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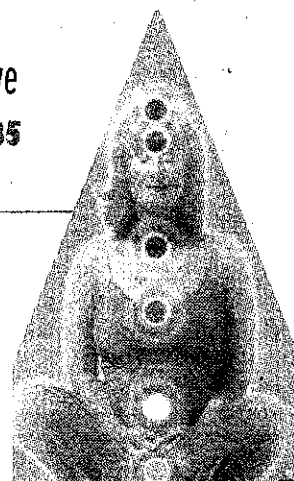
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Extensive work planned for 2 busy roads

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Motorists traveling along two Westland roads will face delays and detours this summer as work crews make long-awaited repairs, city officials confirmed.

Hix Road between Warren and Joy will be closed to through traffic, possibly from June until early September, for a city project that involves replacing a bridge over Tonquish Creek, Mayor William Wild announced.

The bridge, built in 1937, is the

city's oldest.

Another city project will involve resurfacing Ann Arbor Trail between Hines Drive and Merriman Road. Those repairs are expected to start as early as May and possibly continue into the fall, Wild said.

Federal and state dollars will be used to pay for the bulk of the projects. The combined costs of the repairs will top the \$1 million mark, according to city officials. The bridge project will force through traffic to use an alternate north-south road, and

Westland Public Service Director Kevin Buford said signs will be posted directing drivers to Newburgh.

"We're trying to work around the school year," Buford said. "We're hoping to close the road when school lets out (for the sum-

mer), and we're hoping to finish it right around Labor Day so we can reopen the bridge when school starts back."

Wild said a new, wider, stronger bridge with proper shoulders

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Woman, 68, killed while crossing Van Born Road

A 68-year-old Westland woman was struck and killed Friday morning while she was walking across Van Born Road between Middlebelt and Inkster, police Officer Tom Lessnau said.

The woman, whose identity hadn't been disclosed by police, was walking northbound across Van Born near Admiral around 6:30 a.m. when two westbound vehicles approached her, Lessnau said.

A motorist driving in the inside lane managed to avoid the woman, but the driver of a Ford F-150 pickup truck in the outside lane apparently didn't see her in time to avoid hitting her, the officer said.

The driver of the Ford F-150 was described as a 43-year-old Dearborn Heights man.

The woman was taken to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis in Wayne, where she died, Lessnau said.

Neither alcohol nor speed appeared to be a factor in the accident, he said. The investigation was continuing Friday afternoon.

The woman was not walking in a crosswalk at the time of the accident, Lessnau said.

- By Darrell Clem

Cancer fight gets boost from Relay for Life

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The weekend of May 31-June 1 will be a busy one for local cancer-fighters, with both Westland and Garden City holding Relay for Life fund-raisers.

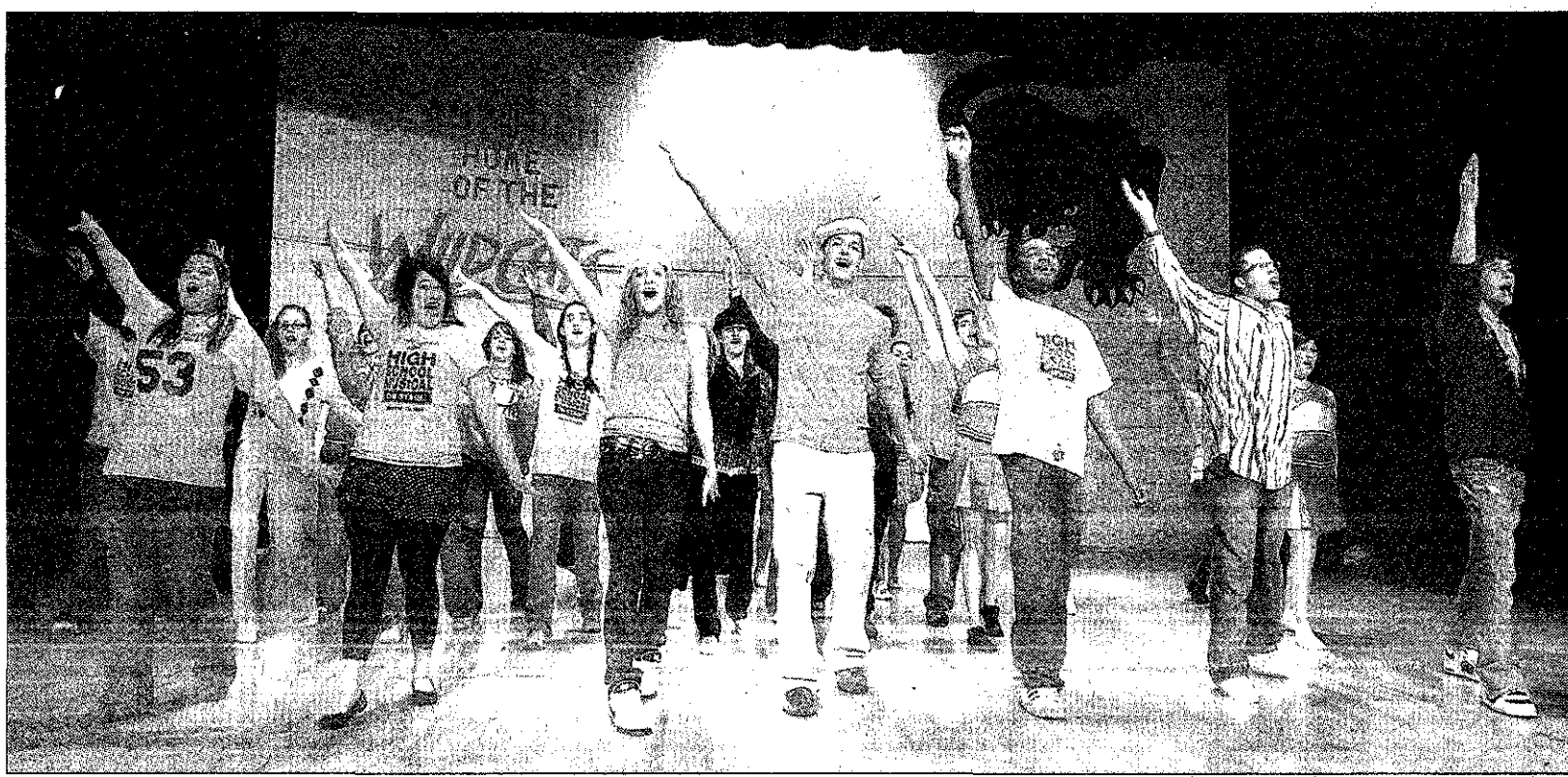
The Westland event will run 24 hours, 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday, at Jaycee Park, Hunter and Wildwood by the Mike Modano Ice Arena. Walkers will raise pledges and walk in teams continuously on the track to combat cancer.

The Garden City event will be at the same time but will be held on the grounds of Garden City Middle School on Radcliff south of Ford near the Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center.

"It's going really well," said Holly Soranno, community representative/staff partner for the American Cancer Society which sponsors the event. "We're excited to be back at Jaycee Park again."

The Westland event was moved to Jaycee

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The cast of the John Glenn High School spring musical, 'High School Musical,' rehearses the opening number, 'Start of Something New.' Playing lead roles in the production are Megan Walker as Taylor (front row, from left), Lauracindy Plaque as Gabriella, Dayna Krushlin as Sharpay, Matt Benyo as Ryan, Jacory Frowner as Zeke, David Sumlin as Chad, and Joseph Franklin Blouse as Troy.

Glenn students give 110 percent to 'High School Musical'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Dayna Krushlin and Megan Walker, it was a given that they would be the assistant directors of John Glenn High School's spring musical. They were the only students in Sheri Grove's drama directing class who wrote the essays needed to earn the coveted positions.

But there also was some planning that went into landing what most likely are the prime jobs on what is turning out to be the biggest production in Grove's 13 years at the Westland high school.

"We passed up being play directors to be the musical directors," said Krushlin. "This is bigger and better and we can dance."

The bigger and better is the stage production of Disney's *High School Musical* which will be presented April 10-12 at the Westland high school. Seventy students are working on the production, a modern retelling of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

"We did the planning for it in the fall and the calls started coming in," said Grove. "For the kids, knowing they're in a show people want to see has been exciting."

"We just found out the mayor bought tickets," said Krushlin. "It's kind of cool. We never really had anyone come, only our parents and friends."

The play has a cast of 40 and a crew of 30. And from day one, they have "viewed being in the show as a



The cheerleaders - Courtney McKinney (front row), Amy Selewski, Jordan Burgess, Nikki Zurban (back row), Kimmie Shepers, Tyla Echols and Sarah Mellas - perform the "Wildcat Cheer" during rehearsal of the spring musical.

privilege, said Grove.

"We had 100 students come out for auditions, that shows that they viewed this as something special," said Grove. "All the popularity and the hype has made it more exciting to be a part of. From beginning to the end, it's been a wonderful experience."

GOOD EXPERIENCE

Preparations have gone smoothly, thanks to Disney which provides "so many assets" to help with the production. In past productions, Grove has had to rely on karaoke music, but with *High School Musical*, Disney has provided rehearsals and performance CDs as well as logos to use for T-shirts and promotions.

"They want the show done the way it was done originally," she said. "We're trying to make it as authentic as possible to the Broadway show and movie."

The challenge facing Grove is adapting the play to the size of Glenn's auditorium, which is "more intimate than most theaters."

Because it's a small stage, a simple wagon will be used to rotate the three sets need for the production.

"The students have given 110 percent," Grove said. "This has been completely student-driven."

"They want to be here," added co-director Belinda Walakonis-Semak. "They're self-driven and they've all stepped up to the plate. They all come

IN THE FOOTLIGHTS

What: Disney's 'High School Musical'

Who: Presented by the John Glenn Theatrical Guild

When: 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 10-12, with a matinee at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12

Where: John Glenn High School, Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Cost: \$8 for students ages 17 and under and \$12 for adults. Tickets can be ordered by sending your name, address and telephone number, number of student and adult tickets needed to groves@wwcsd.net. They also will be available for purchase 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays in the school's main office beginning Monday, March 31.

prepared, they've put the musical first. This group has been phenomenal, awesome."

According to Grove, students have been able to learn on their own and teach other students. Krushlin and Walker did the choreography, using a video that taught them the dances.

"It took about 1 1/2-two hours to learn," said Walker who has been in dance for 15 years.

In addition to their directing and choreography duties, the two seniors also are members of the cast.

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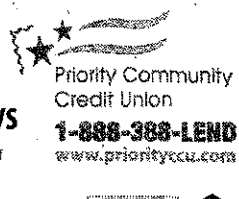
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RELAY

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Park last year due to contamination issues at Central City Park, the previous site. Relays have been held in Westland for nearly 10 years while this will be the second year for Garden City.

Last year, about 500 people participated in the Westland Relay for Life. Organizers, including event chair Liz Sullivan, are looking for more teams and survivors, with a Westland goal of 40 teams.

Around 3 p.m. that Saturday, there will be a survivor's lap. Later at 10 p.m. on Saturday there will be a luminaria ceremony in the park to remember those lost to the disease and honor survivors and loved ones.

"We're looking to have more survivors come out this year," Soranno said, who was speaking to the Westland Rotary Club. "It's pretty quiet and somber. It's definitely a healing process for family members who have lost somebody."

There are 55 Relays in metro Detroit, with Plymouth having hosted its first last year. Organizers have found more people come out if the fund-raisers are in their back yard, Soranno said.

"It's a way of spreading our mission more locally," she said.

Organizing the second Garden City Relay for Life, event chairperson Penny Albitus said that 21 teams that include 129 people

have already signed up for the 2008 event online. That's an increase from 15 teams in 2007.

"Lot of the increase is through word of mouth," said Albitus, who has a team captains meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 at Garden City City Hall.

Each of the teams hold their own fund-raisers that include selling candy, getting donations from local businesses and other sales the day of the event. The Garden City Firefighters Fight Back for a Cure team, for instance, is selling Home Interior and other candle products. Orders are taken at the Garden City Clerk's Office.

Money raised supports research, education, advocacy and patient services. Soranno noted the ACS is second only to the U.S. government in cancer research, and has funded 42 Nobel Prize winners.

Services include the 24-hour cancer information center at (800) 227-2345, and www.cancer.org online.

"People can be connected with local resources," she said. That's especially important for the newly diagnosed.

Online information on the Westland Relay for Life can be found at <http://events.cancer.org/rflwestlandmi>. Fund-raising teams can still sign up for the Garden City event by contacting Chiara Clayton at chiara.clayton@cancer.org or call (248) 663-3420.

Staff writer LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

Man will face trial on charge of molesting girl

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man will face trial amid allegations he molested his live-in girlfriend's 8-year-old daughter, showed her pornographic movies and gave her alcohol.

Tadario Derwin Sims, 22, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he's convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court on four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts of second-degree CSC,

distributing obscene material to the girl and furnishing her with alcohol.

He was ordered to stand trial after he gave up his right to a preliminary hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos. He remains jailed in lieu of a \$500,000 cash bond, although a not-guilty plea has been entered for him.

Sims is accused of molesting the girl while his girlfriend was hospitalized with pregnancy complications involving a boy

he fathered, police Sgt. Debra Mathews has said. The baby survived.

The girlfriend reported the alleged crimes to police March 1 after she left the hospital and her daughter told her what had happened, Mathews said. Police arrested the defendant the same day at a Westland restaurant.

Mathews conducted an interview with Sims, and, she said, "he confessed."

Sims' defense attorney, Alvin Sallen, has declined to comment on his client's behalf.

Sims is accused of molesting the girl during the month leading up to his arrest. He was caring for the girl and her siblings in their Norwayne subdivision residence while the mother was hospitalized, Mathews said.

Sims' girlfriend, 24, now has four sons and the one daughter. Sims is the father of the newborn only. He has no known criminal history of criminal sexual conduct.

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Mayor, police chief promote sexual awareness campaign

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland Mayor William Wild, calling for "intolerance in our community for violence toward women," has strongly endorsed an effort by a non-profit group to raise awareness of sex crimes.

Wild and Police Chief James Ridener on Wednesday signed a proclamation circulated in area communities by First Step, which offers services such as a 24-hour help line, shelter, counseling, prevention programs and in-hospital support to sexual assault victims.

First Step's campaign comes as officials prepare to observe April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The agency issued a statement indicating that more than half of sex crimes don't get reported, and officials want victims to know that help is available.

"This crime is a devastating crime," Ridener said, "and we can't stress enough that if you're a victim, report it to the police."

For help, call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600, or First Step has a 24-hour, toll-free help line at (888) 453-5900.

Although women account for most sexual assault victims, men and children also are at risk. Wild signed a proclamation stating that "sexual violence is a devastating and intolerable crime affecting men, women and children of all races, ages, cultures, economic situations and abilities."

First Step has provided comprehensive services to 36 western Wayne County communities since 1989.

"First and foremost, I applaud First Step for their strong commitment to reduce the incidence of domestic

and sexual violence toward women," Wild said. "It is important to note that this type of violence not only affects women, but the families and support systems of the women who are affected as well, which directly impacts our society as a whole."

"It is my hope," Wild said, "that the efforts put forth by First Step will result in an increased awareness of this issue and ultimately lead to intolerance in our community for violence toward women."

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ROADWORK

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will be built.

Meanwhile, Ann Arbor Trail will remain open to through traffic while work crews repair the stretch between Hines Drive and Merriman Road, Buford said.

"We will be maintaining two-way traffic," he said.

Another stretch of Ann Arbor Trail from Merriman to Inkster also will likely get repairs, but Buford said that phase likely won't happen until next year.

City officials hailed the Ann Arbor Trail improvements as vital to motorists who use the road.

"Ann Arbor Trail is a thoroughfare that is heavily traveled in our city," Wild said, "and any and all improvements would

greatly assist all motorists in their day-to-day activity."

Meanwhile, city resident Wayne Mirth has called on officials to push for a county road project that would involve repairing Warren Road, particularly between Venoy and Middlebelt.

"It's horrendous," said Mirth, who lives near Merriman and Warren. "It's full of holes. It's beyond patching. It needs to be reconstructed."

Mirth noted that Warren is a major thoroughfare that many motorists use to get to the city's core retail district, including Westland Shopping Center.

Buford confirmed that he and Wild have had "extensive conversations" with county officials, who are responsible for Warren Road.

"It's more than on the radar," Buford said. "We're doing everything we can."

AROUND WESTLAND

Study session

The Westland City Council will have a study session at 6 p.m. Monday at City Hall on Ford Road. The council will be getting information from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission about what is allowed and what is not allowed with a liquor license.

Mayoral bowl

Westland Mayor William Wild is inviting residents to help raise money for the American Cancer Society's 2008 Relay for Life.

One event, "Skate with Mayor Wild," is scheduled for 1-2:20 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena, on Wildwood north of Ford. Admission and skate rental are free and participants will receive a free "Wild's Walkers"

Relay for Life T-shirt. Donations may be made.

The community also is invited to "Take a Walk on the Wild Side" and join the mayor during the Relay, 10 a.m. May 31 to 10 a.m. June 1 at Jaycee Park, at Wildwood and Hunter. During the 24-hour event, teams take turns walking or running laps as a way to celebrate survivorship and raise money for the ACS. There will be plenty of food, family fun and children's games for everyone.

For more information about Relay for Life in Westland, call Holly Soranno at (248) 663-3452 or e-mail her at holly.soranno@cancer.org.

Chili cookoff

The Westland Democratic Club will have its third annual

chili cookoff Tuesday, April 29, at the Dorsey Community Center. Enjoy chili, beverages and dessert for \$5 or enter your homemade chili in the contest. Tasters are welcome at 6 p.m. Cooks should bring their crock-pot of chili at 5:30 p.m. Compete for the title Best Westland Chili. The winner will compete in the 11th District cookoff.

For more information call (734) 729-1605 or (734) 674-7327.

Essay contest

Eastern Michigan University, the Detroit Pistons, The Ann Arbor News and MLive.com are sponsoring the "Education First Merit Scholarship Essay Contest" for high school juniors and seniors, and transfer students. To enter, eligible students must attend EMU's Explore Eastern Open House on April 5.

One high school junior will earn \$7,500 in tuition and fees to attend EMU for 2009-2010. One high school senior will earn \$7,500 in tuition and fees to attend EMU for 2008-2009. And one transfer student will earn \$7,500 in tuition and fees to attend EMU for 2008-2009.

ON THE WEB

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Grand prize winners will be announced on emich.edu, pistons.com, and at the April 11 Detroit Pistons home game. Winners will have their names flashing in lights on The Palace of Auburn Hills arena LED screen and scoreboard and be given two tickets to watch the game. One grand prize winner will be selected to receive a Best of Show prize package, including an autographed Pistons jersey and tour of The Palace and Pistons locker room.

EMU will also award 15 more prizes — a \$1,000 housing grant to five high school juniors, five high school seniors and five transfer students (\$15,000 total). Each contest participant will receive an EMU T-shirt. Visit www.emich.edu/explore to register or for more information about the open house. Visit www.emich.edu for a link to contest rules and details.

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The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2636-M. Theisen, 1135 Craig Dr.

Request for two variances from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a six foot high privacy fence in the north and south side yards of the home, whereas Section 22-304(a) states that only rear yards may be enclosed with a fence and Section 22-303(c) states that side yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed four feet, six inches.

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CITY OF WESTLAND

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ON 2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 will be held on Monday, May 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall; 36601 Ford Road; Westland, MI 48185. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk

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Café brings back popular buffet

You can find more photos from the Wednesday night buffet at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center on the Westland home page online. Go to www.hometownlife.com and click on Westland.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's known as Westland's "little secret," but if chef Tony Paquette has his way, everyone will know about the Wednesday night buffet at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's Cafe Marquette.

Yes, the student restaurant's dinner buffet is back by popular demand, offering a variety of food, prepared by the adult students in the program.

"We want to get it back up and running and get the students different skills," said Paquette who directs the center's culinary arts program. "It's always been popular with people, but for some reason they



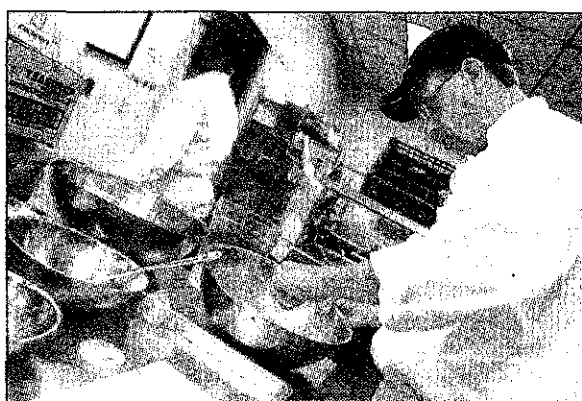
Pat Jacaruso (left), and Rose Mary Nehra look over the appetizers as they make their way down the buffet table.

tried something different with the menu. People love it because they get choices."

The buffet kicked off with a surf and turf buffet that brought in some 100 diners, and the follow-up Easter buffet attracted 80. Paquette is hoping that theme night's like this Wednesday's French Night, which will feature

a variety of French foods, will continue to attract a crowd.

According to Paquette, people begin lining up for the buffet at 4:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. and people who show up by the 6 p.m. closing will be served. Paquette doesn't want customers waiting so the buffet also has two lines.



Student Venanty Zamecki prepares shrimp tempura for the buffet.

The buffets feature at least three choices of meat, two-three starches, two different vegetable choices and a full line of desserts. Seating is restaurant style with tables set up in the commons area and in the cafe itself.

The instructors work with the students who must learn 100 different competencies, or skills. If the student needs to braising, he works with the chefs to braise meat and gets another competency, Paquette said. And it's those skills they get to show off at several food stations, where they'll prepare pasta to order and bananas foster for customers.

"It gets them out of the kitchen to where the customers are," said Paquette. "The customers like it and the students like it."

The buffet's customer base is senior citizens, but it's now attracting families. One woman who comes every week told Paquette that as long as the cafe has the buffet, she's going to keep coming.

"We don't want to compete against our business partners, that's why we only do it once a week," Paquette said. "We want



Student Daniel Ehred slices a Bailey's Irish Cream cake for the dessert table.

to make it worthwhile, we want to get it rolling, we want to get out customer base back and produce food they want.

"No matter what, it's a great deal for 10 bucks."

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MUSICAL

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Krushlin plays Sharpay Evans, a member of the Thespians, while Walker plays Taylor McKessie of the Brainiacs.

"This is so big, it's so exciting for us," said Krushlin.

POPULAR PRODUCTION

Grove selected the musical last fall and immediately began getting calls for tickets. One of the things done near the end of rehearsals, Grove had tickets printed up first for this musical because of the demand.

She also decided to do *High School Musical* to attract underclassmen, especially freshmen students, to drama.

"With the new curriculum, there's really no time for electives," she said. "Electives are barely hanging on. This was a way of hyping their interest in choosing drama as an elective."

Krushlin and Walker didn't need the hook. For them, being involved in the production is the best way to close the book on high school.

"This is probably the biggest thing for us to go out on," said Walker.

"It's our big finale," added Krushlin.

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BACK TO THE BUFFET

What: Wednesday night dinner buffet in the Cafe Marquette, prepared by the adult culinary arts students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Where: 36455 Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh, Westland.

When: 4:45-6 p.m. Wednesdays. Lineup includes French Night on April 2, Oriental Night on

April 9, Michigan Springtime on April 16, Polish Night on April 23, Southwest American Night on April 30, Mixed Grill on May 7, Hawaiian Luau on May 14, Celebrity Chef's Night on May 21, Chuckwagon BBQ on May 28 and Chef's Choice on June 4. Cost: \$10 per person at the door. Includes a variety of entrees, side

dishes, dessert and beverage. For more information, call the center at (734) 419-2100.

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April is Autism Awareness Month

April is Autism Awareness Month. Once considered a single disorder, autism is, in fact, a series of different neurological disorders, known as autism spectrum disorders. These include

autism, Asperger's syndrome and Pervasive Developmental Disorder. These disorders affect a child's social interaction, communication skills and behavior – a child suffering from

an autistic disorder may not be able to speak, may become fixated on a particular object or may not be able to tolerate a simple hug or other physical contact. Even more frightening is the rapid rise of cases over the last five years; in Michigan, a 100 percent increase, which translates to one in every 166 individuals. There is no known cause, and sadly, no known cure. Suggested causes include genetics, vaccines containing mercury, even men fathering children in older age, or the time of year a person is born (from a report: "Variation in season of birth in singleton and multiple births concordant for autism spectrum disorders", published in Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology). Also, diseases such as encephalitis, fragile X syndrome, tuberous sclerosis and untreated phenylketonuria may trigger autistic behavior.

There is also an ongoing debate about possible treatment – the medical community still promoting more pharmaceutical and behavior modification strategies, while there is a strong movement among parents toward a more diet based treatments which include vitamin supplements. Luckily, there are many, many organizations which provide support and information for families affected by autism; many have Web sites, and most are found on the Autism Collaboration Web site: <http://www.autism.org>. In addition, autism has recently

gotten more attention in the press – presidential candidate John McCain expressed concern over thimerosal (a preservative containing mercury) in vaccines. The actress/author Jenny McCarthy has written a book about her son's struggle with the

disorder (Louder Than Words; A Mother's Journey in healing autism, call #618.928 McCar). Here in Michigan, Gov. Granholm declared April 2007 as Autism Awareness Month.

In the library, you may find information in several areas; 618.928 for more technical advice, 649.1 or 371.94 for more parenting/teaching materials. Stop by at the reference desk at the Public Library of Westland, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westland.lib.mi.us for all your information needs.

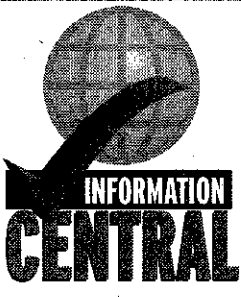
Highlighted Activities

Poetry @ the Library Contest noon. Adults and teens only, Reference Desk Display Celebrate National Poetry Month by writing your own poem – and entering it in our Poetry @ the Library Contest anytime between April 1 and April 20. Please visit the reference desk display for more information or contact the reference desk at (734) 326-6123.

Independent Movie Night April 1, 7 p.m. Come join us for a viewing of: The Beauty Academy of Kabul. Documentary following American women who return to Afghanistan's capital city of Kabul to open an American-style school for beauticians. No sign up is required. Refreshments will be provided.

The Sherlock Holmes True Hollywood Story April 2, 7 p.m. Local Sherlockian expert Regina Stinson of Royal Oak's Ribston-Pippins, a scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars, will show you how the portrayal of mystery detective icon Sherlock Holmes in film has changed over the years. For all of you mystery lovers out there, this is your chance to get to know the world's greatest detective on a more personal level. Call or stop by the library to reserve your seat. (734) 326-6123.

Information Central was compiled by librarian Jane Lowry. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.



Hospital sponsors wellness programs

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Monday, March 31

Exercise Express 12:30-1 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information

Childbirth Education (fifth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, April 1

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Testing noon to 2 p.m. Have your blood pressure checked (free) and your cholesterol level (\$5) or Lipid panel (\$10), tested on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. Everyone is welcome. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

American Heart Association

free CPR "Family and Friends" Course at 1 p.m. All you need are your hands and a few hours of training to learn how to save someone's life. The Family and Friends course is a community CPR course and does not meet CPR certification requirements of employment or required professional credentials. Garden City Hospital will offer this American Heart Association CPR course two times during the month of April to enable members of the community to use CPR effectively and with confidence. There is no fee to attend this 3 1/2 hour course, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call Susan Karasinski at (734) 458-3403 or by e-mail skarasin@gchosp.org.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Yoga (third of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

Wednesday, April 2

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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Diabetes Support Group at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Hear guest speakers

and get involved with open discussion on new diabetes information by attending this support group. Day and evening classes are available. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. CPAP and BIPAP users, did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR - Infant and Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children victims age 8 and under. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, April 3

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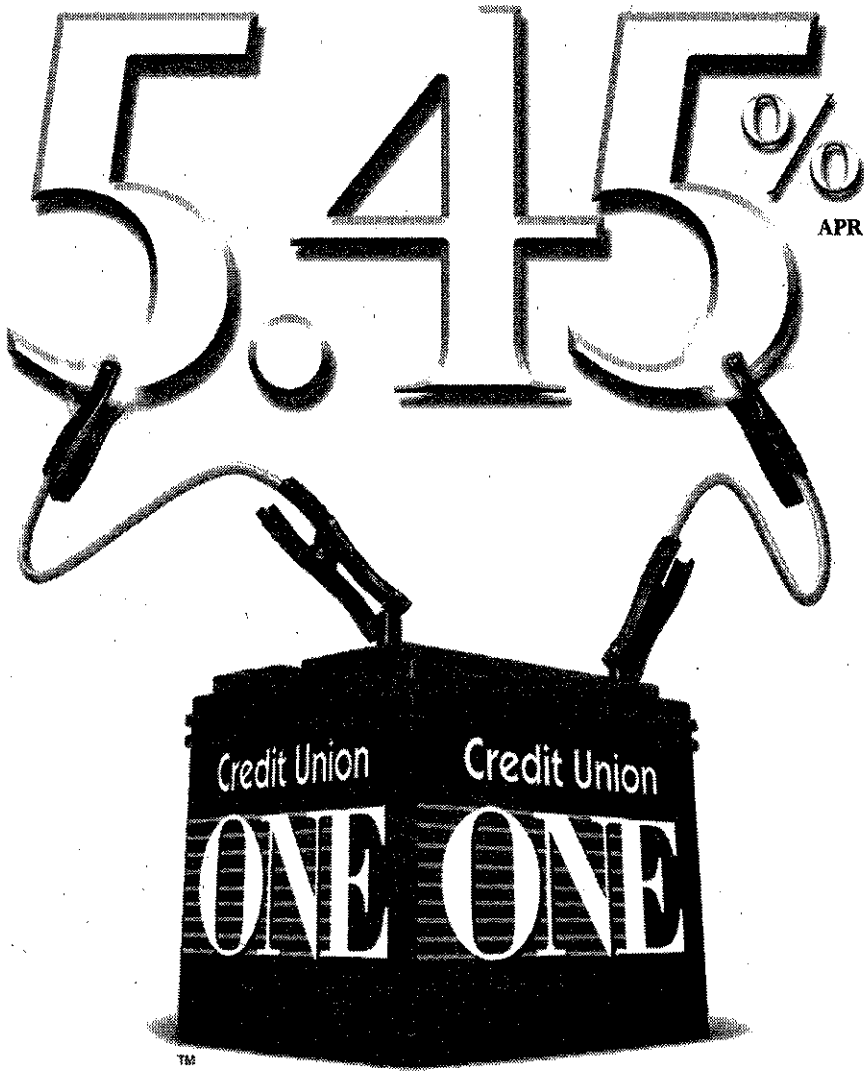
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DAILY PROGRAMS

Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/ Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.



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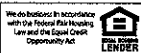
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Tax on sale of widow's house may be less than she thinks

Dear Rick: My husband and I bought a home together over 40 years ago. We paid about \$25,000 for the house and last year I sold it for more than \$500,000. My husband died about five years ago. Do I have to pay taxes on the gain? My tax preparer says I do while a friend of our family, who also does taxes, says I don't because I qualify for the \$500,000 exclusion. What do you think?

It's not uncommon for there to be a variety of opinions. Our tax laws are complex and confusing. That being said I believe your friend is wrong. However, you probably will pay less tax than you think.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The law has changed with regard to the sale of a personal residence. It used to be that if you sold your property, and you had a gain, you could avoid taxes if you purchased a new house of greater value.

The only other way of avoiding taxes was if you were a senior citizen. Seniors were eligible to exclude \$125,000 of that gain

from income taxes. In order to make those laws simpler and fairer, Congress changed the law. Now if you are single and sell your home you can exclude \$250,000 of gain from taxes as long as the home was your primary residence for two of the last five years. Therefore, if you purchased a house for \$50,000 and you eventually sold it for \$350,000, your gain on the home would be \$300,000. As long as the home was your primary residence for two of the last five years the first \$250,000 of gain would be tax free. The

\$250,000 number is increased to \$500,000 for married couples.

Since you sold the house when you were single you are allowed to exclude \$250,000 of profits. However, you are entitled to a step-up basis for half the house. For example, if the house was worth \$400,000 at the time of your husband's death your new basis in the property would be half the \$400,000 plus one half of the original purchase price. Therefore, your new basis would be \$212,500. Therefore, your gain would be the sales price less the \$212,500. Your

taxable gain would be the gain less the \$250,000 exclusion.

Starting this year, a surviving spouse can exclude the full \$500,000 as long as the house was joint property and the sale occurs within two years after the first spouse passed on.

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

Legislation paves way for vote on zoo tax

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a new bill into law Thursday that allows counties to create authorities with the power to levy funds for zoos.

Through the creation of zoological authorities, metro Detroit counties could then levy a tax for the Detroit Zoo of up to 0.10 mill on all taxable property for a period of 20 years - with approval from the electorate. The millage would average approximately \$10 per year for a \$200,000 home.

The City of Detroit turned over governance and manage-

ment of the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo to the Detroit Zoological Society in 2006.

At the time of transition the city stopped paying an annual subsidy of about \$8 million for operations and \$2-3 million for capital maintenance. In addition to replacing the subsidy, the Zoological Society anticipates incurring lost revenue and increased expense relating to discounts and other benefits provided to citizens living within participating counties. Altogether, this

funding gap is approximately the value of the tax that would be collected from a 0.10 mill in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

"This legislation is crucial to protecting the long-term financial future of the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo and continuing valuable programs that serve Metro-Detroit's children and families," said Detroit Zoological director Ron Kagan. "We appreciate the legislature and Gov. Granholm for leading this initiative. We're espe-

cially grateful to Sens. Gilda Jacobs and Nancy Cassis and Rep. Andy Meisner for their outstanding leadership on this important issue."

The Zoological Society will work closely with Metro-Detroit counties to help each county create its own zoological authority and to place the issue in front of voters on the August ballot.

"We look forward to continuing our work with the Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb County commissioners to take this next step," said Kagan.

SMART offers Google Map service online

The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) is offering Michigan's first "Google™ Maps" Trip Planner for customers looking for a fast and easy way to plan their bus trips. SMART has partnered with Google™ Maps to offer the free service on the authority's Web site at www.smartbus.org.

"Google™ Maps is a tool designed to help you find your bus route step-by-step," said Hayes W. Jones, SMART general manager. "It's so convenient and so easy it makes rid-

ing the bus an obvious choice." SMART fixed route bus fare is \$1.50 per trip.

The online service is available at 21 transit agencies nationwide. Users can click on the Google™ Maps icon and get detailed itineraries. By using your origin and destination and the time of day you would like to travel, Google™ plans your route based on available public transportation schedules and information including route numbers, locations, schedules, transfer information on SMART buses, return trips and walking

directions. Also available on SMART's Web site is a complete listing of Places Served by SMART with addresses and contact information.

"We are pleased to partner with SMART to offer Google™ Maps Transit Trip Planner in southeast Michigan. Google's™ mission is to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful, provid-

ing transit information is a step towards that," said Tom Sly, Google™ New Business Development. Transit customers can also find this service on the Google™ Transit page at www.google.com/transit on the web to plan their trips.

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Movies for all ages on tap at Salvation Army

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bring out the popcorn, it's movie time!

Movies will be shown 7 p.m. Friday, April 18, during the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army's Family Movie Night. It will be held at the corps center, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland.

Corps commanders Capt. Mindie and Matthew O'Neil have organized the first-time event, in conjunction with

the Advisory Council's Social Action Committee.

"It's to give people a sense of hope and pride, pride in themselves," Matthew O'Neil said. "They can accomplish anything they want."

The movies chosen reflect the theme of helping people move to self-sufficiency. *The Pursuit of Happiness* (2006) will be shown to adults and older teens, while children will enjoy the Disney/Pixar movie *Ratatouille* (2007).

The Pursuit of Happiness,

rated PG-13 and starring Will Smith, tells of a struggling salesman who takes custody of his young son as he's about to begin a life-changing career.

Ratatouille, an animated movie, tells of Remy, a rat who dreams of becoming a French chef. It's rated G for general audiences.

Snacks will be served at Family Movie Night, which is free. Additional information can be obtained through the Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660.

Property tax hardship deadline extended

The deadline for filing a property tax hardship extension has been extended until April 30.

Property owners should be aware that if their application is approved, this would not give them an exemption from paying property taxes. Instead, anyone receiving a hardship extension will be granted up to one extra year to pay his or her delinquent 2005 property taxes. Related fees and penalties will still apply.

Recognizing that Wayne County residents are facing extraordinarily tough economic times due to a troubled state and local

economy, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz said he has greatly expanded his community outreach efforts. As part of those efforts, he said he has extended the previous March 15 deadline to file an application for a property tax hardship extension until April 30.

In response to the Treasurer's extensive community outreach program using cable, network television, internet broadcasting, radio and letters to churches and community groups as well as updates to county and local government officials, more than 736 hardship extension applications have been

received - a significant increase over this same time last year.

Anyone who is facing property tax foreclosure due to unpaid delinquent 2005 taxes needs to know that ignoring the tax bill hoping that it will somehow go away is the worst thing to do, said Wojtowicz. Instead, the Taxpayer Assistance Section of the Wayne County Treasurer's Office should be contacted immediately. Taxpayer Assistance is dedicated to assisting taxpayers in any way possible, and that includes handling hardship applications. Taxpayer Assistance can be reached at (313) 224-6105.



In Lansing

Cynthia Markarian, vice president of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, was in Lansing recently, lobbying the legislature on school funding issues. During her visit, she met with Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, outside of the Senate chamber.

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

Mom2Mom

The Livonia YMCA will host a Mom2Mom Sale, 2-5 p.m., Sunday, March 30, at the YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, just north of Schoolcraft. Tables are still available by calling Jean at (734) 261-2161 or (248) 615-1080. There will be a large item room, with furniture and baby equipment and a bake sale and hot dogs for sale to benefit the YMCA. Admission is \$1. Strollers are allowed after 3 p.m.

In concert

Musical storyteller and political satirist Charlie King will perform during a fund-raising concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Unity Church of Livonia. The show will raise money for the Livonia-based Citizens for Peace and Peace Action of Michigan. Folk legend Pete Seger called Charlie King "one of the finest singers and songwriters of our time" as he performs folk songs about the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. His songs have been sung and recorded by other famous artists such as Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, Peggy Seeger,

Chad Mitchell and Judy Small. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Students pay only \$10. Unity of Livonia is on Five Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. For tickets or additional information, call (248) 548-3920 or (734) 425-0079.

Explore EMU

Eastern Michigan University will hold an Explore Eastern program 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, for high school students and transfer students to learn about university and how an EMU education can launch their future careers. The free program will be held at the EMU Student Center, 900 Oakwood St., EMU's main campus in Ypsilanti. The program provides students with an opportunity to meet with representatives from various academic programs, housing, dining, career services, financial aid, scholarships and other areas. Campus tours of a classroom building, the Halle Library, the Olds-Robb Recreation and Intramural Building, and a residence hall room run every 15 minutes. All students attending Explore Eastern will be able to apply for admission, free of charge - a \$20 savings. One high school senior who enrolls at EMU will receive 12 free credit hours of in-state equivalent tuition. One transfer student who enrolls will receive six free credit hours of in-state equivalent tuition. To register for Explore Eastern or for more information, go to

www.emich.edu/explore/.

Love of Lace XV

The Great Lakes Lace Group Inc. will present Love of Lace XV 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington, in Livonia. The event is a day of lace making, with demonstrations, try-it tables, vendors and displays. Admission is free, public is welcome. For more information, go online to www.GLLGI.org.

Wrestling Club

Westland Bottle Rockets is a wrestling club for ages 5-14. The club meets on Monday and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan. The club runs from November through March and costs \$20. For questions or more information, contact Judy at judyawl122@yahoo.com or calling (734) 634-4595.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

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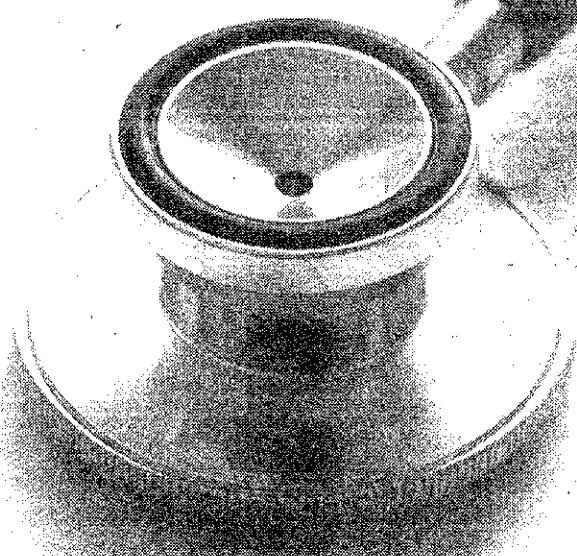
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Man credits Focus:HOPE with turning his life around

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For William Motts II, being a child on Detroit's west side was a life of constant chaos.

"Growing up pretty much was a living hell. Ever since I can remember I was surrounded by crime and drugs," he said.

Motts' father was a drug addict and dealer. Motts, now 34, has vivid memories of being taken on deals when he was 8 and 9 years old, of police raiding his home, of bullets fired into his house and of his father being taken off to jail.

"It was embarrassing," he said, his dark eyes staring intently as he told his story. "When I was 13 or 14 years old, my father went off to jail again. He gave me the keys to his car and his wallet and he said, 'Do you remember where we parked?' and I drove home. I was literally petrified. I could barely make it home."

That began Motts' own descent into crime, picking up his dad's business while he was in jail.

On Wednesday, Motts of Livonia was a featured speaker at a press conference to launch the yearlong 40th anniversary celebration of Focus:HOPE, the job training and social services organization founded by the late Rev. William Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis in the wake of the 1967 Detroit race riot.

As Josaitis, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and other dignitaries looked on, Motts, a General Motors innovation/decision team leader, thanked Focus:HOPE for changing his life.

Motts was arrested at 18. He had been handling his father's business and faced serious jail time. But he remembers his own arrest as a blessing in disguise.

"I had a 3-month-old daughter. I was sitting on the floor of the county jail facing a life with murderers with the worst elements of society. And my father was two floors up," he said. "What is wrong with this picture? He's on the floor above me and it doesn't phase him or even care and I am mortified about what my daughter is going to think of me. Is she going to grow up in the same environ-



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Judge David Kerwin (left) and William Motts of Livonia, talk during ceremonies celebrating the 40th anniversary of Focus:HOPE.

ment that I did? I just said no, we have to break this cycle."

After a year in Wayne County Jail, a perceptive lawyer and a compassionate judge put Motts in touch with Focus:HOPE.

"After sitting there, they realized I was a puppet, a way for my father to make more money and do what he couldn't do," he said.

GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY

Attorney Robert Elsey had taken an English class with the Rev. Cunningham and knew about the program. Judge David Kerwin agreed that Motts should go to Focus:HOPE instead of back to jail.

"I didn't graduate from high school. I didn't know how to write a paper at the time. I didn't know about algebra," Motts said. "It really struck a fear in me. It really scared the death out of me. I did not want to be my father. I did not want



Focus: HOPE co-founder Eleanor Josaitis (left) is congratulated by Gov. Jennifer Granholm on the organization's 40 years of service.

to be an idiot. I did not want to force my kids into something they did not want to do."

Motts got his GED, enrolled in Focus:HOPE's Fast Track program to bring up his reading and math skills and graduated

from the Machinist Training Institute. His group started with 50 people and ended up with seven. His grades were so high he was encouraged to pursue a college degree through the Center for Advanced Technologies.

"This is the best-kept secret in Detroit," Motts said.

He had strong support from his wife, Paula. They made a pact to take turns getting their education. He earned his associate's degree and she earned her dental hygienist degree and a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. Motts also earned a master's degree in engineering management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is finishing a master of business administration degree from Indiana University.

When his father was released from prison, Motts supported him through the Machinist Training Institute and he is also employed.

Motts calls his wife "the backbone of the family," which now includes three daughters, Mercedes, 16, Helaina, 6, and

Trisha, 3.

"I sensed that in his heart he was a good person and he was going to make it out," Paula said. "When he sets his mind to something, he's going to achieve it. He got into Focus:HOPE and they helped him in every sense and direction."

Kerwin, a retired judge from West Bloomfield, also sensed Motts' potential. Kerwin grew up in the tough neighborhood around Focus:HOPE near Oakman Boulevard. His own sister died of a heroin overdose.

"Some of my friends ended up in prison, some are on the police force, some of them became doctors," Kerwin said.

He said Motts' story was special, but not unique.

LEARNING DISCIPLINE

Wednesday, Kerwin and Motts were reunited for the first time since Kerwin gave Motts his opportunity. Focus:HOPE let Motts make the most of that opportunity.

"It taught me a lot about discipline. Being here, not a minute late, being here on time, looking professional, acting professional," he said. "I couldn't say enough about this program."

In addition to hands-on training, Motts was able to interact with the many retired GM, Ford and Chrysler plant managers who have donated their time to working with Focus:HOPE. He was inspired by their example.

Now that Motts is successful, he wants to tell others what he's found.

"There is somewhere in this city where you can get educated, you can change and break the cycle, change the history you're born into," he said.

He now brings his oldest daughter down to Focus:HOPE to help package food for the

Focus:HOPE serves many needs

Focus:HOPE was founded in 1968 by the Rev. William Cunningham, a Catholic priest, and Eleanor Josaitis, a Downriver housewife, in the aftermath of the 1967 Detroit race riot. The mission was to bridge the social, economic and racial divides of the Detroit area. On its campus on Oakman Boulevard in Detroit, Focus:HOPE offers social services and technical job training.

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- **Fast Track.** Courses to upgrade math, communications and computer skills for high school graduates and GED holders.

- **Center for Children.** Early childhood education and day care program.

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elderly and tell her what a difference it made in their lives.

Josaitis has met many success stories in the 40 years that Focus:HOPE has been offering a hand to those who want a way out.

"It makes me realize we are really making a difference in a lot of lives," she said. "That's all I want to do. And when William comes back and tells the story, other young people might say I didn't think I had a chance, but now I've got a chance. There is nothing greater that you can do than that. I am so proud of William because he told me, 'I'd be dead on the street if you hadn't helped me.'"

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OUR VIEWS

Judge makes right decision concerning party voting lists

The farce known as the 2008 Michigan presidential primary reached another milestone Wednesday when federal Judge Nancy G. Edmunds barred the Michigan Secretary of State from providing party preference declarations solely to the two major political parties.

The judge struck down a portion of the legislation authorizing the January primary that made it a misdemeanor for anyone other than the two major parties to have access or use the preference lists. The suit was brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the Green Party of Michigan, the Libertarian Party of Michigan, the Reform Party of Michigan, the *Metro Times* and Winning Strategies, a political consulting firm.

"The state is not required to provide the party preference information to any party," Edmunds wrote. "When it chooses to do so, however, it may not provide the information only to the two major political parties."

We agree the state had no business being an agent for collecting valuable political information for two private organizations, the Democratic and Republican parties.

This is the latest in a series of embarrassing consequences of the state's ill-considered attempt to buck the national parties by moving Michigan's primary to an earlier date. The national Democratic Party stripped the state of all of its delegates to the August convention in Denver.

The two remaining presidential candidates have been unable to resolve their differences to allow delegate allocations and the state Legislature rejected an attempt to hold a do-over primary in June.

Clearly, something has to give in the future. The national party must give more voice to large, urban, racially and economically diverse states. Iowa and New Hampshire have had their day and the decision on a better method needs to be made long before the 2012 election.

LETTERS

We need some understanding

Reading Thursday's paper I was interested in the opinions section's focus on race and diversity. Wayne Peal's column on Senator Obama and the speech he gave on race was well thought out and impressive in the very personal approach he took. Mr. Peal was dead on in his analysis that the uncomfortable truths of our attitudes on race and how we all, regardless of race, has a common interest in transcending these. On the other hand the leading letter to the editor titled "Consider 'American' residents" was a little more off. While I generally appreciate Mr. Denstedt's letters I was a little surprised by the comment.

While the argument that a new building in the area may adversely affect residents in the area may have merit this statement comes off as 'us verses them' labeling members of the church as the polar opposite, non-American. I am sure that this was not the purpose of the letter and many times context can be

lost by focusing on a few words, I do feel that these implications are indicative of the lack of knowledge we have of the members of our community.

All one has to do is go to the public library on a weekday to witness the diversity that boasts of Canton's wide appeal to people from all geographic locations and walks of life. This is a testament to the quality of the township and is hard to dismiss. Canton has a wide variety of cultural, ethnic and religious groups within its borders and perhaps we could work harder to understand each other.

Many groups have faced adversity in this country, from the Italians in Chicago, Irish in the Northeast and Chinese in California. We may be better off in learning from our past reactions out of fear. This was the point I got out of Senator Obama's speech and Mr. Peal's column. This is also the sentiments I got out Mr. Denstedt's letter in hoping that both sides will be satisfied by the outcome.

Michael Siegrist
Canton

Government must be more transparent on spending

Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis once said that "sunshine is the best antiseptic."

He's absolutely correct.

That attitude has been the inspiration for Michigan's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Open Meetings Act (OMA). The inspiration behind this legislation is simple: the more informed citizens are, the better equipped they will be to make decisions in their day-to-day lives. And the more trust they will have in their government. That's especially



Mike Cox

true when it comes to information regarding citizens' hard-earned tax dollars.

That is why I recently announced that my office is the first in state government to provide detailed information on how our tax dollars are being spent. We have done this by establishing a new page on our Web site (www.michigan.gov/ag) called "Track Your Taxes."

"Track Your Taxes" enables anyone in Michigan to go online and learn about the expenditures by the Attorney General's office. The 15 pages of information list the following categories: equipment, rent, contracts, salaries, wages and insurance and fringe benefits.

By clicking on the line titled "Service Contracts," citizens can learn about every single contract our department has entered into, including legal services such as Special Assistant Attorneys General and expert witnesses.

For example, citizens will now be able to go online and look at the name of the vendor, the type of service being provided, the term of contract, the amount of the contract, how much has been spent and how much is still outstanding on each and every contract.

I am pleased that consumer advocate Ralph Nader has joined me in urging Gov. (Jennifer) Granholm to take the next step and make our state agency and department spending as open and transparent as possible.

The State of Michigan has made a modest first step in this direction by providing some information on the Department of Management and Budget's Web site. But the information provided is far from thorough.

What transparency requires is a detailed listing of all expenditures, so citizens can see down to the item where their hard-earned tax dollars are going.

An example of what Michigan should strive for is the state of Missouri's site, which can be found by going to www.mapyourtaxes.mo.gov. A handful of other states have already created comprehensive, searchable databases detailing how their tax dollars are spent.

Even the federal government has made important progress on this issue. As a result of legislation sponsored by Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, the federal government has launched www.usaspending.gov to allow transparency in federal spending.

Why can't Michigan be a leader when it comes to transparency and open government? After all, we were one of the first states in the nation to adopt the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act.

State Rep. Jack Hoogendyk has introduced legislation to create a Web site that provides information on state expenditures. I urge readers to contact your state senator and representative and encourage them to support this effort at open government.

Providing all of Michigan's citizens with access to all government expenditures is the FOIA and OMA of the 21st century. And it's the ultimate in consumer protection. As every family struggling to make ends meet knows, you'll never get a handle on your budget until you first know where the money goes. That is precisely what my effort to detail government spending sets out to accomplish.

My hope is that once the State of Michigan adopts transparency in spending and makes all expenditures available online, the practice will then spread to local units of government such as cities and counties, even local school boards and county road commissions.

There's no reason why Michigan can't be a national leader in providing our citizens with easy, online access to all state government expenditures. This week, Sunshine Week, is the perfect time to follow the wisdom of Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis and let the sun shine in on government spending, so everyone can follow the money.

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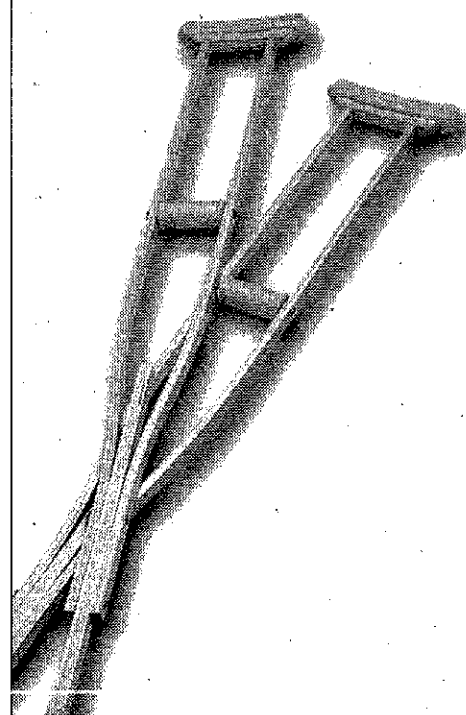


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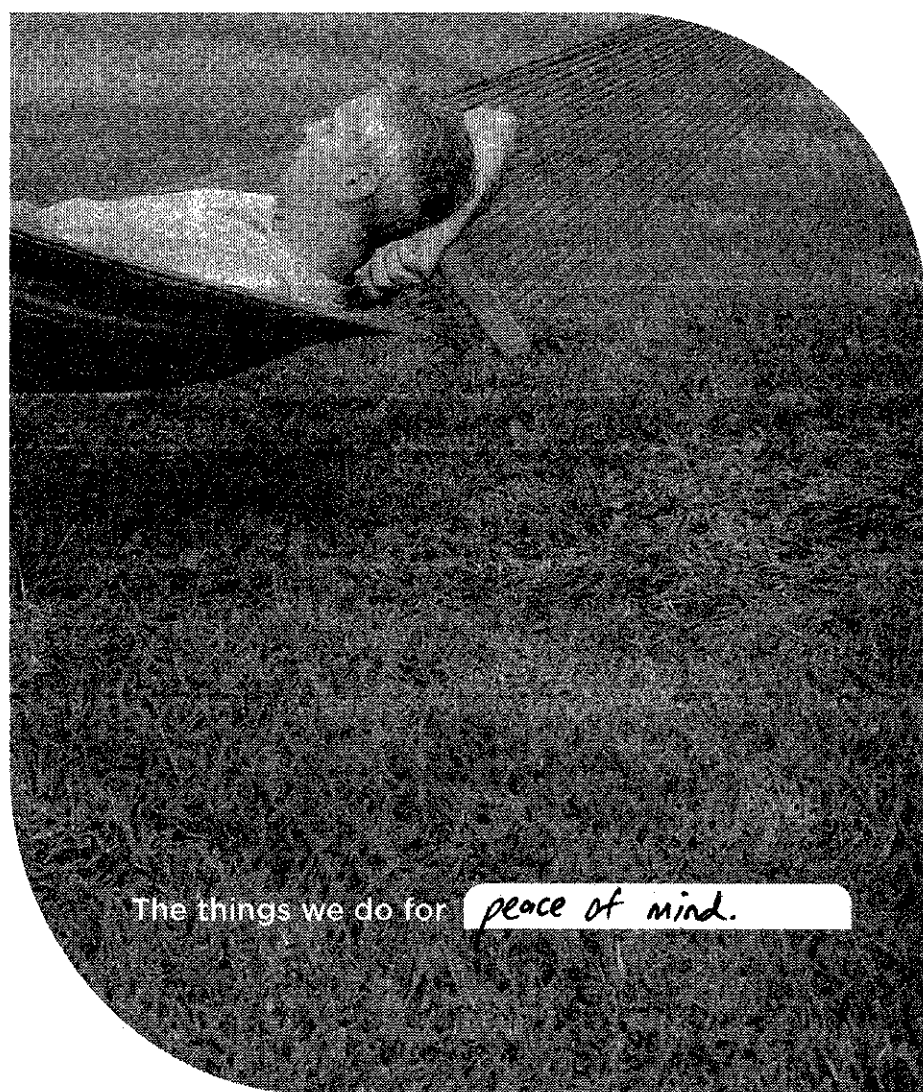
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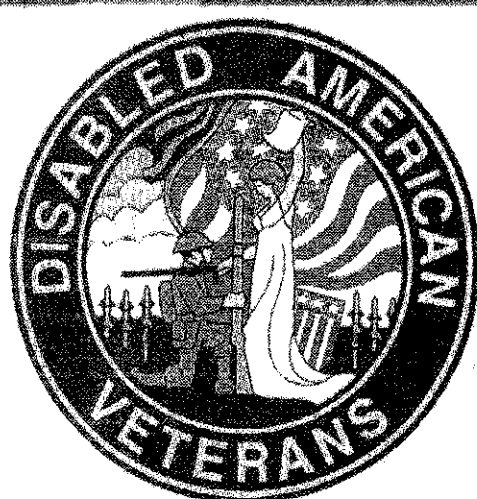
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John Glenn pitcher Brittany Holbrook, a junior, will start on the mound again for the third straight season.

Area softball teams optimistic



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson junior shortstop Amanda Paison, making the throw across the diamond in last year's WLAA championship game, returns for the 2008 season.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

PREVIEW

Last season Livonia Stevenson emerged as the surprise girls softball team in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Spartans, who finished 19-11 overall, earned a Lakes Division title and upset Western Division champ Northville, 6-3, in the WLAA's first-place crossover.

Stevenson's lineup remains virtually intact and coach Rob Witherspoon has reason to be optimistic entering the 2008 campaign.

"The Western Lakes is going to be once again, a very challenging league to compete in this year," said the sixth-year coach. "This year's softball team will compete with even more heart and dedication as the players work together and challenge each other throughout the year."

The Spartans return three pitchers, including senior Jamie Johnson, who went 14-7 with a 2.37 earned run average. Capable replacements include junior Laura Deacon (5-3-1, 2.85 ERA) and sophomore Emily Hollandsworth, who also plays center field and hit .311.

"Though we lost two very athletic players - Janice Hollandsworth and

Monica Piekarski - to graduation, we have added three very athletic and hard-working ninth-graders to a team already loaded with hard-working kids," Witherspoon said. "We're hoping that our hard work and dedication will allow us to get better each day and complete in the Western Lakes this year."

Another team to watch in the WLAA is Western Division member Livonia Franklin (22-12), which also returns a veteran cast led by first-team All-Observer picks Brittany and Brianna Taylor, both juniors.

Brittany, who hit .525 with five homers and 25 stolen bases, moves from center field to her natural position as catcher. Brianna, meanwhile, remains at shortstop where she hit .524 with a slugging percentage of .619.

Junior Natalie Sanborn and sophomore Alecia Geraghty both return on the mound, but the key will be how freshman Chelsea Williams handles the center field spot, according to coach Linda Jimenez.

Livonia Churchill (17-15) could be a wildcard in the WLAA-Lakes

Please see **SOFTBALL, B3**

UConn calls as Livonian opens door

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dan Naurato certainly has taken a circuitous route to earning a Division I hockey scholarship.

After spending two seasons in the Eastern Junior Hockey League, the 20-year-old Livonia native will sign next week to play for the University of Connecticut.

Upon entering high school at Catholic Central, Naurato took a leave of absence, getting away completely from the game.

"I did not play my freshman or sophomore year," he said. "In eighth-grade I was sick of it, kind of burned out."

Naurato, however, decided to give it a go again during his junior year of high school.

"I played in a spring league with my buddies and they said I should try out for CC," Dan recalled.

As a junior, Dan Naurato was a member of the Shamrocks' 2005 Division 1 state championship team. And after graduating from CC in 2006, he decided to follow the blueprint established by his older brother Brandon, a junior right winger for No. 1-ranked Michigan.

Brandon, a CC alum himself who played on three straight state championship teams, migrated to the U.S. Hockey League for two seasons, making stops at Omaha, Neb. and Cedar Rapids, Ia. before landing a scholarship at U-M.

Dan, meanwhile, also tried out in the USHL, but found himself instead in Foxboro, Mass. - home of the NFL New England Patriots - and playing for the South Shore Kings of the EJHL.

"Coach (Todd) Johnson (at CC) gave me the idea and some options my senior year," Dan Naurato said. "He knew the coach out there. It's good hockey, not as good as the USHL, but it gets you ready for college. It's pretty competitive. Everyone here wants to play in college. They place a lot of players,

Please see **NAURATO, B2**

Naurato

Sidelines

Woods state-bound

Livonia's Christian Woods led all competitors with 44 points to win the Boys 14-15 age group in the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Southeast Area Hoops Challenge Basketball Skills contest March 9 in Saline. Sister Angelica Woods also earned a first in the Girls 14-15 age division and will advance as well to the state finals Sunday, April 13 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Age no barrier

Dynamic Boxing Club trainer Paul Soucy, 69, of Livonia, stepped into the ring recently and earned a decision over 62-year-old David Burnette of Monroe in a sanctioned boxing show at Joe's Boxing Club in Monroe.

Soucy is coached by Chad Jaquillard and Anton Ivezaj.

The Dynamic Boxing Club is preparing for the Golden Gloves, April 11-13, at the Gibraltar Trade Center.

MU softball swept

The Madonna University women's softball team was swept Friday in a double-header by host Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 3-1 and 3-1, dropping the Crusaders to 8-6-1 overall.

The Blue Raiders improved to 15-10 on the season. On Wednesday, MU and host Huntington University (Ind.) battled to a 1-1 draw in a game stopped after six innings by rain.

Huntington (2-6-1)

jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning on Brittny Bateman's RBI single scored Alicia Wilour.

The Crusaders knotted the count in the top of the sixth when Laura Lesko drew a two-out walk and advanced home on passed ball and a pair of wild pitches. MU hurler Liz Ballinger gave up five hits and struck out two, while Huntington pitcher Lauren Ward allowed just two hits, one each by Danielle Richardson and Kathleen Smiley. Ward struck out eight and walked three. Brittany Gower collected a pair of hits for the Foresters.

Speed, agility training

A four-day speed and agility training session will be from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, March 31-April 3, at Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer Road, Westland.

The four-day session will focus on proper form, flexibility, isometric drill, quickness and agility based on exercise by specific sport. The cost is \$25 (includes T-shirt to all participants). Checks should be made payable to the Westland Comet Boosters. Registration will be at the Westland Youth Athletic Association Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford). E-mail WestlandComets@gmail.com; or call Mark Simkow at (734) 732-1176.

Tee times available

Huron Valley Lutheran launches program

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BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BOYS GOLF

It's been 17 months to be exact since high school boys golfers teed it up on the links as a result of the court-mandated MHSAA seasons switch on the calendar with girls golf.

So it's time to get reacquainted. There's a new kid on the block as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran is launching a program.

The Hawks, the smallest school in Observerland with less than 100 students, will play their home matches at Hawthorne Valley.

Huron Valley will be coached by Pat Hinnman and John Kasprezak.

"Actually it would have worked out better in the fall," Huron Valley athletic director Jim Ott said. "We agreed that those who wanted to play soccer could do both."

"You can't do both in the spring, but it really didn't affect our baseball team because we only lost two or three."

A total of 16 turned out for the inaugural season, but only six have previous playing experience, according to the school's A.D.

Last year the Hawks competed unofficially in five Michigan Independent Athletic Conference matches, along with the conference tourney.

"We have 10 who have never

really played," Ott said. "We'll see how the talent plays out and how they take ownership of it. If they improve, learn and compete, we'll come back next year. But if they only want to use it for free golf, it will be short-ended."

Huron Valley, a Division 4 school, will most likely be assigned to the Waterford Our Lady of Lakes regional on Friday, May 23 at Liberty Golf Course.

For the rest of the area teams, it will be business as usual.

Livonia Churchill, the 2006 district champion, returns second-team All-Observer pick Josh Proben, who placed third in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament.

He is joined by junior Kevin Robinson, an All-Division player who finished 11th in the WLAA.

Other returnees for the Chargers include senior Brian Bint, junior Dan Bostick and senior Thomas Wagner.

"I have a lot of experience on this team," Churchill fourth-year coach Paul Worley said. "Qualifying rounds for matches could be as competitive as the matches themselves."

Livonia Franklin, which placed sixth in the district, has a new coach in Brian McCalister, who takes over for Scott Rutterbush.

"This is an exciting year for us," said McCalister, who returns

starters Tony Semonick and Just Adams, both seniors. "Not only are we returning five experienced upperclassmen, there are 10 underclassmen that are looking to push their way into the lineup."

Former O&E golf champion Jim Omietanski takes over as coach at Livonia Stevenson replacing Jason Delo after the Spartans took seventh in the WLAA.

The Spartans will be led by co-captains Jordan Rayburn, a senior, and Tom Cullum, a sophomore.

"We have a very strong group of freshman and sophomores, coupled together with a good returning core of juniors and one senior," Omietanski said. "I think I have a great group of kids who have great attitudes and a burning desire to excel this season and take our program to the next level."

Westland John Glenn, 11th in the WLAA, has one of the top returning players in the area in junior Andy Myers, a regional qualifier who just missed qualifying for the 2006 Division 1 state tournament by one stroke. Myers also captured the Metropark Tournament last August.

Senior co-captain Dan Tamarogio also gives coach Steve Pilon reason for hope.

Fellow WLAA member Wayne Memorial did not win a conference match, but the Zebras are hopeful under 28th-year coach Dennis Chall, who returns starters Kevin Erdman, a senior, and Jacob Smith, a junior.



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Josh Proben, in last summer's Motor City Junior Tournament, is one of Churchill's top returnees.

BOYS GOLF CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Paul Worley, fourth year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
2006 fall finish: third (WLAA); first (Division I district); tied for seventh (regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Tommy Lucko (first-team All-Area); Josh Brist (third-team All-Area); Mark Umerlik.
Leading returnees: Josh Proben, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Kevin Robinson, Jr. (third-team All-Area); Brian Birt, Sr.; Dan Bostick, Jr.; Thomas Wagner, Sr.
Promising newcomers: Matt Charnley, Jr.; Erik Newman, Jr.; Adam Varber, Soph.; Kenny Fraser, Sr.; Robert Louwers, Jr.; Dan Landstrom, Jr.; Greg Van Gorp, Jr.; Ryan Cloch, Jr.
Worley's 2008 outlook: "I can foresee many different lineups taking place throughout the season. That's how deep this team I think is, or will become. If we come out of the gate really strong, it could be an interesting and rewarding season. I think every team in the league would like to win that last WLAA conference title. What's what we're striving for."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Brian McCalister, first year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
2006 fall finish: ninth (WLAA); sixth (Division I district); tied for seventh (regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Austin Stillman (first-team All-Area; state qualifier); Alex Chisholm (third-team All-Area).
Leading returnees: Justin Adams, Sr.; Greg Killen, Sr.; Dan Ostrosky, Sr.; Tony Semonick, Sr.; Jordan Chisholm, Jr.
Promising newcomers: Josh Stokes, Sr.; Jonathon Holmes, Fr.; Brandon Kozyn, Fr.; Patrick Stephenson, Fr.

McCalister's 2008 outlook: "Adams, Semonick, Ostrosky and Killen have valuable varsity experience and I expect them to really steady us at the top of the lineup. Jordan Chisholm has really worked hard since last season and has really improved in all areas of his game. I think he may surprise some people. As a team, we've set some goals. Our goals are high and will be difficult to reach in the tough WLAA, but I like already how this team has used the driving range sessions to groove their swing and really prepare the best they can for the upcoming season."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Jim Omietanski, first year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
2006 fall finish: seventh (WLAA); seventh (Division I district); sixth (Division I district).
Notable losses to graduation: Shayne Giordano (third-team All-Area); Richard Wyman.
Leading returnees: Jordan Rayburn, Sr. (co-captain); Tom Cullum, Soph. (co-captain); Tim Wilsk, Jr.; Joe Attard, Jr.; Dan DuFour, Jr.; Jimmy Yavis, Jr.; Drew Mossolan, Soph.; Christian DeBay, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Matt Fox, Soph.; Max Bollinger, Soph.; Adam LaPorte, Soph.; Phil DeSantis, Soph.; Adam Giordano, Fr.; Cam Humitz, Fr.; Nick Collins, Fr.; Cooper Christie, Fr.
Omietanski's 2008 outlook: "Our team consists of many newcomers who appear to bring depth to the team. Unfortunately, we don't have a lot of varsity experience returning this year, but based on the tryouts and what I was able to observe during the fall and winter conditioning, it appears that we have a lot of raw talent that should blossom as the team gels together."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Steve Pilon, fourth year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
2006 fall finish: 11th (WLAA); ninth (Division I district).
Notable losses to graduation: Jim Wood.
Leading returnees: Andy Myers, Jr. (co-captain (second-team All-Area); Dan Tamaroglio, Sr. (co-captain).
Promising newcomers: Jim Dutchak, Jr.; Alex Rochette, Soph.; Kyle Hamlin, Soph.; Josh Duprie, Fr.
Pilon's 2008 outlook: "Our team is looking to improve their record (2-13) this coming season. Led by our co-captains, Andy Myers and Dan Tamaroglio, the outlook is quite promising. Many new players to the team have shown a great deal of talent in the early season practices. All the Glenn golfers look forward to the mental and physical challenges of the great game of golf."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Dennis Chalk, 28th year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
2006 fall finish: 12th (WLAA); 11th (Division I district).
Notable losses to graduation: Andrew Ponican, Michael Green.
Leading returnees: Kevin Erdmann, Sr.; Andrew Morson, Sr.; Jacob Smith, Jr.
Chalk's 2008 outlook: "We have several players who are new to the sport. They are very enthusiastic learners. I'm doing a great deal of instruction with them. Although many are new to the game, they are very quick learners. We're become a team of teachers with all the players eager to help each other and achieve their greatest potential. I'm excited about this season."

NAURATO

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whether its Division III or Division I."

The 5-foot-10, 175-pound forward scored nine goals and added 18 assists in 31 games during the 2006-07 season before exploding for 20 goals and 41 assists 2007-08 where he ranked second in the league.

South Shore finished third in the Southern Division with a 24-16-3 record and captured its first-round playoff series against the Syracuse (N.Y.) Stars before being eliminated in the semifinals by the eventual champion Jersey Hitmen.

"The second to the first year was totally different," Naurato said. "I had a bigger role, more ice time, more confidence this year. I just knew what to expect. We also had a coaching change and the new coach helped me a lot."

Naurato felt comfortable in his new environment. He stayed with the family of teammate Eric Robinson, who hails from Foxboro.

"It's been fun, a good atmosphere," Naurato said. "People are just nuts, they're wild there for the Patriots, the Red Sox. I'll still root for the Lions, but the Pats are right up on the same scale."

UConn finished 13-21-3 overall this season, including a 11-14-3 record in the Atlantic Hockey Association losing in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs to Sacred Heart.

Naurato will continue to train in Foxboro

before returning home for the summer. He envisions his role as a set-up man when he returns in the fall to Storrs, Conn.

"Gaining strength is the number one thing and just improve on the little things every day," he said. "I'll basically get my feet wet, see what's best for the team, be in more of a playmaker role, make the little plays and be smart."

Last Saturday, Dan Naurato watched his brother Brandon score what proved to be the game-winning goal in Michigan's 2-1 win over Miami of Ohio in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association final at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

Dan came away impressed.

"They're good team, lots of talent, they're projected to win it all," Dan said of the Wolverines.

The brothers, meanwhile, communicate with each other on a regular basis.

"I talk to him (Brandon) a lot about different situations," Dan said. "We have a close relationship. We talk on the phone every day."

Naurato, who plans to major in business at UConn, can only wonder now what might have been if he hadn't returned to the game in high school.

"I'd probably be going to school somewhere, working on my degree," he said.

Now he gets the best of both worlds.

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Crusaders' Dr. K

Glenn grad Kennedy sets record as MU splits

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland native Will Kennedy became Madonna University's career strikeout leader Wednesday, fanning seven Indiana Tech batters during the Crusaders' 5-1 victory in the opener of a road twinbill.

Kennedy (2-1) struck out the side in the first to get off to a good start, and fanned Shawn Placie in the fifth inning to break the previous mark of 197 set from 2004-06 by Derek Dufrane. With his seven Ks, Kennedy now has 199 for his career.

He also gave up just four hits over six-and-one-third innings, giving way to John McCracken who earned his fourth save by recording the final two outs of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tilt.

The Crusaders improved to 11-5 overall and 1-0 in the WHAC thanks to Kennedy's pitching as well as an eight-hit attack - featuring junior center-fielder Zack McMillin's 2-for-4 effort. McMillin cracked his first homer of the year, a three-run shot in the seventh to open up a 2-1 margin.

Madonna took an early 2-0 lead in the third, when junior right-fielder Jeff Sonnenberg and freshman catcher and Walled Lake Central alum Drew Adamiec (2-for-3, two runs) drilled back-to-back doubles and senior designated hitter Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill) singled home Adamiec with two out.

In Game 2, Madonna lost a tough 2-1 decision to fall to 11-6 and 1-1.

The host Warriors (13-11, 1-1) scored a run in the bottom of the eighth on a two-out single by Dan Cody against MU senior reliever Carl McDevitt (Canton) to bring home pinch runner Brad Gettelfinger.

Before that, it was a pitcher's



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Westland John Glenn product Will Kennedy last week set a new career mark for strikeouts by a Madonna University pitcher.

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duel to say the least. Indiana Tech's Eric Sherrill gave up six hits and struck out seven as he matched MU junior starter Sean Maher (6.1 innings, one earned run). Both teams scored in the fourth. Madonna took a 1-0 lead when senior third baseman Pat Kenny (2-for-4) singled, stole second and came in on an error.

Indiana Tech came right back against Maher, with leadoff batter Cody (2-for-4) homering.

Also enjoying good days at the plate were Madonna senior shortstop and Troy native Levi Cheshire (2-for-4) and the Warriors' Shane Tirey (3-for-4).

Due to snow, Madonna's scheduled home opener against Rochester was postponed until 2 p.m. Thursday; the Crusaders hopefully will be able to play Sunday's scheduled 1 p.m. conference double-header against visiting Siena Heights at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia.

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Ignition earns 8th straight triumph

The Detroit Ignition used defense to spark its eighth-straight victory Friday night at Computware Arena.

The Ignition edged the New Jersey Ironmen, 6-4, to improve to 20-7 and retain first place in the Major Indoor Soccer League standings.

The Ironmen slipped to 13-15.

The triumph earned the Ignition a bye in the first

round of the MISL playoffs.

The Ironmen scored first as mid-fielder Tim O'Neill notched a two-point goal just 42 seconds into the match. Exactly two minutes later, Jamar Beasley knotted the contest at 2-all with an unassisted net-finder.

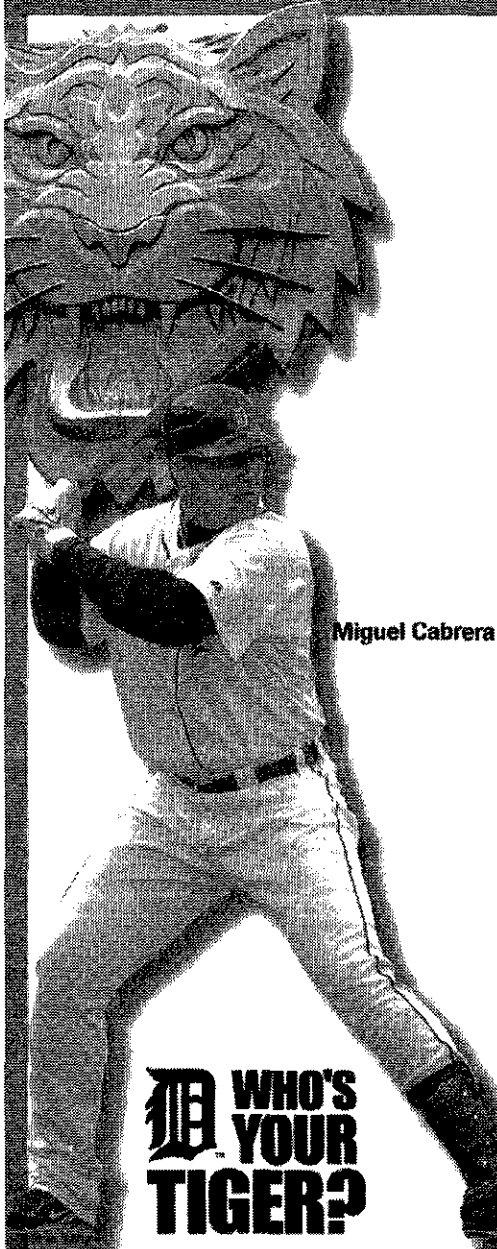
With less than two minutes remaining in the first stanza, Detroit forward Worth Sampson ripped an unassisted

two-pointer past New Jersey keeper Tony Meola to make it 4-2.

Kyt Selaidopoulos added an insurance marker for the winners mid-way through the third period. He was assisted by net-minder Danny Waltman.

Detroit will visit Milwaukee this afternoon. The Wave will take a 19-7 mark into the clash.

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GIRLS SOFTBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Lou Kuratko, first year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 17-15.
Notable losses to graduation: Hilary Antal, Amber Holod, Julie Lewandowski, Chelsea Wydick.
Leading returnees: Jordan Kerr, Sr. SS-P (second-team All-Area); Paula Guzik, Jr. 2B (second-team All-Area); Taylor Kerr, Soph. OF-1B; Sarah Krakowiak, Jr. OF-1B; Emily McShane, Sr. C; Katie Stodulski, Jr. SS-3B; Rachael Elery, Jr. OF; Katina St. Pierre, Soph. OF.
Promising newcomers: Mackenzie Everson, Fr. Inf.-C; Natalie Hiser, Fr. P-1B.

Kuratko's 2008 outlook: "The Chargers return two senior starters, but a strong and experienced junior class offers potential. On the field leadership will be a strength as our team captain (Jordan Kerr) returns for her senior year. Both of our freshmen, Everson and Hiser, have skills and will have opportunities to contribute from the beginning of the season. The depth of the entire Churchill program has improved and some of the JV players only need experience to compete at the varsity level. Like all teams in the league, we hope to improve with each game and be a better team at the end of the year."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Linda Jimenez, 13th year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
Last year's overall record: 22-12.
Notable losses to graduation: Heather Jaroh, Allison Bonsall, Kelsey Garbutt.
Leading returnees: Brittany Taylor, Jr. C (first-team All-Area, All-WLAA, All-Region, All-District, 543 batting ave.; 5 homers; 30 RBI; 25 stolen bases); Brianna Taylor, Jr. SS (first-team All-Area; All-WLAA; All-District; 524 ave.; 26 RBI; 26 stolen bases); Ashley Geraghty, Sr. 1B; Jessica Stalley, Sr. 1B; Lesley Giecozzoli, Jr. 2B; Natalie Sanborn, Jr. P; Natalie Polakowski, Jr. OF; Emily Silsbee, Jr. OF; Alecia Geraghty, Soph. P; Keely Wilson, Soph. OF.
Promising newcomers: Jessica Emery, Fr. OF; Chelsea Williams, Fr. CF.

Jimenez's 2008 outlook: "Offensively, we'll focus on 'one pitch' at a time and pride ourselves on having good at-bats. We will swing at hittable pitches. Defensively, we will focus on one pitch at a time playing with great effort. Our pitchers will also focus on 'one pitch' at a time. By doing this our chances of success will improve."

"We moved Brittany Taylor from the center field position to catcher. The big question is if freshmen Chelsea Williams can plug the hole left by Taylor. If so, we will be very strong up the middle."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Rob Witherspoon, sixth year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 19-11.
Titles won last year: WLAA, Lakes Division and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Janice Hollandsworth, Monica PiekarSKI.
Leading returnees: Jamie Johnson, Sr. P (second-team All-Area; 14-7; 2.37 ERA); Kristina Kroft, Jr. OF; Lauren Brueck, Sr. C (1985 fielding ave.); Laura Deacon, Jr. P (second-team All-Area; 337 ave.; 5-3-1; 2.85 ERA); Kathleen Hoehn, Jr. 2B (298 ave.); Amanda Paisen, Jr. SS (293); Kristina Vackevic, Jr. 3B (280 ave.); Emily Hollandsworth, Soph. OF-P (311 ave.); Shelby Wilson, Soph. OF-C; Tara Sharpe, Soph. OF-C; Nina Bonanno, Soph. OF.

Promising newcomers: Sarah Smith, Fr. Inf.-utility; Becca Zaras, Fr. Inf.-utility; Katie Bone, Fr. OF-Utility.
Witherspoon's 2008 outlook: "I'm very confident in our team's ability to make routine defensive plays, while returning three very talented pitchers who can challenge opposing hitters during each at-bat. The skill level and knowledge of the game have grown tremendously on the defensive side of the ball since the beginning of last season, and we'll have to continue to grow in order to compete this year. The question that has to be answered this year is our consistency at the plate. Offensively, many of the girls have worked harder than ever this winter by dedicating themselves to weekly hitting practice since the early fall. The key to the season, offensively, is to translate all that training into success against some very talented pitchers that we'll face this year."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Julie Rogers, second year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 1-23.
Notable losses to graduation: Tarra Anderson, Lisa Pecorelli.
Leading returnees: Brittany Holbrook, Jr. P; Stacey Truskowski, Jr. 1B; Katie Down, Soph. 2B-3B.
Promising newcomers: Megan McGrew, Soph. SS; Kristina Iannicello, Soph. C.

Rogers' 2008 outlook: "This is my second year as head coach and we're still striving to develop our program at Glenn. We continue to gain talent and skills, and maintain our positive attitudes. We have a young team with a strong work ethic. I'm hopeful we can work hard and become a league contender."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Wayne Woodard, fourth year.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
Last year's overall record: 3-23.
Notable losses to graduation: none.
Leading returnees: Megan Zuccaro, Sr. OF; Heather Henning, Sr. Inf.-OF; Jessica Hensley, Sr. C; Virginia Reid, Sr. C-OF; Jessie Harris, Jr. P-Inf.; Colleen Blake, Jr. Inf.-OF; Jordan Berry, Soph. Inf.; Taylor Krohn, Jr. P; Ashley Ringel, Jr. OF-Inf.; Bianca Hayes, Jr. Inf.
Promising newcomers: Megan Callahan, Jr. Inf.; Kathy Harris, Jr. Inf.-OF.

Woodard's 2008 outlook: "With almost everyone back and the addition of Megan (Callahan) and Kathy (Harris), we expect to be improved. If our pitching defense hold up, we should be better. Our goal is to be competitive in every game."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Scott Combs, first year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 13-21.
Notable losses to graduation: Erin McLaughlin (second-team All-Area).
Leading returnees: Alyssa Abramowski, Sr. Inf. (first-team All-Area; 352 ave.; 8 doubles); Kyla Suchy, Sr. C; Abby Blackmer, Sr. 3B; Jess Payne, Sr. RF; Courtney LaValley, Jr. Inf.; Haley Ross, Jr. OF; Jordan Searcy, Jr. C; Sarah Stempin, Jr. P; Gina Sykes, Soph. SS-3B; Alyssa Gietl, Soph. P-3B.

Promising newcomers: Jenny Kelly, Soph. 2B; Julie Bushart, Soph. OF-2B; Kim Bartz, Soph. P; Christina Butkiewicz, Fr. CF-1B.
Combs' 2008 outlook: "We're going back to all the basics, stressing fundamentals. We hope to build from that attitude from the winter workouts. We're eager to turn last year's record around. We want to make the Catholic League playoffs, win a district and see where we can go from there. I like our mix. We have a lot of balance of seniors, juniors, sophomores. We have good athletes who play other sports and have played travel (softball). I feel we have a lot of talent. We're quietly confident. We hope they can pick up the system. We want to be able to bunt. We've worked on bunting and slap-hitting 60 percent of the time. My assistant coach Carl Novick is a great hitting and infield coach who worked with me at Compuware."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Joe DeCaire, seventh year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Last year's overall record: 7-19.
Notable losses to graduation: Abby Sochacki (second-team All-Area); Jenna Mriajak, Kellie Manis, Nicole Lexson, Becky Simpson, Kelly Quinn.
Leading returnees: Chelsea Lawler, Sr. 1B; Samantha Sillarpaa, Sr. CF; Lisa Wilson, Jr. Inf.; Brittany Brooks, Jr. 1B; Charmaine McQueen, Jr. Inf.-OF; Val Sochacki, Soph. P; Sarah Beattie, Sr. C; Danielle Maples, Sr. P; Miranda Cummings, Jr. OF.

Promising newcomers: Nicole Adelson, Soph. Inf.-OF; Karinda Cummings, Sr. Inf.; Chelsea Gehan, Soph. P-OF; Megan McLaughlin, Fr. OF; Brittany Tallman, Fr. Inf.; Izzy Sidon, Fr. Inf.-OF; Kellie Ankiel, Fr. Inf.; Stephanie Bishop, Fr. Inf.-OF; Reba Bibik, Fr. OF; Taylor Krueger, Fr. Inf.-OF; Jessica Farmer, Fr. Inf.-OF; Rachel Greenwald, Soph. Inf.-OF; Rochelle Haddad, Soph. Inf.; Elizabeth Sinclair, Sr. Inf.; Anjelika Lobo, Soph. Inf.-OF.

DeCaire's 2008 outlook: "We'll have a good mixture of young and veteran players and it looks as though we'll have a little more athletic team than in the past. With no JV program this year, my coaches and I decided to carry a number of young players - six sophomores and seven freshmen. We will have to do a lot of coaching and really concentrate on our practice time if we're going to get these players game ready. (Val) Sochacki is a very promising, young pitcher who has really worked hard this off-season learning what it takes to become a productive pitcher that throws strikes consistently. I think we'll hit the ball pretty well with Brooks, McQueen, Wilson, and Lawler leading the way. Sillarpaa will have to find a way to get on base for us to use her speed."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Paul Guse, fifth year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Last year's overall record: 7-15.
Notable losses to graduation: Rachel Becker, Andrea Guse, Kristin Smith.
Leading returnees: Amanda DeVries, Sr. P; Kara Jackson, Sr. CF; Stephanie Christensen, Sr. SS; Chelsea Plunkett, Sr. OF; Megan Bollinger, Sr. OF.
Promising newcomers: Emily Whitaker, Jr. 3B-P; Cathy Haller, Jr. 2B-SS; Carla Kryzyske, Jr. 3B-OF; Mary



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Stevenson pitcher Jamie Johnson, fielding a grounder against Northville in last year's WLAA championship game, went 14-7 with a 2.37 ERA as a junior.



Brittany Taylor Franklin



Brianna Taylor Franklin



Alyssa Abramowski Ladywood

Kruetzcamp, Soph. 3B-C; Allison Guse, Soph. Inf.; Emily Wilson, Soph. C-OF; Hannah Genig, Jr. 1B; Heather Pierpoint, Fr. OF; Alyssa Shirkey, Fr. Inf.; Christine Capshaw, Fr. OF.
Guse's 2008 outlook: "Due to the lack of numbers, 15 total, we'll only have one team, so we really hope that won't hurt the development of our young players. Amanda (DeVries) is a solid pitcher, but we didn't field the ball very well behind her last year, so defense has to be a priority for us. I think we're strong up the middle, but the catcher position is still a question mark after JV catcher Emily Palmer transferred to Alpena. We're still trying to figure out how to fit all the pieces together. I won't be too surprised if we get off to a slow start because we'll want to see all the girls play in some of those early non-conference games. Right now this team has pretty good chemistry. If that continues and they continue to work hard, we could surprise some people this year."

WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Eric Ruth, 11th year.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year's overall record: 14-6.
Titles won last year: MIAC-Red champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Amanda Gruenewald (second-team All-Area), Erin Henkel.
Leading returnees: Nicole Smith, Sr. SS; Brandy Nocella, Sr. 3B; Emily Helwig, Sr. 1B; Sarah Schaffer, Sr. C-P; Catherine St. John, Sr. 2B; Anna Schaffer, Soph. CF.
Promising newcomers: Paige Sharrow, Fr. P; Kelly Kubinski, Soph. OF; Christina Gutierrez, Jr. P.
Ruth's 2008 outlook: "Pitching is the biggest question mark. Paige (Sharrow) is young, but she's been working hard at it. This is the best hitting team I've ever had and we'll have good defense behind her because we bring back the entire starting infield and our center fielder. I'm playing for everything this year to win the district. We'll try to compete for the conference, but (Taylor) Baptist Park and (Novi) Franklin Road Christian are the teams to beat, so we hope to finish somewhere in the middle."

SOFTBALL

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Division race despite losing four starters to graduation.

Longtime Charger assistant coach Lou Kuratko takes over in the varsity dugout for Meghan Misiak, who resigned last fall to take a similar coaching and teaching position in Florida.

Kuratko returns a quality starting pitcher in senior Jordan Kerr, along with catcher Emily McShane.

For two other WLAA members - Westland John Glenn (1-23) and Wayne Memorial (3-23) - it's no where to go but up.

Glenn captured a predistrict game and took Division 1 district champion Belleville to 10 innings before falling in last June's semifinal.

The Rockets, under second-year coach Julie Rogers, return junior pitcher Brittany Holbrook, junior first baseman Stacey Truskowski and sophomore infielder Katie Down.

Wayne will also field a veteran team as pitchers Jessie Harris and Taylor Krohn both return.

Newcomers Megan Callahan and Kathy Harris, a pair of junior infielders, should also give the Zebras' lineup a boost.

Another area team looking to rebound in 2008 is Livonia Ladywood (13-21), which changed coaches after one season.

Former Kalamazoo College pitcher Scott Combs, who has coached in the 10-, 12- and 14-under Compuware summer program, takes the reins from Sara Thiesmeyer.

Combs, who does scouting for the San Francisco Giants and coached baseball at both Novi and Northville, is optimistic as well despite lost a pair of key players to graduation in pitcher Lauren Taylor and infielder Erin McLaughlin.

The Blazers return first-team All-Observer first baseman Alyssa Abramowski, who batted .352 as a junior. Senior catcher Kyla Suchy also returns.

In the Metro Conference, both Livonia Clarenceville (7-19) and Lutheran High Westland (7-15) hope to approach the .500 mark.

Clarenceville first-team All-Conference pick Abby Sochacki graduated, leaving the pitching duties to younger sister Val Sochacki, a sophomore, and Danielle Maples, a senior.

Second-team All-Conference pick Charmaine McQueen, who plays both infield and outfield, will key the Trojans' hitting attack.

Catching may be a big question mark for Lutheran Westland, which returns senior pitcher Amanda DeVries, along with senior center fielder Kara Jackson and senior shortstop Stephanie Christensen for fifth-year coach Paul Guse.

Next-door neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (14-6), the defending Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division champion, lost four-year starting pitcher Amanda Gruenewald, but everybody else returns for 11th-year coach Eric Ruth.

The Hawks' infield remains solid with seniors Nicole Smith (shortstop), Brandy Nocella (third base), Emily Helwig (first base) and Catherine St. John (second base) all returning from a year ago.

Senior Sarah Schaffer also returns at catcher, while freshman Paige Sharrow penciled in to take over the mound duties.

See capsule outlook of area girls softball teams.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Hugh Gallagher, editor (734) 953-2149. hgallagher@hometownlife.com

Vigorous exercise reduces the risk of heart attacks

Bob from Novi e-mails that he has just entered middle age. He is looking for some tips on how to avoid a heart attack.

Bob, sudden death is the first symptom in one-third of people with heart disease. You could be jogging, relaxing, even driving when a fatal attack hits! New information shows vigorous exercise once a week dramatically reduces your



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

chances of having an attack. A study of more than 21,000 men shows those who did not exercise were seven times more likely to die from sudden cardiac arrest. To get the maximum effect, you should work out regularly. Those who exercise irregularly have more adrenalin and that can trigger fatal heart rhythms. Training intensely once a week can prepare your heart for sudden stress and that can help prevent sudden death.

Jim from Royal Oak e-mails that he has been hearing about circuit training and wants more information.

Jim, circuit training involves a series of exercises performed with little or no rest in between. You can set up a circuit routine using a combination of free weights, machines and calisthenic exercises. You perform each exercise with a pre-set amount of reps, and then move on. Circuit workouts can be complex and get harder as you progress.

Another popular type of workout is priority training. Priority training is similar to circuit training except you do several sets of the same exercise before moving on to the next station. Fitness experts are split as to which system works best. A good way to proceed is to check with a personal trainer so you can get your priorities straight in choosing the workout that is right for you!

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MARCH

Obstructive sleep apnea

11 a.m. to noon Monday, March 31, presented by St. Mary Mercy Hospital at the Northville Community Senior Center. Speaker is Gayle Young, R.PSG.T, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Sleep Disorders Center. Registration required. Call (248) 349-4140.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. For information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Volunteers needed

For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29 to July 3), at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo. Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room/board. For information/application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, Ext. 231, or send e-mail to sdarroch@epilepsymichigan.org.

Discover Your Life's Purpose

10-week class began March 13, runs 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Presented by Carol Spennachio, ND(c), MA, Call (734) 422-8444 to register. Cost \$150.

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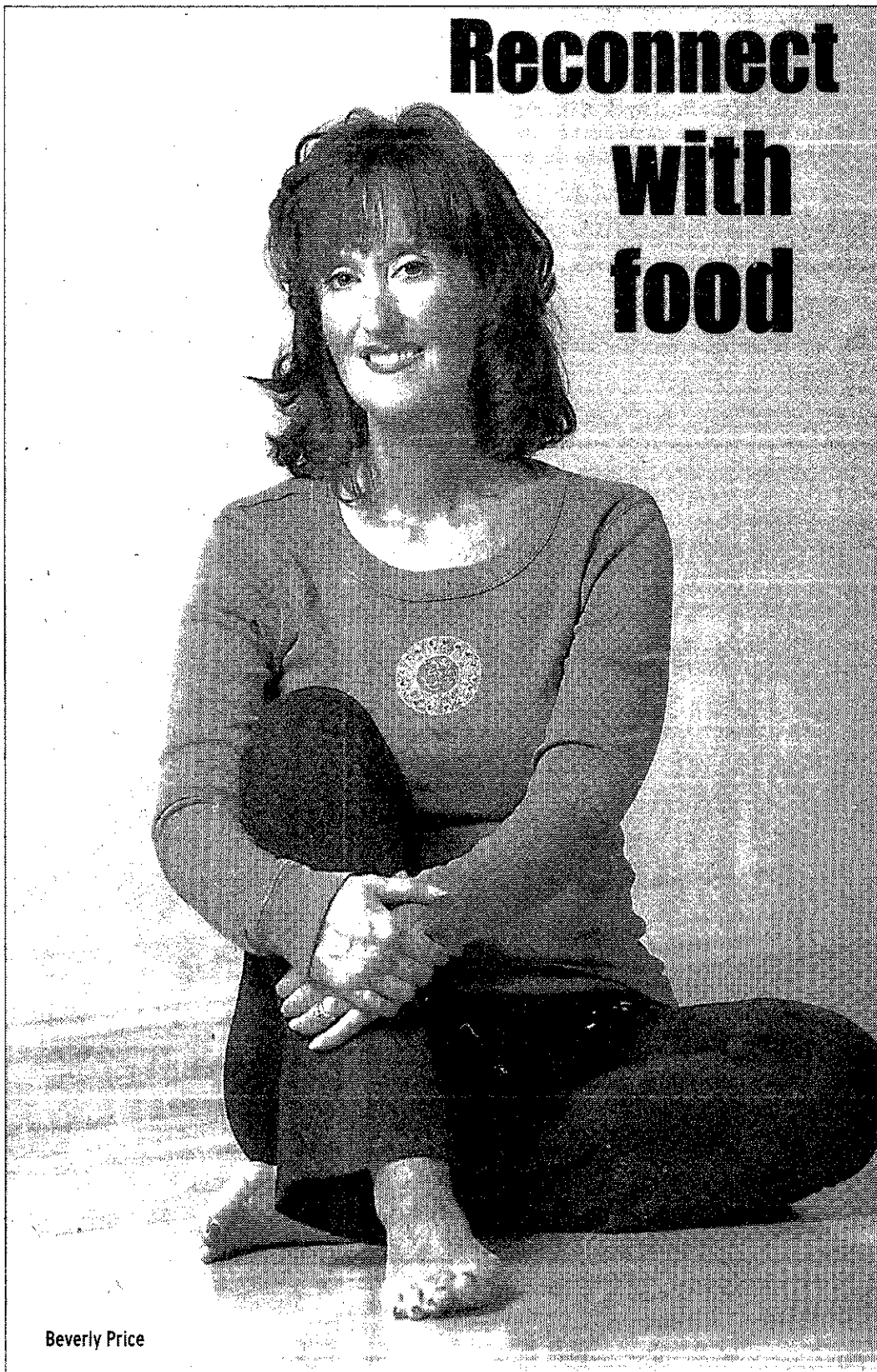
Balancing hormonal system

Healthcare seminar to learn how to restore balance to your hormonal system 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, with Dr. William H. Karl, D.C., who has over 27 years of experience helping people get well through holistic methods, at the Civic Center Library in Livonia, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Rd. No charge. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a seat.

Bocce for Bucks

A fund-raiser for Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Featuring indoor bocce tournament play, Italian dinner fare, folks songs by the Italian American Cultural Society's Coro Italiano, silent auction and more. Prizes will be awarded to top teams. Tickets are Guest \$100; Patron \$150; and Benefactor \$200. Call (248) 967-0600 or visit www.vna.org

Reconnect with food



Beverly Price

Program uses yoga and self-reflection to resolve food issues

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Stacie Larabell was a compulsive overeater until she sought help from a therapist who recommended seeing Beverly Price, a registered dietitian and yoga teacher. Larabell especially credits Price's workshops for making her stop and think before reaching for food.

Price developed the program after noticing patients were having more success dealing with eating disorders after taking the workshops which combine yoga with self-reflection in a group setting.

Larabell started overeating as a teenager and later realized it was anxiety causing the behavior. Price's recently released DVD, Reconnect with Food ... Unplugged, makes it possible for Larabell to fit the program into a busy schedule. In addition to working full time as a technologist at a University of Michigan genetics lab, Larabell does spinning (indoor cycling) and takes weight training classes four to five days a week.

"Yoga can be physically challenging. The point is to move through the discomfort," said Larabell of Canton. "She has you hold the poses longer than normal. It teaches you to relax through the discomfort. Over time you realize you can deal with this. I can overcome this. It helps you with food issues. The second part is a group discussion with all different types of issues — anorexia, bulimia, overeaters. You realize it's a common thread. It's all how you cope. She creates an awareness of what you're thinking, an ability to stop yourself in the moment, ask how am I feeling, what am I going to do about it? I'm not going to grab food."

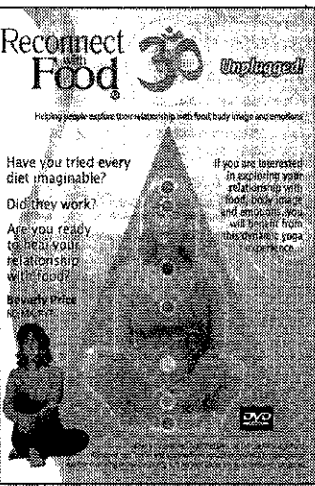
INNER-REFLECTION

Price doesn't give advice or interpret emotions during the workshops which consist of an hour of yoga, an hour of talk. She merely starts the group sessions by asking a question.

"It's primarily for people who have struggled with food issues, body image and weight issues, tried this diet, that diet," said Price, who has been counseling individuals with eating disorders

RECONNECT WITH FOOD

What: Yoga and group support workshop series
When: Begins 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, and runs seven weeks in Royal Oak
Information: Visit www.reconnectwithfood.com or call (248) 390-4150 for details about workshops or DVD.



Reconnect with Food is an eating disorder recovery program which combines yoga with self-reflection in a group setting.

since 1984. "It's self-reflection that you don't get in a group therapy session. It's a way to listen to others. Sometimes listening to others brings those ah-ha moments. Negative behavior talk is not aloud. We do talk about messages you've learned growing up, but don't dwell on them. It's more to understand what you do, not to blame. Blaming keeps you in your victim story."

The moving meditation of yoga helps deepen the reflection. "Yoga opens up your heart. You hear things on a deep level. Studies have shown that meditation can act on the area of the brain making rational decisions. It curbs impulsive behavior changing your brain and whole body chemistry," said Price. "The first step to changing is awareness, what is going on besides just my food behavior, how this extends to all areas of my life. It really isn't about food. What are you hungry for — self-esteem, self-acceptance, love? Food is just filling a void. My biggest challenge is forcing them to look at their issues. Often times you

have to change your relationships with others, or with money or overworking before changing your relationship with food."

MINDLESS EATING

Alice Subia had been chubby since childhood. She's always been aware, "she eats a little too much." After taking the workshops Subia changed her eating patterns and is "very aware when she eats." She appears in Price's new DVD.

"It's been helpful. I did get some insight. I kept a food journal of how much and when I ate, was I standing, sitting, rushed. On the other side of the page I would write down what I was experiencing at the time, was I bored or angry to try to put the why and what together, why I'm eating and what I'm eating," said Subia, who grew up in The Netherlands and now lives in Huntington Woods.

Subia continues to do yoga three to five days a week, but she's still working on changing her eating patterns. For breakfast, she had cereal with yogurt and fruit, but skipped lunch and instead ate a few cookies.

"When I go shopping I definitely look at ingredients. I buy very little that is packaged or processed," said Subia. "I watch fat intake, whether it's high in fiber. We eat a lot of fish, ethnic dishes like Middle Eastern or Oriental. I cook with legumes and some grains, brown rice, couscous."

Price covers nutrition in the workshops. Larabell learned to eat several small meals throughout the day. A typical breakfast is whole grain cereal with soy milk. Larabell's main meal is lunch. She eats whole foods, no white sugar.

"We do know what we eat affects our brain chemistry," said Price. "A lot of the food contributes to depression which many of these women suffer from. They should avoid foods with artificial sweeteners, ingredients you can't pronounce, low fat junk foods. 100 calorie things in a bag have a lot of chemicals and no nutritional value. They're not eating enough foods like fruit, vegetables, whole grains and legumes."

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Optometrists warn users of computer vision syndrome

In commemoration of National Save Your Vision Month, Michigan Optometric Association doctors are alerting Michigan residents about computer vision syndrome, a condition which occurs after extended use with a computer or other video displays such as smartphones or PDAs.

Computer vision syndrome can be diagnosed through a comprehensive eye examination by an optometrist. Symptoms of computer vision syndrome include dry eye, eyestrain, neck and/or backache, light sensitivity and fatigue. These symptoms can result from individual visual problems, poor workstation configuration and improper work habits.

More than 82 percent of Americans frequently work with a computer or a PDA, according to the American Optometric Association's 2007 American Eye-Q survey, which identified Americans' attitudes and behaviors regarding eye care and related issues. Supporting this, a recent Omnibus survey commissioned by the AOA showed 42 percent of respondents spend three or more hours a day in front of a computer or handheld device.

Pre-existing, uncorrected vision problems like farsightedness and astigmatism, inadequate eye focusing or eye coordination abilities, and age-related eye issues also contribute to computer vision syndrome.

"Working at a computer requires a great deal of eye movement and eye focusing," said Dr. Amy Crissman, MOA Primary Care Committee chairwoman. "This constant refocusing effort stresses the eye muscle leading to computer-related vision problems. Additionally the AOA Omnibus survey reports that 78 percent of Americans do not have their computer monitor positioned at the correct height which is below eye level. Since computer vision syndrome impacts so many people, we are passionate about educating Michigan residents during National Save Your Vision month."

According to MOA doctors, Michigan residents should follow these guidelines to prevent or reduce eye and vision problems associated with computer vision syndrome:

Have your vision checked regularly. Prior to age 61, adults should have a comprehensive eye exam every one to two years or as recommended by an eye doctor, and annually after that age. Vision and eye health can change rapidly and frequently, particularly as one ages. Having one's vision examined on a regular, timely basis is important to maintaining overall health and for preventive reasons.

Limit the amount of time you continuously use the computer. Practicing the 20/20 rule (look away from the computer every 20 minutes for 20 seconds) will minimize the development of eye-focusing problems and eye irritation caused by infrequent blinking.

Check the height and arrangement of the computer. MOA optometrists suggest more comfortable computer viewing can be achieved when the eyes are looking slightly downward. Optimally, the computer screen should be 15 to 20 degrees below eye level (about 4 or 5 inches) as measured from the center of the screen and 20 to 28 inches from the eyes.

Check for glare on the computer screen. Windows or other light sources should not be directly visible when sitting in front of the monitor. When this occurs, turn the desk or computer to prevent glare on the screen.

Reduce the amount of lighting in the room to match the computer screen. A smaller light can be substituted for a bright overhead light or a dimmer switch can be installed to give flexible control of room lighting. Turn three-way bulbs to the lowest setting.

Keep blinking to minimize the chances of developing dry eye when using a computer. Blinking keeps the front surface of the eye moist.

"Viewing a computer screen is different than reading a printed page," said Crissman. "Often the letters on the computer screen are not as precise or sharply defined, the level of contrast of the letters to the background is reduced and the presence of glare and reflections on the screen may make viewing difficult."

Testing for computer vision syndrome, with special emphasis on visual requirements at the computer working distance, may include taking a patient history to identify existing symptoms, any general health problems, medications taken, or environmental factors that may be contributing to computer vision syndrome.

Measuring visual acuity to assess the extent to which vision may be affected.

A refraction to determine the appropriate lens power needed to compensate for any refractive errors including nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism (vision conditions that cause blurred vision due to incorrect focusing power of the cornea, the clear front cover of the eye), or presbyopia (a vision condition in which the crystalline lens of your eye loses its flexibility making it difficult to focus on close objects).

Testing how the eyes focus, move and work together. To obtain a clear, single image of what is being viewed, the eyes must effectively change focus, move and work in unison.

Using the information obtained from these tests, along with results of other tests, an optometrist can assess the presence of computer vision syndrome and provide specific treatment options. For more information, visit www.themoa.org and click the Vision Care tab.

Kitchener sweeps Whalers out of OHL playoffs, 7-4

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2008 Ontario Hockey League playoffs proved to be short and sweet for the defending champion Plymouth Whalers.

The Kitchener Rangers, who play eerily similar to last season's Plymouth titleists, capped a four-game, first-round sweep, 7-4, Wednesday night before a Spring Break-decimated crowd at the Compuware Arena.

Plymouth played shift-to-shift with the slick-skating Rangers for most of the night and

trailed just 5-4 when captain Andrew Fournier tipped in a goal with 11:15 left in the third period.

But Kitchener punched its ticket to the Western Conference semifinals by scoring bang-bang goals with less than five minutes to play.

Kitchener earned the OHL Western Conference's No. 1 seed by cruising to 53 regular-season wins and just 11 losses.

The precursor to the Whalers' early playoff exit came during the final week of the regular season when a three-game losing streak dropped them from a No. 5 seed to No. 8 — and

a date with the Rangers.

The winners whistled 55 shots at Whalers goalie Jeremy Smith, who had one of the best seven-goals-allowed nights a netminder can have.

The Rangers' balance was on display the entire night as seven different players scored goals. Amazingly, none of the net-finders were scored by OHL leading scorer Justin Azevedo.

Kitchener set the tone early when Mikkel Boedker and Scott Timmins staked the Rangers to a 2-0 lead in the game's opening three minutes. Boedker was assisted by Nazem Kadri and

Azevedo while Timmins received helpers from T.J. Battani and Yannick Weber.

The Rangers nearly took a 3-0 advantage, however, a Weber goal at the 15:32 mark was reviewed and waved off when the replay official ruled the net had been knocked off its moorings before the puck crossed the goal line.

Plymouth pulled to within 2-1 with 7:05 to go in the first when Jordon O'Neill secured a pass from Joe Gaynor in front and ripped the puck past Kitchener goalie Josh Unice.

The first period ended with the Rangers holding a 17-7 edge in shots.



Hawks win Indoors

On Feb. 24, the Michigan Hawks '99 Black captured their second straight National Indoor championship by defeating Next Level Academy (N.C.) in the under-9 girls division finals, 9-1. The Hawks, coached by John Buchanan (top), outscored their opponents 37-2 en route to the title. Team members include (second row, from left): Sarah Willett, Emily McGuire, Grace Krygier, Abby Willerer, Maddi Wolfbauer, goalkeeper Skyler Brant, Yurika Claboine; (bottom row, from left) Arti Vaishnav, Natalie Nowicki, Claire Cahalan, Rachel Dudek, Megan Young. (Not pictured is Maddi Lucas and assistant coach Bob Wolfbauer.)

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Monday, March 31 Wayne at Wyandotte, 4 p.m. Renaissance at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 Churchill at Garden City, 4 p.m. Lutheran South at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2 Garden City at Churchill, 4 p.m. N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Romulus Summit at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3 F.H. Harrison at Churchill, 4 p.m. Friday, April 4 Dearborn at Franklin, 4 p.m. Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m. Riverview at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5 (all double-headers) Belleville at Franklin, 11 a.m. Farmington at John Glenn, 11 a.m. Ypsilanti Lincoln at Wayne, 11 a.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL Monday, March 31 Wayne at Wyandotte, 4 p.m. Renaissance at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 Garden City at Churchill, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 2 Franklin at A.A. Huron (2), 4 p.m. Stevenson at Allen Park, 4 p.m. John Glenn at F.H. 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I know Grams is still here for the ride

I'm having a crisis of confidence because my biggest fan has stopped reading this column.

For the first time since Mom's the Word began four years ago with a story about Jackson wanting to dress as Dora the Explorer for Halloween, I'm finding it nearly impossible to share details about my kids and my efforts to parent them.

I keep stopping mid-sentence, fingers hovering above the keyboard, to ask myself, "Who cares?"

Grams used to. Grams taught me to read, she helped publish my first book — with cardboard and Scotch tape at age 5 — and she's been applauding every word I've put to paper ever since. But three months ago she died — a mercifully quick death at the ripe old age of 94 — and my muse is gone.

When she was alive, Grams was never far from my thoughts as I brainstormed topics and crafted phrases. If I happened to type a passage I considered particularly inspired, I'd smile, imagining her reaction.

My husband is one of those people who lost all of his grandparents before he was out of middle school, so I know how fortunate I am to have known and been loved by my grandmother well into my adult life. I feel blessed many times over that Grams met and delighted in my children, her great-grandchildren. My younger brother, who is weeks away from his wedding, cannot say the same, and I suspect that it breaks his heart.

At midnight on deadline day for this column, it dawned on me in an Oprah "aha" moment why the preceding hours had been so painful. Each new paragraph was another tooth pulled, and once I'd done my spell-check and hit "save" for the last time, I wasn't at all happy with what the Herculean effort had yielded. For the first time, it felt self-indulgent to write about my mommy woes and exploitative to diss on the kids.

Since Grams died, I haven't had any trouble writing about the auto industry or education — the projects that help pay the bills and the type of ho-hum work I rarely shared with Grams. But writing this column lost its charm once I knew I wouldn't be clipping it out of the *Observer* and stuffing it into an envelope addressed to Great Lakes Christian Homes in Holt, where Grams would find it in her mailbox one day after lunch, toss it into her walker basket for the stroll down the hall to her tiny apartment, and settle into her well-worn armchair with a tall glass of cheap red wine before slicing the envelope with a wooden letter opener.

She'd read the column slowly, savoring each word — or so she told me.

I tried to time my weekly phone calls so we would talk shortly after she'd received a new mailing. I wanted her memory of my effort to be fresh so I could bask in her lavish praise, the same as I did when we'd play school in the '70s and she'd mark my "homework" with "A+++++", the plus marks trailing off the page.

I'm well aware that, if she were here, Grams would scold me for feeling this way. She might pull out a "pish" or "fidlesticks," never missing an opportunity to incite giggles with those stereotypically old-lady expressions.

"Well, what did you expect?" she'd ask me, her watery brown eyes meeting my gaze and not letting go. "People don't live forever, Becky Dear."

When I was in kindergarten and my great-grandmother died, Grams was the one who explained the situation, telling me, "You're born, you live and you die — it's the natural course of events."

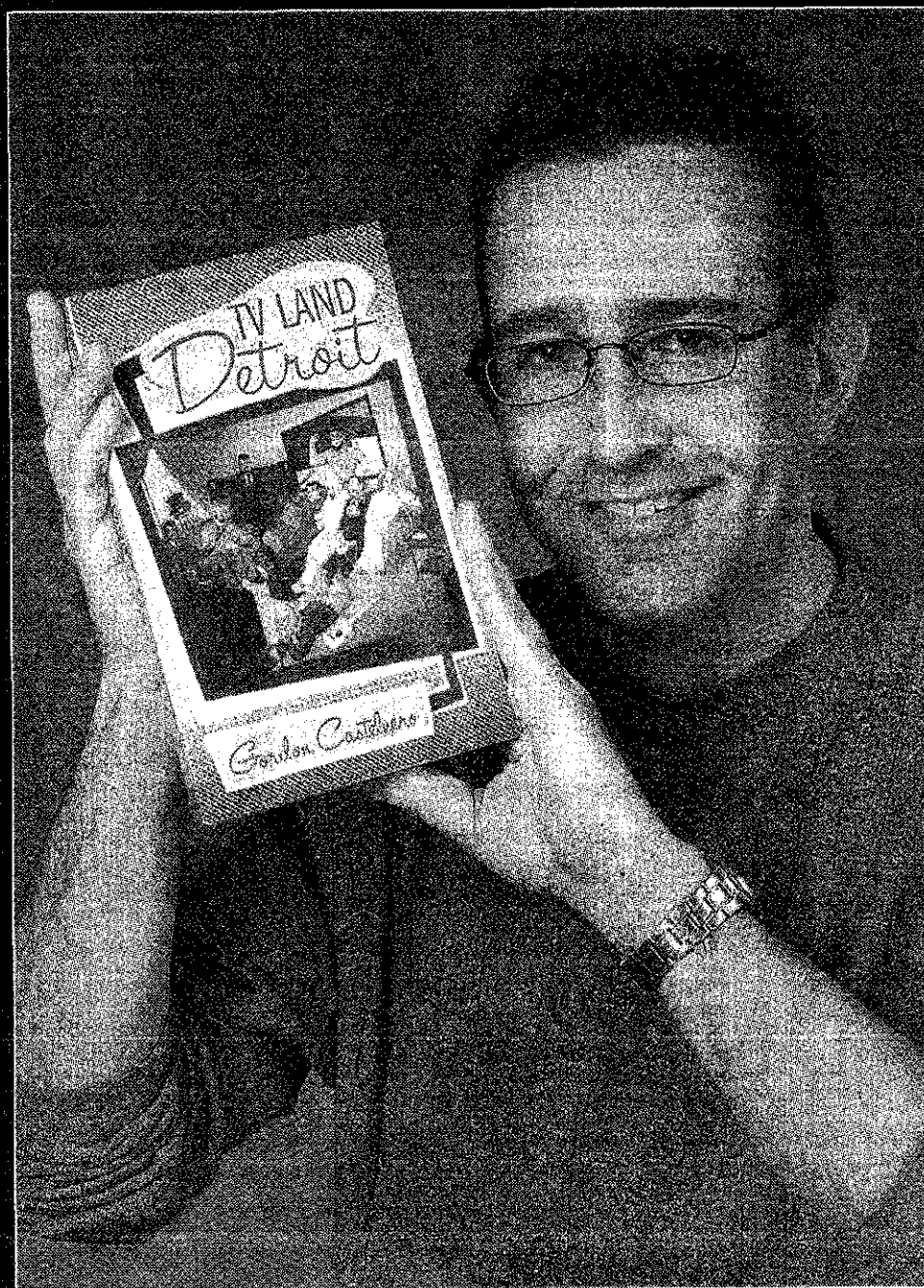
Years later, in recounting the conversation, Grams reported that Little Me then chimed in, with much-needed comic relief, "But in between there's Cedar Point!"

As I think about the future of Mom's the Word and how I can possibly continue when each key click rings so hollow, I realize that it's the Cedar Point part that I want to keep writing about.

So much of who I am as a mother — especially the Fun Mom part — comes directly from Grams and her influence on me over the past 37 years. I know I owe it to her to keep talking about this roller coaster ride, even when everything's upside down.

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Talk show pioneers



Author Gordon Castelnero with his book on Detroit television, which inspired a television project on local celebrities.



Marilyn Turner and John Kelly brought their off-screen married life to their daily talk show on WXYZ-TV.



Lou Gordon's hard hitting interview style was a forerunner to today's opinionated cable news shows.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Producer profiles TV celebrities Kelly, Turner and Gordon

MOTOR CITY CELEBRITIES

What: Two half-hour documentaries
Where: WTVS-TV (Channel 56)
When: Monday, April 7, John Kelly and Marilyn Turner at 9 p.m., Lou Gordon at 9:30 p.m.

Forty years ago, George Romney — father of erstwhile presidential candidate Mitt Romney — was running his own high-profile bid for the presidency.

As the standard-bearer for the moderate wing of the Republican Party, Romney's chances looked pretty good. That was until he sat down to have a talk with Lou Gordon.

Romney told Gordon and his TV audience that the generals and diplomats in Vietnam had put him through the worst "brainwashing" he'd ever had. That unfortunate use of a word associated with the war in Korea helped put an end to that earlier Romney bid.

Ironically, Romney made his statement during a calm, thoughtful discussion of the war. Calm and thoughtful wasn't Lou Gordon's usual approach. The innovative Detroit television talk show host usually preferred lively jousts and going for the jugular.

Gordon and those formidable darlings of daytime Detroit television, John Kelly and Marilyn Turner, are the subjects of two half-hour documentaries on WTVS-TV (Channel 56) produced by Gordon Castelnero of Livonia.

The documentaries are the off-shoot of Castelnero's lively portraits of Detroit television personalities in his 2006 book *TV Land Detroit* (University of Michigan, \$22.95).

Castelnero, a television producer, got the idea to pitch a series to WTVS after positive response to the book. He originally thought of doing a longer documentary on all the personalities profiled in *TV Land Detroit*, but decided

instead to do several half-hour documentaries, beginning with Kelly and Turner.

"They were the super couple for a long, long time in town," Castelnero said. He said they epitomized the best in Detroit television.

He chose Gordon as a dark contrast to the lightweight Kelly and Turner show.

Gordon, who died in 1977, was a left-leaning Bill O'Reilly. He was opinionated, relentless, scolding and passionate. He loved nothing better than to rile a guest so much that he would storm off the set, as notorious Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo is shown doing on one show.

Gordon's story is told through the words of his daughter, Debbie; son, Scott; former Attorney General Frank Kelley; former state Supreme Court Justice Charles Levin; and others. Their recollections are fond, but they don't let Gordon off the hook for his bombastic style.

Another clip shows Gordon staring with agitated disgust and wagging his finger at a guest, "You are a demagogue and dangerous. I would break my vow about never running for office to oppose you if you ever ran for anything."

The camera pans to show a young, slightly shaggy-haired L. Brooks Patterson, almost at a loss for words.

"That clip amplifies what Debbie Gordon says at the beginning, he had an opinion about everything and he didn't care what people thought of him," Castelnero said.

Gordon could be a good friend and a rabid enemy. The late Detroit Mayor Jerome

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Scholarship auction to highlight students

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Doug Semivan and his students only have a couple of boxes of materials to create a sculpture for Madonna University's upcoming scholarship auction Friday, April 11, but the art department chairman isn't worried. He knows it's just a matter of time before the skeleton of Madonna's Science and Media Center is up and scraps become available.

"We have bits of insulation, ceramic tiles, carpet samples, pipes," Semivan said. "We'll

make something elegant but simple, a sculpture for a table top or possibly outdoors in the garden. We hope it will draw attention to itself and make some student's scholarship a little more possible."

Semivan is donating two of his etchings which were award winners in a national juried exhibition at the Springfield, Art Museum two years ago. The works are from the ongoing series, Flores Negres, which means black flowers in Spanish. Semivan calls the art "elegant

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Madonna University art students check out the building materials they will be using to create a sculpture for the Scholarship Auction. They are clockwise from left Debbie Garrity (seated), Melissa Peppercorn, Jin Kwang Kim, Samantha Paul, Taylor Mulka, Mary McGinnis, Yun-ok Kim, Elisa Zachert, Minnelle Kouka, and Hannah Zachert.

Concert to raise funds for jazz festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Midge Ellis absolutely loves the old tunes like *Moonlight Serenade*, *Always* and *Street of Dreams* so she's especially looking forward to the April 13 concert to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival.

Vocalist Barbara Ware joins jazz pianist Cliff Monear and his quartet for an afternoon of music that features selections from Monear's new CD, *At the End of the Day*. Nick Calandro, bass; Sean Dobin, drums and Chris Collins, reeds revisit standards from years gone by on the CD.

"It's a fund-raiser for the festival," said Ellis of Livonia. Ellis serves on the committee that puts on the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 20, at

MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL CONCERT

What: A benefit concert spotlighting The Cliff Monear Quartet with vocalist Barbara Ware
When: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, April 13
Where: DiPonio Room in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia
Tickets: \$15, call (248) 474-2720. Proceeds will help put on the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 20, at Schoolcraft College

Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "We do three fund-raisers a year. We have musicians fees of over \$20,000."

The fund-raisers make it possible for the committee not to charge admission. The entire

daylong series of performance on five stages is free.

Ware expects she'll sing songs from Monear's new CD not only at the benefit concert April 13, but the festival in July.

Ware, a Southfield resident performs *Always*, *I Wish I Knew*, and *I'm Confessin'* on the Monear CD that came out in January. Ware has six CDs of her own including her latest, *Time Was* which includes tunes like *Old Devil Moon* with the Cliff Monear Trio. She's been singing professionally for about 10-years.

"The festival is all the best of the local jazz artists, jazz lovers, people who know the music, people who've loved jazz for years," said Ware.

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Barbara Ware of Southfield joins The Cliff Monear Quartet for a concert to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

Annual seminar recognizes administrative professionals

Five metro Detroit chapters of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) join together for the fourth annual seminar on April 24, in celebration of the 2008 Administrative Professionals Week. The event is open to the public. Registration information can be found on the Web site at www.iaapmichigan.org. Click on Meetings & Events.

This year's seminar: Dorothy, You're Not in Kansas Any More ... Beyond the Yellow Brick Road to Success, opens with registration and a vendor showcase 7:45-9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 24, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington

Hills. Keynote Speaker is Chris Scharrer, President of New Paradigm Solutions and Executive Director of Leadership Oakland.

The 8-9:30 a.m. breakfast buffet precedes Scharrer's speech. For questions, contact Patricia Zachos at (734) 462-4548 or pzachos@schoolcraft.edu.

Administrative Professionals Week is sponsored by IAAP to recognize administrative professionals for their contributions to their employers. Sponsoring chapters are the Macomb (Sterling Heights), Oakland County (Royal Oak), Tri County (Southfield), West Metro (Farmington Hills), and Western Wayne (Livonia).

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PIONEERS

FROM PAGE C1

Cavanagh went from friend to enemy in a rapid and highly publicized feud.

Gordon's abrasive style was off-set by his model-beautiful and calm wife, Jackie, who sometimes gently chided Gordon. She sat next to him on each show, occasionally raising a skeptical eyebrow at some-

thing he'd say.

"She was the power behind the throne," Castelnero said. "She could keep Lou in check. When Lou went on a tangent, she could always rein him in."

A TV LOVE STORY

Kelly and Turner were another couple who brought the ups and downs of their relationship to the television audience.

The story of Kelly, now 80,

and Turner, 76, is a love story broadcast daily across metro Detroit. Their story is told by themselves, still handsome and still playfully digging at each other from their home in Florida; their former colleagues at WJBK-TV (Channel 2) and WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) Jerry Hodak, Doris Biscoe and Ray Lane; and others.

"They were like normal folks," Castelnero said.

Kelly was brought to Detroit as a newsmen at WJBK. Turner was one of five weather "girls" at the station. In a bid to become the No. 1 news station, WXYZ grabbed Kelly, Hodak and Jack LeGoff from WJBK. Soon Kelly was unceremoniously sharing news billing with Bill Bonds.

"Jack LeGoff and John Kelly worked together very, very well. They complemented each other," Castelnero said. "With Bill, it was very different. It was competitive."

Biscoe tells an amusing story of how Kelly and Bonds would stack pillows to look taller on camera.

"There was a lot of friction between them. As John says, 'Ooooh, ooooh those were the days,'" Castelnero said.

An opportunity came to start a morning talk show with movie hostess Rita Bell, called

Kelly and Company. That chemistry didn't work. Turner replaced Bell and off-screen chemistry became on-screen magic.

"Marilyn has this glamorous image, but you didn't get this sense that Marilyn was above everybody else. She was someone you could talk to," Castelnero said.

Kelly and Turner give an honest account of their failed first marriages and their romance. *Kelly and Company* became a model for such later national shows as *Regis and Kathie Lee* (now *Regis and Kelly*) and, even, *Oprah*. They combined serious talk, frivolous features and even a little song and dance.

"John was willing to dress up and come out and be the guinea pig for whatever it was," Castelnero said. "They could laugh at themselves and (showed) not a lot of seriousness. Some would look on it as fluff, but I looked on it as a lot of fun."

Castelnero said he would be interested in doing similar documentaries on other Detroit celebrities in TV, radio and sports, but first he wants to gauge the public reaction.

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The muscle aching I want to discuss is of a different magnitude. The aching that requires a physician's evaluation lasts for days, is present on both right and left sides of the body, and often is both above and below the waist. That is, the aching involves your shoulders and your legs.

Muscle aching that lasts for weeks may also bring on fatigue, depression and disrupted sleep.

When you bring the muscle problem to the attention of your doctor, do not expect him to respond with a ready answer and an immediate prescription. Prolonged muscle aching has many causes including fibromyalgia, an untoward reaction to medications, particularly those drugs used to treat high cholesterol, and a number of viruses. In addition, an autoimmune disease, polymyalgia rheumatica, is common in older adults, as is another autoimmune condition, polymyositis.

Sorting out the possibilities often takes time. Each medical cause for muscle aching has its own therapy, so your doctor must move logically before prescribing therapy.

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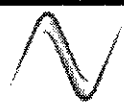
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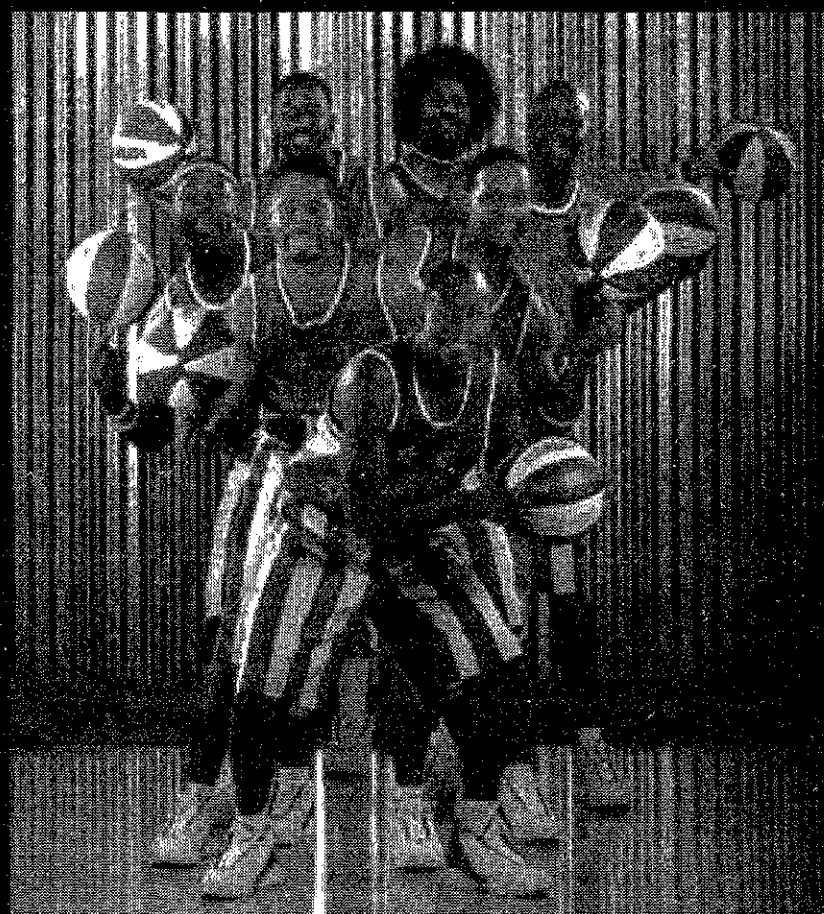
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Michele Phillips of Livonia is the newly elected president of the Detroit Panhellenic Alumni Association.



Sharon Rees of Redford (left); Susie Sherman-Hall, Pleasant Ridge, and Judith Stewart, Livonia recently attended a tea in honor of Michele Phillips, the new president of the Detroit Panhellenic Alumni Association.

Spring luncheon to raise money for scholarships

Members of the Detroit Panhellenic Alumni Association recently a tea to honor Michele Phillips, their new president. Phillips lives in Livonia.

The association meets seven months a year. A spring luncheon in April or May raises money for girls' scholarships.

In 2007 three \$750 scholarships were given away.

This year the spring luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at St. Joseph Banquet Center, 26440 Ryan, Warren. Tickets cost \$30, call (734) 464-9297.

The mission of the association is to promote Greek life on

college campuses and alumni groups as well. Alumni as well as college groups give annually to their chosen charities.

Lifetime friendships are formed when one belongs to a sorority. When the girls graduate from college they give time and money to their communities.

Livonia art club presents annual spring exhibition

The Livonia Artists Club holds its annual Spring Exhibit and Sale 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

There will be more than 100 watercolors, oils, acrylics, and photographs by more than 20 of the club's members. Artists will also be demonstrating.

This is the club's 47th Annual Art Exhibit. Admission and refreshments are free.

For more information, call Marge Masek at (734) 464-6772.



Martha Barnes of Northville painted this acrylic titled Rooster. The work is one of more than 100 showcased in the Livonia Artists Club Spring Exhibit Saturday-Sunday, April 5-6, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Teen actors sought for 'Les Miserables'

Dream Players Productions of Project DayDream opens its 2008 theatrical season with auditions for the epic musical, *Les Miserables*.

It's now the last call as audition spaces are filling up fast with teenagers from all over the Detroit Metropolitan area eager to take part in a student production of the show.

Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg's score filled with popular works such as *On My Own* and *One Day More*, combined with Victor Hugo's classic novel of a student

uprising in pre-revolutionary France, provides a compelling story line that continues to thrill audiences all over the world.

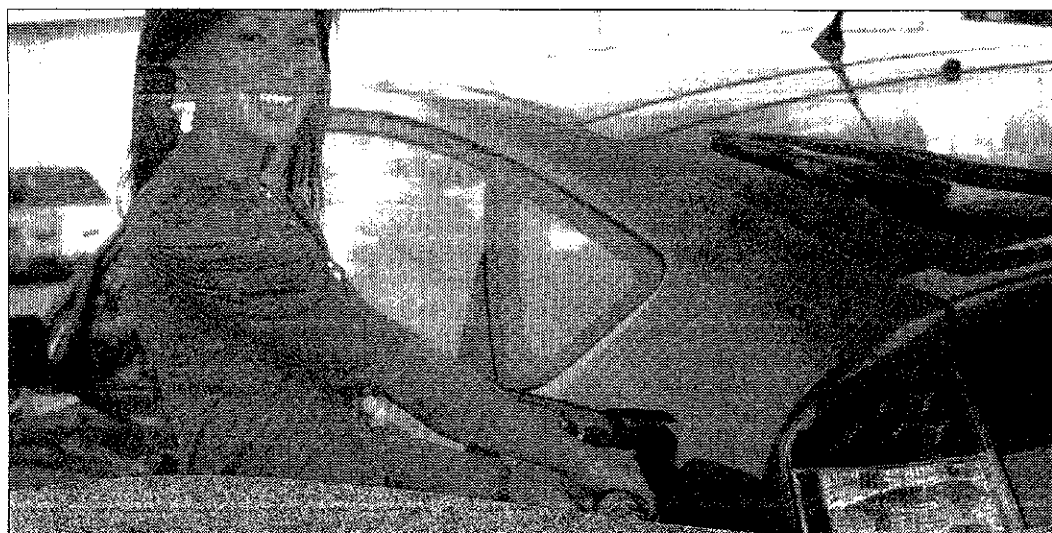
Project DayDream founder and artistic director, Tiffany Victoria Sims, is looking for talented teen performers ages 12-19 to audition for this once-in-a-lifetime theatrical experience. *Les Miserables* is an ensemble show loaded with roles for male and female actors as well as plenty of stage-time for supporting roles and chorus.

Actors should come prepared with a headshot or 5-by-7 photograph; one Broadway style song to perform and sheet music in the correct key.

An accompanist will be provided.

Auditions are by appointment only and will be held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School in Beverly Hills. Call (248) 219-7644.

Performances will take place the final weekend in June at Birmingham Groves High School. Tickets go on sale mid-May.



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VSA's southeast committee seeks area performers with disabilities

After a brief hiatus in 2007, the festival presented by the VSA arts of Michigan Southeast Regional Committee returns to showcase the talents of children and adults with disabilities.

Performers with mental or physical challenges are invited to participate.

The 17th festival will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Renaissance High School, Detroit, and 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Clawson High School. Performances could include, but are not limited to vocal and instrumental music, dance and drama.

Deadline for application is Wednesday, April 9. Call Festival Coordinator Connie Lott at

(248) 568-0816 or send e-mail to connie5929@aol.com.

Performers will be given VSA arts festival T-shirts.

In addition to sharing their talent on stage, they will be encouraged to participate in hands-on art, music and movement activities. The VSA arts of Michigan exhibit of works in a variety of mediums will also be showcased.

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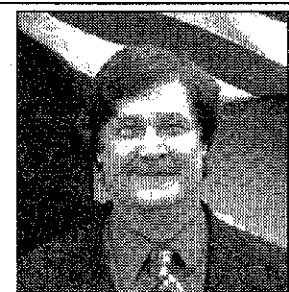
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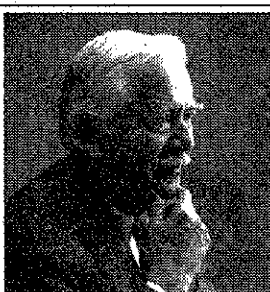
DONALD S. IMPELLIZZERI
Age 56, of Shamong NJ passed away at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia PA on Saturday, March 22, 2008 after battling cancer for eight years. He was born October 12, 1951 in Detroit MI, the son of Donald J. and Caroline Impellizzeri. In 1969 Don graduated from Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington MI. He lived in Gaylord MI as a young adult and loved the outdoors. He worked for many years in the house truss/panel manufacturing business in both Waters MI and Hainesport NJ, working his way up from the manufacturing floor to the technical and sales departments. After his 24-year career with one company came to an end from the plant shut-down, he continued to work in the building industry with previous coworkers that went on with their own companies. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Bunni), of 27 years; his daughter, Cynthia (26); his son, Brian (23); his grandson, Timothy (3) and two granddaughters, Stephanie (4) and Jennifer (2), all residing in New Jersey. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald J. of Gaylord MI. He is also survived by his mother, Caroline of Elk River MI; his brothers: Thomas of Texas, Anthony and Chad of Michigan, and Steve of Florida; and his in-laws, Jack and Bev Irelan of Michigan. to. A memorial mass will be held on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. from St. Mary Cathedral, Gaylord MI. Father Stephen Reckker, a life-long friend, officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on Monday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will take place at Otsego Lake Township Cemetery, Gaylord MI, laying him to rest forever near his favorite hunting area as a young adult.

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March 27, 2008. Age 74. Beloved wife of the late Bravis Allred and Robert Reetz. Loving mother of Patricia Pomathy, Paul Allred, Phillip Allred and Charlotte Potes. Dear grandma of Jennifer Kauffman, Amber Logan, and Hiram Early. Dearest great-grandma of Chelsea Early, Bailey Early, Ronny Simmons and Hiram Early. Grace's ashes will be taken home to Livingston, Tennessee to be with family. Arrangements by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.
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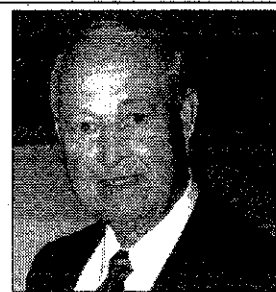
DONALD J. SPROGELL
Age 80, a long time resident of Plymouth died March 14, 2008 at Northview Manor in Grand Rapids, MI. He was born December 9, 1926, in Saginaw, MI. He was the son of Frank T. Sprogell and Helen (Donnelly) Sprogell. He was pre-deceased by his beloved wife Jeanette and his sister Dorothy Sprogell Rademaker. He leaves his brother Frank T. Sprogell and sister-in-law Janice of West Hartford, CT, his niece Mary Anne Rademaker McKeiver (Leonard) of Grand Rapids, MI, his nephew Joseph Rademaker (Cindy), nieces Katherine S. Elovich (Stephen) of West Hartford, CT, Sarah Sprogell of Freeport ME, and Mary Frances S. Kenslea (Timothy) of Needham MA. Don was a veteran of the U S Army of the Occupation in Germany following WW II. He graduated from Michigan State University. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in May.



ELAINE E. KALBFLEISCH
Age 84, of Stuart, FL, died March 18th at her residence. Born in Detroit, Michigan she has resided in Stuart since 1984 moving here from Birmingham, MI. She was a homemaker & a member of Mariner Sands Chapel in Stuart. Her memberships included Mariner Sands Golf & Country Club, in Stuart Clinton Riverboat Club & The Old Club, both in Lake St. Claire, MI. She also attended Michigan State University. Surviving is her husband of 53 years, Harold M. of Stuart. Her two sons, Kirk Kalbfleisch of Whitefish, MI, Stephen Kalbfleisch of Stuart, her daughter: Marilyn Kaski of Marysville, MI, her two sisters, Audrey Ash of Tallahassee, FL, Donna Ward of Naples, FL, and is also survived by five grandchildren & 11 great-grandchildren. Memorial Contributions may be sent to Mariner Sands Chapel, 6500 SE Congressional Way, Stuart, FL 34997. Online guest book can be signed at www.heaven-called.com. A Memorial Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 2 PM at Mariner Sands Chapel, Stuart, with Dr. Bill Weiner, officiating. Inurnment will be in Acacia Park Cemetery, Southfield, MI. Arrangements have been entrusted to Martin Funeral Home & Crematory, 961 S. Kanner Hwy. Stuart, FL.



FRANKLIN MCCOLL HURSELEY, JR.
Age 82, died March 27, 2008, surrounded by his family at his home in Birmingham. Mr. Hursley was born October 2, 1925, in Detroit, Michigan to Franklin and Madeleine Hursley. Frank was awarded the Bronze Star for Outstanding Bravery for his service in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married the catch of his life, Lois Theisen in 1947 in Detroit. While attending the University of Detroit, he began a 50+ year career in engineering. He always took pride in his English and Scottish heritage, which led to his many interests, including literature, fly-fishing, pipe smoking, golf and early American history. As a fly-fisherman, he was an active member of Trout Unlimited, a conservation organization. Throughout his life he thoroughly indulged his passions for books and authors. He reviewed theatre and books for the Birmingham Eccentric Newspaper, and authored his own column, "Letters From America" for the Journal of the exclusive Fly-Fisher's Club of London, England for twenty years as an honorary member. His favorite authors included Dickens, Shakespeare and C. S. Lewis, to name just a few. He belonged to book and poetry clubs, including The Oxfordian Society, Sherlock Holmes Society, Jane Austin Society, and in his later years served on the board of the Michigan Hemingway Society. His favorite novel was Dickens' Great Expectations. His greatest devotion was to his wife and family. God Save the Queen! Mr. Hursley is survived by his loving wife, Lois and his children, Paul, Gregory, James, Frank III "Mick", Timothy (Jeanie), Ann Wilson, Mary Hursley, Carole Hursley-Richards and Duncan. He is also survived by his grand-children, Sarah, Scott (Kim), Kathleen, Joe, Kelle Rose, Reilly, Patrick, Holly, Evan and Dylan Hursley; Ian, Dustin and Sean Wilson; Kelle Ann and Jefferson Richards and great-grandchildren, Elodie and Liam. Funeral at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, Monday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Saturday 4-8pm and Sunday 2-8pm with Reflection, Sunday at 6pm. Memorials appreciated to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48207-3496 or Holy Name Catholic School 680 Harmon St., Birmingham, Michigan 48009.



JOHN A. STOOPS
Age 86 born in Benzie Co., Michigan - resident of Plymouth, passed away March 25, 2008. Loving husband of Beverly. Dearest father of Martin (Char), Gwendolyn (William) and Brent (Debbie). Also survived by five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two sisters and several nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church - Entombment at Glen Eden Cemetery followed. Memorials may be made to Marywood Nursing Care Center, 36975 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154. To share a memory with the family, please visit www.verneulenfuneralhome.com

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ENGAGEMENTS

Start-Vermeulen

Jennifer Lynn Start of Chicago and Derek James Vermeulen of Chicago are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rick and Deb Start of Grand Rapids. She is a 2002 graduate of Grand Rapids Christian High School. She graduated in 2006 from Calvin College with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She works at Christ Medical Center in Oak Park, Ill. in the intensive care unit.

The future groom is a son of Jim and Nancy Vermeulen of Plymouth. He is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School. He graduated in 2005 from Calvin College with a bachelor's degree in business. He is a derivatives trader for



Andrie Trading Co. in Chicago and works on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange trading S&P 500 options.

A June wedding is planned for Grand Rapids.

Holoweski-Choate

Andrea Holoweski and James Choate, Jr., both of Lake Orion, plan to wed in November 2008.

The bride-to-be, formerly of Redford, is the daughter of Kimberly and John Burling of Fowlerville and William and Liz Holoweski of Milford. She earned a BAA in photography from Central Michigan University and a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design from Wayne State University.

Her fiancé, formerly of Troy, is the son of James and Mary Choate of Troy. He earned



a BBA in integrated supply matrix management from Western Michigan University and currently is employed as a sales representative/consultant at a Detroit Construction company.

The wedding ceremony will be in Troy.

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abstraction."

"I wanted to place them in the hands of someone who would admire them and for students to get a break," Semivan said. "Many times it's the only way a student can come here."

The art department isn't the only area of the university contributing to the April 11 auction at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia. Student ambassadors will be serving as greeters. Later, music education major Nancy Zhao sings *Chosen by the Lord* while sign language major Brittany Harper signs the lyrics. Zhao has performed with the Chamber Singers of the Michigan Youth Ensemble and taken part in rehearsals with the Ann Arbor Opera Theater. Harper has experience interpreting religious songs and has performed at Lions Club events and the American Sign Language Studies talent showcase.

Ann Cleary believes Madonna's mission to instill Christian values, respect for diversity and commitment to others is a good reason to support scholarships to the Catholic and Franciscan institution in Livonia.

"We're raising funds for scholarships for deserving students. We're helping students prepare for careers in services like nursing, teaching, criminal justice, social work, geron-

tology, hospice, business. It's a nice feeling that someday these students that you're supporting may help your family out," said Cleary, director of special events. "They are our future. We're investing in our future by supporting scholarships."

"This year I'm excited because the event has a spring theme, Spring into the Future, and we're highlighting our students and highlighting our Franciscan values. We're having a simple meal, putting words out — peace, justice and reverence — on the tables. It's very uniquely Madonna University. It's what we're all about."

The evening features hors d'oeuvres, dinner and entertainment in addition to live and silent auctions of items ranging from a 10-day stay in a house in St. Lucie West, Fla., to a three-night condo getaway in Myrtle Beach, S.C. "We have Detroit Tigers tickets with a jersey signed by Carlos Guillen, a (Felician Sisters) Mother House tour and dinner for six on campus, a day with Sen. Glenn Anderson in Lansing for up to six persons, a Livonia police car ride along and lunch with chief Robert Stevenson, who's a Madonna grad, a very special one-of-a-kind dinner with five of your closest friends and (university president) Sister Rose Marie Kujawa at Bacco Ristorante in Southfield donated by Norm Nickin and Judge Kathleen McCann," Cleary said.

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All-you-can eat-pizza event to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Livonia, Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, and Royal Oak are just four of nine Buddy's Pizza locations hosting the annual Slice for Life Event from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, April 7, with proceeds benefiting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. With the purchase of an event ticket patrons may dine-in and enjoy all-you-can-eat two-topping pizzas and salad or carry-out a 4-square two-topping pizza or an individual sized Antipasto, Greek or House salad.

For 32 years Buddy's has been partnering with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to feed those less fortunate in Metro Detroit. Founded in 1929, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen provides food, clothing, and spiritual counsel to those in need. Frequently preparing and serving 2,000 meals a day, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen also distributes household items and operates a shower program, food pantry, and children's tutoring and art therapy program.

Additionally, its Earth Works organic garden produces 6,000 pounds of vegetables for Detroit's hungry, and educates the community in regards to sustainable relationships between human beings and the earth.

In addition to dining on Buddy's award-winning pizza and salad, families will be assisting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in feeding the hungry, while the kids are being entertained by the team from 2clowns.com, who will be visiting Buddy's dine-in locations throughout the day.

Tickets may be purchased from the Capuchins in advance by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 201, or at the door of any Buddy's Pizza on April 7. All participants can also register to win one eight-square Buddy's pizza every month for a year.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 children (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and \$15 adults, \$15 seniors, \$6 children (4-10 p.m.). For a list of locations, visit www.buddyspizza.com.

Parisian offers coupons for donating clothing to Goodwill

Clean out your closet by April 7 and receive coupons toward the purchase of new merchandise at Parisian stores. During the semi-annual Goodwill Sale, customers can donate clean, gently used clothing and home textiles at participating locations. One coupon is given per item donated. All donations support local Goodwill Industries job training and career services for people in the community who are having a hard time finding a job.

Customers can drop off donations at all Parisian stores, or at participating Goodwill stores and donation centers and receive a 20 percent off apparel coupon, with minimal exclusions, for each donated item. The donated clothing and textiles will be sold in local Goodwill retail stores. Revenues will help fund job training and other programs for people with disabilities, welfare recipients and other job seekers.

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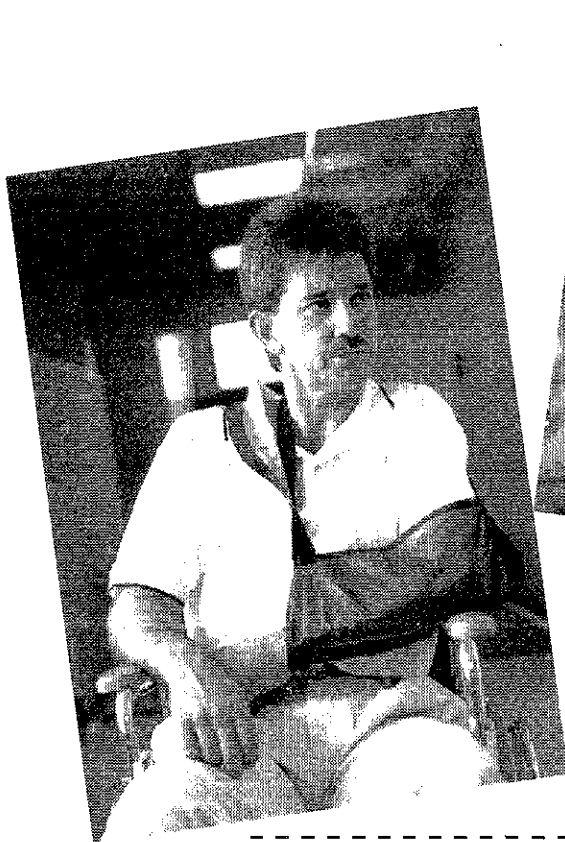
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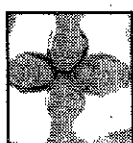
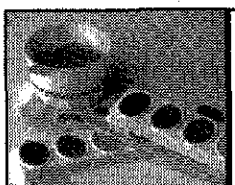
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Class of 1968A 40th class reunion Oct 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch 313-937-3477 or email CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.**Dearborn Edsel Ford**
Class of 1968

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

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Class of 1969Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.**Detroit Cass Tech**
Class of 1958A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.**Detroit Christ the King Elementary**
Class of 1963A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.**Detroit High School of Commerce**
Class of 1958 January, June and August

Planning reunion for Sept. 13. Call J. Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834, or B. King, (248) 547-1693.

Detroit Western High School
Class of 1978A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or email reunion-30western@wowway.com.**Garden City High School**
Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at

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Classes of 1958The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.**Grosse Pointe North**
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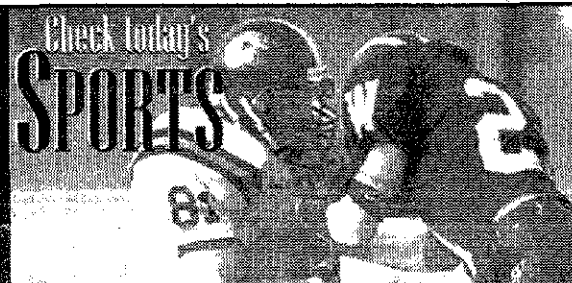
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Class of 1969A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com.**Livonia Stevenson**
Class of 1978A 30 year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. There will be more information coming soon. For more information, contact the Reunion Committee, Tim Oehmke at (734) 637-1002 or superchargertest@aol.com.**Milford High School**
Class of 1978Planning a 30th reunion. All interested class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Their contact email address is: milford78@gmail.com.**Plymouth High School**
Class of 1968Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.**Plymouth-Canton high schools**
Classes of 1988Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact ceplclassoff1988@yahoo.com for more information.**Romulus High School**
Class of 1958

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