's event features a tribute to legendary jazz pianist Oscar Peterson from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 17, in the VisTaTech Center on campus at 18600 Haggerty, south of Seven Mile. The program features the Richko-Keller-Siers Trio performing music from their new CD *To Oscar, With Love: A Tribute to Oscar Peterson*.

Tickets are \$25 and include the gourmet brunch served from noon to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the 13th annual Michigan Jazz Festival which is free thanks to sponsors and fundraisers like the brunch.

For tickets to the Father's Day Brunch, call (248) 474-2720. Tickets will be available until June 12, or until sold out.

"The group is a tribute to Oscar Peterson and it's kind of wonderful," said Midge Ellis of Livonia. "Steve Richko (the trio's pianist) has written a tune for Oscar and he's loved him since he's little. It's a big fundraiser for us and comes less than a month before the festival so it's a busy time."

Richko has been playing Peterson's music since the Dearborn pianist first heard a recording by the veteran jazz musician. Bassist Paul Keller and drummer Pete Siers are big fans as well.

"It was my personal introduction to jazz," said Steve Richko. "I was about 12 years old. I'm 27 now. He's regarded as the legend of the jazz piano."

The CD which was recorded at Solid Sound, Inc. in Ann Arbor in November 2006 was released a couple of weeks ago. The trio is selling the CD whenever they play including the brunch and a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor. For details, call (734) 760-2999, e-mail kch@kerrytown.com, or visit www.kerrytownconcert-house.com. The CD is \$15, and also available at www.pko-records.com.

"Our executive producer Ian Mulhinch, who courageously



Pete Siers (left), Paul Keller and Steve Richko perform a tribute to legendary jazz pianist Oscar Peterson at Schoolcraft College.

battles ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), approached the trio and wanted to do a project that would also benefit charities for ALS. A portion of proceeds go to charities that help find a cure for ALS."

Brunch guests will be treated to selections from the CD as well as new arrangements of jazz classics in the style of Oscar Peterson. The program includes the piano legend's Tangerine, Noreen's Nocturne, Place St. Henri and Wheatland from his Canadiana Suite, and Peterson's version of Maria from West Side Story.

"I wrote the title track *To Oscar With Love* as a ballad," said Richko. "I knew I wanted to write a composition for the record and at first wanted it to be an up, swinging number, but then chose a ballad because I wanted to show his piano artistry. All of the compositions on the CD are special. Oscar Peterson to me promotes perfection and swing and that's something that we love about him."

Richko always had a piano in

his home as a small child. Wherever he went — to his grandparents, aunt — there was a piano. After he heard Charlie Parker play he wanted a saxophone but couldn't afford it so he began teaching himself piano.

"To Oscar With Love demonstrates our respect and admiration for the man and his incredible music," said Richko.

"OP is not only the greatest jazz pianist of all time, but my personal favorite jazz musician of all time," added Paul Keller of Ann Arbor. "I've loved and studied his music and glorious career since I was a teenager. I have waited 30 years to make this OP tribute CD. We needed to find a pianist that could fill the job, that not only had the desire but also the ability to fill such a difficult task. Steve Richko is that pianist. One of the things that I love about Steve Richko is he is inspired by and channels the spirit of OP without directly copying Peterson."

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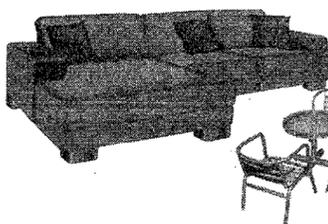
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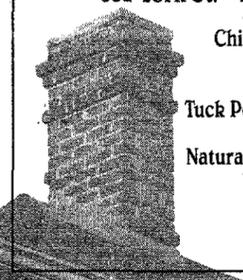
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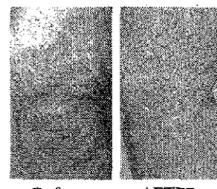
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Three Cities presents spring art exhibition, sale

Three Cities Art Club's Spring Art Exhibition and Sale continues to Saturday, June 2, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road, between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Be sure to bring the kids. This is a great way to introduce young people to the world of art.

Works include watercolor, colored pencil, oil, fiber, and more. Most of the artists will be at the reception so this is an opportunity to meet and speak with them or commission a piece to meet your specific requirements.

This year, rather than having a professional artist judge the work, viewers will be allowed to vote for three of their favorite pieces to determine which artists will win up to \$900 in prize money. Each

person who votes will be entered to win one of seven gift certificates (four for Canton Leisure Services good for a free large bucket of golf balls at Pheasant Run Driving Range or two day passes to The Summit or toward a Canton Leisure Class; two for \$10 each to Poole's Tavern in Northville; one for \$75 good toward dinner for two at Fleming's Prime Steak House and Wine Bar in Livonia). Participants need not be present to win. Certificates will be mailed to winners.

Three Cities Art Club is one of the area's oldest art clubs. There is no residency restriction. From its inception, members have wanted to help each other develop artistic skills, educate others, display and sell their work, and socialize with like-minded individuals. From

September through June, the club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Canton Township Hall for workshops, demonstrations or enlightening presentations. Members bring recent works and those attending vote for their favorite in a competition. Annual membership is \$20, and includes monthly meetings, art supply discounts at local stores such as D & M Art Studio, a monthly newsletter, and the opportunity to exhibit and sell their artwork and enjoy the camaraderie of those who share their passion.

For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, weekends at (734) 397-2348, or via e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.



Sandy's Support Team gathered for the 2006 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Detroit. This year, Sandy Jessop is co-chair for the Teams committee.

RACE FOR CURE

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mile or 5K Walk and Run. The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is just a wonderful experience that anyone can do. You don't have to train for it. It's a sea of pink shirts, people hugging each other, supporting each other. It's something people don't want to miss.

Robin Dahlman compares the race to throwing a party for 30,000 of your closest friends. The Canton woman is a nine-year breast cancer survivor and the race volunteers co-chairperson. She is still in need of volunteers from now through race day. To give of your time, visit www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheure.

"There are more than 1,000 volunteers who help on race morning and that takes a lot of organizing," said Dahlman. "I love to meet these people, find the best volunteer match. There are so many helpful, willing people in all these communities. We get there at 4:30 a.m. and see

the streets come to life. Volunteers and participants come back year after year."

Dahlman first participated in the race nine years ago. She was told she had breast cancer in February. The race was in April. She said even though she felt very private about the diagnosis, she and husband Rob decided to "hold hands and do it." Since then their sons Randy and Ryan have walked with them along with Ryan's wife Kelly and son Brandon.

"I found it myself, lumps from the lymph nodes then I found lumps in my breasts," said Robin Dahlman. "I was 41 and did a baseline mammogram at 38. It was quite a surprise. There was no history of any kind in my family. These were words I wasn't familiar with. It threw us for a loop."

Dahlman was diagnosed with stage III breast cancer which had spread to her lymph nodes. A few weeks later she had a mastectomy followed by six months of chemotherapy and six weeks of radiation.

"You're always living with that it can come back," said

Dahlman, "even though there's no evidence of disease at this time."

Dahlman's involvement with the race keeps her hope for a cure alive.

"The organization's new name, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, has kind of renewed their mission," said Dahlman. "They've promised to invest another billion dollars. It's amazing what a promise to a sister can do. I have three sisters. When I was going through treatment, they all were here for my surgery. You kind of understand that sister to sister dedication."

The 5K run, and 5K and 1 Mile Walk begin with an 8 a.m. opening ceremony (packet pickup, Shop for the Cure and Sponsor Booths open at 7 a.m.). For details, visit www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheure or call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266).

For more information on breast health and cancer, call (800) KARMANOS or visit www.karmanos.org, or www.komen.org.

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Summer art classes begin in June

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia begins summer classes on June 7, in Room 14 of the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh.

Audrey DiMarco-Terry teaches pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oil or collage during classes 12:30-3:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 24 to June 28. The cost for Create with Audrey is \$90 for VAAL members, \$100 non-members.

Portrait artist Lin Baum teaches drawing for all levels of students as well as portraiture and painting - all media, in sessions

that run from June through August.

Sharpen your skills and learn new techniques with Marj Chellstorp for six weeks beginning June 20. Creative Painting in watercolor, oil or mixed media takes place 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays.

No class on July 4. Workshops cover a range of topics and include Hints of Gold & Silver (with watercolor), Gel Monotypes, and Summer Flowers and Garden.

For more information, call (248) 919-0008

ART

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couple of painters. We have a lot of jewelry, a lot of decorative yard ornaments out of metal, and soy candles."

FULL OF GIGGLES

Fischer's novelty items range from holiday themes to flamingoes, chickens and garden angels. The Farmington Hills woman began making jewelry about 18 years ago and displays the work in about 15 shows annually. Her prices range from \$8 to \$20. A haunted house costs \$250.

"I always loved clay and took a lot of art classes at Mercy and courses at OCC (Oakland Community College)," said Fischer, a 1977 graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

"I was inspired when I bought a pair of pumpkin earrings in Plymouth (at Art in the Park) and started out using bread dough. People found them very whimsical and fun. Each piece is hand-formed. I mix a lot of my own colors. Frogs are a lively green. Flamingoes are a rosy mauve color and I use feathers in them to bring life. Every piece is made with love. There are snowmen for wintertime and Santa Clauses. It's a lot of work but a lot of fun. Doing shows I meet a lot of lovely people."

HAND PAINTED CLOTHING

Angela Wiseman's hand-

painted clothing is sure to be a hit with fair goers. The Livonia woman creates dresses and T-shirts by drawing freehand, stenciling, stamping, and splashing paint on white summer wear.

Wiseman began decorating clothing about 12 years ago with the help of her sister Diane Pochmara. She exhibits in dozens of shows including Art in the Park in Plymouth and the Farmington Founders Festival. Prices range from \$5 to \$50.

"I do lots of florals," said Angela Wiseman. "I started with a tropical motif. I split time between Michigan and Hawaii. I do craft shows there also, about 30 to 40 shows in Michigan, about 20 shows in Hawaii. It's definitely my business."

Wiseman starts with blank dresses, usually all white. Then she paints on the fabric with pastel colors, sage, peach, pink, and green.

"I try to mix it up because everybody has a favorite color," said Wiseman who sometimes adds glitter to her canvas.

"They're light and airy. It's a great summer thing, a beach cover-up and summer dress in sizes from small through double X and sometimes triple X. I use fabric paint. Everything is machine washable and dryable. It's durable and will last. I work in grungy painting clothes. As soon as it hits the fabric it's there permanently."

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITORS

Dan Spurling is not only

excited about the variety of exhibitors, but the amount. Last year's show was the first in a new location in the heart of the city so the number of artists and crafters was purposely kept smaller. Previously the event, called Art in the Village, had been held on the spacious grounds of Greenmead Historical Park.

The name and location change is intended to reflect a rebirth of the festival that includes arts and crafts fun for children, package pickup and delivery, hourly raffles, a sidewalk chalk-drawing contest, and food.

Admission is free and a shuttle service provided.

"We've increased the size by about 40 percent, added more entertainment, and extended hours one more hour every day," said Livonia arts commissioner Dan Spurling who co-chairs the event with his wife Carrie.

"We'll have a barbershop quartet, country line dancers, country music, folk music. We're going to have a variety of music. We're going to bring in a magician for the kids and have hands-on art activities. We'll have a chalk art competition on site (west of city hall) sponsored by Busch's market. We had a pretty good turn out for that last year. We'll also have T-shirts designed by the kids from a contest sponsored by Busch's.

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WARMER WEATHER BRINGS ON THOSE PESKY WARTS

As the children get out of school for the summer to spend countless hours at the pool, warts on the feet and hands become more prevalent. Warts are non-cancerous skin growths caused by a virus in the top layers of the skin. Warts can cause cosmetic problems, as well as pain and discomfort. Nine million Americans contract warts each year.

Dr. Randy H. Bernstein, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon in Dearborn Heights, and a staff member of Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, shares this information from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons:

Warts are caused by a virus called the Human Papillomavirus. Warts can be passed from person to person just like a cold or the flu. It is common for warts to show up in areas of skin injury such as a cut, scrape, puncture, or even a callus. It can take from a few weeks to three months for a wart to appear from the time you are initially infected.

Symptoms of warts are: rough round or oval lesions usually found on the hands or soles of the feet. On the hands, the lesions are raised and not very tender. On the bottom of the feet, the warts are flat or slightly raised with pain on lateral pressure. They often feel like you're walking on stones.

Several common sense ideas can be implemented to help prevent warts and their ability to spread.

1. Don't walk barefoot in public places such as pools and locker rooms. Wear shoes in the public places to avoid coming in contact with the virus.
2. Don't wear other peoples shoes or sandals.
3. Don't pick at warts. This will spread the virus.
4. Keep your feet as dry as possible. Sweat is the perfect environment for warts to thrive and spread.

Treatment options for warts include: 1. Surgical removal. 2. Laser excision. 3. Acid treatments. 4. Freezing with a cold solution. 5. Over-the-counter medicine. 6. Drying it out.

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Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: women - date style clothes, men - jackets and ties. For information, call Joe Castradale, (248) 968-5197.

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Euchre

Anytime 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members. \$6/non-members.

Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road,

west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Monthly dance

8 p.m. Saturday, June 2, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford. Cost \$10. Call Diane K. for information (734)261-5716.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Greek Town Casino Trip

May 19, 2007, Wayne/Westland Chapter is hosting trip. Some tickets are still available. Call Pat Tokar at (248)478-8977 or Diana Winn at (734)751-7386. Cost is \$25 which includes a round trip bus ride to the Casino and you will receive a \$15 voucher for cash from Greentown. Bus leaves Westborn Mall parking lot, Michigan Avenue and Outer Driver, at 5 p.m. Arrives back at 11 p.m. Public invited.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

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

Single Parents

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Sidor-Janis

John and Mariola Sidor of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Ania Sidor, to Michael Janis, son of Richard and Diane Janis of Grosse Pointe Woods.

An August wedding and reception is planned at St. John's in Plymouth.

Ania Sidor earned a double major in political science and Russian and Eastern European studies from the University of Michigan. She is a third year law student at Fordham University in New York City.

Michael Janis earned a bachelor of business administration degree in finance and account-



ing from the University of Michigan School of Business. He is an investment analyst and principle with TPG-Axon Capital in New York City.

Bell-Vogel

Larry and Jennifer Bell of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Bell, to David Vogel.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of John Glenn High School. She earned her bachelor of science in education from Central Michigan University in 2006. Melissa is teaching in St. Petersburg, Fla.

David is the son of Kenneth and Emilene Vogel of Weidman, Mich. He graduated from Beal City High School in 2001 and obtained his bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University in logistics and marketing in 2005. He is a production planner for Jabil Corp. in St. Petersburg.



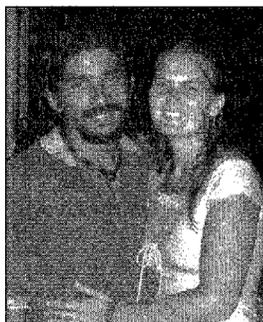
A July wedding is planned on the campus of Central Michigan University, where the couple met as students.

Thomas-Osorio

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sands of Plymouth and Mr. Jack Thomas of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Thomas, formerly of Livonia, to Oscar Danilo Perez Osorio of El Lagartillo, Nicaragua, son of Herminia Osorio and Amancio Perez of El Lagartillo, Nicaragua.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She received a degree in social work at the University of Texas in 2004. She works as an assistant at Marie Pulte and Carlo J. Martina's law office in Plymouth.

The prospective groom did



undergraduate studies in Nicaragua and teaches at Los Hijos del Maiz Spanish School. The wedding will be at La Iglesia San Antonio in Esteli, Nicaragua.

Phenix-Demeritt

Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Phenix of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Trista Joi Phenix, to Andrew M. Demeritt of Westland.

The bride-to-be attended Schoolcraft College. The prospective groom is the son of Mrs. Verlot E. Russell of Fort Meyers, Fla., and Darrell M. Demeritt of Atlanta, Ga. He is a graduate of Cape Coral High School. He works at Don Pablos in Canton.

A September wedding is planned for Taylor, Mich.

Markowski-Ellis

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Markowski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Beth Markowski of Livonia, to Jason Joel Ellis, son of Mr. and Walter Ellis of Dryden.

Amy is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is a certified medical assistant employed by Northpointe Heart Center in Berkley. Jason is a 1998 graduate of Dryden High School and is a senior mortgage banker employed by Quicken Loans in Livonia.

A September wedding is planned at Sunset Point at Walt Disney World's Polynesian



Resort. A reception will be held one week later at the Thomas Edison Inn in Port Huron.

Crowe-Reinke

Dana Lynn Crowe of Livonia is to be married to Christopher Richard Reinke of Huntington Woods in late October. The ceremony is planned for St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia with a reception following at Laurel Manor.

Dana is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School. She received her bachelor of business administration in accounting and in management in December 2002 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. In September 2005, she received her master of science in taxation from Walsh College. Dana is a CPA in the tax department at Plante & Moran, PLLC's Southfield office.

Chris graduated from Berkley High School in 1998. He received his bachelor of science in mechanical engineering in



December 2002 and his master of science in mechanical engineering in December 2004, both from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Chris is an engineer in product development at DaimlerChrysler in Auburn Hills.

ANNIVERSARIES



Trygiers celebrate 50 years
Thomas and Anastasia (Del) Trygier of Livonia celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 1, 2007.

They were married June 1, 1957, at St. John the Baptist in Dearborn Heights.

They have five children: John (Jill), Lisa (Ken), Vickie, Thomas (Erin) and Christine (Lou).

The Trygiers also have three grandchildren: Jessica, John Henry and Alexandria.

Tom and Del made their home in Livonia in 1966 and have continued to live there since. Tom is retired from Commercial Steel Heat Treating and Del is retired from the Kroger Co.

The couple celebrated their anniversary with a dinner party at their home with family and close friends.



Reininks celebrate 50th

anniversary
John and Marilyn (Zschunke) Reinink of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary June 1.

They were married June 1, 1957, at First Baptist Church of Wayne.

They have four children: Wendy Bodin of Westland, Kelly Reinink of Canton, Jeff Reinink of Plymouth and Diane Salisbury of Livonia.

They have eight grandchildren.

John is retired from Ford Motor Co.'s Rouge office. He is a retired Marine, who served in the Korean War. He attends a Marine reunion every year.

Marilyn is retired from Livonia Chrysler Plymouth. She belongs to the Red Hat Society.

Their children on sending them on a trip to celebrate their anniversary.



Kitzmans celebrate 65th

anniversary
Albert and Norma Kitzman of Livonia were married June 6, 1942, by Pastor Hall at Howes Memorial Chapel on Northwestern University's campus in Evanston, Ill.

They have three children: Janice, Jo (Duane) and Karl (Kathy). Their six grandchildren are Robert (Carrie), Julie, Jonathan, Daniel, Robert (Bo) and Timothy. They also have two great-grandchildren, Andrew and Matthew.

Al and Norma have lived in Livonia since 1959. Albert managed Foundry Flask and Equipment in Northville from 1959 to 1978.

Norma retired from Clarenceville Public Schools after teaching for 30 years.

They are members of Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield and have enjoyed loving fellowship in the Christian Partners Sunday school class.



Albert and Norma Kitzman

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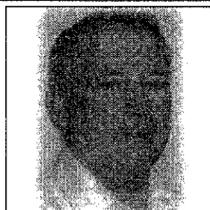


JOHN R. BRAUS

Age 90, died on May 29, 2007 at 3:16 p.m. from complications of heart disease in Tucson, AZ. John was born on November 23, 1916 the son of Fred and Genevieve Braus of Royal Oak, MI. He was the oldest of six children. He received a Bachelor Degree in Engineering from the University of Detroit in 1941. After working at the bomber plant in Ypsilanti, MI for the remaining years of World War II, he went to work for the Ford Motor Company, and over the years he rose to managerial positions. He married Helen Braus in 1942. Several years after he retired, they moved to Tucson, AZ. John was an energetic, creative and dynamic individual who continued throughout his life to apply his engineering skills, from home projects such as his beloved use of concrete, building ice-igloos and skating rinks for the children, to professional consulting jobs post-retirement. He was known for his ability to make those around him laugh. He is survived by his wife, Helen; children, Mary, Tony, Joe, Peggy, Liz and Chris; his brothers, Bob and Carl and his sister, Litta. He was preceded in death by his oldest daughter, Anne. He will be very much missed by all. A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, June 2, 2007, in Tucson, AZ. Arrangements by Bring's Broadway Chapel, Tucson, AZ (520) 296-7193

ROBIN COLLEY

Age 83, born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland on Christmas Eve, 1923. Formerly of Farmington, but more recently lived in Westland and Livonia. Passed away on May 26, 2007 in St. Joseph, Michigan. Loving mother of John (Wilma) Herd of Middlesboro, KY, Rhona (Gale) Shrewsbury of Lashmeet, WV, Neil (Linda) Colley of Stevensville, MI, Rick (Laurie) Colley and Bruce (Glenda) Colley, both from Livonia. She also had several loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sister to Nan (Dave) Gilbert, Millie (Dave) Wilson, Robert (Janet) Stenhouse, all living in Scotland and Terry Jones of Windsor (deceased). Several nieces and nephews survive her as well. Private graveside ceremony for family only, please. Memorial contributions can be sent in her honor to the Salvation Army, who helped her in many ways when she first came over from Scotland.

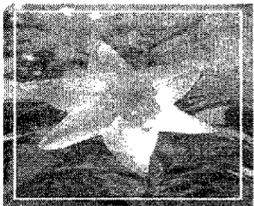


GERARD B. JANISSE

Gerard passed away peacefully on October 21, 2006 at home in Naples Florida. He leaves his loving wife Elsie of 40 years, and daughter Lisa Reeves of Philadelphia, as well as brother Maurice, sisters Colette and Yvonne (Babe) and many nieces and nephews. Originally from Windsor, Gerry served as a Captain in the Canadian Army in WW2, and was a stock broker for over twenty years in Birmingham before retiring to Florida in 1982. Cremation has taken place in Florida, and a memorial service will be held at St. John Vianney, 385 Dieppe in Windsor, Ontario on June 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

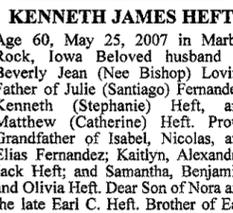
WALTER S. MATTILA

Age 95, Southfield, MI. Passed May 29, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



DAVID A. MURPHY

Age 70, May 31, 2007, longtime Observer & Eccentric Newspaper employee. David is survived by Norine, his beloved wife of 50 years. Loving father of Leslie (Mark) Churella, David (Tami), John (Sue) and Melissa (Tom) Maher. Cherished grandfather of Mark, Ryan, Joshua, Dayna, David, Patrick, Olivia, Joseph, McKenzie, Colin and Brady. Brother of Ray, Don, Pat, and Peggy Clark. David is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, and is preceded in death by his grandson Connor. Funeral Mass Monday, June 4, 11 a.m. (In state 10:30 a.m.) at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., (between 8-9 Mile Rds.), Farmington. Visitation Sunday 1-8 p.m. with a 5 p.m. Scripture Service at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248) 474-5200. Memorial tributes suggested to the Fr. Solanus Guild, c/o Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207. www.heeneey-sundquist.com



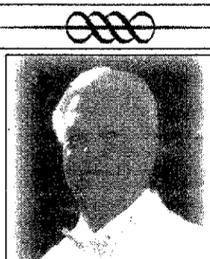
KENNETH JAMES HEFT

Age 60, May 25, 2007 in Marble Rock, Iowa. Beloved husband of Beverly Jean (Nee Bishop) Loving Father of Julie (Santiago) Fernandez, Kenneth (Stephanie) Heft, and Matthew (Catherine) Heft. Proud Grandfather of Isabel, Nicolas, and Elias Fernandez; Kaitlyn, Alexandra, Jack Heft; and Samantha, Benjamin, and Olivia Heft. Dear Son of Nora and the late Earl C. Heft. Brother of Earl "Bud" (Linda) Heft and Cecilia (Lawrence) Faw Brother-in-Law of Judy (Greg) Harrison and Shirley (Norman) TenBrink Also survived by 13 nieces and nephews. Visitation at the Lynch & Son Funeral Home 340 Pontiac Trail Rd. Walled Lake Friday 4:00pm - 8:00pm. Saturday, Memorial Celebration Service 10:00 am, Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake. Please share a memory with the family at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home- Utica



GRACE MACK CAMPBELL

May 26, 2007 Age 78 of Bloomfield Hills. Grace was born in Detroit on July 6, 1928 and lived there until 1937 when the Mack family moved to Birmingham. She was the daughter of Rowena Jane (nee Paton) and Hugh Ross Mack. She graduated from Baldwin High School in Birmingham in 1946. Grace attended Bennett Jr. College in Millbrook, N.Y. and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1950 with a degree in elementary education. She taught in the Birmingham Public Schools until the time of her marriage. She married Robert G. Campbell on October 19, 1956 at Kirk in the Hills. Wife of Robert G. Campbell. Mother of Robert R. and Amy Anderson. Grandmother of Matthew Anderson. Sister of Hugh R. Mack, Jr. (Betsy) and her twin Helen M. Vahue (the late Ray). Memorial service Saturday June 16th 11am at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills 48302, followed by luncheon at Bloomfield Hills Country Club. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Kirk in the Hills or The Beaumont Foundation, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 or The Village Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



WILLIAM EDWARD HERBERT

Age 80, passed May 23, 2007. Beloved husband of Donna for 57 years. Loving father of Patricia (Bruce) Beck and Bill (Susan). Dear grandfather of six and great-grandfather of three grandsons. After retiring as a photo engraver, he enjoyed being a stater at Glenhurst Golf Course. A member of the Redford Elks and VFW Hubert Post 345. Proud veteran of WWII. He loved the game of golf, a dry martini, and a good laugh. He will be missed terribly. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 2 at 2 pm at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btwn.6-9 Mile). Memorial contributions to the American Lung Association appreciated.

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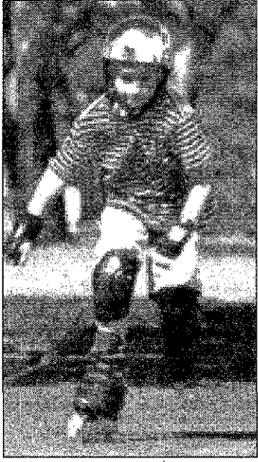
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deals. Don't say if you don't like it we can come and pick you up."

FAMILY AFFAIR

Dr. Molly O'Shea gives parents the same advice she follows when preparing to send daughter Marien, 10, and sons Conall, 6, and Declan, 8, to camp. O'Shea is a pediatrician and managing partner of Beverly Hills Pediatrics in Bingham Farms and Sterling Heights. For the last 10 years, she's served as a medical adviser to camps. O'Shea also does educational programming about camp health issues for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"Before camp season I have them get an annual checkup. They all have allergies and asthma. We do revised plans with the physician at that time, if there were worsening symptoms how to manage them," said O'Shea of Birmingham. "I talk to them about sunscreen and bug spray use. I tell them they put sunscreen on in the morning, before lunch, and at afternoon snack time, and use bug spray at the end of the camp session day."

As a mother, O'Shea was especially concerned about her children receiving the wrong medication or dosage so she and husband Kevin developed CampRx.com, a service providing pre-packaged medications to children at resident and day camps. Working with DirectRx, a mail-order pharmacy in Troy, CampRx.com packages a camper's medication then ships it directly to camp before sessions begin.

"It was started primarily because most camps really didn't know how to administer to children on a consistent schedule, reliably. We wanted to take the guess work out of it," said O'Shea. "If a child is taking medications for allergy, ADD, asthma, all three are packaged together in a single dose pack that reminds them of the next dose."

For more information about the pre-packaged medications, visit www.camprx.com.

For information about meningitis vaccinations available at the VNA of Southeast Michigan office in Oak Park, call (248) 967-8755.

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Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Glen from Ferndale is overweight and also has prostate cancer. He heard he could be at an increased risk of dying from the disease. He is looking for more information.

Yes, Glen, you could have an increased risk of death due to prostate cancer! A new study found that men with prostate cancer who were mildly obese had a 46 percent higher risk of dying from the disease within five years. It is even worse for men battling prostate cancer who are very obese. They are twice as likely to die from it. Another study

found obesity triples the likelihood the cancer will spread. Researchers say weight did not affect a man's chances of developing prostate cancer, it only increases his risk of dying from the disease. This is just another reason to maintain a healthy weight, especially if you are battling a disease!

Fran from Waterford is concerned about her father's weight. She heard it could be really bad for his heart. Is this true?

Fran, it is true! In fact, a new study followed a group of more than 100,000 men and women with bigger midsections. Researchers found men with the biggest bellies had a 42 percent increased risk of developing coronary artery disease.

Women with bigger bellies had a 44 percent heart disease risk. So instead of sitting there in shock over these statistics, get up and get moving! Exercise and proper nutrition is the best way to beat belly fat.

You should do 30 minutes of moderate exercise each day. As far as your diet goes, keep it simple, low fat and low calories. Your heart will beat a lot happier!

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE

Community Open House

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents Kaleidoscope of Care which offers games, food, health screenings, and activities for free 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 3, on the north grounds, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-1592 or visit www.stmarymercy.org. Open house follows Cancer Survivors Celebration beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the south lobby. For more information, call (734) 655-8950.

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet Monday, June 4, at Way Elementary School, 765 W. Long Lake, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. No charge for members, \$5 per non-member family. For details, call (248) 988-6716. The parent group will have Dr. Stuart Segal speaking on Getting Services from the College Disability Office. Dr. Arthur Robin speaks to adult group on Cognitive Behavior Therapy for treating AD/HD.

Allergy lecture

6 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, Treating Allergies Naturally, free workshop with Dr. William H. Karl, D.C. at Noble Library, Livonia. Seating limited, reservations requested. Call (734) 425-8588.

Forever fit

Personal training with Jeremy Daum begins Wednesday, June 6, for six weeks at Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington, Livonia. Cost is \$24. Daum leads a Strength Training Class every Wednesday and Friday. Register with payment at first class. Call (734) 466-2555 for details. No class July 4. Next series starts Friday, July 20.

Hospice volunteers needed

Looking for caring volunteers to provide in-home companionship visits to patients with life-limiting illnesses and/or respite support for their caregivers and families. Weekday availability preferred. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (800) 248-2298 or visit www.stjohn.org/Hospice.

Health screenings

Meijer offers health screenings. Cholesterol or fasting blood glucose test patients must fast at least 10 hours

and 8 hours respectively but may take morning medications. Clinic hours 8 a.m. to noon June 26, 4200 Highland, Waterford, (248) 738-7833; and June 14, 28800 Telegraph, Southfield, (248) 304-9533; June 7, 1703 Haggerty, Commerce Twp., (248) 926-3133; June 26, 20401 Haggerty, Northville, (248) 449-5733; June 12, 6001 Highland, White Lake, (248) 889-6810, and June 22, 49900 Grand River, Wixom, (248) 449-8533.

Cancer survivor retreat

Offered by American Cancer Society, Young Adult Retreat applications due Friday, June 8, retreat (July 12-15) is for cancer survivors ages 16-20, at St. Mary's College, Indiana. Visit www.cancer.org/retreat. To volunteer services (medical and non-medical), call (800) ACS-2345.

Volunteer training

Heartland Hospice Services is looking for caring and compassionate individuals for hospice volunteer training to provide companionship, support and friendly visits for patients and their caregivers. We are located in Southfield and serve the Tri-county area. Evening and day time classes available. Office support is also needed. To register, call (800) 770-9859.

Hormone replacement naturally

Natural Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement Therapy, Anti-Aging Medicine, and How to Slow Down the Aging Process with Catherine Walker, M.D. 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Holiday Inn Select, 1500 Opdyke at University, Auburn Hills. No charge. Couples welcome. Call (248) 267-5002 for reservations.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 12; attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come first-served basis, in Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

Sharing & Caring

6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, Date Night dinner and sessions for newly diagnosed patient and partner with clinical psychologist Annette Spencer, Ph.D., at Beaumont Hospital's Cancer Center, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer

survivors, their family and friends. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting.

Parkinson benefit walk

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation holds its I Gave My Sole to Parkinson's Walk-A-Thon and 5K run-Sunday, June 10, at Maybury State Park on Eight Mile, west of Beck, Northville. On-site registration at 9:30 a.m. Event begins 11 a.m. Fee for walkers \$10, age 12 and under walkers \$5, runners \$15, family (immediate only) \$30. To register, call (800) 852-9781, send e-mail to mpofice@aol.com, or visit www.parkinsonsmi.org.

Lecture

On Urinary Bladder Problems and Erectile Dysfunction with St. Mary Mercy Hospital physician John Frederick Harb 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, in the hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For details, call (734) 655-8961.

Sharing & Caring

7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 14, MRI for the diagnosis of breast cancer with Marc Flemming, M.D., diagnostic radiology, at Beaumont Hospital's Cancer Center, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends. For information, call (248) 551-8585. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting.

Our Body lecture series

Speaker series in conjunction with Our Body exhibit at Detroit Science Center. Admission to lecture is free with paid general admission. RSVPs required to attend lectures. Seating limited. To RSVP, send e-mail to events@sciencedetroit.org with event date and names of those attending. Museum hours extended to 10 p.m. on lecture dates to allow attendees to view exhibit. There is a separate admission charge for exhibit. Series includes 7 p.m. June 14, Does Family History Accurately Predict Your Future Health? Our Body exhibit tickets \$24.95, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 children. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. Advance tickets on sale at www.detroitsciencecenter.org. Exhibit continues to Sept. 3. Call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Tips to avoid Lyme Disease this summer

Before venturing out this summer make sure you take precautions against Lyme and other diseases which can be transmitted through the bite of an infected tick.

Protect your family by wearing light-colored clothing which allows you to see ticks easily.

Wear a hat and long-sleeved shirt. Tuck your clothes in - shirts into pants and pants into socks.

Use an insect repellent with DEET on exposed skin.

When hiking stay in the middle of the trails and try to avoid underbrush, fallen trees and tall grass.

Always perform a tick check when returning in from outdoors or when outdoors for extended periods of time.

If you do find a tick use a pair of fine-pointed tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull gently and slowly but firmly

until tick releases. This may take several attempts. Avoid crushing or killing the tick while it is still attached to the skin. Once the tick is removed, clean the area with an antiseptic such as alcohol.

Lyme Disease may cause symptoms such as a rash which only appears in about 68-percent of cases and not necessarily at the bite site. Other symptoms may appear flu-like and include fever, muscle aches, joint pain, headaches, fatigue, or weakness.

Symptoms can appear days to weeks after a tick bite. If left untreated Lyme Disease can lead to heart, neurological, eye and joint problems because the bacteria can affect many different organs and organ systems. For a packet of information on Lyme Disease, contact the Michigan Lyme Disease Association at 1-888-784-5963 or visit www.mlda.org.

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THE KNEE CAP AS A SOURCE OF PAIN

When you come to your doctor with knee pain, it is the responsibility of your physician to clarify as precisely as possible where that pain originates.

The knee includes the knee joint, the knee cap, the tendons that run over the knee cap, and the sacs or bursa that separate the tendons from rubbing over the hard tissues of the knee. With this number of components to consider, it often happens that you feel knee pain, and appear to have knee joint swelling when the joint itself is not involved.

In many cases where the knee cap, knee tendons or bursa are inflamed, the pain you feel is exactly what you would experience if your problem was knee joint arthritis. You would note pain on walking, worsening with further ambulation and relieved by rest or being off your feet.

Your doctor determines the source of your knee pain by examining not only the knee joint but the knee cap, the tendons around it and the various bursa that intercede between the tendons and the bony structures of the knee. However, at times, x-ray views of the knee joint may reveal changes in the structure of the knee cap, or show that it sits in an abnormal angle in its relation to the knee joint.

In many cases of knee pain coming from bursa or tendons, injection therapy resolves the problem. In instances where the knee cap is at fault, the best approach is physical therapy to realign the knee cap to the knee joint.

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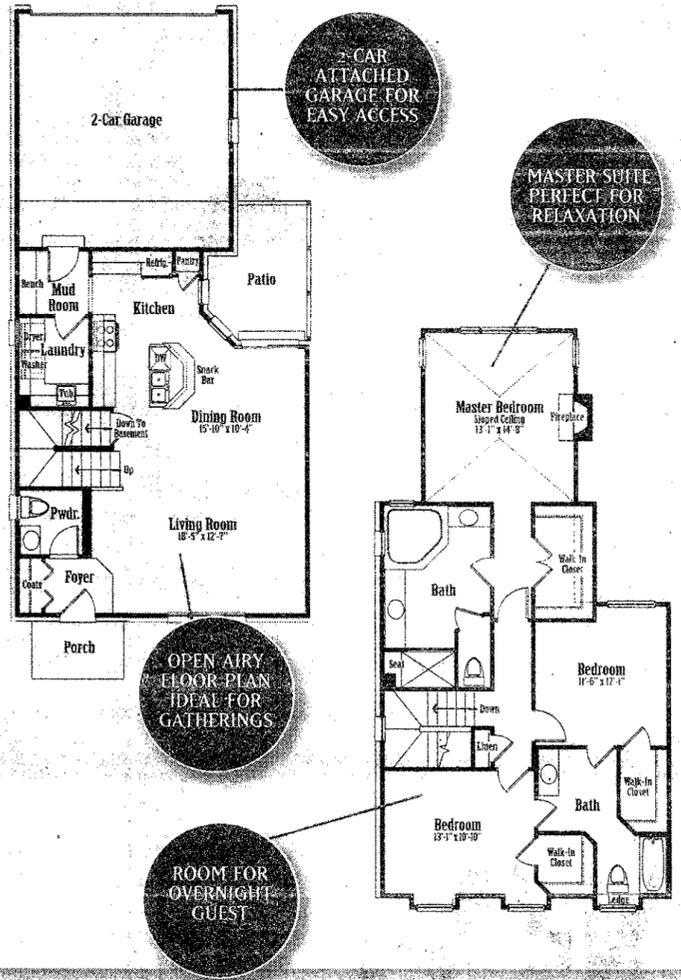


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