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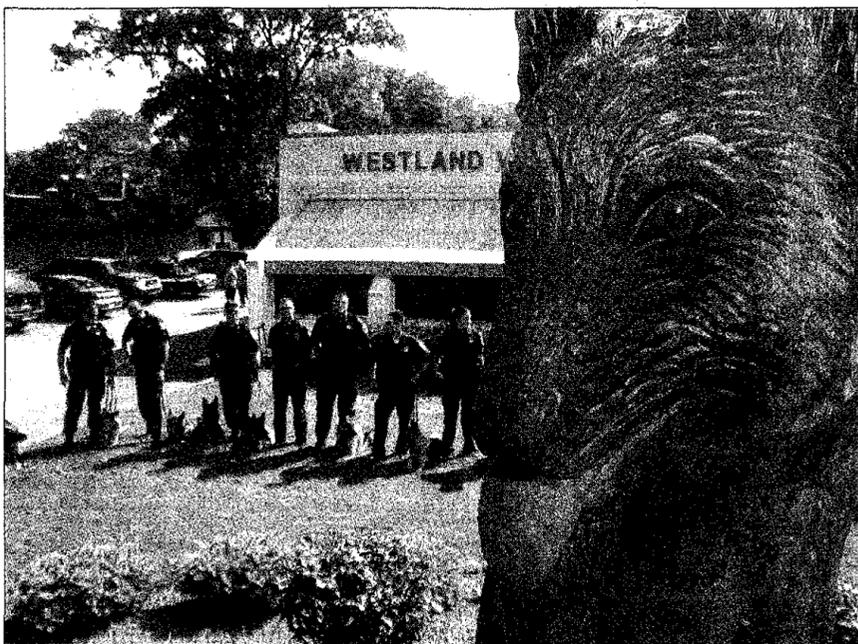
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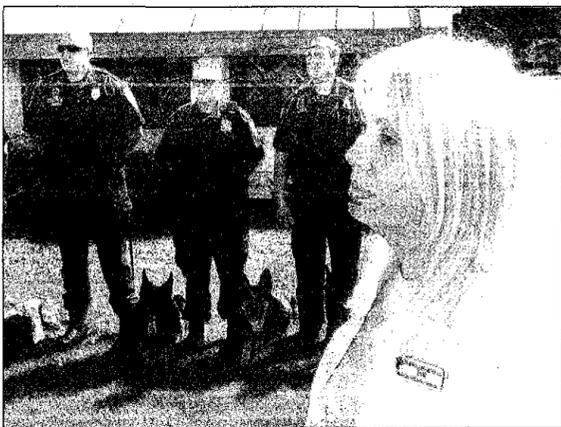
The statue of the late police dog Zeke faces Wayne Road, across from Westland Shopping Center.

In honor of Zeke

Police officers and K-9s turn out for memorial's dedication

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Doggone it. What was all the commotion Wednesday morning that brought police dogs and uniformed officers from 32 communities to the Westland Veterinary Hospital? Had Dr. Sharon Lawrenchuk — highly regarded, upstanding business owner — done something wrong? Hardly. Rather, she had made a remarkable gesture to support the police



Dr. Sharon Lawrenchuk commissioned the statue of police dog Zeke.

dogs — especially deceased Westland canine Zeke — that have received loving care at her Wayne Road clinic. Lawrenchuk had a dedication ceremony for a wooden statue of

Zeke, a German shepherd who valiantly tracked down many a criminal with uniformed partner Grant Allen before dying of kidney

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Man is arraigned in shooting death of his girlfriend

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER



Catalano

A Westland man was arraigned Tuesday afternoon on charges of shooting and killing his deaf girlfriend while she was in bed at the home they shared on Gloria, near Merriman and Cherry Hill.

Timothy Joseph Catalano, 45, who also is deaf, said through an interpreter in Westland District Court that "it was an accident."

But police Sgt. Steve Borisch said during Catalano's arraignment that the defendant confessed to shooting 44-year-old Tammy Susalla — his girlfriend of 24 years — with a 22-caliber rifle.

"He confessed that he did in fact shoot the victim in the head with a rifle," Borisch told Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

Susalla was shot shortly after 1 a.m. Monday in a three-bedroom ranch home. She was flown to the University of Michigan Hospital, where police Lt. Daniel Karrick said she died Tuesday morning.

Borisch told Bokos that Catalano shot Susalla and then woke their 19-year-old daughter, Jessica, who had been sleeping in the basement. The daughter's boyfriend also was in the basement.

Bokos arraigned the defendant on first-degree murder and felony firearms charges and ordered him jailed without bond. Bokos entered a not-guilty plea and set a Sept. 6 preliminary hearing to determine whether Catalano should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted as charged, Catalano will spend the rest of his life in prison.

Borisch said in court that Susalla was planning to end her relationship with Catalano, and he "was very upset about that."

Catalano left the scene after the

shooting and went to his father's house in Jackson County, Borisch said. The detective was with the couple's daughter when a call came from Catalano's father, saying the defendant was there.

Borisch said Jackson County authorities were contacted, and they arrested Catalano and turned him over to Westland police.

Borisch told Bokos that Catalano confessed to the killing during an interview with police Sgt. David Heater.

After Tuesday's arraignment, Heater said it was the first time that Catalano had characterized the shooting as an accident.

An attorney for Catalano hadn't been named Tuesday.

The defendant initially asked for a court-appointed lawyer but then indicated through the interpreter that his mother would be hiring an attorney to represent him.

As court officers led Catalano from the courtroom, he turned and waved.

Susalla's death marked the second homicide in as many weeks in Westland.

Just eight days earlier, drywall worker Gregory William Dean Jr., 45, was stabbed in the head outside of Country Court Apartments, on Wildwood north of Ford.

Police said Dean muttered a racial slur after he was denied a hit off a cigarette by 18-year-old defendant Christopher Long, a Country Court resident.

Police Sgt. Thad Nelson said Long went into his apartment, got a knife and stabbed Dean as Dean allegedly swung at him.

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Barra describes break-in at Civic League as 'devastating'

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Plagued earlier by an embezzling scandal, the Wayne-Ford Civic League has new worries following the weekend theft of \$1,782 and two computer towers that contain three years of stored information, including bank records, officials said.

"We were looking at turning the corner soon, and the corner just got shoved a mile away," league President Vic Barra said.

One or more intruders forced open the league's back doors and then broke into Barra's locked office sometime between 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Sunday, he said.

"They literally took my life out from under me information-wise," Barra said. "I feel just like any other homeowner would feel — that their private space was invaded by intruders who had

no business being there. It was devastating to me. It just chipped away at my spirit."

The theft prompted league officials to implement new money-handling procedures at the facility, located on Wayne Road south of Ford.

"New procedures are in place so that cash will not be left in the building overnight," Barra said. Police Lt. Daniel Karrick confirmed that the incident is under investigation.

The stolen \$1,782 was earmarked for utility bills that Barra said are due this week. The money came from the nonprofit league's concession counter and sports recreation fees for its soccer program, he said.

The struggling league now needs help paying its utility bills, Barra said, adding that he hopes a donor will come forward.

The theft of two computer towers could potentially have much broader implications if a hacker is able to tap into three years of stored

information. Barra said he believes that private passwords will protect what was stored on the hard drives.

The computer monitors weren't stolen.

Barra confirmed that the hard drive information included bank records, meeting minutes, letters to community officials and requests for fund-raising support for various organizations. The league sponsors bingo and other events to raise money for programs such as youth sports.

Without the computer passwords, Barra said he doubts that thieves can retrieve any sensitive league information.

In his opinion, he said, "The minute they unplugged them, they were useless to them. The public's information is protected."

Barra pleaded with the intruder or intruders to at least return the hard drives.

"I appeal to the people who took this action to at least have the decency to send me the hard

drives," he said. "I'm trying to save 2,000 hours worth of work."

Barra urged anyone with the hard drives to drop them in the mail or to put them in the league's mail box.

Lt. Karrick urged anyone with information to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600. He also said anonymous tips for a reward up to \$1,000 may be made to Crime Stoppers by calling (800) SPEAK-UP (773-2587).

The latest incident comes as the league's former president and vice president are serving three years' probation for pleading no contest to allegations they stole between \$1,000 and \$20,000. Authorities had said in court that much more money was actually taken from 1999 to 2004.

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Company that transports workers hit hard by fire

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

As she gazed at the five charred, unrecognizable passenger vans, Elaine LaMontagne sighed when she thought about the days to come.

"We made it work today, but I don't know about tomorrow," she said. "This is the biggest financial loss we've ever had. It just took my breath away."

LaMontagne is the director of Community Work Opportunities, a nonprofit agency that transports physically and emotionally disabled individuals to their jobs or community activities. According to LaMontagne, they transport riders from all over Wayne County, including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland and Redford.

The agency lost six of its 19 vans when a power line came down during a storm and set off a blaze Saturday afternoon at its Lilley Road office. No one was injured in the fire.

While five vans were destroyed, a sixth could be salvageable. Three of the vehicles had specialized equipment.

"We've tried to use humor to get through this but it's been pretty emotional," LaMontagne said, adding that at least one rider was kept away from the agency's offices on Monday.

"That person (thrives) off of a routine so this might have been too much," she said.

The vans, which were still smoking hours after the fire



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A total of six passenger vans were destroyed in the Saturday afternoon blaze, which was caused by a downed power line.

had been extinguished, were used by 60 people at least five days a week.

The total program has more than 260 riders.

On Monday, CWO used temporary vans from its parent company, Quest Inc., and staff members drove riders around in their personal vehicles.

"We provided the services as best as we could," LaMontagne said, noting that it may cost as much as \$30,000 to replace each of the vehicles. "We're hoping and praying we can salvage the sixth one because we don't have the money."

The agency is accepting donations.

While one portion of the down power line lit the vans on fire, another wire landed on the roof of a nearby office building and caused damage. Canton Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said the rooftop fire extinguished itself.

CWO's offices sustained cosmetic heat damage from the blaze.

Although fire trucks arrived at the office just moments after a 9-1-1 call was placed, Rorabacher said the crew had to wait more than an hour for

DTE Energy representatives to get to the scene and cut the active wires.

"By that time, there wasn't much left to burn," Rorabacher said.

According to its Web site, Quest, which also offers a residential program, "provides support services for persons with special needs to promote inclusion, maximize independence and improve quality of life."

To make a donation to CWO, log onto www.Quest365.org or stop by its offices at 5900 N. Lilley, Suite 108.

AROUND WESTLAND

Flu shots

The Village of Westland will again offer flu shots to seniors age 65 and older 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the senior community, 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merriman, in Westland. Call (734) 762-8926 to schedule an appointment.

Visit the zoo

Senior citizens can visit the Detroit Zoo Wednesday, Sept. 5, free of charge.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan has partnered with the Detroit Zoo and AM 580 Motorcity Favorites to offer seniors age 62 and older, and one caregiver, free admission and parking to the zoo 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Seniors can also visit the VNA of Southeast Michigan booth in the community resource area and receive free blood pressure checks and pick up a complimentary Consumer's Guide to Home Health Care.

End of summer

It's your last chance to soak up the last days of summer at the Bailey Recreation Center pool which closes for the season at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3.

The Concrete Jungle Skate Park also is hosting "Bring a Friend Day" noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31. Skaters who bring a friend will get in free.

In addition, The Mike Modano Ice Arena will host "Going Back to School Skates" 12:30-1:50 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31.

For more information, call the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 722-7620.

Music festival

Bumpers Bar and Grill will hold a Mayhem Music Festival 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, to raise money to battle lung cancer.

There will be more than 15 bands performing inside and outside at the bar at 8631 Newburgh just south of Joy. There will be a \$5 cover charge and Happy Hour prices will be available all day.

For more information, call (734) 459-7720.

Free movie

Seniors and their guests can see the movie, Queen, at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford. Both the movie and popcorn are free.

Rummage sale

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will hold a tent and rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland.

Rent space under the tent for \$20 or rent space with our table for \$35. Inside the church, there will gently used clothing for the family at \$2 a bag.

For further information call Mary Rose, at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

Parish Festival

St. Damian will hold its Parish Festival Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-9, at the church, 30055 Joy, Westland. There will be games, inflatable rides, food, beer tent, live music, raffles, a casino and more. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

Poker tournament

The Westland Jaycees will be sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament and Vegas Night on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, behind Westland City Hall.

Registration for the tournament will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the tournament starting at 6:30 p.m. sharp. The Vegas Room will open shortly after the tournament begins.

The Vegas room games will include Black Jack, Let it Ride, Texas Hold 'Em and Seven-Card Poker. Food, pop and beer will be available for purchase. Participants must be 18 years old to play. Tournament payouts and top prize for the tournament will depend on number of players; \$10 from each registration will go towards first-place payout.

The tournament cost is \$50 for those registered by Sept. 11. Late registrations will be accepted for an additional \$10. Pre-register for the event by sending your full name, address, date of birth and a check or money order, made payable to The Westland Jaycees, P.O. Box 85191 Westland, MI 48185. Online registration is now available at www.westland-jaycees.org

Dining to Donate

People can help a variety of Westland organizations by dining at Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road in Westland. Through its Dining to Donate, the restaurant will donate 20 percent of the bill to the and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27. Coupons are required to indicate which organization will receive the donation. Coupons are available at the Mayor's Office or the Bailey Center.

Golf Outing

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its 10th annual golf outing fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 29, at Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, lunch and dinner, \$65 for golf and lunch and \$25 for dinner only. Prizes will be awarded for best team score, longest drive and closest to the pin.

A raffle also will be held. Reservations are due by Sept. 15. For reservations or more information, call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Plant exchange

A plant exchange will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Westland Historical Village Park, 857 Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill. For more information, call Kim Peterson at (734) 591-6506.

Marathon bingo

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 3323 is holding a marathon bingo noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland. A second marathon bingo will be held noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, to benefit youth activities projects.

Patriotic contest

VFW Post 3323 and its auxiliaries are sponsoring the annual Voice of Democracy program for students in grades 9-12 and Patriot's Pen Essay contest for students in grades 6-8. The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Patriotic Art Scholarship for students in grades 9-12.

The topic is "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans" for the VOD contest, with the essay contest theme is "Why I Am an American Patriot." Applications are available by calling Sandy Borioe at (734) 728-5791. The deadline for the writing contests is Nov. 1.

Also contact Borioe for the rules for the art scholarship program. It's deadline is March 31.

Event promotes safety awareness

The Westland Jaycees and the Westland Parks and Recreation Department are teaming up to bring a day of safety awareness to Westland residents of all ages.

Safety Day will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Bailey Recreation Center in the civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road.

The event will bring together many different facets of the community with one common purpose: Teaching Westland residents and their children how to protect themselves.

It is scheduled to include Stranger Danger, car seat checks, bike and motorcycle Safety, KidCare ID, first aid,

hearing loss prevention, K-9 safety, identity theft prevention, poison control, lockdown safety, self defense and more.

The Westland Jaycees are a local organization dedicated to training young leaders through community service.

The group has been responsible for such events as the Patriots Day ceremony, Tribute to The Stars, and the Annual Easter Egg Scramble.

Members also work with other organizations like the Women of Westland on events such as '50s with a Mission. For more information on the Westland Jaycees, call (734) 226-0400 or visit the group's Web site at www.westlandjaycees.org.

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ZEKE

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failure Sept. 24, 2002. Zeke was 6½ years old.

"I still miss him," Allen said before the ceremony started.

Even though he now has a new canine partner, Drago, Allen still wears a necklace with a locket containing ashes from Zeke's cremated remains.

Police dogs and officers from Westland, Garden City, Redford, Canton, Plymouth Township, Farmington Hills, Wayne and many other communities formed a large row in front of the veterinary hospital to pay their respects to Zeke.

"This truly is a brotherhood," Westland Police Chief James Ridener said, addressing the crowd.

Zeke's statue faces Wayne Road and stands tall, in a show of protection for Westland.

Authorities praised Lawrenchuk for her decision to erect a statue to honor police dogs.

She hired Chesterfield wood carver Milan Emil Szkipala, who created his work in June using a chainsaw and a picture of Zeke.

Westland Mayor William

Wild told the crowd that police dogs investigate 500 cases a year in Westland alone, sniffing out drugs and rounding up suspects for a variety of crimes.

"To say that's hard work would be an understatement," Wild said.

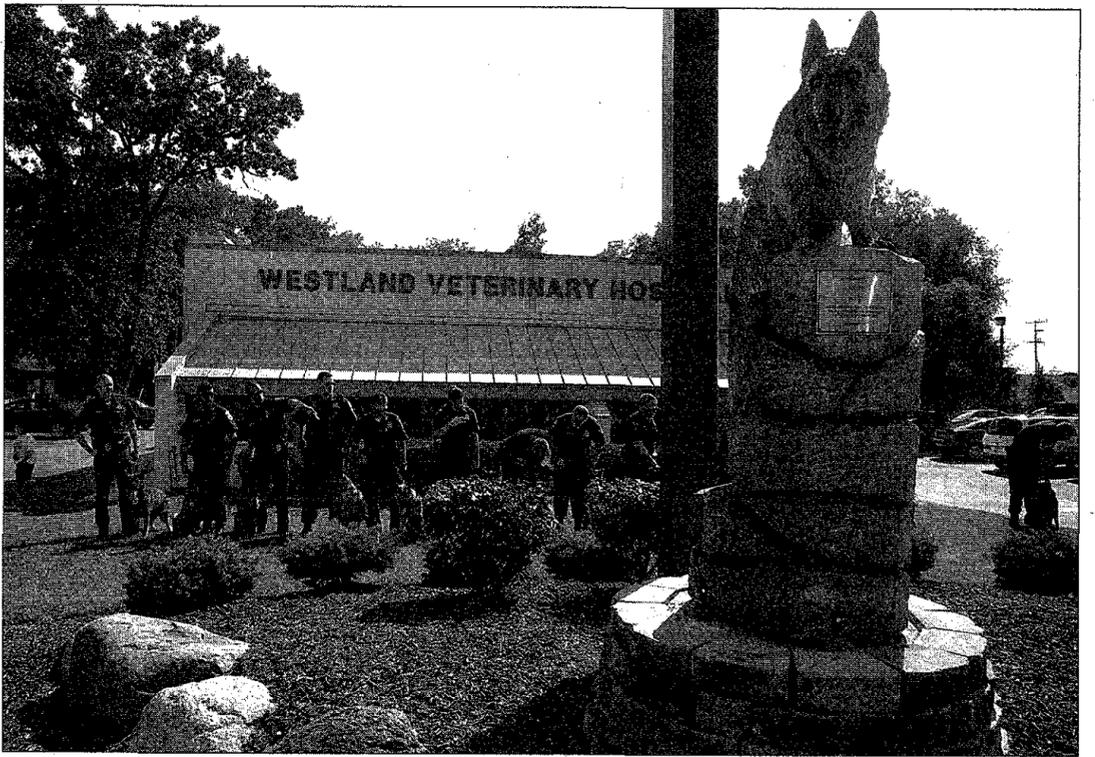
Westland City Council President Charles Pickering recalled attending a 2002 memorial service for Zeke that drew police dogs and officers from some 40 departments. He called it one of the most emotional services he has ever attended.

Terry Foley, owner of the K-9 Academy training facility in Wayne, commended police officers for their work with canine partners, saying they make personal sacrifices to do their jobs.

"A lot of them pass up promotions to handle a dog," he said.

Back in June, Allen had sprinkled some of Zeke's remains in a concrete base that supports the statue.

"I'm very honored," Allen said. "Zeke would be honored and humbled, too. I think he did a very good job of taking care of the police officers and the citizens of Westland. This is an honor for him."



Officers and their canine partners gather for the dedication of the wood sculpture of Zeke, who died in 2002.

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City receives ACS award

Westland has been awarded the 2007 Five-Star Investor Award by the American Cancer Society for its strides in wellness, volunteerism and active awareness.

The annual award recognizes work sites that are active in fighting cancer on multiple fronts through the ACS's workplace solutions program.

Mayor William Wild accepted the award from ACS representative Holly Soranno at Monday's Westland City Council meeting.

The city won the award by accomplishing the following

- goals:
- Patient navigation, or making cancer service information available to employees.
 - Employee Wellness, or offering insurance coverage for cancer-related screenings.
 - Relay for Life, a 24-hour event in which teams raise money and participate in a community event.
 - Volunteerism, in which the city had over 100 hours of service within the last year.
- "I'm fortunate to work with a community that is so passionate about becoming one step closer to finding a cure,"

Soranno said.

Relay for Life, the single largest event for the American Cancer Society in Westland, raised more than \$101,000 this year, alone.

Next year's Relay is scheduled for May 31 and June 1 in Westland's Jaycee Park.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to cancer research, education, advocacy, and service. More information may be obtained by visiting their Web site, www.cancer.org.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

The Westland Youth Assistance Program is at 36701 Ford Road in an addition to the Westland Police Department. The separate glass entrance facing City Hall and comfortable waiting area allows for private, professional, environment to assist families in Westland.

Westland youth ages 7 through 16 are referred to Youth Assistance by the police, courts, schools, parents and other agencies.

Once referred, an intake appointment is scheduled to

explain the programs services to the youth and parents (guardians), and to offer them the opportunity to discuss their concerns and to ask questions. All information discussed is confidential. All services are free to Westland residents.

If the assessment determines that a youth is appropriate for Youth Assistance, the following services may be required for the youth:

- Life Choices classes.
- Drug screens.
- Supervised Community

Work Service.

- Jail/prison tour.
- Team Adventure Challenge.
- Mentoring.
- Karate.
- Counseling.

Parents are required to participate in a Parenting Skills and Support Group.

For more information, call Executive Director Paul Motz or Deputy Director Michele Bracy at (734)467-7904. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Evening appointments are available by request.

LeBlanc shows support for Charlie's Bill

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, has joined the state House in passing a plan to protect the families of Michigan service members killed while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Charlie's Bill" requires employers to provide a brief period of paid bereavement leave for a spouse, parent or child of a service member killed on active duty.

"Our United States military men, women and their families continue to make great sacrifices in order for us to have the freedoms that we have here at home," said LeBlanc, Appropriations

Subcommittee chair, State Police and Military and Veterans Affairs.

"Charlie's Bill" shows Michigan's military families that we support them in their time of greatest need, and that we recognize the sacrifices they continue to make to keep us safe."

"Charlie's Bill" is named in honor of U.S. Army Sgt. Charles "Charlie" Drier of Tuscola County, who was killed during combat in Iraq in May 2005. He was 28 years old. The House plan requires employers to grant paid bereavement leave of up to 10 days or 80 hours. It also prohibits an

employer from firing or punishing any employee who requests or takes the leave.

LeBlanc said he was pleased that "Charlie's Bill" garnered bipartisan support. The legislation passed the House by a vote of 105 to 1. The plan now heads to the Senate.

"Michigan's fallen heroes sacrificed their lives to protect us," LeBlanc said. "During this time of upheaval and uncertainty, these families who have lost so much already need to know that their next paycheck is still coming and their jobs are safe."

City completes 2nd round of mosquito abatement

The Westland Department of Public Service has successfully completed its second and final round of this year's mosquito abatement program.

The program includes treating 11,000 catch basins and areas such as retention ponds. The first round was completed in May.

In a prepared statement, Mayor William Wild called the program an important step to protect public health, due to the West Nile Virus.

In addition, DPS offers the following items for purchase to condominium associations, apartment managers, local

- businesses and the general public:
- Bactimos briquettes, also known as "mosquito dunks," which are primarily used in birdbaths, gutters, small ditches, ponds, septic fields or any small area up to 100 square feet to eliminate mosquitoes.
 - Vectolex WSP biological larvicide water-soluble pouches, which eliminate mosquito growth in catch basins, storm drainage systems, and other medium size areas that hold or retain water.
 - Altosid XR extended residual briquettes, which are used to treat larger areas

that are wooded or difficult to reach.

In an effort to provide a savings to residents, these products are offered at cost. For rate information, call (734) 467-3242.

Moreover, city officials advised residents and business owners to consider an additional line of defense by emptying and changing the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week.

Keeping swimming pools treated and circulating and rain gutters unclogged is also recommended.

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6 hopefuls vie for Miss Wayne County title

Two Westland women are among a group of young women vying for the Miss Wayne County crown.

Ashlee Baracy and Joy Jano will join Christina Hastie of Dearborn, Nicole Blaszczyk of Novi, Jessica Wells of Belleville, Julienne Kobylasz of Flat Rock in competing in the 17th annual Miss Wayne County Competition at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy.

Miss Wayne County Organization Executive Director Sheila Sigro said she is impressed with the caliber of this year's contestants.

"We are very pleased with the number of intelligent, ambitious and talented young women who have entered the competition," Sigro said. "With the number of outstanding contestants, it will be a challenging task for the judges to choose the next Miss Wayne County."

Contestants will compete in five phases of competition, including interview (25 percent), lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit (15 percent), talent



Joy Jano (from left) and Ashlee Baracy of Westland, Christina Hastie of Dearborn, Nicole Blaszczyk of Novi, Jessica Wells of Belleville, Julienne Kobylasz of Flat Rock will compete for the honor to replace current Miss Wayne County Alicia Jaros (seated) in the Sept. 8 pageant.

(35 percent), evening wear (20 percent) and on-stage question (5 percent).

During the competition, each

contestant will also discuss her chosen platform, a social community issue of concern to herself and our society at large.

The winner of the Miss Wayne County Competition will be awarded \$750 in scholarship funds for her college or

graduate school education. The first runner-up will receive a \$250 scholarship and the second runner-up will receive a \$150 scholarship.

Each non-finalist will receive a \$100 scholarship. The People's Choice winner, voted on by the audience, also will receive a cash scholarship. Special Award winners - overall talent, overall swimsuit, non-finalist talent, and Miss Congeniality - will be recognized during the competition.

During her year of service, Miss Wayne County will travel across the county, speaking to government officials, business leaders, community groups and all types of citizens about her platform issue and encouraging them to become involved in her cause. She will also be eligible to compete for the Miss Michigan title in Muskegon in June.

"I have truly enjoyed my year of service as Miss Wayne County 2006 and am proud to have traveled Wayne County and the state of Michigan, raising awareness for the special needs community," Alicia Jaros said. "I know that the

leadership skills I have gained from this experience will help me as I continue pursuing my undergraduate degree in public relations at Eastern Michigan University."

"Miss Wayne County will not only serve as a role model for young women and as an ambassador for the Miss America Organization, she will also urge girls and young women to develop their leadership skills and to take an active role in their communities," said Sigro.

Established in 1991, the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Organization provides opportunities for young women to achieve their personal and professional ambitions. Contestants also participate in community service activities and develop leadership skills that help them excel in their chosen career and life goals.

Winners of the annual Miss Wayne County Competition are eligible to compete in the Miss Michigan Competition. Four Miss Wayne Counties have captured the title of Miss Michigan and have gone on to compete at Miss America.

Buy cotton and get \$20 gift check at mall

Westland Shopping Center and Cotton Incorporated are sponsoring a Back-to-School cotton promotion which offers shoppers the opportunity to get a \$20 gift check good towards their next cotton purchase at the cotton retailer of their choice.

Shoppers choosing to take advantage of this promotion simply need to present receipts from cotton merchandise purchases made between Aug. 20 and Sept. 4 totaling \$200 or more, to the Westland Shopping Center Customer Information Center and they will be given a \$20 gift check.

Westland Shopping Center, managed by Jones Lang LaSalle, is among 20 malls throughout the country participating in this promotion.

"So many things in our closets are denim - jackets, shirts, bags and skirts - but first and foremost denim is synonymous

with jeans," said Paula G. Rosario, Cotton Incorporated's vice president for consumer marketing - strategic alliances. "Americans, especially teens, have a true love affair with jeans, and this promotion speaks to them at their favorite place to hang out and shop - the mall."

"This Back-to-School promotion will encourage consumers to think about cotton and identify with it more directly."

There's a "Viral Marketing Campaign" and shoppers need simply ask the Customer Service assistant how they can win a \$150 Westland Shopping Center gift card or one of three \$50 Westland Shopping Center gift cards to find out all the details. For more information about the Back-to-School promotion at Westland Shopping Center, call the Customer Information Center at (734) 421-0291.

Brown joins staff of Botsford Hospital

Dr. Rashanda Brown of Westland has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital.

A member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Michigan Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the American Academy of Family Physicians, Brown practices at Pembroke Primary Care in Livonia.

She received her medical education from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and performed her internship and family practice residency at Botsford Hospital.

Botsford Hospital, an inde-



Brown

pendent, acute care, 330-bed community hospital in Farmington Hills, is nationally recognized for quality, safety and medical education programs. It received the 2005 Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Performance Improvement Leaders award and the 2005 Governor's Award of Excellence for Improving Care in the Hospital and Emergency Department Settings.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rummage sale
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will hold a tent and rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland. Rent space under the tent for \$20 or rent space with our table for \$35. Inside the church, there will gently used clothing for the family at \$2 a bag. Call Mary Rose, at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

Pancake breakfast
The 2007 Wayne Wheelfest Pancake Breakfast will be held 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Wayne Senior Center, Corner of Sims and Wayne Road in Wayne. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children ages 5-12. Proceeds to benefit the Wayne Memorial High School cheerleaders.

SK Run
The Kirby 5K run will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, in Willow Metropark in Belleville. For more information, call (313) 292-5922.

Health classes
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, holistic physician and clinical nutritionist will present the class Beat Stress - Be Happy! 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The class will teach participants how to avoid becoming overwhelmed with stress. Learn how the body deals with stress and when the body is heading toward stress burnout. Learn what to do to help increase your ability to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle changes.

Fischer also will present "Is It Really Your Thyroid?" 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Are you suffering with cold hands/feet, stubborn weight gain, unwanted pain, mood swings? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. There is help the natural way. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. Both workshop are free of charge. Seating is limited seating, so reservations required. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Youth Philharmonic
The Livonia Youth Philharmonic will hold fall auditions for students age 5 to 18 from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Churchill High School. Students should have at least six months experience with their instrument. For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 464-8704.

Girl Scouts
Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit welcomes girls ages 5-17 to discover fun and

friendship, while enjoying opportunities to develop leadership skills. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit also is looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in girls' lives. Call (313) 972-GIRL (4475) or visit www.gsofmd.org.

Explore Girl Scouting

Girls ages 5-17 can discover how much Girl Scouts has to offer all. Scouting isn't just about camping and cookies anymore. Girls learn a lot about themselves and the world around them, form lasting friendships, become more confident, independent, helpful and resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community service and challenge themselves and develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. Call the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council at (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2688).

CRAFT SHOWS

Knights of Columbus
Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373.

St. Theodore
Tables are available for the fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-8357.

Ss. Simon and Jude
Crafters are needed for a fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, On Palmer east of Venoy, Westland. Rentals are \$25 for an 8-foot table and \$40 for two 8-foot tables by Aug. 31, and \$30 and \$50 respectively after that date. Electricity also is available on a first come-first served basis. For applications or more information, call (734) 516-7520 or (734) 721-4867.

Sts. Peter & Paul
Crafters are needed for the 19th annual arts and crafts show that will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, in the hall of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia at (734) 522-9653.

Franklin High
Those who make hand-made crafts or fine art are invited to participate in the Juried Franklin High School Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. Money raised goes to the athletic department at FHS. For information, contact Julie Culp, (734) 522-0039.

St. Michael's
The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church, on Hubbard at Plymouth in Livonia, invites all area crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School. Tables are available for rent at \$25 per each 8-foot tables (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.



Wish you were here

The Taylor family - Colin (from left), Jack, Amanda, Cassie, Shelby and Brandy - chose Tomorrowland in the Magic Kingdom to pose for Wish You Were Here. Joining them was "a strange one-eyed tourist." The Garden City residents were on vacation at Walt Disney World last month. If you take a trip or go on vacation, take a photo with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48256. Be sure to identify everyone in the photo and include information about where it was taken.

St. Edith
Crafters are needed for the St. Edith Fall Craft Show, set for Saturday, Nov. 10, at St. Edith School. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To apply, call Dawn at (734) 420-6959 or Michelle at (734) 591-7773.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center
The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center
The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

Senior fitness
Seniors can get in shape through some programs offered at the Maplewood Center. The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group
The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support
A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More
A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Fibromyalgia
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

Counterpoint
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove
A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.

VOLUNTEERS

Karmanos Institute
The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers must be at least 18. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

First Step
First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the

Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice
Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Heartland Hospice
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light house-keeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

EDUCATION

St. Damian
St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, is accepting enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year. St. Damian offers preschool for 3-4 year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

Academic Pathways
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool will present THE READ CARPET annual dinner auction 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Livonia Marriott at the Laurel Park Mall. Enjoy cocktails and a gourmet strolling dinner, catered by Sweet Lorraine's Chef, while pursuing the silent auction tables. Stay late for live entertainment and dancing. Portion of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan Dyslexia Institute. For more information, call (734) 261-540, by e-mail at candksdad@earthlink.net or on the Web at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com.

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise
The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Toastmasters
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by

teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday Cozy Corner Family Dining, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call Vicki Brannon at (734) 467-7224 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

Democratic Club
The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

Citizens for Peace
Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

Suburban GOP Women's Club
The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host immigration attorney Kathleen Poppenger answering questions on America's problems with illegal immigration at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$18. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

MOMS club
MOMS Club, a non-profit support group, welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers, offering children activities, weekly age-appropriate play groups, and family get-togethers. MOMS Club also performs service projects that benefit needy children in our community. For more details, call Birthe, (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

Vietnam Vets
The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, on S. Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road. If you served in the U.S. military between 1964 and 1975, even, if not, "in country" (combat zone) you are still eligible to become a member. Visit the Web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA for more information.

In Harmony
The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

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

Silver Strings Dulcimer
Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

Garden City Kiwanis
The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. each Thursday at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on or before September 6, 2007, 10:30 AM local time at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

INSTALL A NEW FOUNDATION UNDER THE NORTH WING OF THE HISTORICAL HOME AT 857 N. WAYNE RD., WESTLAND, MI 48185.

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at (734) 467-3204. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dwayne R. Harrigan
Controller

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 16 8/20/07

Presiding: President Pickering
Present: Godbout, Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves, Stottlemeyer
212-Approved minutes of 8/20/07.
-Approved req. Jaycees Haunted House, 10/12, 10/13 10/20 & 10/24-30/07, weekdays 7-10 p.m., weekends 7-midnight, P & R pkg. lot.
-Approved bid CPR Conn. of North America, LLC, nine defibrillators, amt. \$16,875.00.
-Approved new Westland Hist. Village Park sign, Cal Signs, total amt. \$8,438.00.
-Introduced Budget Amend. 2008-01, Gen. Fund, \$16,875.00.
-Waived procedure, declared emergency, to allow Intro. & Adopt. of Budget Amend. 2008-01, Gen. Fund, \$18,675.00.
-Adopted Budget Amend. 2008-01, Gen. Fund \$18,675.00.
213-Approved req. Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, to remove Santorini Catering Co. from Class C.
215-Approved Rev. Site Plan comm. ctr. #032-02-0562-300, 0568-000, 0571-000, 0575-000, 0581-000, & 032-99-0002-000, w. side Wayne Rd., n. of Ford Rd.
216-Approved Spec. Land Use Gabriel's Cheesesteak Hoagies Rest., #045-99-0004-001, s. side Ford Rd., w. side of Wayne Rd.
217-Approved Spec. Land Use Beaner's Gourmet Coffee Shop, #028-01-0023-000, 0024-001, 0025-001 & 0025-002, n. side Ford Rd., w. of Newburgh Rd.
218-Approved Spec. Land Use Tim Horton's Restaurant w/drive-thru, #062-99-0008-703, e. side Wayne Rd., s. of Cherry Hill.
219-Approved Land Div., #068-05-0048-301 & 058-99-0010-003, w. side of Fischer Dr., s. of Cherry Hill Rd., e. of Newburgh Rd.
221-Designated J. Godbout as Council Del. MML Conf. 9/18-20/07.
223-Designated M. Kehrer as Council Del. Del. MML Conf. 9/18-20/07.
224-Approved Checklist Activity: \$5,335,940.41 and Prepaid: \$5,538,625.60.
Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.
Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

Charles W. Pickering
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF WESTLAND

Sealed proposals for the City of Westland, **JC Park & Modano Arena Resurfacing Project**, will be received by the City of Westland, at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI until 10:30 p.m., local time on September 12, 2007 (No exceptions will be made) at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Description of Work:
The approximate quantities of major items of work involved in the project are as follows:

THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF RESURFACING APPROXIMATELY 6,000 SQUARE YARDS OF EXISTING CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND 4,500 SQUARE YARDS OF EXISTING ASPHALT PAVEMENT, WEDGING, STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENTS AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION AND OTHER RELATED WORK.

Contract Documents on File
Contract Documents may be examined at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices, 37095 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185; Dodge Reports, 21415 Civic Center Drive, Suite 115, Southfield, MI 48076 and the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room at 43636 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices. A non-refundable charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), check only, payable to the City of Westland will be required for each set of Contract documents. Contract Documents will be available beginning Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the Name of Bidder and shall be plainly marked on the lower front left hand corner "JC Park & Modano Arena Resurfacing Project". Proposals must be addressed to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Westland and delivered to the Purchasing Agent's office on or before the time specified above. No exceptions will be made.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of five-percent (5%) of the Bid, payable without condition to the City of Westland, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

No Bid may be withdrawn for at least ninety (90) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving Bids.

The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, and to waive informalities in bidding, or to accept any Bid it may deem in the best interest of the City.

Bonding companies must be listed in the "Department of Treasury's Federal Register of Approved Sureties Listing".

Mr. Dwayne Harrigan
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

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GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

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

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1996 FORD T-BIRD	2 DR	1FALP624XTH126261
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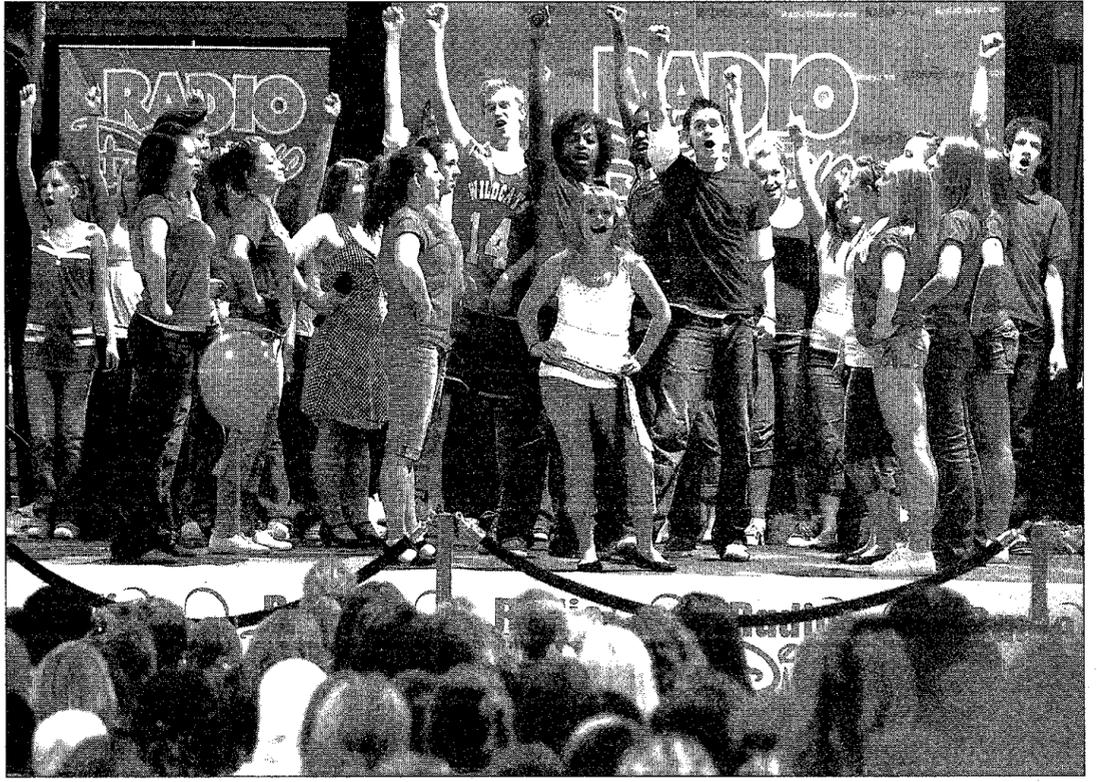
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Six-year-old Livonia resident Molly Lancaster follows along with the steps during a "High School Musical 2" dance instruction, part of the Livonia Public Schools back to school party at Laurel Park Place.



Amber Whitlow, 8, of Riverview gets her face painted at Laurel Park Place during the Livonia Public Schools back to school party Tuesday.



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A packed crowd at Laurel Park Place watches "High School Musical" performances during the Livonia Public Schools back to school party Tuesday.

Musical party whets students' appetite for new school year

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

With the start of classes just days away, thousands of students can't get enough of a fictitious high school where everyone sings catchy tunes and shuns stereotypes.

At Laurel Park Place on Tuesday, Livonia Public Schools celebrated the dawning of the new school year with a "High School Musical" party theme.

Drew Seeley, a singer from the original Disney movie, made a guest appearance and signed autographs. Students also took their turn at the mike, singing karaoke numbers from the movie.

Creative and Performing Arts students performed the musical this winter.

Brittany Harris, a junior who played one of the Wildcat cheerleaders, and castmates Sarah Babinski, Madelyn Prebola and John Argue couldn't help but dance along to songs they knew so well.

"I think it's a good way to get people involved," Harris said of LPS' welcome back party. "It's going to be a good year."

Students from high school to preschool, and from cities like Novi, Taylor and Dearborn joined in the fun. Activities included dance instruction, face painting and double-Dutch jump roping.

It wasn't the first "High School Musical" party Jessica and Jenna Smith of Livonia have been to this summer. When "High School Musical 2" played on TV a few weeks ago, the sisters had friends over.

On Tuesday, they stood in line with Jessica and Emily Wagner from Coolidge

Elementary to have a caricature artist draw their pictures.

Between 5,000 and 7,000 people showed up for the event, said Patrick Derrig, the mall's marketing director.

Many of them dressed for the occasion.

Kennedy Elementary second-grader Kylie Vinitiski wore a shirt that said "I (heart) Troy," referring to the character Troy Bolton. She picked up the shirt at the stage version of "High School Musical" with her mom and sister.

"High School Musical" on ice is in the works.

"I want there to be a 'High School Musical 3,'" said Taylor resident Baylie Kirk, a third-grader who wore a shirt with Seeley's picture on it that she picked up at the "High School Musical" concert in January. Having met the actor face-to-face, Kirk confirmed that he is cute.

Frost Middle School eighth-grader Chad Maura sang karaoke to "Getcha Head in the Game." He's "kind of" excited for the start of the school year. "My friends — I want to see them again," he said. "I have a new locker. I have speech and drama this year, so I'm kind of excited."

Maura wants to be a singer and actor himself and is considering getting involved in the CAPA program when he gets to high school.

Donna McDowell, the district administrator who helped organize the event, said it was a success. "It's so fun because everyone had a chance to see people before the school year began."

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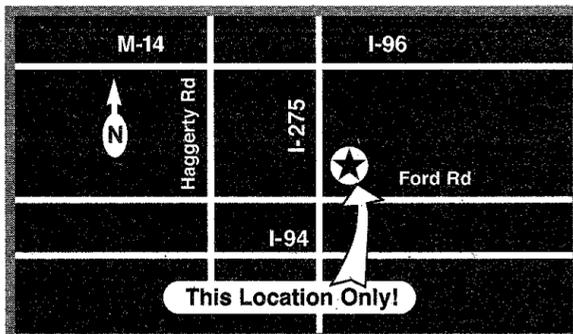
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Fieger blasts prosecutors, Bush administration

Anderson opposes cut in State Police budget

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER



Fieger

Armed with a team of high-profile defense lawyers, accused attorney Geoffrey Fieger gathered the media at his office Tuesday to blast the Bush administration and outline his defense strategy.

Famed attorneys Alan Dershowitz and Gerry Spence are representing Fieger and his law partner, Vernon Johnson, who were indicted Friday for allegedly conspiring to make more than \$125,000 in illegal contributions to the 2004 presidential campaign of John Edwards.

Fieger also made his first court appearance - as the accused. He was arraigned Tuesday in federal court

cated the motion would be presented again on Wednesday. Johnson has not yet been arraigned.

The allegations amount to a violation of federal election laws, a criminal charge that carries a penalty of up to five years in jail and a \$250,000 fine.

At Tuesday's press conference, Spence read a statement that was prepared by Dershowitz.

"This selective prosecution has been political and partisan from the very beginning," Spence read from the statement. "There is no way that a Republican who did precisely what Geoffrey Fieger is accused of doing would have been prosecuted by this Justice Department and this administration."

"Indeed the record suggests that any

United States attorney who tried to prosecute a Republican under comparable circumstances would have been fired and replaced by someone with more partisan instincts."

A federal indictment unsealed Friday charges the two attorneys with creating "straw donors" to make contributions to the Edwards campaign in the then-maximum allowable amount of \$2,000 per donor.

The contributions were actually paid for by the Fieger firm rather than the named donors, according to the indictment.

In his statement, Dershowitz said the Federal Election Committee rather than the Attorney General's office should be the one deciding whether or not the filings were legal.

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A western Wayne County senator was among lawmakers voting last week against an unexpected budget amendment that would cut funding for public safety services.

After months of careful study, the Appropriations Committee came to a bipartisan agreement to increase State Police funding by 5 percent. However, Senate Republicans introduced a last-minute substitution to the budget to cut funding for public safety by more than \$7 million, which amounts to roughly 63 state troopers.

"Our state cannot afford this type of disinvestment in basic public services," said Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland. "Michigan's citizens need and deserve adequate police protection, and this cut means we'll have fewer cops on the streets to keep our communities safe."

According to Anderson, the action reflects a significant funding reduction compared to the 2007 budget, which means the State Police will have fewer resources at their disposal to protect Michigan citizens.

In addition, Anderson also opposed a similar amendment that would cut more than \$860,000 from Military and Veterans Affairs services.

"The men and women who serve our country in uniform put their lives on the line on a daily basis," he said. "The least we can do is offer them access to basic services through the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs."

According to Anderson, Senate Republicans passed an additional \$75 million in cuts onto departments without direction on how those cuts should be implemented after reaching bipartisan agreements in the Appropriations Committee on multiple budgets.

The Michigan Constitution requires the legislature to produce a balanced budget; but those budgets do not meet that requirement because this action passes that responsibility onto the departments themselves, he added.

Rochette joins MARVAC board

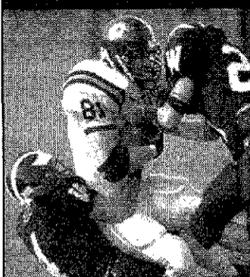
David Rochette, president of Westland Camping Center in Westland, has been elected to the board of directors for the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC).

Rochette, an Ann Arbor resident, was elected to the board for a 2007-2008 term. An RV and campground industry veteran, he brings more than 30 years of experience to the position.

The new board is made up of 14 people from various sectors of the RV and private campground industries. Board representatives serve two-year terms.

MARVAC is a nonprofit trade association representing the RV and private campground industries. Through legislation, education, marketing and public awareness, the organization works to improve the business climate for its members and to encourage growth in the industry, while contributing to the quality of Michigan tourism.

LIKE NUMBERS?
there are a pile
of them in
today's SPORTS section



Madonna reception features Tuscany

Madonna University launches its first Continuing Education Welcome Reception entitled, "Tastes, Sights & Sounds of Tuscany" 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26.

Tantalize your tastebuds with Italian wine, appetizers, and desserts at the strolling reception, which will feature artwork capturing Italy's character and sprawling landscapes. Guests will enjoy hearing personal stories and memories of Italy, and possibly win a door prize.

"Our speakers are gifted and talented individuals, who have rich life experiences to share with attendees," said Joan Stephens, director of Continuing Education. "It is a great opportunity for the community to have fun while learning about Tuscany."

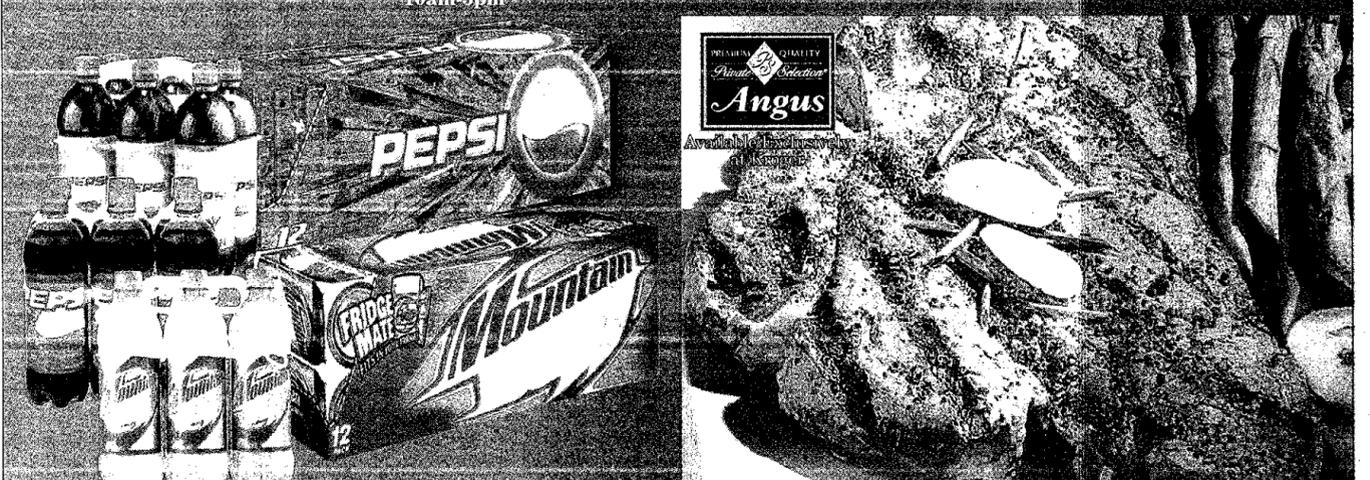
The reception features author Perry J. Martini, photographer Monte Nagler and art historian Deborah Kawsy. Martini, the author of "My Father's Compass: Leadership Lessons for an Immigrant Son," will discuss his journey from the hills of an Italian Abruzzo village to north-eastern Ohio. Displaying his fine art photography of Italy, Farmington Hills artist Nagler then will share his travel insights. Wrapping up the evening will be Plymouth resident Kawsy, who will take the audience on an art history tour of Italy via a slide presentation. "Tastes, Sights & Sounds of Tuscany" costs \$24 and will be held in the University Center, 14221 Levan Road in Livonia, north of St. Francis Pond.

To register, call (734) 432-5804 or visit www.madonna.edu.

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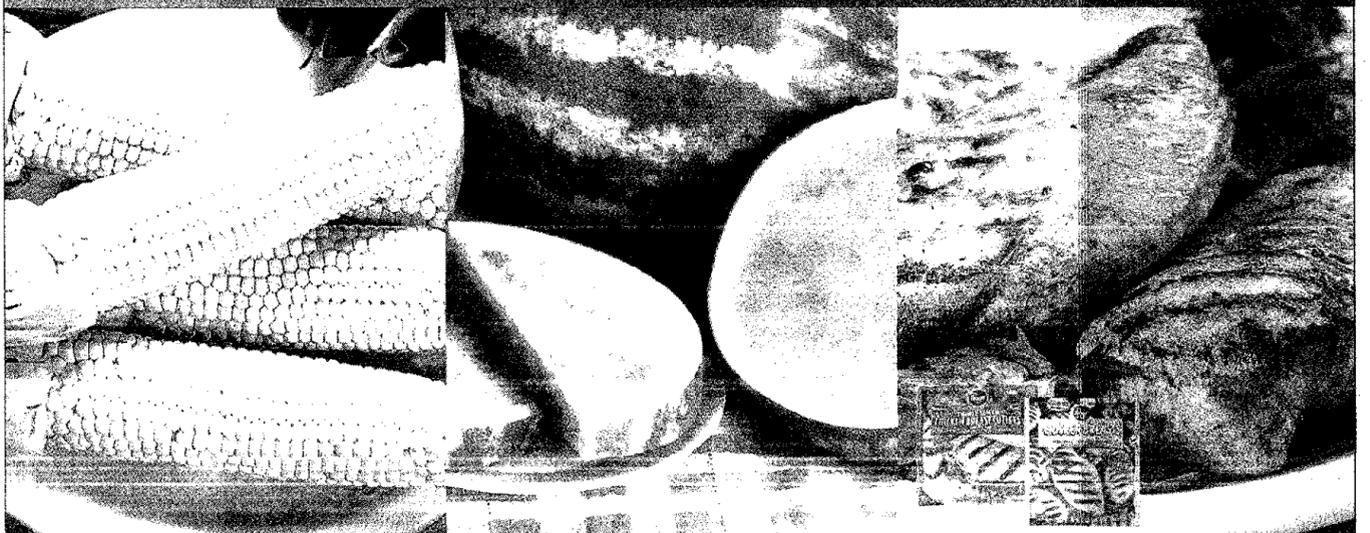
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OUR VIEWS

State's job losses dampen Labor Day

Thousands of Michiganders will break out their walking shoes Monday and follow the governor across the Mackinac Bridge. Typically, between 50,000 and 65,000 people take part in the annual Labor Day event, where participants walk across the five-mile span that connects Michigan's two peninsulas.

The Mackinac Bridge Walk, which has taken place on Labor Day since 1958, is a distinctive Michigan tradition that offers a unique perspective of our state. There may be no other view in Michigan as grand as the one from atop the bridge, looking out across beautiful Lakes Huron and Michigan, with Mackinac Island dominating the eastern horizon.

But it won't just be the majestic view the governor and the rest of the participants will be there to celebrate. They will also recognize the importance of Labor Day, which in Michigan has always been a big deal because of the state's long history of organized labor. In fact, the national holiday, which dates back to 1882, has generally been associated with unions and "Big Labor."

These are not the best of times for organized labor. In this climate of outsourcing and consolidation, Michigan has been shedding manufacturing jobs at an alarming rate. But it isn't just factory jobs we are losing.

Recent numbers released by the Department of Labor and Economic Growth indicate the state has lost 9 percent of its total jobs since June 2000. Manufacturing jobs account for more than half of the total — nearly 300,000 lost jobs since 2000, which is a staggering statistic.

Losing these jobs, which provided the backbone of middle class for generations, has had a trickle-down effect, and other sectors of the job market have also been impacted, including plenty of white-collar positions. In fact, the total number of people working in Michigan is now only about 4.2 million — the lowest total since July 1995, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency. The state has experienced six consecutive years of job loss, a trend that is expected to continue through 2007.

And these job losses have impacted everything from public school funding to the real estate market — Michigan is now one of the leading states in home foreclosures.

Despite this grim reality, politicians in Lansing have continued their partisan bickering and sniping. That's the last thing we can afford at a time when we need a cohesive economic strategy to stem the tide of job loss, and actually attract new employers to our state — something Democrat and Republican leaders both say is important.

Well, talk is cheap. At some point, lawmakers need to find some kind of consensus and actually get something done. Step up and walk the walk. Perhaps they will be inspired by the thousands who Monday will make their way across the Mackinac Bridge.

Michigan should join those going smoke-free

The Michigan Legislature has debated banning smoking in bars and restaurants for nearly a decade, and it appears unlikely a vote on the controversial issue will take place again this year.

But the issue of smoking in public places is sure to heat up again next year, and sooner or later state lawmakers will have to vote on the proposed ban. And when they do, we urge them to join an ever-growing list of cities and states around the country in snuffing out smoking in public places.

For years, the battle over smoking has focused on individual rights: The rights of the nonsmoker to be free of the intrusion and potential health risks of second-hand smoke vs. the rights of the smoker to light up when and where he or she pleases.

With mounting evidence that second-hand smoke presents a true public health concern, one could argue that allowing smoking in public places represents dangerous behavior. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 38,000 nonsmokers die from lung cancer or heart disease each year as a result of exposure to second-hand smoke.

Bills that would prohibit smoking in restaurants and later in bars were first introduced in 2000, and have been staunchly opposed by the Michigan Restaurant Association and the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association. The trade groups warn that such a ban would be a death knell for many of their members, and that individual restaurants and bars should have the right to decide whether to allow smoking.

But one of the reasons why the push to ban smoking is gaining steam is the bar and restaurant industry has done a poor job of protecting nonsmokers from those exercising their right to light up with little regard for their fellow patrons. Designated smoking areas are not properly sealed off from the rest of the establishment or, worse in the case of many bars, do not exist at all.

It is never easy for a politician to take on a powerful interest group that spends lots of cash on campaign contributions, but at least 15 other states have stepped up and banned smoking in restaurants and/or bars.

The time has come for Michigan to join that list.



Special treatment

While more than 300 homes are in foreclosure, more than 700 are vacant in the city of Westland, the preferred employees in this city government continue to enjoy a "cash cow" called optical reimbursement. In the year 2004, two employees were reimbursed \$764.46; in year 2005, three employees were reimbursed \$1,002.05; year 2006, two employees were reimbursed \$1,950.50.

These are the same employees year after year, and although hard to believe, it has been documented in the vouchers. Why is there such a system that gives away dollars under the cover of optical reimbursement. Does income tax get paid on these "cash cow" reimbursements?

For the first six months of 2007, optical reimbursements totaled \$25,490.22 for the city of Westland employees. It is time to get in line with the general population which is hurting but is forced with high taxes to support this giveaway.

How many taxpayers are aware that their taxes contribute to the Police/Fire Retirement Pension Fund, however, four people in a city of 86,000 plus were permitted to go to Hawaii on a boondoggle called a "pension fund" conference. Two half days were spent for conference and the other time, pleasure which Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer paid for!

Start by trimming the "fat" at the top ... two classes of people, (1) the poor who are losing their homes supporting the crooks, and (2) preferred city employees, current and retired, who are sucking life's blood from the taxpayers. (How many employees are getting a car allowance and what is the total dollars spent?)

Angeline Ludwick
Westland

Mine is bad decision

I read Kurt Kuban's column on Michigan's decision to allow a sulfide mine to operate in the Upper Peninsula. I am very concerned, as I am from Butte, Montana. I was born and raised in Butte for 19 years, but have lived in Michigan for the last 36 years. I would hate to see happen in Michigan what the Berkeley Pit has caused in Butte.

It created many jobs for my parents' generation, but when it stopped operating, it filled up to be a very large body of caustic water. To find pictures and articles about the Berkeley Pit and the environmental damage it caused, Google "Berkeley Pit."

I hope this letter makes people think before this devastation is done to Michigan. Thank you.

Bonnie Ministrelli
Livonia

League will continue push

Aug. 26, marked the 87th anniversary of the day that the U.S. Constitution was amended to grant women the right to vote. While American women now comprise more than half of our nation's voting age population, the struggle to become full participants in the political life of the country has yet to be fully realized.

This anniversary of the 19th amendment, Women's Equality Day, provides us with an opportunity to reflect with pride on the progress made on voting rights in

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the past 87 years.

This year, we've witnessed a number of remarkable milestones for women. For the first time, a female has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, and a major contender for the 2008 Presidential election is a woman. And of course, Governor Granholm is the first woman governor of Michigan.

These achievements, however, do not mark the end of our journey. In communities across the country, citizens still lack real representation by their elected officials and the policies they pass. It is only with the continued work of citizens and leaders of all backgrounds, that this can change.

The League's current and recent projects include the launch of a national voter education Web site, www.VOTE411.org, lobbying against the disenfranchisement of eligible voters, a campaign to end "taxation without representation" for D.C. citizens by granting D.C. a voting representative, and continuing voter registration drives nationwide.

It is our goal at the local level to provide the best, non-partisan candidate and issue information to the electorate by conducting candidate forums and providing voter guides on our local Web site: www.lwvwww.org.

It is crucial that we continue to engage more citizens in the democratic process, on every level. Today is a time to celebrate the progress achieved by active citizens over the past eight decades, but it is also a time to look to what still needs to be done to make democracy work for all Americans.

The League of Women Voters will continue to be the place where hands-on work leads to a better democracy for all.

Paula Bowman, President
League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County

Vision needed

I am writing this letter to the Democratic presidential candidates to express my deep concern about the direction of education policy in our country. I am particularly troubled by No Child Left Behind, and the devastating impact it has had on public education. As a retired educator and former superintendent of schools in Bloomfield Hills, I feel I must speak out on behalf of America's public school educators and students.

It is my hope that the Democratic candidates, most of whom supported this legislation, will listen and change course for the sake of our children.

This ill-conceived legislation is only beneficial to test makers and private sector profiteers who market and sell pre-packaged educational programs of questionable efficacy. Standardized testing never has and never will result in greater accountability and will not prompt the kind of systemic education reforms necessary to prepare our students for life in the 21st century. I believe the late Sen. Paul Wellstone, who wisely voted against this legislation, said it best in his March 31, 2000, address at Teachers College, Columbia University:

"Making students accountable for test scores works well on a bumper sticker and it allows politicians to look good by saying that they will not tolerate failure. But it represents a hollow promise. Far from improving education, high stakes

testing marks a major retreat from fairness, from accuracy, from quality and from equity."

The problems with NCLB are far deeper than the simplistic notion that "it can be fixed with more funding" suggests.

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution states very clearly that public education is a state, not a federal responsibility. Policymaking must happen at the local level, not in Washington, D.C., and in corporate offices. NCLB needs to be dismantled. Efforts to restructure this legislative travesty are a waste of time, and will only further delay and hamper meaningful school reform.

America needs a leader who has the common sense to empower teachers, parents, administrators and local school boards to become the primary architects of school reform. We need a leader who understands that NCLB and other bureaucratic intrusions move us away from creating dynamic learning environments that will optimize student learning.

It is my hope that a presidential candidate will step up to this important challenge and articulate a truly compelling vision for our schools, while speaking out forcefully against the re-authorization of NCLB.

Gary M. Doyle
Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

A way to solve state budget

I was reading in the newspapers about how "Governor Taxholm" was crying about how there wasn't enough money in the general fund to pay state troopers' salaries and they would have to lay off about 60 to balance the budget. I have a wonderful suggestion and that is ... to pass a state law that would prohibit using a cell phone while operating a vehicle and use those funds to help pay troopers' salaries.

I know of communities that have policemen, after putting in eight hours of regular work, who can come in and take an unmarked car equipped with radar and write as many tickets as possible and receive time and a half to pay for judges salaries and maintenance of court buildings. If you don't believe me, check with some of the surrounding communities. But this will never happen because so many politicians are talking on their cell phones.

Robert Siedlik
Livonia

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Newspapers shedding reporters, but who will search for the truth?

Vacations don't just refresh the body; they help concentrate the mind and renew and refresh the soul.

My wife Kathy and I have just returned from some days in our cabin on the south shore of Lake Superior. We had family — including two adorable little granddaughters — with us. And we had deep blue sky, long winding trails, clear waters and happy dinners.

Plus time to reflect. One chain of reflections has to do with the trade I practiced for most of my life — newspapers and journalism. I was a newspaper publisher for more than 40 years. I sold my company a few years ago, as it became more and more evident that the business model that had sustained my industry was in the process of dissolving.

The world I made my living from is now a direct casualty of massive changes caused by the Internet, a medium that did not even exist in 1987. Today, newspapers everywhere are in trouble. Nationally, newspaper readership and circulation are way down, and advertising revenue figures are worse.

Knight-Ridder, which for many years owned the *Detroit Free Press* and many other distinguished titles, has disappeared. The *Chicago Tribune*, one of the historic monuments of Midwestern journalism, has been tentatively sold in a transaction that looks increasingly shaky.

On Wall Street, newspaper stocks are performing dismally across the board. In an attempt to preserve operating profits, newspaper publishers have cut costs to the bone. Even great papers like the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* have decreased the width of their pages this year to reduce newsprint costs.

Newspapers have clustered operations into regional groupings to achieve economies of scale in production and business office operations. Finally, they've cut staff, especially in the newsroom.

This is an industry that has existed in its present form since the 1830s, and which has provided the most important form of communication throughout most of the history of this republic.

Yet now many people (including me) are wondering whether the newspaper industry is in an irreversible downward spiral.

Maybe so, maybe not. But what is clear is that something very important in America is in the process of radical change, perhaps even near elimination. I don't refer to the business enterprise we call the newspaper industry, but to one particular group of professionals.

These are folks who have played a remarkably important role in American public life for more than two centuries — reporters.

Thousands and thousands of reporters have been employed by newspapers — whether daily, weekly or monthly — in virtually every community across this land. Few of us really know how important they are and have been. Their job, which they have sometimes done very well and sometimes done poorly, has been to ask impor-

tant and sometimes impertinent questions. That is, to speak truth to power.

How come the mayor's first cousin got the contract to haul garbage? Why did the school board decide to put a new school near that wealthy subdivision and give the construction contract to the rich local big shot? How did it happen that a very large corporation was given free rein by state regulatory authorities to pollute a world-class trout stream that has run clean and sparkling for centuries?

Some of what they ask are just things that people in a community want to know, because knowing them is what makes a group of people a community: Who graduated first in her class and who married his high school sweetheart just before going off to war?

Reporters. I have no idea how many thousands of them there are, and I don't think anybody really knows. But their questions have nourished the life of this republic for more than two centuries.

They've shined the light of disclosure on murky places and they've contributed the information basis for reasoned discourse and shared conscience to the lives of the communities they served.

And what is sad and virtually certain is that there will be far fewer of them in years to come than in the past. Mostly, again, that's all due to newspaper economics in the age of the Internet.

Booth Newspapers, a subsidiary of Newhouse's Advance Publications, runs eight daily newspapers in Michigan. Earlier this summer, they cut the number of reporters in its highly regarded Lansing bureau from eight to three. Meanwhile, the big Detroit dailies have cut their newsrooms time and again as their circulations have dropped. I'm neither immune nor innocent, by the way; when I was a publisher, I did my share of cost-cutting over the years.

In an age when there are thousands and thousands of bloggers hammering away at all hours of the day, I happen to think we may be on the cusp of something that might be called "citizen journalism."

Indeed, it might be that community news could become more community-driven (and less newspaper-owner determined) than in the past. It might be less "professional," but it might be more passionate and far more broadly democratic.

Thanks to our Constitution, we all have as much right to do journalism as the editors of the *Washington Post*.

New York University Professor Jay Rosen put it this way: "No one owns the practice of reporting or assigns the right to do it. It's a democratic thing to tell others what's going on and 'show your work.' Some people will not be deterred from doing that. Most of them don't care what you call them. They do care if their story stands up."

Just so. But looking at the deep blue skies on a U.P. summer day, I can't but worry what our public life might be without thousands of curious, impertinent folk pecking away in communities all over our country.

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Phil Power

Region's offerings seem fresher after hosting visitors

Earlier this summer, Tom Watkins, with whom I sometimes share this page, wrote a column about Michigan's many tourist offerings. Watkins, a business/education consultant who was Michigan's school superintendent, made a good point about all our great state has to offer visitors and those who call Michigan home.

I read that column with more than passing interest, as my husband and I have just hosted friends from England for a two-week stay, accompanied by their daughter who turned 15 while here. Some of the stops like Henry Ford Museum were obvious, but we worried a bit about how to fill two weeks with fun things to do.

The daughter picked the Detroit Zoo for her birthday, a big hit, especially the Arctic Ring of Life and butterfly house. The Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe (Westland) cake capped off the evening well.

We were surprised at how much they liked the everyday Plymouth things, including a Plymouth Community Arts Council concert in Kellogg Park Aug. 15, the farmer's market put on by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Saturday mornings, and a Contemporary Books book discussion (*The World Is Flat* by Thomas Friedman) at the Plymouth District Library. Even our regular visits to Hiller's for groceries elicited considerable interest, with an opportunity to compare to Tesco's and other British grocery stores. Hiller's has a British foods section, which prompted some discussion as to authenticity, but American foods (other than root beer and Life Savers) were what they really wanted to try.

A big hit as well was a drive out to Michigan International Speedway for NASCAR qualifying. The day was sunny and warm and the Goodyear blimp over the track was a sight to see for our visitors. We had a rainy Sunday to fill, but managed with a drive into Detroit for Pewabic Pottery (my sister-in-law's suggestion, thank you), combined with a trip to Belle Isle, where my husband and I saw how cleaned up the site was in preparation for the Grand Prix.

While on Belle Isle, we stopped at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, definitely worth visiting. We had a nice chat with a couple there about Bob-Lo memories, visiting Bob-Lo for rides and how great the boat trip was.

We ate in Greektown (Laikon) that Sunday and found ourselves back in Detroit a couple days later for a visit to the Motown Historical Museum. The tour guide was excellent in describing this rich part of

Detroit's history. The ladies had a chance to sing *Stop, In the Name of Love* in Studio A (known to the musicians as the "Snake Pit"), while the men performed a part of *My Girl*. Photos weren't allowed inside, but our friends took plenty of the famous Hitsville U.S.A. building front.

While at that museum, we visited with a businessman from Brazil, up for some training at the Rouge plant. He was so excited to see where the Motown hits were made, especially his favorite group, The Four Tops.

That afternoon, we crossed the border for a brief visit to Windsor's scenic park on the river. That gave our friends a chance to say they'd been to Canada, and we would have liked to show them more of our good neighbors' country. My mom hosted us that evening at Hogan's in Bloomfield Township, my in-laws a couple days later for a Chinese buffet (Peking Buffet) in Livonia.

A big hit was Frankenmuth (a colleague had told me British people love it, and she was right). We got to Frankenmuth at 10:15 a.m. and didn't leave until after 9 p.m., with our friends even missing out on Bronner's Christmas store interior, as it had closed at 9. The chicken dinner at Zehnder's, all you can eat, was popular after a day of walking and shopping. I even ran into a former teacher, Jay Schwalm, from Birmingham Public Schools in the dinner line and had a nice chat.

Our group later wanted to visit a beach, and found Kensington Metropark's Martindale beach did just fine and was close to home. The park looked great, and our friends commented on how reasonable admission was.

Tom Watkins' suggestions came in handy, thank you, and we needn't have worried about how to fill two weeks. Shopping was popular as well particularly with the strength of the pound, and it was a challenge for our friends to pack everything and get it home.

A friend had somewhat jokingly asked if we had wanted to give the "nice Detroit" tour or the "shock" one. We know southeast Michigan's far from perfect, but our friends enjoyed their visit, and commented often on the good customer service that surpassed what they find at home. The tourist stops were popular, especially Frankenmuth and Michigan International Speedway.

It helped my husband and me to see our hometown and region through someone else's eyes to gain a new perspective. We Detroiters may too often run down the place we call home, but let's not forget all the good people and things here.

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State fair competition not new to Canton resident

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Bunting of Canton started entering competitions at the Michigan State Fair at 12 or 13. Now 33, she's returned four or five years ago to entering each year and took several awards in the event which wraps up Labor Day.

"I do it every year," said Bunting, married to Brad and mom to sons ages 6 and 2. "I actually was a little disappointed in my performance this year."

She took first place/best of show in Greenery for a table setting for two in brown and gold. That had her Thanksgiving china for judging, although she took that home when the public display went up.

Bunting also took first place/best in show for Fall Arrangement, a pumpkin with fresh flowers. In Hanging Basket, she took a third place for mixed bedding plants designed to highlight that industry in Michigan.

The hanging basket on display with the other entries at the Community Arts Building of the fairgrounds features trailing petunias, million bells, bacopa, and a sweet potato vine.

"I got third for that. This late in the season, that's OK," the gardener said.

Her best friend, Teresa Sirois of Oxford, encourages Bunting to enter each year. Sirois is also a regular entrant, among many from



Kelly Bunting took a first place/best in show for Fall Arrangement with this pumpkin/fresh flowers display at the state fair, which continues through Monday, Labor Day, at the fairgrounds, Woodward and Eight Mile.

the metro area whose work is displayed through Monday at the fairgrounds.

Bunting, a homemaker, grew up in Dearborn and graduated from Greenhills School in Ann Arbor and Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. She has a bachelor's degree in psychobiology,

that college's combined psychology/biology major, and an art history minor.

Bunting, who worked in human resources for Domino's world headquarters before her children were born, also entered in baking this year at the fair. "I guess I didn't fulfill exactly what

they were looking for," she said. She won the Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crust Challenge at the state fair in 2005, and her aunt won that last year.

In that competition, the baker uses Pillsbury packaged pie crust to make a fruit pie. "It's supposed to be an original recipe," she said, and can include such things as a lattice top.

Gardening's a family affair for Bunting, whose mom grew up on a farm. Her mom has 13 acres of land in Superior Township, much of it landscaped and a raised bed for growing vegetables.

The state fair's a perennial favorite for the Bunting family, although the couple's younger son can't yet appreciate his mom's efforts.

"I enjoy going to the fair," she said. She appreciates the recognition for what she does.

"My kids really enjoy going and seeing my ribbons. I love to go and see what's new and exciting." It's good for next year's competition, noted Bunting (who also does canning at home) to see other entries.

She's met other women her age who'd like to learn about canning and how to preserve the season's bounty of Michigan produce for the winter.

"They're very interested in learning now but have no idea how to start," said Bunting, whose family has long done home canning.

State Fair: Country fun in the big city

The 2007 Michigan State Fair will continue through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, at the fairgrounds, corner of Eight Mile and Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

The fair is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors age 62 and up as well as children ages 3-12. Children age 2 and younger are admitted free. An Adult Seasonal Gate Admission Pass is \$35 and \$10 for seniors 62 and older as well as children 3-12.

Parking is \$7.

This year, the Michigan State Fair, which opened Aug. 22, has introduced several new attractions, along with classic favorites that have made the fair a Michigan summer tradition. New and exciting attractions include the all-new Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and Sports FanFest. This attraction allows enthusiasts to participate in sporting activities including interactive basketball, baseball, football, golf, hockey and soccer.

There is also a sports memorabilia show with a new pro athlete daily. Also new to the fair is the Building of Science and Technology which features a "You Be the Chemist Challenge" and "For

Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST)." Featured alongside these attractions are such traditional favorites such as the Contest Corner for children and adults, daily parades, dance and baton competitions, The Miracle of Life exhibit, The Michigan Mart, and The Outdoor Zone.

This year's fair also includes free headliner concerts in the Band Shell with a returning performance by rocker Alice Cooper.

"The 2007 Michigan State Fair is one of the most exciting and awaited summer events in the state of Michigan," said Steve Jenkins, general manager for the fair. "We are proud to offer thrilling new attractions and events, combined with traditional favorites. Generations from the state of Michigan and around the country have enjoyed the State Fair for many years."

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AUGUST

Fun days

Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout August at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Bring a bag lunch for you and your children. Participants will have playtime either inside or

outside depending on the weather and then lunch in the gym. After lunch, they will have Bible Story and Music Time. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children during this time. If you plan to attend, call the office to indicate how many children and adults will be coming. (734) 427-1414. Everyone is welcome.

Summer Bible studies

Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christsaviors.org for more

information.
Registration beginning
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, Preschool, Pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413

UPCOMING

Carillon series
10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.
Tent/rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland. Under the tent rent space for \$20, \$35 to rent space with church's table. Inside the church you'll find gently used clothing and shoes for the family at \$2 a bag. For more information, call Mary Rose at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

Palooza/community jubilee

11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. 12:30-6:30 p.m. chicken dinners, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage, etc., and car show, health fair, dunk tank, inflatables, carica-

tures, cake walk, games, prizes. 12:30-5 p.m. silent auction with lots of great items including Tigers tickets. Concert by BMCR (Black Methodists for Church Renewal) Choir 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All activities at family friendly prices.

Religious education

Children's Religious Education available beginning 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional child. Call (734) 425-9333.

Swami beyondanda

Steve Bhaerman, whose alter ego is Swami Beyondanda, entertains with his comedy 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Donation is \$20. For information, call (734) 421-1760.

Colloquium

St. Andrew House - Center for Orthodox Christian Studies will host Faith of Our Fathers: A Colloquium on Orthodoxy for Lutherans Sept. 10-11, for Lutheran clergy and their spouses and Lutheran lay leaders from the Great Lakes region of the U.S. and Canada, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft next door to the St. Andrew House complex near the intersection of I-96 and Telegraph. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 10, colloquium concludes with farewell reception 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration fee is \$75 per person, includes meals and refreshments at retreat center. Rooms at the center, either single or double occupancy, including several that are handicapped-accessible, may be reserved for one to three nights, Sunday through Tuesday, at \$95 per night.

While the colloquium is designed for Lutherans, it is also open to Orthodox Christians and members of other Christian faiths. Seating is limited, however, and priority will be given to Lutherans. Ancient Faith Radio (www.ancientfaithradio.com), the online Orthodox radio station, will record all colloquium presentations. Compact discs of the recordings, in MP3 and standard audio format may be ordered in advance or at the colloquium.

For information or to register, visit www.orthodoxdetroit.com. For further assistance, contact colloquium coordinator David Adrian at (248) 322-9226 or david.adrian@adrianassoc.com. St. Andrew House Center for Orthodox Christian Studies was founded in 2001 to promote the Orthodox Christian faith by word and example through formal instruction, worship and good works.

Taste of Greece

Festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Festival grounds open one hour earlier. Stroll the Agora (Greek marketplace). Indulge in delicious homemade Greek food and pastries. Try the Loukoumathes (Greek doughnuts). Inflatables fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one price to play all day). Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family (2 adults, up to 3 children). Bring your festival program back for free admission all weekend. Festival proceeds to benefit church mortgage reduction. Handicap parking available in church parking lot. No exceptions. Guest parking is available at the Bosch Corp. parking lot adjacent to our Church. Please use Bosch Corp. Haggerty Road entrance across from St. Kenneth's Church.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio, will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170. Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org.

Victorian fashion show/tea

Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30 minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many guests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit www.firstpresville.org. Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show. Any member of the Red Hat Society who joins in for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission.

Catholic marriage

The facts - things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but did, and a couple of new things to ponder 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter is Deacon William Meahan, no need to register. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group begins meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. The first session is 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Meetings

continue the first and third Thursdays of the month. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Global village night

Liberia, West Africa, Global Village Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, near Lahser, Southfield. Speaker is the Rev. Charles Boayue Jr., senior pastor, Second Grace United Methodist Church, Detroit. Liberia history, culture, customs, folk storytelling, Liberia Art and dancing, music, thoughts about PEACE, sign up for Liberia Pen Pals (ages 12-17). Bring donated items for 2008 February, Liberia Trip Mission Trip Open to the public. Refreshments. For further information, call (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137.

Alpha - Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, nonthreatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy. Burkhardt@wardchurch.org.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching, series of sessions explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women while enjoying a prayerful, relaxed atmosphere of faith, friendship and fellowship, runs Thursdays, Sept. 27 to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

Mom to Mom sale

Tri-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission.

Mom-to-Mom sale

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Smart Discipline seminar

6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$12 per person, \$20 per couple. To register, visit www.christsaviors.org. For more information, call (734) 522-6830. If unable to attend the seminar, the DVD and 4 workbooks are available for \$89. Call (800) 208-0807 or purchase online at www.smartdiscipline.com.

Church Women United

Next meeting for Suburban Detroit West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring one salad for every three persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Avenue, Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6, at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. Admission is \$1. Rental cost is \$25 for 6-foot table, \$27 for 8-foot table, \$3 for a rack with table rental. Call (734) 532-7818 for information.

CROP walk

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and developments as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Township. There will be two-mile and four-mile routes. For CROP, Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Catholic women's conference

Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Convenient registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

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CONSTANCE B. SPOTO

Age 52, of Birmingham, died August 24, 2007, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mrs. Spoto was born January 20, 1955, in Detroit. Mrs. Spoto is survived by her loving husband, Thomas and sons, Anthony and Thomas. She is also survived by her siblings Edward Allen, Cynthia Vanderlinden, Douglas (Helen) Allen, and Christine (Glen) Hayes. Mrs. Spoto is preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Allen. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Name Catholic Church, Birmingham, on Tuesday. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Clawson. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials appreciated to Forest Hills Swim Club: Special Project Fundraiser. In Memory of Constance B. Spoto, P.O. Box 225, Birmingham, Michigan 48012 or Manresa Retreat House, Women to Women, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304.

ELIZABETH (Betsy) T. BRADLEY

(Formerly Hampton), age 68, beloved mother and grandmother, died Thursday, August 23 in her home in Bonita Springs, FL. Betsy moved to Florida in 1996 and was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs and a dedicated volunteer at the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce. She was involved in the Bonita Springs Historical Society, the Bonita Springs Newcomers Club and the Republican Women's Club. Born in Pontiac, she attended Pontiac High School and Michigan State University where she was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. While raising her family in Bloomfield Hills, Betsy contributed her time to Cranbrook Schools and co-founded the Premier Travel Agency in Birmingham. She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. She is survived by her sisters Judith Huttenlocher of Clarkston and Deanna Jones of Sun City, AZ and her brothers J. Edward Bradley of Oswego, IL and Douglas Bradley of Waterford. She is preceded in death by her father James H. Bradley and mother Beverly K. Bradley of Pontiac. Betsy is survived by her children Mary (Hampton) Mulvenon, Brad Hampton and Sarah (Hampton) Bielman, her former husband, William P. Hampton of Bloomfield Hills, and her grandchildren Kate & Ellie Mulvenon and Ainsley Bielman. A memorial service will be held at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, 5929 South Main Street in Clarkston at 1PM on Friday, August 31, 2007. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Betsy's memory to the Cranbrook Schools Annual Fund (donation information at: <https://schools.cranbrook.edu/supporting/gift/default.asp> or by calling 248-645-3404) or the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization (donation information at: <http://www.y-me.org/wastogive/default.php> or by calling 1-800-221-2141).

EUGENE MORRISON

August 25, 2007. Beloved husband of Joan. Brother of Marjorie Harness. Uncle of Barbara (Bill) Cary, Errol Lewis, Patricia (Kevin) Morrison-Purifoy, Steven (Lisa) Nunley, Deborah (Kirk) Pryor, Linda (Benny) Mercer and John (Jana) Waltman. Services were Wednesday at Faith Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights. Memorials suggested to Garden City Hospital Foundation or Faith Baptist Church Children's Fund. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son Funeral Home

MARGARET LEEDS

Called home by our Lord on August 26, 2007 at age 96. Beloved wife of the late John D. Leeds. Loving mother of Bob(Nancy), Marilyn (Harry) Campbell, Tom (MaryAnn). Dear grandmother of 13, great-grandmother of 15. A celebration of her life will take place on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at 11a.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

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Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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FLORENCE (McFadden) CROLL

Age 94, passed away during the final stage of Alzheimer's on August 25, 2007. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul in 1977 and was the mother of George Croll, Alice Sieloff and Grace MacFarland. Florence was born in Butler, PA and became the first female credit manager for Penn Drake, a branch of Pennsylvania Refining. The family moved to Wyandotte, MI in 1949 and Paul and Florence retired to Sun City, AZ in 1974. Florence was a Lifetime Member of Eastern Star, Masonic Wife, and Worthy Matron for Rainbow Girls. She was a founding member of Glenwood Methodist Church in Wyandotte and an active member of Faith United Presbyterian in Sun City. She was a professional secretary, BPW member and active in PTA and school activities. In 1998, Florence returned to Michigan to be closer to her family. Memorial contributions in Florence's name may be made to St. Jude Nursing Center, 34350 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI 48150.

JOSEPH J. McSWEENEY

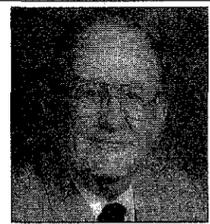
Age 71, of Farmington Hills, August 24, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Helen C. (nee: Doyle). Loving father of Rita Kramer (Rob), Patrick, Maureen Blair (John), Matthew, Mary (Brian) Cassar and Dan (Kelly). Grandfather of fourteen. Joe is preceded in death by his granddaughter Olivia Blair. Mr. McSweeney was raised in Detroit, attended St. Cecilia before graduating from U of D with an MBA. He had a tour of duty in Korea while in the Army. He and Paul Quenneville started Quenneville and McSweeney Accounting Firm. Joe was extremely active at Old St. Pat's in Detroit and the Our Lady of Sorrows Chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, August 29th, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Memorial tributes are suggested to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 3000 Grafton Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington. [heeneey-sundquist.com](http://www.heeneey-sundquist.com)



LAURA R. GETZ

(nee Raymond)

Age 78, died August 23, 2007 in Cleveland, OH, formerly of Birmingham, MI and former teacher at the Baldwin Elementary School. A Graduate of William Woods College of Fulton, MO and Michigan State University. Beloved wife of Charles L. Getz, Jr. of Shaker Hts., OH; dear mother of Charles L. Getz, III of Shaker Hts., OH and Carolyn Whiting Kelley (Tim) of Norfolk, MA; dear grandmother of Julia, Zachary and Jackson Kelley. The family prefers that those who wish may make contributions in her name to the Alzheimer's Association, 12200 Fairhill Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120 or St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44106, where Memorial Services will be held, Friday, August 31st at 2 PM. For additional information and directions log online to: Brown-Forward Funeral Home, Shaker Heights, OH in charge of arrangements. 216-752-1200



WYMAN E. LARE

August 27, 2007. Beloved husband of Peggy. Dear father of Skip (Gimny), Brent and Brad (Debra). Loving grandfather of Kristen Flory, Gregory, Ryan Lare, Dayna Bouchard and Jessica. Brother of Margaret Karth. Private visitation and service. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to the Gift of Life.

LOIS IRENE HEFFNER BUTLER

Age 87, resident of Lawrenceville, Georgia, died August 25th, 2007 at her home. Mrs. Butler was born November 22nd, 1919 in Miami County OH, a daughter to John Henry and Esther Shoup Heffner. She was a homemaker most of her life and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Lawrenceville. In earlier years she had worked in the home front production during WWII. She spent time with the 4H Clubs and with Girl Scouts with her daughters and Cub Scouts with her son. She was a member of the Women's Circle and First United Methodist Church and was also active with extension and women's groups. She is survived by her husband, Max Butler of the home. Also surviving is a son, Douglas Eugene Butler of Lawrenceville GA; three daughters, Angela Louise Butler of Orlando FL, Virginia K. Rumberger of Plymouth, MI and Marcia Sue Evans of Suwannee GA; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Wages and Sons Gwinnett Chapel with Rev. Sheri W. Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Gwinnett Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 6-8:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Heart Association. Wages and Sons, 1031 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30045.



MARILYN SHORES SMITH JIGGER

August 7, 2007. Beloved wife of Alvie. Dear mother of Randall (Sharon) Smith, Diane (James) Adair and Amy Lynn Smith. Grandmother of Nicholas Adair, Erin Adair, Kevin Smith and Scott Smith. Family will receive friends Friday 4-7pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial service Saturday 1pm at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine west of Woodward. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



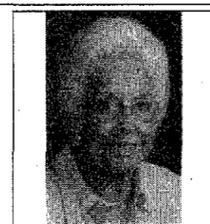
PHYLLIS J. COLE

(nee: Beyer)

August 25, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona; age 81, of Birmingham. Wife of the late Robert A. Dear mother of Jeannette C. Poing (Thomas) and Elizabeth C. Greer (Jack). Grandmother of James C. Greer and Matthew C. Poing. Sister of the late Herbert A. Beyer, Jr. (Barbara). Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Friday 4-8 PM. Funeral service at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, Saturday 11 AM. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034, or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718, or American Hospice Foundation, 2120 L Street NW, Ste. 200, Washington, DC 20037. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROGER G. BURNHAM

August 24, 2007, age 85. Husband of the late Myvonne. Loving father of Brent (Sandra) and the late Lloyd. Grandfather of Andrew and Christopher. Brother of Elizabeth Mathers. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 313-561-1500. Memorials to the Divine Child Men's Club, 1001 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128.



VIRGINIA MAE HOLMAN

85, of Farmington Hills, August 27, 2007. An amazing and gracious lady. Virginia is preceded in death by her beloved husband Albert "Red" Holman and grandson David Hatch. She is survived by her loving children: Joyce, Penny, Alene and Albert III "Jack" Holman (Susan). Cherished grandchildren: Paul Hatch, Julie LaChance, Leslie Briggs, Kelly Clark, Chad Helmer and Katherine Holman; great-grandchildren: David, Ricky, Michael, Alexander, Savannah, Heather, Autumn, Reilly and Devon. Memorial service Thursday, August 30th, 5:00pm at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), Farmington, MI (248-474-5200). Visitation Thursday 12 Noon until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes are suggested to PanCAN, 2141 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90245, First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336 or Henry Ford Hospice. heeneey-sundquist.com

WILLIAM ROBERT ADCOX

Age 74, of Westland, passed away August 26, 2007. He was born on April 30, 1933 in Union City, Tennessee to Rawleigh and Geneva (King) Adcox. He was a longtime resident of Westland and was previously of Northville. He was an active member of Joy Baptist Church in Westland. Bob is survived by his sisters Betty (Ted) Vantoll and Brenda Norman. He was also loved by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters Shirley Paterson and Athala Newman. A funeral service will be held Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 10:30am at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Jay Cubbison with Joy Baptist Church will officiate the service. Mr. Adcox will be laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

WALTER EDWARD KROL

Age 81, August 25, 2007. Beloved husband of Dolly for 59 years. Dear father of Linda (Qasem) Khasawneh, Robert (Deborah), Annette (Michael) Charbonneau, Lauri (Brian) Miller, Walter Anthony (Donna), Paul (Katie) and Jeremy (Jenny). Grandfather of 14. Great-grandfather of three. Services were Tuesday at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church. Arrangements by John N. Santeiu & Son.

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CALENDAR

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Cruise

St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space limited.

Uplifting church services

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

Women of the Word

Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary

Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022. Ext. 4, or download a registration form at www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-to-heart messages from Beth Moore 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost for workbook is \$8.

Sunday school classes

New adult Sunday School classes began July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

Worship schedule

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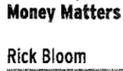
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Identify risk and make informed decisions to handle it

Last week's storms should remind us how unpredictable life can be and the importance of understanding risks.

Whether in an investment portfolio or a family emergency, it is possible to manage risk, but impossible to eliminate it. The key is to identify risk and then make an informed decision how to handle it. In a family emergency, the best way to manage risk is to make sure you have proper legal documents. In a portfolio, the best way to manage risk is to invest in different asset classes.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

As for last week's storms and subsequent damages, make sure you can identify your losses and that your homeowner's insurance policy is up to date.

MANAGING RISK

I recommend a current video inventory of home and assets because it's a reminder of what you own. It's almost impossible to remember everything you own — particularly, in time of crisis. A video inventory of is a good way to refresh the memory. Videotape the entire premise, from floor to ceiling and everything in between. In addition, talk your way through the video. This helps to jog your memory with respect to various belongings. Another benefit of a video inventory is if you do have a

claim, it can provide additional evidence to the insurance company of any losses. If you have collectibles and receipts or appraisals, these should be included in the video inventory.

Whether you live in a house or an apartment, a video inventory is important.

REVIEW POLICIES

Another essential aspect to risk management is to review your homeowner's insurance policy. Unfortunately, most people purchase a policy when they purchase their home and never update it. It's difficult for most of us to read and understand our homeowner's policy. After all, policies are written by lawyers for lawyers. If you haven't met with your home-

owner's insurance agent, now is the time. Most insurance agents I know encourage their clients to sit down with them to make sure coverage is up to date. If your agent doesn't want to meet, it's a clear indication you need a new agent.

SHOP AROUND

One mistake homeowners make is to assume all insurance policies are the same. There are several differences between companies. Different policies and different companies work better in different situations. The key is to have the policy that matches your individual situation.

And every so often, it's important to shop around for competitive bids. However, the lowest bid isn't necessarily the

best bid.

In shopping for homeowner's insurance, there are more options available today than ever before. Make sure, if you are using an agent, he/she works for your best interest.

TYPES OF AGENTS

There are two types of agents when it comes to homeowner's insurance. The first is what's known as a captured agent. A captured agent works for one insurance company. The advantage is that he/she is generally better informed about the policies and the workings of the company. Thus, if you had a claim, they potentially can be of more assistance to you. The other is an independent agent who represents many different insurance compa-

nies. The advantage of this agent is he/she has a variety of products available to match your individual situation. All things being equal, I generally prefer an independent agent. However, the most important qualities of an agent are someone you can communicate with and feel comfortable asking questions. It would be nice if we could eliminate risk from our lives, but that's impossible. The best we can do is manage it so when a crisis occurs, we have the tools to deal with it.

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).

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Sacred Heart celebrates 50 years as it revitalizes

BY DAVE VARGA
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Joseph Marquis had occasionally heard the questions about how long Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church on Six Mile east of Middlebelt would carry on, whether it was going to close.

As an answer, he'd point to the image of a small tri-bar cross, a symbol of the Eastern Rite Catholic faith, visible in a new walkway in front of the church.

"Is it set in concrete? Yes. We're staying," Marquis said.

Sacred Heart is undergoing a major rebirth, with plenty of construction and new projects during this its 50th year serving the western suburbs.

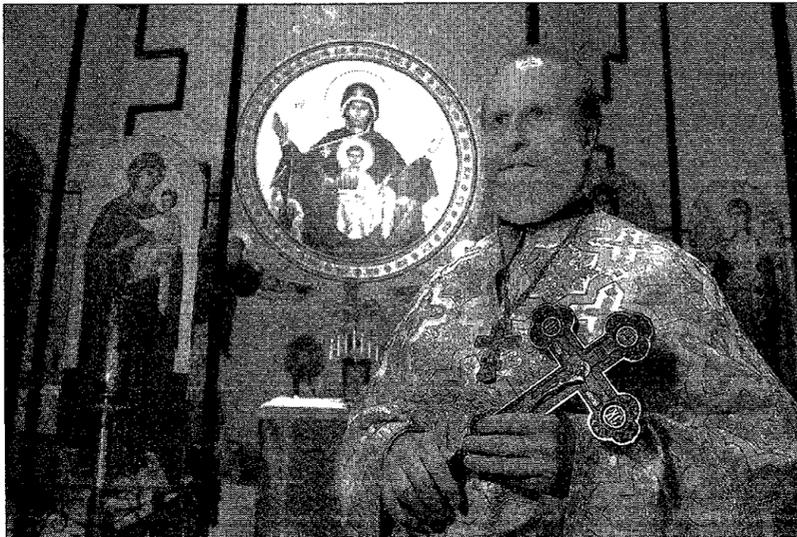
Unlike its sister Roman Catholic parishes which are generally much larger in this country, Byzantine and other Eastern Rite churches tend to be smaller.

Sacred Heart serves 106 families from Redford, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Westland, Detroit, Plymouth and well beyond. Marquis describes the parishioners as very loyal. "We have people drive here from as far away as Clarkston, so it's not something passive," he said.

The Byzantine Rite is "something of a hybrid," Marquis said. Its Liturgy and traditions share much in common to the Eastern Orthodox Church — from the heavy use of incense and chanting of hymns to the vestments and icons. However, it's fully a Catholic rite, in communion with the Pope. Compared to their Western rite counterparts, Byzantines put greater emphasis on the mystery of God.

The parish was started as an offshoot of St. Nicholas Church in Detroit, when it was located on East Grand Boulevard. The church provided \$10,000 to help the fledgling church, led by 14 families who were closer to the west side.

They originally founded Sacred Heart in 1957 on Beech Daly in Redford (the former Redford Jaycees site), according to Aileen Karlewski, a charter member and currently part of the parish finance council.



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The Rev. Joseph Marquis inside Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church on Six Mile near Middlebelt. The parish draws from a wide geographical area.

Aileen and her late husband, Richard, had their son, Rick, baptized there that summer — the first baptism at Sacred Heart.

STARTING TO AGE

Ten years later, the church moved to its current location on Six Mile in Livonia. Through a series of several priests, Karlewski remembers how the church grew, built a hall that hosted regular Bingo games and had an active parish, with parish festivals and more.

"This used to be quite a vibrant parish here, from what I'm told," Marquis said.

In recent years, though, Sacred Heart had begun to age. Its operative pastor, the Rev. Nicholas Ivan, began suffering health problems. "As his health declined, the campus went into a slow decline also," Marquis said. "Presently, we're in a renewal process."

Drivers on Six Mile would notice a new sign, the demolition of an old rectory building, the newly paved and striped parking lot and the big hole right in front of the church — it will soon hold a new rectory. There's also a for-sale sign, for

a 2.4-acre plot of land behind the building.

Less apparent are other changes. The banquet and conference center has a new roof, newly updated carpeting and renovated wood flooring. It's getting new doors, kitchen improvements and more. New heating and cooling systems will grace both the church and the center.

All of the improvements are courtesy of a loan from the Eparchy of Parma, which serves as a diocese in the Byzantine Church. "Fortunately we're blessed with a bishop who is very supportive," Marquis said.

When it comes to support, Karlewski is among the parishioners who credit Marquis for helping to reinvigorate Sacred Heart, including bringing in younger people.

"He has a lot of ideas and he wants us back on the map," she said. After all, Karlewski said, she was preparing a poster-board of parishioners for the jubilee event and began noticing how many were no longer around. "We're going to be paying on, so we need the young blood," she said.

MARRIED, THEN ORDAINED

Marquis, 58, came to the priesthood through what some might call an unusual route.

After he was discharged from the Navy, Marquis studied graphic design at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. He then worked in an advertising studio, eventually doing restoration art work on mannequins and creating floats for Hudson's and its annual Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

He studied theology, was ordained a deacon 21 years ago and then worked as the Director of Chaplaincy at Holy Cross Hospital and most recently as a hospice chaplain with St. John Health. Along the way, he worked as Santa Claus and St. Nicholas in numerous venues.

And he married his wife, Mary. They've been wed now 35 years.

Marquis arrived as a deacon at Sacred Heart to help out Father Ivan in June 2005, but just a few months later, Ivan suffered a massive stroke that

later forced his retirement.

That vacancy and a great shortage of priests led to Marquis being ordained to be a priest by Bishop John Kudrick in Parma, Ohio, in February 2006, before being assigned to Sacred Heart.

That's another difference between Catholics of the Eastern and Western rites. "Our code of canon law allows married priests," he said, noting rather matter-of-factly that he's one of several in North America.

Plans for celebrating Sacred Heart's 50 years will include a Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop John Kudrick and concelebrating clergy at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23. A formal dinner in the banquet hall — now being run by Thomas's Catering — follows at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35, \$25 for children 12 and under. Call (734) 522-3166 to reserve a seat.

But Marquis, who recently overcame cancer, has even more plans for the church. It has leased out space in the conference center for Pascha Books and Gifts, which sells Eastern books and icons and was once nearby on Six Mile.

The store's owner, Richard Shebib, has his own history at Sacred Heart — it's where his sons were baptized. He likes the revitalization effort and hopes his store (which opens Sept. 8) will help. As for Father Joseph, Shebib says, "He was like my guardian angel."

And then there's next year. Sacred Heart is planning to host a day-long family concert for the community called "Goodstock." The parish is also planning a reprise of this year's successful Laff-tracks comedy show for the Saturday after the Super Bowl, with a family-friendly, clean comic. And there will be more. "With God's grace, we're trying to turn things around here," Marquis said.

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Priest had Emmy-winning career as St. Nicholas

The Rev. Joseph Marquis might look familiar. Check out his eyes, picture him with red robes and a big white beard.

This is a man who has played Santa Claus and St. Nicholas for decades, from numerous television appearances at Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade back when it was sponsored by J.L. Hudson's.

He has conducted the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as Santa Claus, annually received the key to the city from then-Mayor Coleman Young, appeared on ABC and Catholic television, and even performed with the Four Tops, the singing Motown act.

Marquis owns costumes that transform him into either the Western version of St. Nicholas — that is, Santa Claus — or the Eastern version. For the latter, his robes were made in Moscow. His beard is yak hair, which he points out is stronger than the human version.

"St. Nicholas is an important figure in my life, obviously," Marquis said. In fact, as a man who has actually won an Emmy for portraying Santa Claus, he's working on a book about his experiences.

"My ministry is the top priority, obviously, but if Christmas was 12 months of the year, portraying Santa could be a fulltime job," he said.

These days, his work as St. Nicholas has slowed as he serves the priesthood at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia. However, he'll still make appearances at the Detroit Athletic Club and will perform Nov. 11-12 at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth.

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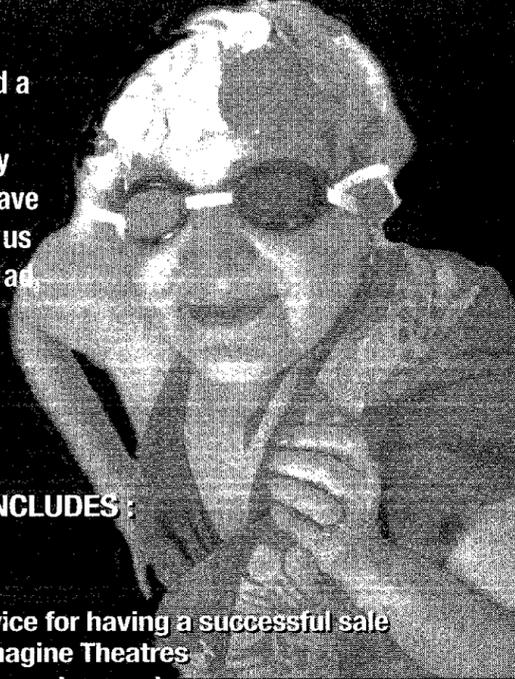
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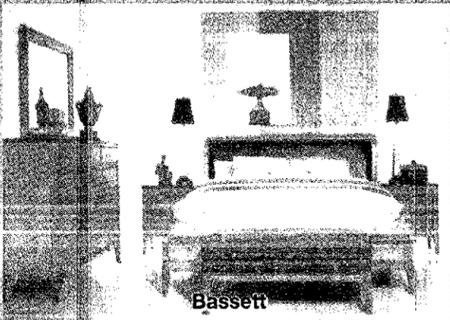
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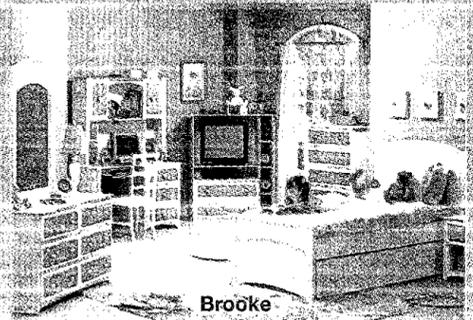
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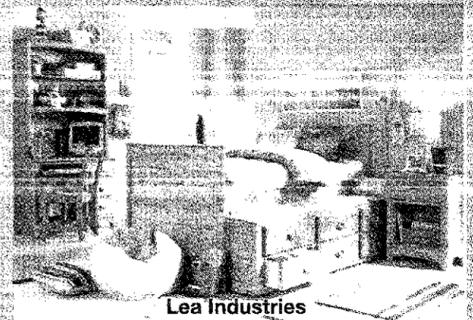
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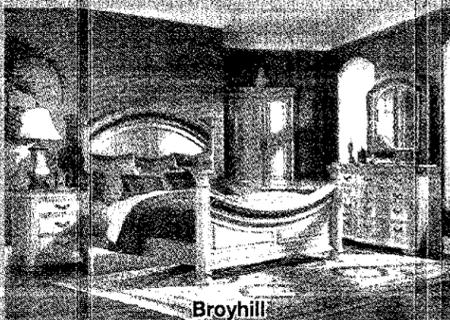
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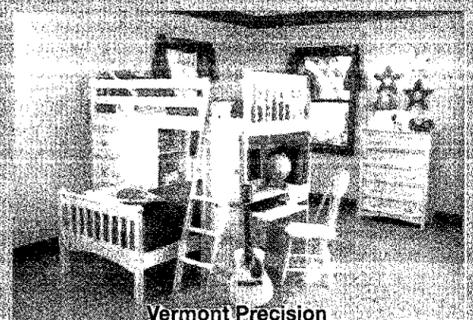
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Volleyball is here

State Class A champion Chargers eye title defense

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Capsule outlook of area teams, C2.

Livonia Churchill didn't have much time to savor its 2007 dream volleyball season.

The defending state Class A champions, who captured their second state title in school history back in mid-March, returned to the floor Aug.

13 for the first day of practice following the federal court-mandated MHSAA seasons switch.

And although some teams got an early jump on the fall season last weekend, Churchill doesn't open play until Sept. 8 at the Portage Northern Invitational.

So can you expect much of a drop-off from last year's 56-4-1 squad?

Coach Mark Grenier has several holes to fill, losing several key performers to graduation including first-team All-Area selections Lauren Krupsky (now at Central Michigan University) and Kelly Archer, along with second-team All-Area setter Kelsey McKenzie and third-team All-Area outside hitter Stephanie Bradshaw.

"Even though we lost an outstanding group of seniors who will be extremely hard to replace, I think this team may be more athletic, and at some point they very well may be an even better team than last year's," Grenier said.

That may be bad news for the rest of the area teams, who still must contend with 6-foot-3 middle hitter Kyndra

Abron, who recorded 35 kills in the state Class A championship match victory over North Branch, which ranks her second all-time in an MHSAA final.

Abron, headed to Michigan State, registered 698 kills during her junior year, which ranks her among the MHSAA leaders for a single season.

Other returnees include 5-10 middle hitter Jackie Gribeck, 5-5 senior defensive specialist Shannon Warner, 5-5 defensive specialist-Libero Jordan Kerr, and 5-6 junior setter Kristy DeClercq.

Who is apt to challenge Churchill again in the Western Lakes Activities Association is anybody's guess.

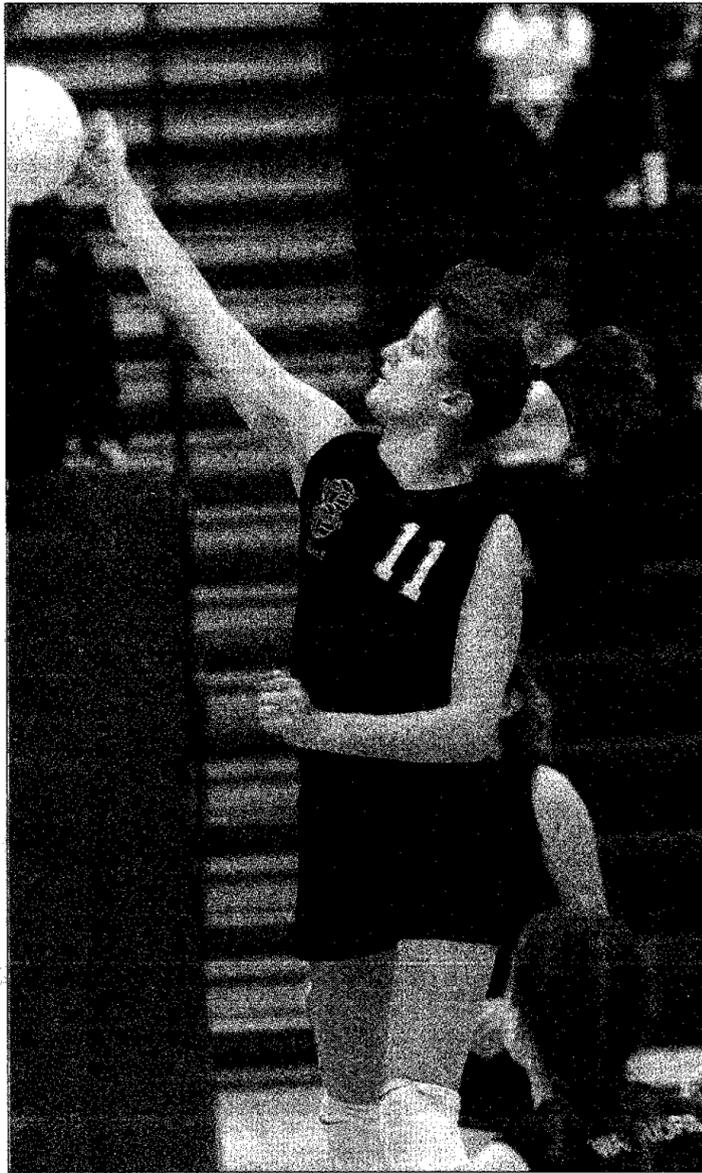
Livonia Stevenson (21-16-2) lost a top-notch first-team All-Area setter in Jill Flaughter, but returns senior Libero Jordan Pilut and junior middle hitter Meg Iafrate.

Livonia Franklin (16-19-4) reached last year's Class A district final before losing to Farmington. Second-year coach Linda Jimenez must replace three-time first-team All-Area pick Liz Dempsey (Madonna University). Hoping to pick up the slack is senior outside hitter Ashley Price, along with the Taylor twins, Brianna and Brittany, a pair of 5-9 junior middle hitters.

Westland John Glenn (14-19-5), a Class A district finalist, too, hopes to be improved under second-year coach Julian Wargo.

The Rockets are led by senior out-

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, C2**



Lutheran Westland sophomore Becca Refenes, shown here in an earlier Metro Conference match, was a catalyst in Friday's Class D district conquest at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

BILL BRISLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sidelines

Thompson signs

Right-hander Drew Thompson, a 2006 Livonia Franklin High grad, has accepted a scholarship offer to pitch for Northwood University.

Thompson, who will transfer from Eastern Michigan University and major in marketing, pitched this summer for the Mud Hens of the Livonia Baseball & Softball Association.

Elk shoot champs

Eight winners were crowned Aug. 20 in the ninth annual Elks Soccer Shoot contest co-hosted by Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246 and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation.

Boys age-group winners included Thomas Ashmore (12-13), 34-of-75 points; Andrew Smutek (10-11), 45-of-75; Joseph Choma (8-9), 26-of-45; and Drew Alsobrookst (7-and-under), 24-of-45.

Girls age-group winners included Angelica Woods (13-14), 32-of-75; Samantha Manchesky (10-11), 31-of-75; Conner Huggins (8-9), 38-of-45; and Kayla Martinez (7-and-under), 34-of-45.

Boys and girls winners advance to the state finals, Oct. 20, at the Canton Community Recreation Center.

Triathlon champs

The fourth annual City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Youth Triathlon drew a total of 50 participants ages 6-14 on Aug. 18 at the Clements Circle Park.

Among the top girls placers for the bike, run and swim included:

(Ages 13-14): 1. Colleen Anthony; 2. Megan Wickens; (11-12) 1. Mairi Van Dyke; 2. Brittany Gates; 3. Kelly Glynn; (9-10) 1. Katie Leginza; 2. Sidney Cervantes; 3. Jessica Wagner; (8-and-under) 1. Sylvia Cervantes; 2. Emily Evasic; 3. Cynthia Jia.

Top boys finishers included:

(Ages 11-12): 1. Max Humitz; 2. Jacob Van Dyke; 3. Sean Reppenbagen; (9-10); 1. Kyle Reppenbagen; 2. Blake Beck; 3. Arther Nemeth; (8-and-under); Brad Gibson; 2. Connor Beck; 3. Teodor Gomulka.

Run Like Wind 5K

The ninth annual Run Like the Wind 10-kilometer run and 5K run-walk starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Hines Park in Westland.

All proceeds will go back to the sport of running through support of youth track clubs and the Michigan Running Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Race day fees for the 10K and 5K events are \$20 (with shirt) and \$15 (no shirt).

For more information, call Chuck Block at (517) 702-0226.

Warriors fall in opener vs. Harper Woods, 41-0

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

play up-front considering all of our offensive linemen are returning guys. They're bigger, but I thought we'd show something up-front. And when we got decent blocks, our backs did not hold onto the ball."

Harper Woods led 14-0 after one quarter as Bevere hit Areon Fowler on TD passes of 47 and 51 yards. Sandwiched in between was a two-point safety when Warriors' QB Eric Shoats was tackled in the end zone by Tom Pellegrinni for a 6-yard loss.

Things didn't get any better for the Warriors in the second quarter as Hatfield scored on a 4-yard TD run following a Lutheran Westland fumble. Fowler then scooped up another Warrior fumble near midfield and raced 35 yards for a score with 2:54 left to make it 28-0 at halftime.

The Warriors' best quarter

was the third as Troy Golze recovered a Harper Woods fumble and Sam Ahlersmeyer prevented a potential Pioneers' TD at the goal line when he stripped the ball away from Bevere. (Shoats added an interception in the first quarter.)

Fourth-quarter TD runs by Vincent Bright (2 yards) and Hatfield (18 yards) completed the Harper Woods scoring as the final 7:20 was played under a running clock because of the 35-point mercy rule.

"All they really run is six plays," Gusé said of the Pioneers. "We knew what they were going to run. But every time we'd do something good defensively, we'd turn the ball over."

"Clearly they're the better team, but I know we're a better team than what we showed. It's embarrassing."

Please see **WARRIORS, C3**

Glenn coach DeLuca takes on alias (Tom) that wins

OK, the 2007 prep football season is officially under way.

I found that out quickly because that's when the mothers come out of hibernation and start e-mailing.

Our reporter at Friday's Big Day III Showdown, Brad Kadrich, the *Plymouth Observer* community editor, came through in the clutch to cover the late Westland John Glenn-Livonia Franklin game at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

The game was scheduled for 8 p.m., but it didn't start until almost 9 p.m. because of the stormy weather.

The game also provided its first mild surprise of the season-when John Glenn, coming off consecutive 3-6 seasons, upended Franklin, picked by many to win the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, 26-17.

And like clockwork, it didn't take long for somebody to point out an error in one of our game



Grid Picks

Brad Emons

Kadrich's story stated.

Of course, I should have known better myself.

As an editor, it's my first fumble of the season. A bad catch. I dropped the ball.

But as it turns out, I discovered the Big Day III program listed coach DeLuca indeed as Tom.

Maybe it's his middle name. I'll have to find out. Or maybe he purposely changed his first name for the sake of shaking things up this season for the Rockets.

Please see **PICKS, C3**

Ringside entourage

Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club came up with one champion and three finalists in the Ringside World Boxing Championships, the world's largest amateur tournament, Aug. 1-4 in Kansas City, Mo. Detroit's Moe Taylor, Jr. came away with the 132-pound belt, while Livonia's Josh Ivezaj (112), Detroit's Willie Price (155) and Livonia's Paul Soucy (165) were runners-up. Soucy, the 2005 and 2006 Masters champ, lost a close decision to Robert Guidry of Baton Rouge, La. Among the team members included (front row, from left) coach Richard Roland, Detroit; Jason Ivezaj, Livonia; Cody Hay, Livonia; Dustin Brewer, New Boston; (second row, from left) coach Gary Stewart, Commerce; Dynamic owner Chuck Phillips, Plymouth; Soucy, Kevin Moore, Lincoln Park; Josh Ivezaj, Livonia; (back row, from left) Brad Chaiken, Detroit; trainer Anton Ivezaj, Livonia; and Dan Smith, Garden City. Other Dynamic participants (not pictured) included Sean Sedgeman, Garden City; Jamale Odum, Westland; Travis Davis, Detroit; Steven Ledesma, Garden City; Willie Price, Detroit; Germaine Price, Detroit; Taylor, Jr.; coach Moe Taylor, Sr., Detroit; Simon and Sajed Fradi, Dearborn Heights.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOKS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Mark Grenier, fifth year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 56-4-1.
Titles won last year: Class A state, regional and district champions; WLA and Lakes Division champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Lauren Krupsky (first-team All-State; All-Area); Kelly Archer (first-team All-Area); Anna-Marie Gatt (All-Division); Kelsey McKenzie (All-Division); Sarah Button, Stephanie Bradshaw.
Leading returnees: Kyndra Abron, 6-3 Sr. OH (first-team All-State; All-Area); Jackie Griebek, 5-10 Sr. OH; Shannon Warner, 5-5 Sr. DS; Jordan Kerr, 5-5 Sr. Libero; Kristy DeClercq, 5-6 Jr. Setter.
Promising newcomers: Lindsay Graciak, 5-5 Jr. Libero; DS: Rachel Elery, 5-5 Jr. DS; Kayla Johnston, 5-6 Jr. Setter; Kristen Nalezek, 5-10 Jr. OH; Kat Krupsky, 5-9 Jr. OH; Kelsey Buhler, 5-9 Jr. OH; Katie Matz, 5-9 Jr. OH; Brienne Schmanský, 5-11 Jr. OH; Jessica Stroud, 5-10 Jr. OH.
Grenier's 2007 outlook: "The key for us is to rely on the experience of our five returnees and to get our young juniors as much experience because they will be asked to contribute right away. Ultimately, we have a team that is really 14 players deep and we plan on using them all at some points. If we stay humble and focused, we should have a good year."

(second-team All-Area); Kija Colts, Katie Tratar, Amber Sportsman.
Leading returnees: Brittany Holbrook, 6-0 Jr. OH (third-team All-Area); Kirstin Kirk, 5-6 Sr. OH (captain; All-Division); Aranda Phare, 5-3 Sr. Libero; Lauren Whitt, 5-6 Sr. OH; Stacey Truskowski, 5-7 Jr. OH.
Promising newcomers: Linda Barrett, 5-5 Sr. Setter; Emilie Cichowski, 5-1 Sr. DS; Jennifer Michalek, 5-6 Jr. OH; Shelley Sportsman, 5-2 Jr. DS; Lauren Baker, 5-5 Soph. Setter; Britanni Robinson, 5-7 Soph. OH; Halle Baker, 5-11 Fr. OH.
Wargo's 2007 outlook: "I have been very impressed by the amount of time and energy these players invested out of season to prepare for the gruelling WLA schedule. All of the girls either played club ball, attended camp, or participated in our summer conditioning program. Rockets volleyball is all about working hard to achieve your goals. Our team's theme of 'Desire, Dedication, Determination' is reflective of that philosophy. We're a young, but aggressive team that I will coach up. Many of the player lack 'big game' experience. We will be facing giants all season long. Can we play the role of David to some of the WLA A Colts? We are certainly going to try."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Robin Thomas, first season.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's record: 0-10 Western Division (overall record unknown).
Notable losses to graduation: Olivia LaFortune, Kellie Newsted, Amanda Yacheresse.
Leading returnees: Katie Wilson, Sr. Setter; Jillian Novak, Sr. Setter-RS; Jessica Novack, Sr. OH.
Promising newcomers: Catie Badrak, Jr. OH-RS; Kristen Miller, Jr. OH; Emily Rudy, Soph. OH; Samantha Dye, Jr. OH.
Thomas' 2007 outlook: "I am committed to developing this program beginning with our current teams and extending to develop the athletes that feed into it. There have been many changes since last year. It's difficult to make predictions for this season. With a new head coach and losing players to the shuffle of the athletic seasons, we have some obstacles to overcome. I'm looking forward to working with a group of very talented athletes who are dedicated and truly love volleyball. I consider this year to be a 'building year,' and I'm confident we will find success down the road as we strengthen our weaknesses and find our team's synergy."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Erin Craggs, seventh year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (A-B Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 47-13-2.
Titles won last year: Class B district and Catholic League A-B Division champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Lauren Boehmer (first-team Class B All-State; All-Area); Erin Henneberger (first-team All-Area; third-team All-State); Megan Hodges (second-team All-Area); Megan Olind (third-team All-Area); Rebecca Zajac, Laura Schroeter, Kathryn Berger.
Leading returnees: Catherine Phillips, 5-10 Sr. OH; Julie Rhodes, 5-8 Jr. Setter; Alex Mirabittur, 5-7 Jr. Libero; Ashley Hines, 5-8 Soph. OH.
Promising newcomers: Rachael Fuller, 5-9 Jr. OH; Emily Pawlik, 5-9 Jr. OH; Kaitlin Williams, 5-5 Jr. DS; Julie Sirogas, 5-8 Fr. OH; Caitlin McCloy, 6-0 Fr. OH; Courtney Smith, 5-6 Fr. Setter; Shannon Hogg, 5-11 Fr. OH; Katy Rooney, 6-0 Fr. OH.
Craggs' 2007 outlook: "We are new at virtually every position this year. We will work hard and improve each day. Catherine Phillips will provide much leadership on the floor, having seen significant court time with last year's team. Our first and foremost goal will be working to defend our Catholic League title."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Wendy Roy, second year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's overall record: 5-19-1.
Notable losses to graduation: Shannon McNeilly, Chelsea Gregg.
Leading returnees: Amanda Moody, 5-5 Sr. OH (captain); Katie Blacker, 5-7 Jr. Setter; Marlene Azar, 5-9 Jr. OH; Amber Dermire, 5-6 Sr. OH.
Promising newcomers: Jordan Fyffe, 5-11 Jr. OH; Teresa Parent, 5-3 Soph. Libero; Shelby Dermire, 5-4 Soph. DS; Lisa Wilson, 5-6 Jr. DS.
Roy's 2007 outlook: "I think we're stronger than last year. With all the communication and work, we'll be better and we can be more competitive in the conference. We're off to a good start. We have new look, a new setter. We moved Amanda Moody back to outside hitter because we need her for defense. Too, we have lots of hitters and defensive specialists."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Kevin Wade, second year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's overall record: 29-5-4.
Titles won last year: Class D district champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Kayla Gieschen (third-team All-Area; All-Conference); Lauren Schweske (All-Conference); Laura Anton, Rachel Becker.
Leading returnees: Becca Refenes, 6-2 Jr. OH (first-team All-Area; All-Conference; second-team All-State; Class D); Myrian Stork, 5-9 Sr. OH; Julie Jonsga, 5-8 Sr. Setter-Oh (second-team All-Conference); Lauren Gieschen, 5-6 Jr. Setter; Kaley Ramthun, 5-9 Jr. OH.
Promising newcomers: Sam Terranella, 5-7 Sr. OH; Abi Gieschen, 5-6 Jr. DS; Cathy Haller, 5-5 Jr. Setter; Chelsea Kyles, 5-7 Jr. OH; Allyson Yankee, 5-9 Jr. OH.
Wade's 2007 outlook: "We have a good mix this year of experience and talent. It's going to be very exciting to watch it all come together as the year goes on. We should be very competitive this year, not only in our conference, but hopefully at the state tournament level as well. One thing we have to do is become better defensively, especially with the loss of Kayla (Gieschen) and Lauren (Schweske), both whom did an outstanding job for us last year. When we do that, we'll be just fine."

WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Mike Dest, fourth year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year's overall record: 22-5-4.
Titles won last year: MIAC-Red Division champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Amanda Gruenewald (two-time MIAC-Red MVP; All-Conference); Erin Henkel.
Leading returnees: Emily Helwig, 5-9 Sr. OH; S-Oh (All-Conference); Lauren Adlof, 5-9 Sr. OH; S-Oh (All-Conference); Sarah Schaffer, 5-4 Sr. OH (All-Conference); Brandy Nocella, 5-6 Sr. OH; Samantha Barber, 5-10 Jr. OH; Staci Hatzung, 5-7 Jr. OH; Kelly Kubinski, 5-5 Soph. OH; Devon Linderman, 5-4 Soph. DS-Libero.
Promising newcomers: Nicole Smith, 5-10 Sr. OH; Abby Hoff, 5-5 Jr. DS-Libero; Kayla Stockdale, 5-3 Jr. Setter; Leah Miller, 5-7 Fr. OH; Christina Gutierrez, 5-3 Jr. OH.
Dest's 2007 outlook: "We're very athletic and strong, but I don't know how the change of seasons will affect us. Replacing Amanda (Gruenewald) will be tough. We ran a 5-1 (attack) the last three or four years and now we're running a modified 6-2. If we improve every time out, we'll be in good shape. As far as our rotation changes, I'm not sure what we're going to be. We'll be good. We should have a strong and competitive team. It's a matter of finding their niche. Both Lauren (Adlof) and Emily (Helwig) should be first-team All-Conference and I expect one of them to be league MVP."

Lady Ocelots feast on Alpena as Lamb gets pair of victories

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

The first college experience for many players on Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team was a positive one Saturday, as the Lady Ocelots earned a pair of 3-0 victories over visiting Alpena Community College.

Schoolcraft took the opening match 30-9, 30-8 and 30-28 and followed up with a 30-9, 30-20, 30-13 triumph.

Rookie coach Richard Lamb did challenge his team to step it up after the narrow third-game win in the opening match, to show that the score of that game (30-28) was "a fluke."

Lamb said the team responded well to the challenge.

"We were able to maintain our intensity for the remainder of the match and we also had an opportunity to see what other team members could do," he said. "I was able to mix our starters and reserves into the match and the reserves responded well."

In the second match, Stacy Urbats (Livonia Churchill) orchestrated the attack with 27 assists, with Virginia Butler

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

(Westland John Glenn) and Carly DeClercq (Churchill) contributing 12 and nine kills, respectively.

Urbats and DeClercq each had four aces while the team received solid defensive play from Marissa Damon (11 digs) and Urbats (10 digs).

In the opener, particularly in the first two games, Lamb said he was "happy with how strong we came out. For most of our players it was their first competition at the college level. They showed the coaching staff that they have the ability to be focused and it showed."

Schoolcraft statistical leaders in the first match included Butler (10 kills), Urbats (19 assists, 10 digs), Penny Plewa (three aces) and Lauren Braun (six blocks).

Crusaders drop pair

Madonna University lost two marathon volleyball matches at Saturday's Early Bird Invitational, hosted by University of Michigan-Dearborn.

In the matchup with Cornerstone, the teams alternated victories in each game

with the Golden Eagles (3-0) prevailing with a 15-13 win in the deciding game.

Cornerstone won 30-18 in the first game and 30-28 in Game 3 while Madonna battled back with wins of 30-20 and 30-26 in the second and fourth games, respectively.

Lubovj Tihomirova had 35 kills for the Crusaders, followed by Mary McGinnis and Whitney Fueling (17 and 10) in that category.

Also strong were Jacqui Gatt (27 defensive digs) and Inta Grinvalds (68 assists).

Against Indiana Tech (4-0), Madonna led 2-1 only to fall 30-25 and 18-16 in the final two games. The Crusaders dropped a 30-25 decision in the opener and then won 30-22 and 30-24 to put themselves into a position to clinch.

Grinvalds again paced the offense with 67 assists, with Tihomirova (33 kills), McGinnis (19 kills) and Gatt (29 digs) also having solid performances.

Madonna takes a 3-2 record into this weekend's Point Loma Nazarene Tournament in San Diego, Calif.

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C'ville spikers impress in opener

It was a successful start to the 2007 girls volleyball season Monday as host Livonia Clarenceville downed non-conference foe Southfield-Lathrup in three games, 25-20, 25-15, 25-20.

Senior Amanda Moody led the way with six kills in 15 attempts to go along with six digs and two blocks.

Other standouts for the 1-0 Trojans included junior Marlene Azar, four kills, five blocks and two aces; senior Amber Mills, three kills and three aces; and junior setter Katie Blacker, 16 assist-to-kills.

Patriots start slowly

Despite going 0-4-1 on the day in Saturday's South Lyon Invitational, Livonia Franklin second-year coach Linda Jimenez was encouraged by the Patriots' performance.

"This early tournament will aid us in constructing practices before our next tourney to work on our weaknesses," she said. "Despite our record, I saw many positives."

In Power Pool 1 action, Ann Arbor Pioneer downed Franklin, 25-17, 25-16, while Salem defeated the Pats, 25-18, 25-14.

In Power Pool 2, Dexter beat

Franklin, 26-24, 25-16, while the Patriots split with Livonia Stevenson, 25-22, 13-15.

Pioneer then ousted the Patriots in the elimination round, 25-14, 25-20.

Offensive leaders on the day for Franklin included Ashley Price (23 kills), Brianna Taylor (17 kills) and Brittany Taylor (16 kills).

Freshman Amanda Borioe served four aces.

Hawks finish 1-3

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran began its season Saturday by going 1-3 in the Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary Tournament.

Spartans net 3rd in Northville Invite

Livonia Stevenson came away with five medals and a third-place team finish Tuesday in the eight-school Northville Invitational boys tennis tournament.

Traverse City Central captured the team title with 31.5 points followed by the Spartans' No. 2 doubles team of Chris Orlos and Clayton Northey, along with the No. 4 team of Grant Campbell and Evan McWilliams.

Stevenson's No. 1 doubles team of Mike Greco and Pat McHugh also went 2-1 to finish fifth. The Spartans' No. 3 team of Ben Bagazinski and Alex Cook went 1-2, while No. 4 singles player Matt Nguyen was 0-2, including a three-day loss before defaulting.

Stevenson took three medals in singles led by runner-up Chris Martin (No. 2), Erik Koch (No. 3) added a third, while Gino McCathney (No. 1) placed fifth.

Martin, Koch and

BOYS TENNIS

McCathney all finished 2-1 on the day.

In doubles, winning two of three matches and placing third were the Spartans' No. 2 doubles team of Chris Orlos and Clayton Northey, along with the No. 4 team of Grant Campbell and Evan McWilliams.

Stevenson's No. 1 doubles team of Mike Greco and Pat McHugh also went 2-1 to finish fifth. The Spartans' No. 3 team of Ben Bagazinski and Alex Cook went 1-2, while No. 4 singles player Matt Nguyen was 0-2, including a three-day loss before defaulting.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8 GARDEN CITY 0 Aug. 27 at Garden City No. 1 singles: Aniket Patel (LC) defeated Evan

Biers, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Akshay Moorthey (LC) def. Jeremy Watkins, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Alex Cios (LC) def. Jesse Tipton, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Robert Fortney def. Robert Wright, 6-0, 6-0; No. 1 doubles: Eric Neuman-Eric Slusarski (LC) def. Russell Greenshields-Chris Sabatini, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: John Tabor-Daniel Landstrom (LC) def. Scott New-Alex Sorich, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Pat Moroney-Kyle Stopa (LC) def. Stephen Mays-Matt Wright, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Mike Appel-Andy Clark (LC) def. Derek Morrow-Kyle Hermatz, 6-0, 6-0. Churchill's dual meet record: 2-0-1 overall.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 6 YPSILANTI 2 Aug. 24 at Ypsilanti No. 1 singles: Kevin Erdmann (WM) defeated Joe Mikesell, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Mike Hicks (WM) def. Ryan Stevens, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Tommy Pattenade (WM) def. Paul Good, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Kanav Mahotra (WM) def. Ricky Ravery, 6-0, 6-0. 1 doubles: Max Marsh-Kevin Chung (Y) def. Andrew Morton-Eric Robertson, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Brandon Moore-Max Reiber (Y) def. Josh Phillips-Jack Zimmerman, 6-2, 6-6, 6-2; No. 3: Austin Hassen-Brandon Harnos (WM) won by default; No. 4: Daylan Thurmond-Jesse English (WM) won by default. Wayne's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.

Churchill's Warner claims medalist honors in playoff

A three-way playoff decided individual medalist honors Friday in the Grosse Ile Invitational hosted by Riverview Highlands Golf Course.

Two-time Division 1 state champion Shannon Warner of Livonia Churchill shot a 1-under 71 (36-35) after 18 holes to deadlock Mount Pleasant's Leah Grawburg and Birmingham Seaholm's Alex Lipa.

But during the first hole of the playoff, Warner nearly pitched in for an eagle on the par-4, No. 1 hole leaving a 1-

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inch tap-in birdie to clinch the title, which featured some of the state's top teams and golfers.

Others in the top ten include Rochester's Christine Meier, 72; Megan Bauer (Grand Blanc), 73; Amy Meier (Rochester), 75; Shana Bauer (Grand Blanc), 76; Katelyn Young (Dexter), 78; Courtney Erickson (Hartland), 79; and Natalie Matuszak (Traverse City Central), 80.

Grand Blanc, last season's Division 1 runner-up to Rochester, won the team title with a 320. Rochester and defending Division 2 state champion Dexter finished second and third, respectively, with 329 and 350.

Churchill took seventh in the 23-school field with a 363 total as Lexi McFarlane and Amanda Dobos each shot 51-44-95.

Other Churchill scorers include Danielle Lesniak, 51-55-106; Jessica Burdette, 51-51-102; and Katie Worley, 67-66-133.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Thursday, Aug. 30 John Glenn at Canton (CEP), 4:30 p.m. Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m. Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Wayne, 7 p.m. Westland at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Aug. 30 Huron Valley at Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m. BOYS SOCCER Thursday, Aug. 30 Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Dearborn at Churchill, 5:30 p.m. GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Aug. 30 John Glenn at WSU Warrior Relays, 5 p.m. N. Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m. GIRLS & BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday, Aug. 30 Lutheran Westland Time Trial, 4 p.m. N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m. GIRLS GOLF Thursday, Aug. 30 Churchill, Stevenson at T.C. Central Lober Classic, 8 a.m. John Glenn vs. New Boston Huron at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. Ladywood vs. Academy of Sacred Heart at St. John's Golf Center, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Friday, Aug. 31 (Point Loma, Calif. Nazarene Tournament) Madonna vs. Dominican, 2 p.m. Madonna vs. Point Loma Nazarene, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 Schoolcraft at Owens CC Tourney, 10 a.m. (Point Loma, Calif. Nazarene Tournament)

Madonna vs. Hope International, 4 p.m. Championship & Consolation, 8 or 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2 Schoolcraft at Owens CC Tourney, 9 a.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Friday, Aug. 31 Madonna at Olivet College, 5 p.m. Schoolcraft at Yavapai (Ariz.), 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 Madonna at Albion College, 5 p.m. Schoolcraft at Yavapai (Ariz.), TBA. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Friday, Aug. 31 Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 College of Lake Co. (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2 U-M Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.

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side hitter Kirstin Kirk, who earned the team's "Best Defensive Player" award last year. Another player to watch is 6-foot junior Brittany Holbrook, the team's leading returning hitter and third-team All-Observer selection.

Meanwhile, rival Wayne Memorial went winless in the WLA last season. The Zebras are going on their fifth head coach in five years as Robin Thomas takes over for Kevin Miller, who opted to remain with the girls cross country program because of a conflict with the seasons switch.

"It's very difficult to build a strong program with this kind of change in leadership," said Thomas, who has been a member of the Wayne coaching staff five of the past seven years. "As the new head coach, I'm hoping to strengthen a currently weak program by providing that consistency it so desperately needs."

Livonia Ladywood (49-12-4) was the hardest hit by graduation losses as seventh-year coach Erin Craggs must replace her entire starting lineup. Most notable losses to graduation are first-team Class B All-Stater Lauren Boehmer (Eastern Michigan University) and first-team All-Area pick Erin Henneberger. Setter Megan Hodges (second-team All-Area) and outside hitter Megan Olind (third-team All-Area) have also departed.

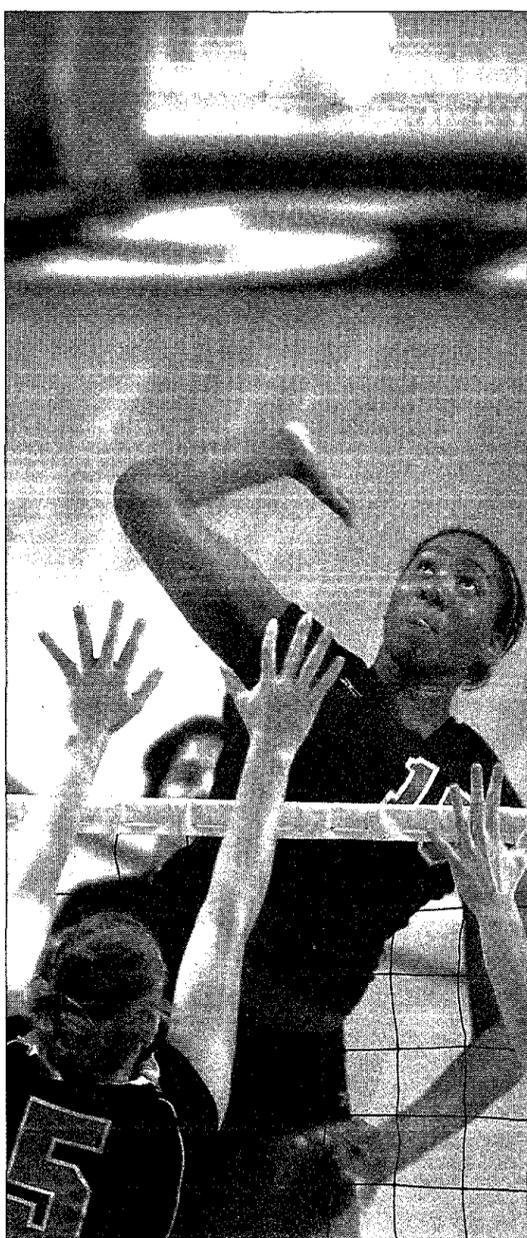
Catherine Phillips, a 5-10 senior middle hitter, is the most experienced member of a roster that includes five freshman.

In the Metro Conference, watch out for Lutheran High Westland (29-5-4), led by 6-2 junior middle hitter Becca Refenes, a first-team All-Area selection.

Refenes helped the Warriors to the Class D regional finals and finished the year with 336 total kills and 123 blocks.

Replacing first-team All-Metro Conference picks Kayla Gieschen and Lauren Schweske will be coach Kevin Wade's biggest concern.

Livonia Clarenceville (5-19-1) won its season opener



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Churchill's Kyndra Abron lines up a spike over East Kentwood's Lauren Jones during Friday's Division 1 semifinal upset at Western Michigan University. The junior had 35 kills in Saturday's championship match win over North Branch.

against Southfield-Lathrup in three games. The Trojans are led by 5-5 senior Amanda Moody, who moves back to outside hitter after spending last season as a setter.

The area's smallest school, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (22-5-4) won the Red Division last winter in the Michigan Independent

Athletic Conference, but lost MVP Amanda Gruenewald, a setter, to graduation.

Coach Mike Dest, who takes over full time for the Hawks from Kris Ruth, has a veteran squad led by a pair of 5-9 seniors, Lauren Adlof and Emily Helwig.

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Churchill surprises Adams, 2-1; Warriors earn 4th straight win

It's supposed to be a rebuilding year for Livonia Churchill boys soccer.

But after taking highly-touted Northville to the limit in a 1-0 loss in last Wednesday's season opener, the Chargers posted an impressive win Saturday against highly-regarded Rochester Adams, 2-1, followed by a 4-0 triumph Monday night over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Churchill, despite losing 10 of 11 starters to graduation, is off to 2-1 start.

A first-half goal by Adam Bedell (from Drew Sieber) followed by a second-half goal by Max Washko (from Jacob Robison) staked Churchill to a 2-0 lead before Adams cut the deficit in half on a penalty kick with 12 minutes left.

Churchill then held on for dear life to earn the win as goalkeeper Adrian Motta made a series of key saves including a stop on a breakaway.

"Up until then we outplayed them," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "Besides those last 15 minutes, we played well. We played good defense and had some good counter attacks. I'm proud of the way we played. I'm pleased. It was a great win for us."

Four different players scored in the win over Franklin (1-3).

The Chargers led 3-0 at halftime on goals by Chris DeNapoli (from Washko), Sieber (from Etienne Lussiez) and Pat Beier (from Vinny Carozza).

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Ben Zukowski's second-half goal from Lussiez completed the scoring.

Motta, who played the first 70 minutes in goal before giving way to Derik Peterman, posted the shutout.

Brad Mangune was in goal for the Patriots.

"The first half we were disorganized," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The second half we came out stronger, marked a lot tighter defensively. The first half killed us. It was our passing. We couldn't get our switches going."

LIV. WESTLAND 1, PLY. CHRISTIAN 0: Ryan Baglow's goal in the 18th minute off a throw-in from Tony Cipolla stood up Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (4-0) downed Plymouth Christian Academy in a non-conference match.

Goalkeeper Micah Hausch made five saves, his second shutout of the year, for the Warriors.

NORTHVILLE 8, JOHN GLENN 0: Nate Hrivnak, Andre Ionescu and Alex Marille tallied two goals apiece Monday afternoon as the Mustangs (5-0) rolled to a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover win at Westland John Glenn (1-2-1).

Latif Alashe contributed a goal and two assists for Northville, fresh from Saturday's conquest of the Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day Invitational.

Matt Hagan had the other goal, while Hrivnak also drew two assists.

Ionescu's goal with 12 minutes remaining stopped the match because of the eight-goal mercy rule.

Junior Jarrod Dahl, who made

two saves, notched his third win and second shutout in goal.

STEVENSON 10, WAYNE 0: In a WLAA crossover on Monday, host Livonia Stevenson (2-0) notched all 10 goals in the first half to mercy Wayne Memorial (0-3-1).

Nate Sergison led the way with two goals and one assist. Other offensive production came from Joey D'Agostino and Chris Long, one goal and two assists each; Brian Klemczak and David Simor, one goal and one assist apiece.

Also notching goals for the Spartans were Joey Didomenico, Adrian Fylenenko, Nick Anagnostou and Alec Iwasko.

Brandon Kopitz also contributed two assists, while Mike Debolski had the other.

Connor Burton was in goal for the Spartans.

LIV. WESTLAND 5, MICH. LUTHERAN 1: Sophomore Laith Francis scored a hat trick Saturday as host Lutheran Westland (3-0) sewed up the Westland Huron Valley Tournament with a win over St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran (1-1).

The Warriors, who led 3-0 at half-time, also got goals from junior Ben Crandell and senior Aaron Derminer (penalty kick).

Senior Ryan Baglow chipped in with two assists.

Adam Pepple scored a second-half goal for the Titans.

BAPTIST PARK 5, HURON VALLEY 1: In Saturday's consolation match of the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Tournament, the host Hawks (0-3) fell to Taylor Baptist Park Christian (1-1) as sophomore Tim Short tallied two goals and an assist.

Junior Andrew Reid added a goal and an assist, while junior Josh Rooker had the other goal.

Junior Austin Tranchida scored for Huron Valley.

PICKS

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There's been a few famous name changes in history sports that have worked.

Dick "Don't call me Richie" Allen of Philadelphia Phillies fame comes to mind.

This Tom DeLuca thing might prove to be a good omen. Why change it back to Todd when you're already on a roll? I say go with Tom for at least another week, especially with 0-1 Canton up next, which lost its first opener since 1998 to Toledo Central Catholic (27-7).

As for the three football prognosticators, the first week is never easy.

Perennial cellar dweller Tim Smith, the Redford-Garden City sports editor, must have caught lightning in a bottle, going 9-4. He is followed by yours truly, the Livonia-Westland sports editor and defending champion, at 8-6. Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright brings up the rear at 7-6.

Here's a look at this week's games.

And by the way, Mrs. Konopka wants everybody to know that the Glenn at Canton game starts at 4:30 today, not at 7 as www.highschoolsports.net published earlier this month on the Glenn football schedule.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

(ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

RED. THURSTON (0-1) AT HIGHLAND PARK (0-1), 4 P.M.: It's the Mega Blue opener for both teams with Highland Park, a Division 4 state semifinalist last year, coming off a tough 7-6 loss to Dearborn of the Mega Red. Thurston fell 15-6 to Warren Lincoln of the Macomb Area Conference's Silver Division.

PICKS: Emons (Highland Park); Smith (Highland Park); Wright (Highland Park).

WESTLAND GLENN (1-0) AT CANTON (0-1), 4:30 p.m.: The Rockets, fresh from an impressive win over Franklin, will try and do it again against a Canton team that opened uncharacteristically with a loss to Toledo CC.

PICKS: Emons (Canton); Smith (Glenn); Wright (Canton).

LIV. STEVENSON (1-0) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (0-1): As advertised, the Spartans' offense was impressive last week in a 49-26 win over Ypsilanti Lincoln. Franklin's season may be at a crossroads after being banged up last week by Glenn.

PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Franklin).

LIV. CHURCHILL (1-0) AT NORTHVILLE (0-1): The Chargers, fresh from a 35-7 win at Lansing Eastern, can start to build momentum with another victory. Northville is coming off a 27-6 loss to KVC favorite South Lyon.

PICKS: Emons (Churchill); Smith (Northville); Wright (Churchill).

W.L. CENTRAL (0-1) AT WAYNE (0-1): Both teams had tough opening day opponents with Central losing 10-7 to KVC co-favorite Milford in overtime. Wayne, meanwhile, had the lead after three quarters in a 30-20 setback at Jackson.

PICKS: Emons (Central); Smith (Central); Wright (Central).

SALEM (0-1) VS. PLYMOUTH (1-0) AT CEP: Terrance Guthridge's 154 yards

rushing gave rookie Wildcats coach Mike Sawchuck his first win in an impressive 28-6 Big Day III Showdown triumph over Belleville. Salem, meanwhile, was competitive in its 29-18 setback to Pinckney.

PICKS: Emons (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth).

LIV. WESTLAND (0-1, 0-1) AT LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (0-1, 0-1): With the Metro Conference schedule already in full swing, this game takes on significance. Clarenceville was sloppy in its season-opening 14-8 loss Friday to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, while Lutheran Westland was even sloppier (seven turnovers) in a 41-0 setback to a good Harper Woods team.

PICKS: Emons (Clarenceville); Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville).

REDFORD UNION (1-0) AT WYANDOTTE (1-0): The Mega-White season begins with the Bears coming off a 29-0 white-wash of nonleague foe Riverview. RU's defense pitched a shutout in a 12-0 win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Both teams made the playoffs last year.

PICKS: Emons (Wyandotte); Smith (Wyandotte); Wright (RU).

ROMULUS (0-1) AT GARDEN CITY (0-1): Both teams fell in their openers — Garden City to Taylor Kennedy, 21-0, while Romulus was bounced by Southgate Anderson, 28-7. It's the Mega Blue opener for both schools.

PICKS: Emons (Romulus); Smith (Garden City); Wright (Romulus).

RED. COVENANT (1-0) AT GALESBURG-AUGUSTA (1-0): Fresh from a 13-6 win Friday over Detroit University Prep, the Spartans travel to the west side of the state for a nonconference game against the Rams, who downed Bloomingdale in their opener, 28-0. Augusta has not made the playoffs since 1997.

PICKS: Emons (Galesburg); Smith (Galesburg); Wright (Galesburg).

Crusaders still searching for 1st win

Early season scoring woes continued Tuesday for Madonna University's men's soccer team, but the visiting Crusaders were able to forge a 1-1 tie with Bethel (Ind.) College.

After Aaron Patrick of the Pilots opened the scoring about five minutes into the match, while Livonia Stevenson's T.J. Djokic got MU on the board midway through the half.

It was the first goal of the regular season for the 0-1-1 Crusaders, who travel Friday to face Olivet College.

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The tie leaves Bethel at 0-0-1 overall.

On Saturday, a second-half goal by Ohio Dominican's Jason Hale spoiled the season opener for MU at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

Hale scored off a scrum in front of Crusaders goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons (seven saves) with about nine minutes remaining in the non-conference battle. Assisting on the goal for Ohio Dominican (1-0-

0) was Josh Fink.

The Crusaders (0-1-0) directed 10 shots toward goalkeeper Eric Pfeifer, but he only had to make one save.

Four of the shots were taken by MU's Doran Drai.

Ocelots deadlock

With Nick Doyon netting his team's lone goal Saturday, host Schoolcraft College earned a 1-1 tie with Parkland (Ill.) Community College.

Waterford Kettering product Chris Riley was in goal for the Ocelots.

MU women derailed by St. Francis, 1-0

The Madonna University's women's soccer team saw its undefeated streak end at two on Tuesday, as host University of St. Francis tallied a 3-0 victory in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The Crusaders (1-1-1) could not solve St. Francis goalkeeper Stacey Rider, who made five saves, including two by Kaila Moore and one each by Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood), Chelsea Skinner and

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Kati Germane.

Taking the defeat for MU was Tracy Anderson, who made four saves.

The Cougars scored all three goals within a 15-minute span of the second half. Kicking off the spree with about 20 minutes left was Katie Freygang,

on an unassisted effort.

Four minutes later, St. Francis (1-2-0) doubled the lead when Laura Laeffers scored. The final goal, with less than five minutes to play, was chipped in by Sara Thiema.

Next up for Madonna is a 4 p.m. Friday home matchup against Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference foe Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

SOUTH LYON INVITATIONAL
Aug. 25 at Island Lake Recreation Area
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 68 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 77; 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 81; 4. Canton, 89; 5. South Lyon, 90; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 152; 7. Livonia Franklin, 166; 8. Temperance Bedford, 168; 9. South Lyon East, 265.
INDIVIDUAL WINNER: Jack Dalton, 16 minutes, 51 seconds (5,000 meters).
Churchill finishers: 2. Joe Varlone, 16:51; 5. Mark Waterbury, 17:13; 18. Paul Folk, 17:49; 25. Mark Freyberg, 18:07; 27. Brandon Grysko, 18:30; 49. Matt Hecksel,

19:26; 51. Quinn Osgood, 19:30.
Stevenson finishers: 17. Mike Gibbons, 17:46; 19. Shawn Howe, 17:55; 21. Kevin Hechtko, 17:57; Alex Hoelzel, 18:13; 50. Joe Ursa, 18:29; 56. Tom Kaman, 20:22.
Franklin finishers: 13. Evan Sirena, 17:32; 23. Mike Krzatowich, 18:03; 38. Doug Cole, 18:54; 44. Dylan Taylor, 19:13; 48. Jason Riffel, 19:24; 53. Pete Walblay, 19:43; 54. Robert Freed, 19:47.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 46 points; 2. Northville, 53; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 81; 4. Temperance Bedford, 103; 5. Canton, 107; 6. South Lyon, 149; 7. Livonia Franklin, 158; 8. South

Lyon East, no team score.
INDIVIDUAL WINNER: Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 20 minutes, 15 seconds (5,000 meters).
Other Stevenson finishers: 13. Carly Kutchka, 21:53; 18. Samantha Kay, 22:06; 20. Denise Meier, 22:22; 29. Victoria Saferian, 22:57; 36. Claire LeBlanc, 24:01; Julia Schroeder, did not finish.
Franklin finishers: 23. Brittany Dilley, 22:28; 27. Megan McPherson, 22:48; 31. Victoria Church, 23:07; 32. Mallory Church, 23:16; 45. Tiffany VanOrden, 24:45; 46. Kelsey Kaplan, 24:52; 49. Breanna Minnick, 25:39.

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If there was a bright spot for the Warriors it was Steve Kemp, who rushed for 45 yards on 13 carries.

"Kemp played well at full-back," Guse said. "He ran really hard. We got out-physicaled and once you start losing, all panic sets in. We forgot all the

things all that we were trained to do."

It was a far cry from last year's game when Harper Woods won in overtime over the Warriors.

"He (Bevere) started his first game (last year) against them and he had six turnovers," Harper Woods coach Heath Filber said. "We reminded him of that all winter and he was fired up to do something about it. He was able to make plays respec-

tive to the challenge put before him, and it was nice to see."

The Pioneers, meanwhile, had seven starters returning on offense and nine on defense.

"Offensively we had a lot of question marks," Filber said. "We had hoped to be prepared defensively. The fact that we were able to cause turnovers was a big key today."

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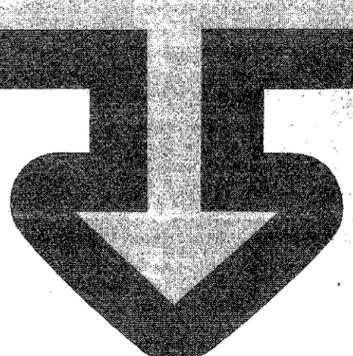
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