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Parents organize senior party

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While the demand for tickets has been weak, a group of parents has decided to go ahead with plans to stage a senior party Friday, May 9, at John Glenn High School.

The parents of seniors, they are looking to revive the senior party tradition at the Westland high school.

"This is the first time the school has had one in a long time," said Sheila Lada, the party chair. "No one can remember when the last one was."

The parents started working on the party in January and have been doing fund-raisers like a casino trip, pancake breakfast and dine to donate. They've also sent out letters to businesses in the community in hopes of generating donations that can be included in goodie bags for he kids.

The party will be from 8 p.m. to midnight at the school and will feature a live band and karaoke, a Guitar Hero competition, three or four inflatables, Cash Cube, temporary tattoo artist, photo booth and beauty room for the girls. Area restaurants also are donating food for the party.

There also will be a scavenger hunt through the school for students to find their star, tying in with the theme of a Red Carpet Party, Lada said.

"We're making a big film strip and are cutting out stars with the names of the seniors on them," Lada said. "They'll be able to write on the film strip and it'll be hung up in one of the halls after the party for students to read."

The party is for seniors only, and parent chaperones and a school administrator will be in attendance. A school ID and ticket will be required to enter.

Organizers are hoping the idea will catch on with seniors, who must purchase the \$15 in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. No students will be allowed to enter the party after 9 p.m. and students who leave will not be allowed to re-enter.

"We've done morning announcements and fliers and have posted information in the school," Lada said.

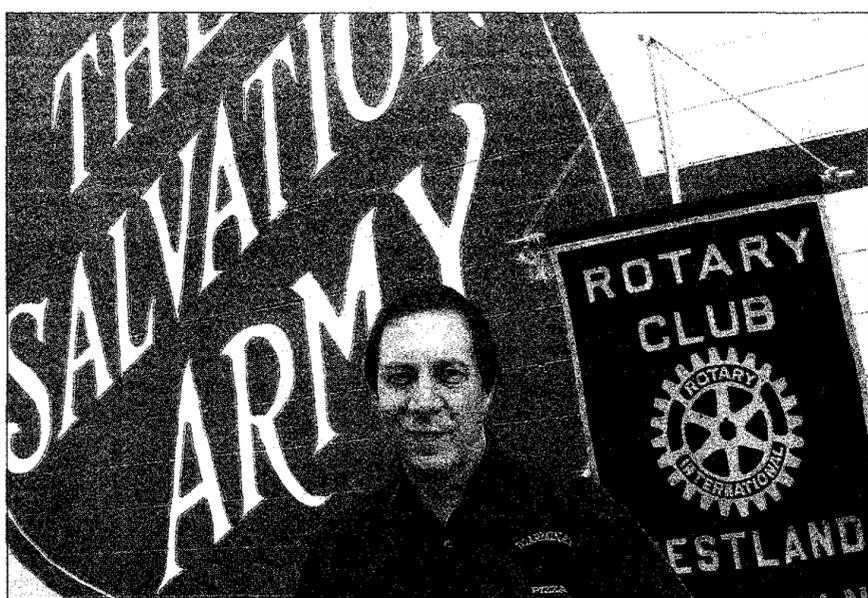
Volunteers to serve as chaperones, to pick up the food, do set up and clean up and decorating also are needed. People interested in helping can go to the senior party Web site at www.geocities.com/rocketseniors for more information and to sign up for e-mail alerts.

Businesses that would like to make a donation can call Lada at (734) 422-4599 or also click on the Web site for more information.

And even though only 14 seniors have bought tickets to date, the parents aren't giving up.

"We decided to go ahead and do it. It's a shot in the dark, but we're hoping word-of-mouth will help," Lada said.

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Two groups that help make the projects of Westland First Citizen Lou Toarmina a reality are the Wayne-Westland Corps of the Salvation Army and the Westland Rotary Club.

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2008 First Citizen

Called a 'go-getter,' Toarmina bring good news to Norwayne

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ask Lou Toarmina how he's able to run a successful pizza business and do volunteer work in the Westland community, and he'll tell you he's "the face" on the many projects that are linked to him. It's the people behind the scenes that make them happen.

That might explain why he says he will share the honor of being Westland's 2008 First Citizen with the likes of the Westland Rotary Club, Salvation Army, Westland Community Foundation, Wayne County Community College District and 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

"What I do is a small portion of the project," said Toarmina.

AWARDS PROGRAM

What: The Westland Chamber of Commerce's Hawaiian Beach Bash. Westland First Citizen Lou Toarmina and Business Person of the Year Angelo Plakas will be honored during the annual spring awards program.

When: 6 p.m. Friday, May 2.

Where: American Legion Post 32 at 9318 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia.

Cost: Tickets cost \$35 per person and include a buffet dinner and open bar, sponsored by TDS Metrocom. Register for tickets online at www.westland-chamber.com.

Information: Call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

"Together we create a synergy to get things done. A number of people are needed to make an impact on the community."

"A person like Lou is a go-getter," said Salvation Army Capt. Matt O'Neil. "He has a passion for helping the community."

A 1980 graduate of Wayne

Memorial High School, Toarmina's name is all but synonymous with the Norwayne community. Six years ago, he started a project to provide youngsters at Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns Elementaries with backpacks and

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Trash hauler seeks fuel cost hike

BY SUE MASON
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The cost of refuse collection in Westland is on its way up, following a request from the city's trash hauler to charge for the increased cost of diesel fuel.

In a letter to Mayor William Wild, dated April 1, Paul Ruthenberg of Midwest Sanitation told the city his company "can no longer afford to absorb the increases in diesel fuel costs" and asked that an escalator clause be added to the five-year agreement.

However, after a half hour council study session Monday evening, city officials came to the conclusion that the contract already includes such a clause and that the trash hauler need only added the charge to the monthly invoice.

"It looks like there's nothing to do other than realize that we're going to get hit with a surcharge as of April 1," said Council President James Godbout.

At times questioning whether the charge was double dipping because of a negotiated 2 percent increase that kicks in each July 1 to cover inflation and increased tipping fees, the council was stymied in getting answers because Ruthenberg did not attend the meeting. According to Department of Public Service Director Kevin Buford, Ruthenberg was in Florida, which he found out when he called him to discuss a complaint.

The initial concern was that Ruthenberg was asking for new contract language, but Godbout pointed out that a copy of the

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Beheading accomplice sentenced to 20-30 years

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry repeatedly asked Alexander Letkemann at his sentencing hearing Wednesday why he got involved in the murder and beheading of Daniel Sorensen, and why he didn't do something to stop convicted killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz from going through with the killing.

Letkemann's answer? A repeated "I don't know."

He'll have plenty of time to think about it after Berry, pursuant to a plea agreement between Letkemann and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office for Letkemann's guilty plea to second-degree murder, sentenced the 18-year-old former Churchill High School student from Westland to 20-30 years in prison.

Letkemann was also sentenced



Letkemann

to three-10 years for mutilation of a corpse. The sentences will run concurrently. A felony murder charge against Letkemann was dismissed.

After saying he couldn't "find a reason for myself" why he didn't walk away from the murder, Letkemann apologized to Sorensen's family, who forgave him during their statements to the court.

"I can't find enough words to say how sorry I am for what I did," Letkemann said. "I'd like to thank the Sorensens for their forgiveness. I'm grateful I'm going to have a second chance."

The forgiveness came during tearful statements by both James and Kimberly Sorensen, the parents of the victim. Kimberly Sorensen, who noted her son's penchant for thinking of others ahead of himself often led him "to make foolish decisions," called the months since his death "surreal."

"The enormity of how my life will change has yet to strike me," she said. "Those who truly loved Dan will always love him, and they'll miss him for as long as they live. My two best friends

are (husband) Jim and Dan, and one of them has been taken from me for the rest of my life."

James Sorensen told of the last father-son moment he shared with Daniel, weeks before his death, when the son took the father for a ride in his new truck. Daniel would always be, James Sorensen said, "my little boy."

"I'll never see that big ol' grin that would light up my soul," James said. "He is gone, and the hole in my heart is so big, it will never be filled."

Kimberly Sorensen pledged her forgiveness to Letkemann, and her husband thanked him for the testimony that ultimately helped convict Orlewicz.

"It would be easy to justify hating (Letkemann), and I don't think anyone would fault me, but I don't hate him," James Sorensen said. "In an act of courage that will send him to prison for many years, (Letkemann) stepped forward to accept responsibility for what he did. I thank you, Alex, and I forgive you."

Letkemann's father, Pete, took exception to an insinuation from Berry that Letkemann and other teenagers testi-

fied during Orlewicz's trial in order to get a deal from prosecutors. The elder Letkemann said his son is truly remorseful, even if he couldn't voice it in court.

"Alex thought anything he said would sound lame," Pete Letkemann said. "The Sorensens are amazing in their forgiveness. It means a lot. Alex always wanted a shot at redemption, and now he's going to get it."

Prosecutors agreed to the plea deal in exchange for Letkemann's testimony against Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teenager convicted last week of killing and beheading Sorensen, then disposing of his body in a Northville Township field and tossing his head in the Rouge River.

Orlewicz, 18, faces a mandatory life sentence without possibility of parole when he's sentenced May 12. Assistant prosecutor Robert Moran, who prosecuted Orlewicz, said Letkemann's testimony was a key element in Orlewicz's conviction.

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Coming Sunday
in Health



Breast cancer survivors, family and friends to Race For The Cure

Sophomore heads to Europe on study mission

After spending three weeks abroad this summer, Niki Williams will return to Churchill High School with a new perspective of people and cultures — and of people back home.

Williams, a sophomore, was selected for the People to People program, whose mission is to promote world peace through



Williams

increased understanding between the citizens of the world.

She'll travel to France, Switzerland, Austria and Italy in June and July with a delegation of

about 40 students from south-east Michigan.

They will visit museums, meet a survivor of the Holocaust and stay with a host family for some time and complete various online assignments.

"I'm really looking forward to going to Italy, mostly because of the artwork of the Renaissance," Williams said. She wants to

go into arts management. Her current school activities include musicals, creative writing and band. She also works at Castle Gardens Pool Association.

Tuition is \$5,999 for the three-week program, and Williams can use some help with the bill.

Local businesses have contributed half the amount.

There's also a bowling fundraiser planned, from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road in Westland.

The cost is \$15 per person for two games, pizza and shoe rental. It's \$10 for bowlers 10 and younger.

Williams will keep a personal journal on her trip, and said she

would send donors a postcard from Europe and give a multimedia presentation when she gets back.

To find out about other fundraisers for Williams, e-mail her mother, Mercedes, at mercedespls@gmail.com or call (734) 464-3762.

— By Rebecca Jones

TOARMINA

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school supplies. He estimates that some 4,000 students have received the distinctive blue and yellow backpacks.

GOOD NEWS

He also started a newsletter, originally called *Going Places*, but changed to *Good News*, to promote the positives about Norway. It was published in blocks of 13 weeks on four different occasions and promoted good things happening in the community. It showcased people like Tommy Vaughn, a former Westland police officer, Jim Murray of the Rouge Rescue and former State Rep. Justine Barns who lived in the community.

Because it was so labor intensive,

Toarmina given up publishing the newsletter but hopes someone will pick it up. Everything to produce it is already in place, from printing and advertising.

"That was the neatest part of what I did," he said. "It included things the kids and the adults needed to hear. It had a great message from the people who had come from the homes they live in and who went onto great lives."

Toarmina also gives back to the community through his business, Toarmina's Pizza, which he started in 1987 with a store at Venoy and Cherry Hill. Today he has 18 stores around the state. When the Wayne-Westland Community Schools ask for help, Toarmina answers.

He brought his mobile pizza oven to Adams Middle School where he cooked and served some 800 slices of pizza for families living in the Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns attendance areas for the school board's

inaugural Operation 180 Can Do!

He's also helped provide a new sound system at Lincoln Elementary and parent benches at Jefferson-Barns.

"When the school district asks us, we try to help; when the school district needs pizza, we hope they think of us," Toarmina said.

REACHING OUT

Toarmina's volunteerism goes beyond Norway. A member of the Salvation Army advisory council, he also has been involved with the city's annual Turn Off the Violence Night and the annual Westland Relay for Life. He has been a major sponsor of a concert to help Veterans Haven and participated in the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Westland.

He also is a member of an American Red Cross disaster Relief Team, a decision he made after seeing

the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

"I want to be there if something like that ever happens again," he said.

Toarmina credits his late father as the inspiration for what he does. His father was "very service oriented, even before there was a definition for it. If there was an opportunity to help, he did." He also credits his family with giving him the time to give back.

"My kids are doing well in school; they don't have to worry about what they're going to eat, and I don't have to worry about what's happening at home," he said.

O'Neil believes the community needs more people like Toarmina. His give back nature is good for the Salvation Army and the people it serves.

"He's a really great person," O'Neil said.

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agreement had a page containing a fuel escalator clause.

"I think the fuel escalation clause in there, I don't think he knows it's there," said Wild. "I think he thinks it wasn't included in the contract."

The council also questioned if the request was for retroactive increases. Based on information provided by Ruthenberg, that could be close to \$82,000 for 2006 and

2007.

"My understanding is he wants the increase now, my understanding is that he's not asking it to be retroactive," said Assistant City Attorney Mark McConnell. "He's asking for it to be put in place, but not that far back."

"In looking at his letter, the second paragraph says that 'unfortunately he can no longer absorb,' I get the impression he has been absorbing the costs up until now," added Councilman Charles Pickering. "It seems to me that from this day (April 1) forward

he's asking for the escalator to kick in."

The council also questioned the calculation Ruthenberg used and if he's allowed to open the contract. They were assured by McConnell that he is not doing the latter.

In response to Councilman Dewey Reeves who asked if Ruthenberg can ask for an increase between now in July, if the clause is part of the contract, McConnell said the contractor "doesn't have to ask."

"He's exercising his right under contract," McConnell

said. "He's allowed by contract to make an adjustment. This should be a separate line item on the monthly invoice."

Councilman Bill Johnson expressed the council's frustration in not getting definitive answers about the request.

"I don't have a problem with this date going forward, I have a problem with him not being here," he said.

Wild assured the council that he would try "to have a conversation" with Ruthenberg to get answers to their questions.

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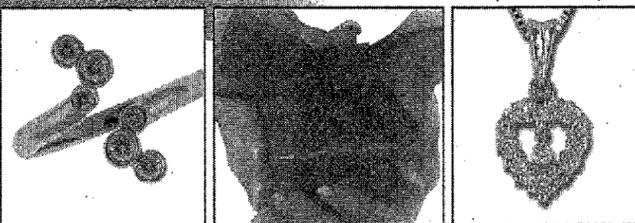
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LIVONIA SCHOOL ELECTION

Bailey says he will dig in and listen before voting

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of profiles of the three candidates for the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education.

BY REBECCA JONES
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Bailey

Bailey, 53, works as a lab specialist in research and development at BASF Corp. He was first elected to the board four years ago.

In December 2005, he cast the only vote against the Legacy Initiative school restructuring. He said listened and voted his conscience.

Although he wasn't targeted in a recall effort, Bailey said the year afterward was "traumatic." He managed to anger both sides and recalls getting "pounded with letters" from people who wanted him to help revise the plan.

At the time he wasn't sure he

would run again.

Now, even after a health concern and an increase in responsibilities at work, Bailey says he's definitely ready for another term.

"It's a release," he said. "It's a fun thing. I enjoy my work, but I enjoy working with Livonia Public Schools even better. Certainly the last four years was not what I thought it would be. Obviously when I got on the board I had no idea they were talking about a restructuring. ... I've dealt with it the best I possibly can."

It's similar to the current Mac vs. PC debate. "No matter what decision we make ... we're going to make people mad," Bailey said. After voting to table the issue, he took time off work to tour schools and asked students to weigh in.

He voted in favor of Everyday Math curriculum because he said he trusted the recommendation of a district committee. He voted in favor of hiring an energy consultant whose track record points to multimillion dollar savings.

Bailey, a 23-year Livonia resident, took various trade classes after graduating from Redford Union Schools. He has a daughter in high school and three older children in college.

Bailey said he's against privatization of custodial and bus services. The district should negotiate with unions first if that comes up, he said.

Asked about the possibility of seeking a bond issue for major school building improvements, Bailey said he would have a hard

time with that.

"It all depends on what they're asking for. We're not the Bloomfield Hills of Wayne County," he said. "The people of our community have been hit very hard."

Although results of the Legacy Initiative haven't been discussed lately at the board table, Bailey said things are working well, with a few "hiccups" and some lost enrollment.

Separating upper elementary schools into teams would help ease crowding, he said.

He's currently updating school groups about legislative issues and trying to push for more school funding.

The election is May 6.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Chili cookoff

The Westland Democratic Club will have its third annual chili cookoff Tuesday, April 29, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, just east of Venoy in Westland. 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. The winner will compete in the 11th District cookoff. For more information call (734) 729-1605 or (734) 674-7327.

Fund-raiser

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is holding a Little Caesar fund-raiser now through May 1 to raise money for its youth and community outreach programs. There are 16 different Little Caesar pizza kits, five varieties of cookie dough and two types of pie kits available. Prices range from \$12.75 to \$18.

To order items, stop by the Salvation Army at 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer and ask for Sandy. For more information, call (734) 722-3660, Ext. 11.

Kick-off party

Area skate boarders are invited to experience Westland's Concrete Jungle Skatepark at a kick-off party noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Skate amid the sounds of a live band with good eats for only \$7, which also includes raffle drawings and cool prizes. Price includes park entry, one food ticket and one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

The Concrete Jungle is located just west of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Mang sees room for improvement, marketing

Editor's note: This is the second of three profiles of candidates for two seats on the Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education.

BY REBECCA JONES
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Mang

grams in place, but there's always room for improvement," Mang said.

One of her ideas is a grade school for first-through eighth-grades, such as

with the academically talented programs at Webster and Frost.

Mang also wants to open more upper elementary schools. Although she has not crunched the numbers, she thinks it's possible.

"Would it cost more to run two smaller schools than one (bigger) school?" she said. "Would it bring more people back? Would it bring people to Livonia?"

Mang, 42, a teacher in Allen

Park schools, ran for a one-year seat on the LPS board last year.

"I still believe I could provide the leadership, and responsibility that's necessary to be a productive board member," Mang said, adding that the board is lacking in "leadership and initiative to improve what we have right now."

Mang, a Livonia resident for nine and a half years, has bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Eastern Michigan University and a counseling endorsement from the University of Detroit Mercy.

She served on the board of Citizens for Livonia's Future, which fought the Legacy Initiative school closings and restructuring and led a recall effort against the school board.

The Legacy Initiative scared people away, she said. The issue now is, "How do we move forward and make it better?"

As the mother two elementary students, including a third-grader often frustrated with his math homework, Mang said Everyday Math offers exposure, but no learning and should be enriched. "They call it a spiraling curriculum. Well, it's spiraling all right."

The central administration's focus has to be "getting in control of the finances."

Borrowing from the "rainy day" fund must stop, she said. "They have got to focus on tightening the belt."

"I think the energy consultant was a huge mistake," she said. People on staff could have done the same job, Mang said.

"If we had that money to spend to invest on an energy saving plan, that would be phenomenal. They're crying poor and spending more. That really concerns me."

She's also concerned with "ballooning" class sizes and is against privatization.

"I have a huge problem with outsourcing jobs," she said. Even though some districts are moving to private custodial and bus services to save money, Mang said evidence "would have to be pretty compelling to change my mind."

"I'd rather save \$3 million cutting some other things," she added.

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Oke says he works well with LPS board members

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Oke

is," he said, proposing one in each triad. "I think you'll have people knocking down the doors to get in there."

Oke, a Westland

resident since 2005, ran as part of a slate last year, which he says worked to his advantage. He got to know his running mates and learned about running the board.

He said since then, he's shown he can work with his fellow board members.

The board still doesn't communicate fully.

"I do," he said. "I think I'm about it." But, he adds, that is improving. "There have been really great discussions."

In recent months, Oke has been on both sides of 4-3 decisions. In a 5-2 vote last summer, he opposed awarding vendor contract to food suppliers whose products were higher and calo-

ries and fat than other bidders.

He voted against hiring an energy consultant. "I think there were a lot of things we could do on our own," he said.

Oke said he was put off by how quickly the board was asked to make a decision about computer purchases. He and others asked for more time, but in the end, Oke voted in favor of buying the recommended Dells.

He's against privatization, saying that it would be very divisive to the community and questioning the "hidden costs." Many LPS employees live in the district and have children there too, he said.

One morning, waiting at the bus stop with his first-grade son, a Trinity Transportation bus arrived, and it was 10 minutes late. It was because the LPS fleet didn't have enough backups, he said, adding that buying more buses would be cheaper than paying a private company.

"It's a pretty big expense," he said.

Oke has spoken in favor of the fifth- and sixth-grade upper elementary school model, but acknowledges problems with crowding in LPS upper elementary schools.

When it comes to evening activities, there's not enough parking to accommodate parents. "If you're at Johnson, you can't have an all-fifth grade concert." Smaller learning communities within the buildings would help, he said.

Oke, who also has a 3-year-old

son, earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Alma College and a master of education degree from Oakland University.

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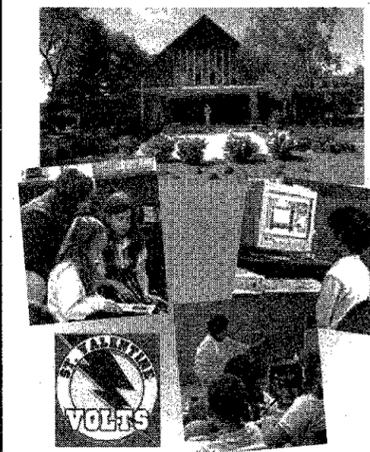


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Investors, be wary of practices

Last week I watched a network news program which ran an exposé concerning the sale of investment products. The product highlighted was the sale of annuities but in effect, it could have applied to just about any investment.

The gist of the exposé was that investment products were sold merely to generate a commission as opposed to doing what was appropriate for the investor. The show highlighted the deceptive sales tactics that financial salespeople will use in order to convince someone to invest.

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The deceptive sale tactics included misrepresentations about the product and in some cases outright lies. Unfortunately, the exposé was not an isolated case but rather something that happens frequently. That is why it is important for investors to be educated and always on guard. The unethical sales practices take on many different forms. They were creative but at the same time meant to deceive investors. For example, one story showed that in order to gain credibility, the financial salesperson co-authored a book. However, the financial salesperson never authored the book. Another practice designed to give the salesperson credibility was to claim they were interviewed on a national radio show. The implication is they must have some expertise to allow them to be on a national radio show. First, it is important to recognize that the radio show they used was nothing more than an "infomercial."

I do want to mention that my radio show is not an infomercial. I have never and will never charge anyone to be interviewed on my show. In addition, unlike many weekend radio shows, I do not buy air time for my show. Government regulators do not have the resources to prevent unscrupulous sales tactics. It's up to you and me. Avoid seminars and sales presentations that are meant to sell a product as opposed to educating investors. In addition, before you buy, make sure you know what the surrender fees are and how long.

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.

VOTE FOR STUDENT VIDEOS

Students from eight area high schools are competing for the top prize in the Buddy's Pizza/Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers public service video contest. The winning team will receive \$1,000 to be divided among students.

Go to www.buddyspizza.com and view the work of students from Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, Berkley High School, Livonia Ladywood, Troy Athens, Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Livonia Franklin. Then vote for your favorite. Voting ends at midnight April 30.

Schools throughout the area were invited to produce a 30-second public service announcement video focusing on teen issues.

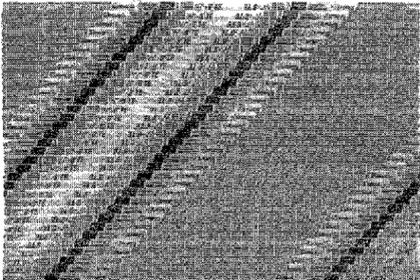
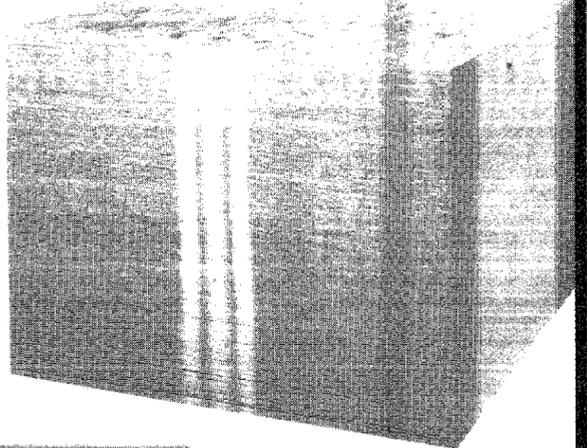
"The contest will give high school students an opportunity to send a powerful message that impacts their peers and the community on topics including, but not limited to, the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, bullying, cyber-bullying and violence," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's.

Contest rules required each video to include some representation of Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric or Mirror Newspapers (i.e., filmed at a Buddy's Pizza location, Buddy's logo in video, Observer & Eccentric and/or Mirror Newspaper visible at some point in video). Also included must be the tagline "Sometimes you just need some Buddy's... Seriously!"



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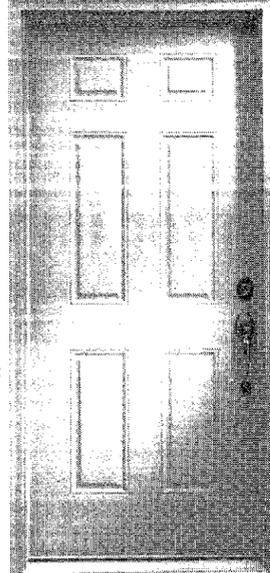
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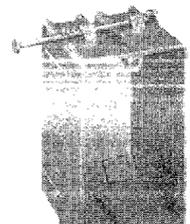
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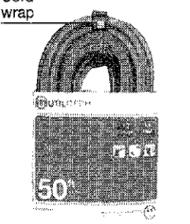
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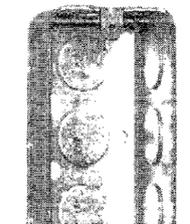
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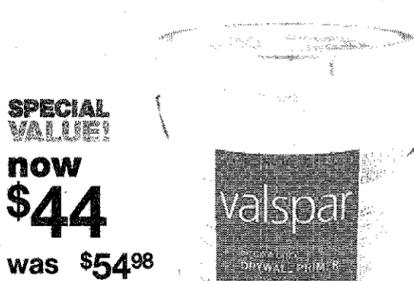


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Westland woman misses prostitution case hearing

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman charged with prostitution in a case involving the husband of a U.S. senator is being sought after missing a pre-trial conference Tuesday in 52-4 District Court. A bench warrant has been issued for her arrest.

By failing to show up, 20-year-old Alicia Lorraine Martin, forfeits a \$100 bond, which she posted at her March 12 arraignment when she plead not guilty, according to Troy city attorney Lori Grigg Bluhm. Martin was arrested Feb. 26 after Thomas Athans, husband of U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, said he had paid her \$150 for a sex act at a Troy hotel. He agreed to testify against her. Athans was charged with a driver's license violation.

The pre-trial conference Martin missed gives a defendant an opportunity to plead guilty or request a jury or bench trial, Bluhm said.

Bluhm said Martin may turn herself in and receive a bond of \$5,000, of which 10 percent will be due.

The city attorney said it is unlikely the defendant would be arrested at her home.

"In this case, (the city) will probably give her an opportunity to come in on her own,"

Bluhm said. "If she is in a car with someone else or in any contact with police in other jurisdictions, she will be arrested and appear in front of the court to answer for it."

Martin has no attorney and did not request an adjournment, according to Bluhm.

If convicted, she faces a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine, plus costs, Bluhm said.

At the time of Martin's arrest, Troy police said they recovered several hundred dollars, a laptop, tally sheets, sexual aids and a cell phone from the room in which she was staying at the Residence Inn on Livernois in Troy.

Athans told investigators he had found the defendant on Craig's List. Police had the Residence Inn under surveillance and later stopped Athans' car on I-75.

Athans was charged March 12 with driving with a suspended license and posted a \$500 personal bond at his arraignment. On March 27, he pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of driving without a license and paid \$115 in court costs, according to the city attorney's office.

Bluhm said the judge waited an hour after the docket started Tuesday to announce the bench warrant for Martin.

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at sma-son@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

Benefit auction

Are you looking for a relaxing evening of fun? Are you looking for a chance to benefit two good causes? If so, Wayne Rotary and the City of Wayne Recreation Department will hold the 2008 Auction and Tailgate Party at 6 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. The cost is \$10 a person and includes three food items catered by Chef Tony. Auction items range from sports memorabilia to art items, including paintings, glassware and jewelry. There also will be a silent auction items. Proceeds will benefit the soon-to-be-built Boundless Playground as well as Wayne Rotary Scholarships for high school seniors in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. For more information or tickets, call (734) 721-7400

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Open house

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's Lekotek Program, which offers unique play sessions for developmentally disabled children ages up to age 12, will host an open house with free pizza, raffles, balloon magic and ice cream from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at its site, 26049 Five Mile, Redford. Visitors will get a tour and a chance to get acquainted with the program. Reserve a spot by calling Lana at (313) 532-8524 or by e-mail at lana6356@aol.com. Visit the Web site at www.thearcnw.org.



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It's Harley time

More than 136 Harley Davidsons motorcycles filled the parking lot of Joy Manor in Westland as members of the Harley Davidson Motor City Chapter 2368 attended their bimonthly meeting. The members come from throughout the metropolitan area and meet on the Member meet the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Larry 'Rigid' Telling at (734) 891-6106.

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.

Mom-2-Mom Sale

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool will host a Mom-to-Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. The sale will feature a bake sale, kids clothing, baby/toddler gear, toys and more. Admission is \$1 and strollers are allowed. If interested in renting a table, send a e-mail Melinda at melinda@brycefamilynet.

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.

Free workshops

Dr. William H. Karl, a certified wellness doctor and nutritional expert, will present a seminar, "Your Thyroid Does All That? Yes and More" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman and Farmington Road. Karl will share his expertise about the thyroid gland and its function, what you need to know about the common medications that are prescribed, and explain what

tests are available to help you figure out what to do next. Seating is limited, so (734) 425-8588 to register. Visit www.KarlHolisticHealthCare.com.

It's Post Time!

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan is presenting present Derby for Dreams charity fund-raiser 3-6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. Net proceeds of this event support HFM's programs and services for those in the bleeding disorders community. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple and include an afternoon of thoroughbred horse racing projected on a big screen TV. A buffet of southern food and "Funny Money" to place one bet on each race are included. A cash bar will be offered. Each race is professionally called with a photo finish ending. As an added bonus, beginning at 5 p.m., the 134th running of the Kentucky Derby will be telecast live. Everyone is invited to Dress for the Derby! Ladies, a prize will be awarded for the best Derby hat! For more information, call Dawn Evans at (800) 482-3041 or register at www.hfmich.org.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

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

Dyer Center

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

Senior fitness

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 2460 Gully Rd., Dearborn Hgts., MI, May 10, 2008 @ 1:10 PM.

#525 Mary H. Smith; #753 Justin A. Johnson; #1132 Francis Caruana; 1251 Andrea Schneider.

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts will be holding its annual budget hearing on **May 6, 2008**

at **6:00 p.m.** The location will be at

28500 Avondale, Inkster, MI 48141

The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Academy of Inkster will be holding its annual budget hearing on **May 3, 2008**

at **10:00 a.m.** The location will be at

28612 Avondale, Inkster, MI 48141.

The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Academy of Westland will be holding its annual budget hearing on **May 9, 2008**

at **2:00 p.m.** The location will be at

300 Henry Ruff Rd., Westland, MI 48186

The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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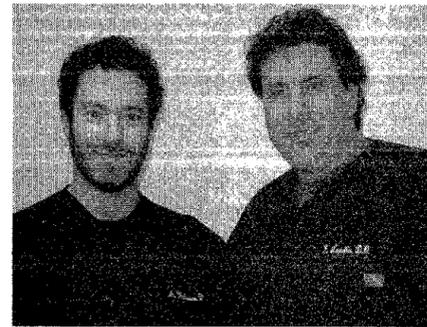


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Trudi Daniels of WRIF (right) and Dining With The Stars winner Stacy Duff of Livonia exit their limousine to walk the red carpet into Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills for dinner.

'Dining' winner gets to 'unwind' with Daniels

Stacy Duff of Livonia had the chance to say thank you to Trudi Daniels and the morning crew at WRIF-FM (101.1) who help her unwind on the way to work.

"I thank Trudi for helping me forget my 40-minute trek to work everyday. Each day I listen to her and laugh with the crew and unwind," Duff wrote in her winning entry.

"She simply makes my day better. I love her spirit, her ability to fit in and keep up with the guys! When it's tough to get through the news on an ordinary day, she makes it tolerable and in her own way relatable. I assume WRIF listeners are predominantly men, but I listen everyday and truly look forward to leaving the morning home chaos (I have three little girls to get off to school everyday) just to hear her! WRIF rocks!"

Duff dined Monday with Daniels at the Farmington Hills Buddy's Pizza.

Daniels and Duff were picked up at their respective offices by All Class Transportation & Limousine Services and arrived in style to walk the red carpet at Buddy's. Daniels said she felt like she has a new girlfriend: "It was like I already knew her when she was picked up in the limo."

After a mini-makeover from Sebastian of I Design Hair Spa in Dearborn, Duff received a makeup application by Hiba of I Design Hair Spa and an \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield.



Dining With The Stars winner Stacy Duff of Livonia (back right) and Trudi Daniels of WRIF watch dancers Leonid Sidorenko (right) and Olga Agafonova of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills before their dinner at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills.

Buddy's Pizza made a \$500 donation to The Salvation Army in Daniels' honor.

The pair shared pizzas, wine, salad and lots of conversation. They were treated to a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Duff, a quality assurance analyst at Bridgeway Services, Inc. in Taylor, was selected from among five finalists for Dining with the Stars. She's mom to three girls — Hailey, 11, Gabriella, 7, and Alexis, 4. Her husband is Capt. Michael Duff of the Southfield Fire Department.

Daniels, the popular news host of the *Drew & Mike Show* on WRIF, is the winner of *Hour* magazine's Sexiest Voice Contest

and the recent host of the WRIF Rock Girl Competition. She describes herself as "a wife and mom who enjoys inline skating and scuba diving."

Her favorite music? "I still love Stevie Ray (Vaughan) — he's immortal — the (Red Hot) Chili Peppers and, of course, my iPod is crammed with AC/DC! Favorite new album is *Stadium Arcadium* and best new song, *Worldwide Suicide*," Daniels said.

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for Dining With The Stars and selects the top four to five fan letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection. Look for the next Dining With The Stars featuring Ruth Spencer of WDIV-TV (Channel 4) in Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

ACHIEVERS

Named to the honor roll for the fourth marking period at the Tinkham Alternative High School in Westland were **Julian Gonzalez, Nicole Grayes, Dominique Hendersen, Ashley Holland, Tressie Howell, Brittany Jackson, Zachary Moreno and Alicia Taylor.**

Madonna University associate professor **John Critchett** of Westland recently was elected state treasurer for the Michigan Society of Sons of the American Revolution. During his one-year appointment, Critchett is responsible for ensuring the financial health of the state chapter.

A certified public accountant, Critchett earned his bachelor's degree from Duke University, his master's in business administration from the University of Michigan, and his doctorate from the University of Kentucky. He teaches principles of accounting, internal financial analysis, and auditing.

Harrison Gilbert of Westland has been named to the 2008 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Gilbert, who is studying economics and political science at Ramapo College of New Jersey, joins an elite group of students selected from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning selected for inclusion in the directory which was first published in 1934.

He is the secretary of academic affairs on the Student Government Association, junior advisor for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and vice president of the Ramapo Outdoors Club. He also has been honored with the Omicron Delta Kappa New Student Achievement Award, Second Year Student Achievement Award, Daniel J. Cronin Memorial Scholarship for Service to Fellow Man and the Becky and Frank Kraus Leadership Scholarship.

He is the son of Jay and Janet Gilbert.

Westland second-grader **Alexis Roa** has been named the first-prize winner in the second-grade category of the Michigan Dental Association and Michigan Dental Foundation, sponsored 15th annual statewide coloring contest. The contest was held in honor of National Children's Dental Health Month in February. More than 3,266 entries were received.

Alexis receives a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a gift bag full of art supplies and other items. Her entry will be on display at MDA's Annual Session in Grand Rapids and on MDA's Web site at www.smilemichigan.com.

Alan Spohn of Westland received his bachelor of mechanical engineering degree from Kettering University during commencement ceremonies in December 2007.

Named to the fall 2007 Dean's List at Eastern Michigan University were Garden City residents **Jeffrey Backus, Alan Bennett, Craig Burkey, Emily Damerow, Steven Davis, Carl Dork, Kathleen Gibbons, Michelle Hackman, Jennifer Haffner, Catherine Howell, Stacy Kelsey, John Kraft, Marissa Priest, Kristy Renaud, Warren Riche, Lindsay Ritz, Jessica Roberts, Andrea Sabatini, Timothy Varner, Casey Wahl, Adam Walentowicz, Meagan Wilhoite, Deborah Wilson, Benjamin Yourchock and Kristi Zebrowski.**

Westland residents named to the list were **Rachel Anderson, John Ballarin V, Stephanie Biglow, Sara Boczar, Melissa Braunstein, Jessica Brent, Christopher Camilleri, Jeanette Currier, Emily Dannunzio, Stephanie Dickinson, Shawn Dillon, Yvonne El-Badry, Jeffrey Elniski, Traci Elstone, Leah Enright, Rachel Estrada, Susan Fisher, Scott German, Alyssa Goodin, Neil Gounaris, Katherine Guenther, Jennifer Gumina, Shawn Harrelson, Jeffrey**

Hayton, Alysa Henning, Michelle Henning, Theresa Hintz, Nicholas Kangas, Jenny Kukeski, Scott Laurain, Marissa Madary, Natasha Martinez, Kyle Maxwell, Keleigh Maylone, Richard McClain, Michelle McCulloch, Jill McEwen, Colleen Meyer, Matthew Miller, Lorraine Moore, Sharla Muir, Andy Najjar, Mae Nalls, Ginette Nathan, Stacey Neece, Silvia Pavlova, Brian Peterson, Kathryn Price, Erin Rachwal, Kelly Rembisz, Natalie Reynolds, Melissa Richards, Jennifer Rickard, Philip Robinson, David Rowell, Randeep Sanghe, Cara Sarten, Angela Shiemke, Robert Simpson, Devin Sioma, Christina St. Antoine, Edward St. Antoine, Andrey Stashko, Bethany Stawasz, Eric Stopa, Xin Tan, Allison Thompson, Jennifer Vanderklipp, Jamie Vernier, Kelly Waldschmidt, Sonja Wallace, Lyndsay Wietecha, Sarah Wilson, Shawn Woloszyn, Ryan Wooley, Kyle Zrenchik and Rebekah Zurenko.

Students had to carry a minimum of 10 credit hours and maintain a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 to be named to the list.

Former Westland resident **Kerstin Henry** recently joined the firm of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. as a professional engineer. She will work from the firm's Lakewood, Colo., office, and provide support to SEH's Boulder, Denver, Fort Collins and Pueblo offices.

Henry has 11 years of experience, specializing in municipal engineering, land development and project management. In her new role, she will be responsible for water system design, sewer system design and rehabilitation, site grading, utility design and drainage studies.

Henry has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University, and she is a licensed professional engineer in Colorado and Wisconsin.

Friday evening film series runs through May 9 at Madonna

The 11th District Citizens for Peace and Madonna University will continue their spring film series with three more films shown at 7 p.m. Fridays at Madonna University.

Donation is \$5 per event, with parking available free in the lighted lot.

Films are provided by the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights (MCHR) and will be shown at different times and dates in Royal Oak and Macomb Community College.

Coming films include:
 ■ *Beloved Community* on April 25 — Hitting close to

home, this film looks at Sarnia, Ontario, and its toxic legacy of Canada's petrochemical industry. Discussion will center around the questions of how industrial communities can arrive at a healthy balance between a community's economic livelihood and health and environmental impact. The film will be shown in the Science Lecture Hall.

■ *American Blackout* on May 2 — A 2006 Sundance Film Festival winner, this film examines the contemporary tactics used to control our democratic process and silence voices of political dissent. This

film chronicles the recurring patterns of voter disenfranchisement while following the story of former Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney. It will be shown in Kresge Hall.

■ *The Big Sellout* on May 9 — This political documentary, shown in Kresge Hall, depicts the stories of the everyday life of those who have to deal with the effects of privatization failures. Basic public services such as water supply, electricity, public transportation and even health care are examined.

For more details, contact Colleen Mills, 734-425-0079.

Roast to benefit The Senior Alliance

The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, is gearing up for its third Annual 2008 Downriver Hot Dog Roast, scheduled for Thursday, May 15.

TSA is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the independence of older persons and adults with disabilities in western and southern Wayne County. In support of its work, the City of Wyandotte and its partnering communities are working to raise funds for the Holiday Meals on Wheels Program in a very fun way.

Kola's Kitchen chef Johnny Kolakowski will prepare hot dogs, served with chili and chips 4-8 p.m. at the Copeland Center 2306 4th Street in Wyandotte. Guests will enjoy freshly squeezed lemonade, all you can eat treats, entertainment and a chance to win raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$15 each. TSA relies on the good-will and volunteerism of others to help support its mission to serve the community's senior and disabled population. One of these many services is the Holiday Meals on Wheels Program, a

charitable effort that provides hot, meals to thousands of eligible recipients throughout the 34 communities. TSA serves meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Labor Day. Each ticket purchased will provide three seniors with a warm meal this coming holiday season.

For more information about the event or to be a sponsor, call Jaclyn Kochis, program specialist, at (734) 727-2060. For more information about The Senior Alliance and its programs, call (734) 722-2830 or (800) 815-1112.

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OUR VIEWS

Oke, Mang merit LPS board votes

Livonia Public Schools voters should elect **Gregory Oke** and **Patrice Mang** to two seats up for election to the Board of Education on May 6.

In a sense, the district is still recovering from its Legacy Initiative shifts, the defeated recall try, etc. Words like healing and reconciliation are still being used. All three candidates are well-versed in that history and the variety of issues now facing the district.

Oke, who was elected to the board last year, has demonstrated an ability to bridge the emotional divide that's still separating those who cling to old animosities. He's effective in communicating his viewpoint and he's shown that he's willing to question and even vote in opposition to proposals with which he doesn't agree — most notably, the recent energy consultant contract.

As a school administrator, Oke brings a background of knowledge on education and he sets a strong focus on making the district as attractive as possible for families who may be looking at other districts, especially to Livonia's west. One idea he's pushing is an all-day kindergarten pilot.

Mang is a confident and outspoken advocate for making this school district the best it can be. Among other things, that means making improvements on the Legacy Initiative, a plan that she once helped oppose as part of the Citizens for Livonia's Future. She proposes reopening more grade 5-6 buildings to handle crowding, but says that's a wish, if finances work.

Mang does offer criticism — Everyday Math, an over-reliance on consultants and the need for better communication — but she also offers ideas for improvements. Mang brings the perspective of a teacher with 20 years of experience and mother of two elementary students. She's also an effective communicator who supports better marketing of the district's assets.

Tom Bailey has been a sincere, committed board member who, a little more than a year into his service, was able to cast the lone vote against the Legacy Initiative. He has put in time to get out to schools to learn about issues and he spoke out against board conference travel spending. He wants better board communication and sees a new attitude recently by board members in sharing their views.

We believe, though, that **Greg Oke** and **Patrice Mang** would be the best choices for Livonia Public Schools.

Going green doesn't have to cost towns a lot of green

"It's not easy bein' green," as Kermit the Frog used to sing.

That's why we applaud local municipalities that have taken steps to protect the environment.

Some, like Berkeley and Ferndale, have established volunteer groups to identify ways they can conserve energy, increase recycling, reduce greenhouse gases and adopt other environmentally friendly practices.

These committees, among other tasks, are charged with finding green initiatives that cost little to implement, such as installing bicycle racks and recycling bins for plastic water bottles in downtown areas.

Being green can be expensive, at least initially. With declining state revenue sharing and property tax revenue, many communities don't have money for costly changeovers. Researching green initiatives also takes time, which short-staffed city or township departments don't have.

Citizen committees who care about the environment do the work for free, and they can recommend a range of green initiatives from those that cost nothing to those that are worth saving for.

Other communities don't have committees, but they're still environmentally responsible.

West Bloomfield requires all its purchases to be green, as long as they meet cost and bid requirements.

Rochester Hills will reduce the city's energy costs by 25 percent in the next two years. Birmingham uses an electric-operated vehicle for parking enforcement and just launched a new Web page offering residents tips on recycling, etc.

Canton Township has gone paperless with its board packets, and has ordinances protecting vegetation along rivers and streams.

But other municipalities have done little to nothing — falling far behind their peers and the private sector, like AAA Michigan with its new LEED-certified branch in Birmingham and Madonna University in Livonia with the new science and media center it's building to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards.

It isn't easy being green — but it's the right thing to do. And local municipalities leading the way are doing it at little or no cost.

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LETTERS

Thanks for coverage

I'd like to thank you and your staff for the wonderful job you do in covering the library's activities and events. We're so appreciative that you take the time to include us in the community's news. We've seen a remarkable increase in program attendance as a result of all the positive news coverage, and we're grateful that we're reaching a greater number of our local residents through your newspaper.

While I've served as library director in four communities and three states, I've never worked with a newspaper staff as responsive and dedicated to the community as is yours. I'm continually impressed with all the positive energy generated in Westland, and the *Observer* is an important part in creating that spirit.

Thank you again for all you do for the library and the community.

Cheryl Napsha,
director

William P. Faust Public Library of Westland

Concerned about education

After reading the profiles of a Wayne-Westland school board candidate in the April 13 edition of the *Westland Observer*, I have become very concerned about the state of education in my community. My concerns are the result of several pieces of information about and quotes from one of the candidates as relayed by the *Observer*.

According to her profile as printed in the *Observer*, Shawna Walker "plans to make it her goal to be at as many school activities and meetings as possible." Ms. Walker was quoted as saying, "If I devote myself to something, I'm going to give 100 percent." While it is commendable that Ms. Walker plans to give "100 percent," I have to ask myself, don't the people of Westland expect 100 percent from every elected official? And don't we expect that Ms. Walker will not try to make it to as many meetings as possible, but will attend every meeting?

Beyond my questions about Ms. Walker's intentions to dutifully fulfill the responsibilities this position would incur, if she were elected, I am very nervous about placing someone in an office that oversees education in our city who does not believe that every student has the capability to be an A student. Ms. Walker was quoted as saying, "Realistically, not every kid is an A student, not every kid is college material." This comment is outrageous. In America, and in Westland, we hold the belief that every man is created equal. In the world of education, that translates to every student being equally capable of becoming an A student.

The article stated that Ms. Walker "is concerned about the new high school curriculum which 'expects all students to be mathematicians or scientists.'" Based on this comment, it is my belief that Ms. Walker does not value a strong, well-rounded education.

While not all students will become mathematicians or scientists, all students should have the opportunity to receive a broad general education. If America, and Westland, are to keep up in the changing global economy, it is absolutely vital that we train our future voters and consumers to be educated ones I wonder, based on Ms. Walker's comments, if she is fully aware of the nature of Michigan's changing economy and the need for an educated workforce.

Bethany Stawasz
Westland

Celebrate Ten Commandments

House Resolution 598 introduced by Rep. Todd Akin of Missouri and co-sponsored by Rep. Thaddeus McCotter would support the Ten Commandments Commission's (TCC) goals of celebrating the Ten Commandments and work for Reconciliation among nations and ethnic groups.

Hats off to Reps. McCotter and Akin. I am always amazed at the ferocity in such groups as the ACLU to engineer ways of dismantling any clear articulation of laws in which so much of society endorse and embrace as constructive and positive. Do the majority of citizens approve of such deeds as lying, stealing, adultery or murder that laws against them should be hidden? Do the majority of citizens not desire children to honor and respect their parents? And even if the atheist believes in no God, does the God of any other religion (most of whom all incorporate the virtues of the Ten Commandments) prohibit him from worshipping his non-existent God?

It is time for Americans to begin assessing their religious beliefs in light of their politics. I would argue that many of the supporters and participants of the ACLU, are not half so concerned as to the words inscribed on the tablets of the Ten Commandments as they are filthy lucre they will incur (your tax dollar to be sure) when bringing such cases as the issue of displaying the Ten Commandments to the courts. Ah, the delicious sound of the taxpayer coin as it plunks and piles into the bank accounts of trial lawyers. There is one political party you can guarantee "covets" your tax dollars. Some politicians might even learn to stop defiling their marriage bed if they would take a moment to consider the significance of the Ten Commandments.

Aught we not to celebrate the Ten Commandments instead of hiding them.

Chris Torres
Livonia

Right time for part-time

In a drive to pursue a more efficient and economical state Legislature, a bipartisan group, Turn Michigan Around (www.TurnMichiganAround.com), is circulating petitions to place a proposal for a "part-time" Michigan Legislature on the ballot.

At least 39 other states function adequately with part-time legislatures. In fact, the only two states in

the past year that faced a government shutdown were Michigan and Pennsylvania, both with no restrictions on time in session. The current ballot proposal limits the number of days the Legislature can be in session to 100 per year and requires regular sessions to be concluded by May 31, providing stability for the 500-plus school districts that need to have budgets in place by July.

Setting limits on the number of days in session and establishing an end-of-session date can improve overall legislative performance in Michigan by requiring lawmakers to focus their efforts on important issues.

Michigan currently has the second highest paid legislators in the nation — \$79,500 plus \$12,000 in tax-free "expense reimbursement" — second only to California, which has 23 percent fewer representatives than Michigan who represent a population three times as large as Michigan.

The proposal sets Michigan legislators' salary at 80 percent of the Michigan median household income plus \$12,000 for documented expenses. Currently, that computes to about \$40,000 per year plus benefits, which is approximately the average compensation paid to legislators in the 10 states closest to Michigan in population. The proposal also eliminates the guaranteed lifetime health benefits lawmakers now receive after only six years of service.

Finally, this proposal eliminates term limits for legislators, a flawed piece of legislation that has resulted in too many inexperienced legislators dealing with difficult and complex issues.

Even though some Michigan lawmakers have expressed an interest in a part-time legislature, it's unlikely that such a proposal could be passed in the Legislature. However, Michigan citizens can give this proposal a fair consideration by signing the petition to place it on the ballot.

Linda Fields
Rochester Hills

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QUOTABLE

"When Dan died ... I wasn't around. It means a lot to everyone in his whole family that he gets some kind of justice. This is my personal closure."

— Jennifer Palmer of Livonia, about the guilty verdict in the beheading death of her friend, Daniel Sorensen

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Firm shows modern-day spark that drove Ford, other pioneers

Just off the Walter Reuther expressway in Pleasant Ridge, a tidy little suburb near the Detroit Zoo, Michigan's rust belt past sits cheek by jowl with the beginnings of our knowledge economy future.

Welcome to ePrize, a small firm with a big ambition: to be the Google of the interactive marketing and promotion industry. Location is key, and ePrize is just a jammed parking lot away from the Walker Wire Co. Walker makes heavy-duty industrial strength wire for industrial uses. ePrize manages customer marketing and affiliation programs for a bewildering range of Fortune 500 companies and hundreds of thousands of their customers.



Phil Power

The contrast could not be more abrupt. Inside ePrize — at \$60 million in sales and growing at a 40 percent annual rate, according to founder and CEO Josh Linkner — hundreds of staffers sit at the 21st century version of the assembly line. But instead of a dimly lit factory floor with automobile chassis muscled into place by burly assembly workers, ePrize is filled with bright colors, ergonomic chairs, high-powered computers and free pop and bottled water in every room. Employees are in their late 20s to early 30s, dressed in dazzling variety and "questioning everything," Linkner says.

Henry Ford's great innovation was to invent the way to assemble perfectly machined parts into an automobile — countless identical steps, repeated endlessly during the day with no room for innovation or variation. Old photographs of the assembly line of that era mostly show seemingly middle-aged men, all dressed alike, all performing their assigned functions with no variation.

By contrast, ePrize's employee handbook runs like this: "Many companies use words like 'passion' and 'creativity.' But when we use those words, it's different. These are not merely buzzwords, they are core philosophies that embody who we are. We take things to the edge ... to extremes ... to the ultimate level.

"To the power of 'e'."

Linkner, the man behind the virtual curtain, earned a B.S. in advertising from the University of Florida, then served as senior vice president for Rare Medium Group, a Web consulting and venture capital firm, before founding ePrize in 1999. After two rounds of financing — and a total of \$43 million in investment — ePrize now has offices in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas and London.

Linkner's ePrize relies on the Internet, which can be everywhere and anywhere. That means he could locate it anywhere on Earth. So why is ePrize in Pleasant Ridge? Linkner was born in Southfield and now lives in Bloomfield Hills, so it's near home. But there's much more.

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"There are great opportunities to build a technology company here," Linkner says. "There is a rich talent base in Michigan, a great work ethic and deep and solid entrepreneurial roots. The cost structure, if anything, is lower than elsewhere." ePrize got some help, as well, from the Michigan Economic Development Corp.'s job creation program. In fact, the firm is featured in one of the MEDC's TV ads promoting the advantages of locating in Michigan.

Ilya Snider, one of the firm's 350 employees, puts it this way: "I like it here. Why leave if you have it all? Climate, family, lots of things to do, downtown Detroit. Everything I want is right here."

Linkner says his biggest management problem is keeping a firm hold on galloping growth. "We're a lot like what the great car companies were like," a century ago, he says. "We're just entering our greatest period of growth."

That's exactly the attitude a lot more of us need. Among our other ailments, Michigan is suffering from a bad case of low self-esteem. We can't seem to get it through our collective heads that we have — right here at home — a set of distinctive, world-competitive assets — a hard-driving workforce with boundless skills and talents; great research universities; a wonderful quality of life at an affordable cost; driven and capable entrepreneurs.

Walking through the subdued hum of ePrize's 21st century assembly line, I was struck by the thought that here before my eyes was today's version of the Ford Motor Co., of the Dow Chemical Co., of Kellogg's and Upjohn.

Entrepreneurship runs deep in our collective DNA. Linkner and his colleagues at ePrize recognize it; they are the latest generation.

The task at hand for our state is to help others do so, too.

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Lawsuit against MHSAA harmed high school sports

First of all, I'd like to make it clear that I truly admire people who dedicate several years of their lives for a cause they feel is worthwhile.

Secondly, as the sports editor of the Plymouth-Canton Observer, I can honestly say that I give female athletes as much coverage as male athletes — not because I think it's an obligation of my job, but because I feel they deserve it.



Ed Wright

That said, I wish the two Grand Rapids-area mothers (and their lawyers) who successfully sued the Michigan High School Athletic Association to change the girls volleyball season from winter to fall had chosen global warming or world hunger as their cause — not toppling the non-profit association that provides an incredible service to more than 300,000 student-athletes each year.

While I'm sure the mothers' initial goal wasn't to bankrupt the MHSAA, their persistent, win-at-all-costs tactics have come close to doing just that.

With the tenacity of Michael Vick's pit bulls, these two mothers and the association they founded — Communities for Equity — have done more than just rock the MHSAA's boat. They've proven to be about as destructive as the iceberg that sank the Titanic.

Feeling their volleyball-playing daughters were getting the short end of the national-recruiting stick because Michigan's high school volleyball season was played in the winter, not the fall like the other 49 states, Diane Madsen and Jaye Roberts-Eveland sued the MHSAA in 1998 to change the seasons.

Following a decade of litigation, they eventually won their case, but was it worth it?

Nearly all the high school volleyball coaches, volleyball players and athletic directors I've discussed this issue with agreed that with the abundance of spring and summer AAU volleyball tournaments and camps, true college-caliber players will be recruited and offered scholarships — no matter when their high school season is played.

Case in point: Both the daughters of the founding mothers of CFE earned Division 1 scholarships — years before

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It makes me wonder if the mothers' true motivation was enhancing their daughters' chances of playing in college or coming off looking like some kind of modern-day feminist-rights crusaders.

Along with the MHSAA's financial woes (a judge recently ruled that it owes legal fees and interest to the plaintiff's lawyer totaling \$7.4 million, but only has about \$6 million in assets), there has been other collateral damage created by the case. Because the girls basketball season was switched to the winter, the sport suffered a severe drop in attendance since it had to go head-to-head with the boys games.

The season change also created widespread shortages of quality high school basketball referees.

And the list goes on. I'll conclude with this possible scenario: It's early October and the MHSAA has exhausted all of its appeals and is out of money. As a result, it is forced to cancel the postseason tournaments it runs for all of the fall sports — including volleyball.

How sad and ironic would that be? After all the chaos, destruction and sadness these two mothers have created, I hope they've enjoyed their 15 minutes of fame.

Or would that be infamy?

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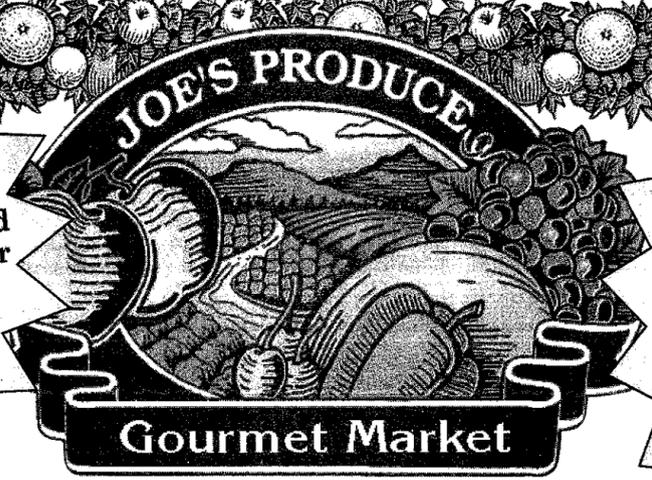
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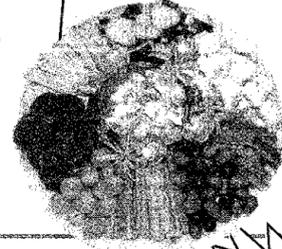
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Stevenson surprises No. 2-ranked Chargers, 2-1

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's 2-1 girls soccer win Monday night against Livonia Churchill not only raised some eyebrows around the Western Lakes Activities Association, but also around the state.

The underdog Spartans had reason to celebrate afterward after upsetting the state's No. 2-ranked team in Division 1 on its home turf.

"It's our biggest win in a while. It certainly ranks right up there," Stevenson seventh-year coach Chris Pinta said.

"We do see them again (May 12 at Stevenson). This is early, but it's big."

The win improves Stevenson's overall record to 5-3 overall and 2-1 in the Lakes Division of the WLAA. Churchill falls to 6-1-1 overall and 2-1 in the Lakes.

The Spartans formed a defensive shell around their freshman goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk and waited for counterattacks against the highly touted Chargers.

The strategy worked nearly to perfection.

"The only way we could win the game is to respect what

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they have," Pinta said of the Chargers. "To go straight at them would be foolish. We had to stay back and counterattack and that's what happened both times.

"I really need to compliment my back line of Julia Schroeder, Jenn Gately, Rachel Stevens and Taleen Mergian for hard, disciplined play. And Michelle Krawczyk in goal, that's a huge win for a freshman keeper."

Forward Renee Boudreau, who figured in both Stevenson goals, carried the ball down the

right side of the field and fed a pass back into the middle to teammate Alexandra Harbowy, who rifled a shot from 20 yards out that eluded the outstretched arms of Churchill's All-Area goalkeeper Stefanie Turner. The goal gave the Spartans a 1-0 lead with 21:17 left in the first half.

Churchill then came out flying to start the second half and it resulted in the equalizer, a shot by Callie Mack off a scramble in front of the Stevenson goal. The ball was sent through by Lindsay McMullen with 32:22 remaining.

Krawczyk then made a key

save with only 10:45 remaining on a point-blank header from Churchill's Shari Zakalowski.

And just 2:13 later, Boudreau got a breakaway ball that Turner tried to divert after going well off her line. The Stevenson forward got just enough on the touch and the slow roller trickled into the Churchill net with a Chargers defender on a dead sprint and unable to cut it off.

Churchill's best chance to tie came with only 7:38 remaining, when Julianne Puroll's shot rattled off the crossbar and the

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Sidelines

Demolition falls

The Chicago Force effectively bottled up the Detroit Demolition's offensive attack Saturday en route to an 18-7 Independent Women's Football League triumph.

The only score for the visiting Demolition was a 12-yard pass play from Bridget Porter to wide receiver Nicole Randolph in the second quarter to take a brief 7-6 lead.

The Force (2-0) occupy first play in the Midwest Division of the IWFL, while the five-time national champion Demolition (1-1) return to action beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at Livonia Franklin High School to take on the Iowa Crush (0-1).

Livonia mayor Jack Kirksey will do the coin toss and the American Heart Association will be stage Go Healthy activities through the game with mascot Hugo. Halftime entertainment will be provided by the New Fossils.

Tickets are available by calling (248) 474-9176. For more information, visit www.detedemolition.com.

Local tumbler fifth

Livonian Cassandra Woods, 13, placed fifth overall in power tumbling last weekend at the USA Gymnastics Elite Challenge held in Mobile, Ala.

Woods was first in the preliminary competition of national team competitors with the second-place power tumbler one full-point behind her.

Thornton's mark

Adrian College's 4 x 100-meter relay team of Ian Thornton (Westland John Glenn), Patrick Reagan, Desmond Upshaw and Christian Calley set a school-record and NCAA Division II provisional time of 41.76 in a meet Saturday at Northwood University.

Hole-in-one club

Gary McMillan, 61, of Livonia, used an 8-iron to ace the 129-yard, No. 7 hole Saturday at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia. McMillan, who has been golfing for 27 years, carded a 94 for 18 holes.

Chargers hang tough at finish to nip Franklin

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Usually it's been Churchill and Stevenson duking it out for the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational girls track title.

But Tuesday's meet hosted by Franklin featured a slightly different twist.

Churchill, gunning for its fourth straight crown, secured a second-place finish in the final event, the 4 x 400-meter relay, to hold off the Patriots for the team crown, 92.5 points to Franklin's 89.5.

Stevenson, a three-time runner-up which last won a title in 2004, settled for third with 74. The meet's fourth invitee, Livonia

Clarenceville, failed to score. "I'm so proud of our team," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We've come a long way this season. It was a little bittersweet coming so close to winning the meet, but this is the best we've ever done since the reinception of this meet in 2001.

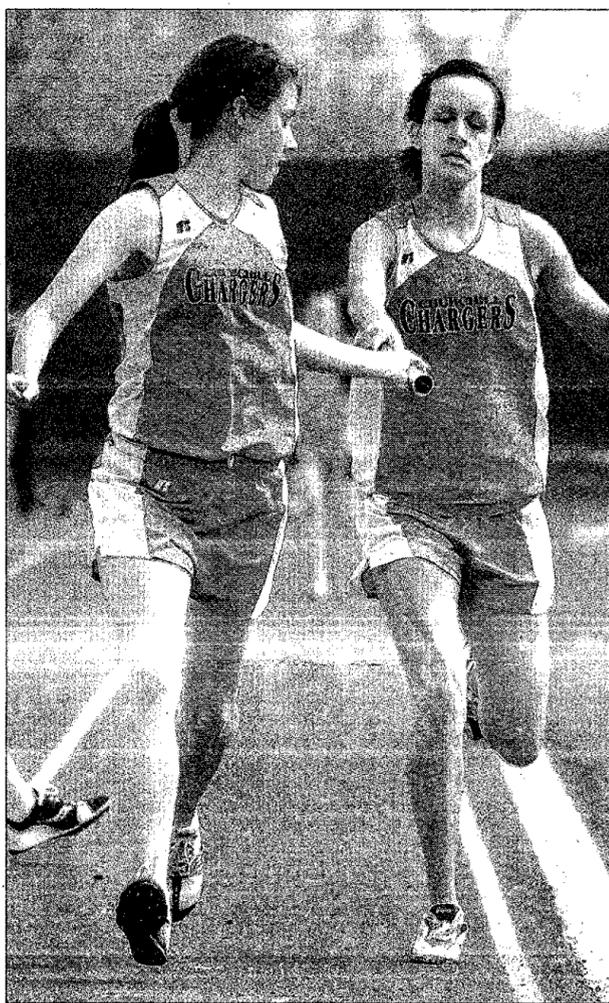
"We have a young team and we got beat by a little bit more experience today, but we'll be right there at the big meets down the stretch."

Stevenson captured the 1,600 relay in 4:18.53, while Churchill and Franklin were right behind in 4:18.9 and 4:19.22, respectively.

Churchill's anchor, Sara Kroll, had a 10-meter lead on Franklin's anchor Senneea Scott when she received the baton on the final leg. Scott then passed the fellow sophomore, but Kroll came roaring back at the finish to preserve the Chargers' team victory.

One of Churchill's MVPs was senior Rachel McFarlane, who placed first in the 800 (2:26.03)

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Churchill's leadoff Sara Kroll passes the baton to Kim Verellen for the second-leg of the 4 x 800-meter relay in Tuesday's Public Schools of Livonia Invitational hosted by Franklin. Churchill won the event 9:52.02 and edged the host Patriots for the team title.

3rd straight Livonia title for Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were no real surprises in Tuesday's Livonia City Boys track meet.

As expected, host Stevenson ran away with its third consecutive title by a more comfortable margin over rival Churchill than in the previous two years, 116.5-74.5.

Franklin placed third with 55 points and Clarenceville brought up the rear with 10.

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The Spartans captured three of four relay races and added eight individual firsts led by triple winner Myles White, who won the long jump (22 feet, 0.25 inches), 110-meter hurdles (14.6) and 300 hurdles (40.15).

Twin brother Mitchell White took the high jump with a school-record leap of 6 feet, 8 inches and added a first in the 200 dash (23.02), while fellow senior Matt Broome placed first in both the shot put (46-2.5) and discus (139-5).

Stevenson's other individual first came from senior Derek Buskey in the 400 (50.62).

"I thought we ran well tonight," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "It was fairly tight going into the 400, but we took 11 points there, which was big. We figured Derek

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Coaching milestone

Madonna University athletic director Bryan Rizzo (left) presents Al White with the game ball after Saturday's opener to commemorate the Crusaders' softball coach's 300th victory at the helm. MU swept a double-header from Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference foe UM-Dearborn, 10-0 and 6-5. See www.hometownlife.com for more details.



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

WHAC champions

Crusaders sweep Aquinas to clinch title

Canton's Shawn Little drove in two runs with a first-inning single Sunday to jumpstart Madonna University's baseball team to a doubleheader sweep against Aquinas College to clinch the 2008 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title.

Host MU took Game 1 2-0 before closing out the sweep with a 3-0 win in the nightcap.

With the wins, the Crusaders are now 29-12 overall and 16-4 in WHAC play. The Saints fall to 14-23 overall and 6-12 in league action.

In the opener, MU scored all of the

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runs it would need in the third inning as Drew Adamiec (Walled Lake) led off with a single. Levi Cheshire (Troy) followed two batters later with a double to move courtesy runner Mike Ganser to third for Little, who delivered a single to left that scored both Cheshire and Ganser for a 2-0 MU lead.

Madonna starter Eric Wendling had allowed just three hits heading into the

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Stevenson hurler's perfect game bid goes awry in 10th

Things went perfectly for Livonia Stevenson pitcher Jamie Johnson for nine innings.

But the Spartans' junior ace gave up her only two hits of the game in the 10th as host Walled Lake Central pulled out a 1-0 girls softball win.

Central is now 8-1 overall and 2-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, while Stevenson falls to 2-3 and 1-2.

Hannah Turner broke up Johnson's perfect game with a single in the 10th. She advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Krista Hakola and scored on Lindsay Okenka's game-winning RBI double.

Johnson finished with two-hitter and struck out eight, while Central's Christy Hardy went the distance, fanning 18 and allowing just five hits and one walk.

Nina Bonanno collected two hits in the loss.

CHURCHILL 16, JOHN GLENN 1: Livonia Churchill (4-8, 2-1) collected 10 hits and benefitted from 15 walks in a four-inning mercy-rule victory Monday at home over Westland John Glenn (0-5, 0-3).

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Katie Stodulski, who finished with three hits, doubled in two runs for the Chargers, while Katina St. Pierre and Emily McShane each added two hits.

Churchill freshman pitcher Natalie Hiser fanned seven and allowed just one hit to pick up the victory.

Losing pitcher Amanda Caudill had a double for Glenn's lone hit.

FRANKLIN 10, WAYNE 0: Junior catcher Brittany Taylor went 4-for-4 with a double, two RBI and four stolen bases Monday as host Livonia Franklin (5-2, 1-2) took six innings to mercy Wayne Memorial (3-8, 0-3).

Chelsea Williams added two hits, scored twice and knocked in a run for the Patriots, while Emily Silsbee chipped in with a 2-run double in the fourth inning.

Winning pitcher Alecia Geraghty (2-1) allowed just four hits over six innings. She walked one and struck out eight.

Losing pitcher Taylor Krohn gave up 11 hits, fanned six and walked three. She was Wayne's top hitter, going 2-for-2.

HARRISON 3-11, JOHN GLENN 1-0: On Tuesday, host Farmington Hills Harrison (5-8-1) took a double-header from Westland Glenn (0-7).

Michelle Wescott was the winning pitcher in both games without allowing a walk. She tossed a

five-hitter in the opener, a 3-1 victory, with five Ks and came back in the nightcap with six-inning shutout in an 11-0 win. She struck out four.

Brittany Holbrook, the Glenn starter, lost both ends, scattering seven hits and fanning seven in the opener. She allowed 12 hits and three walks in the nightcap.

Stacey Truskowski had two hits, including a double for Glenn. Amanda Caudill also doubled in the first game.

Erin McConnell led Harrison with two hits.

Emily Sirovy led the Hawks in the nightcap with three hits, while Bianca Vasovski and Emma Williams each added two.

CHURCHILL 10-10, GROVES 5-14: In a non-league double-header Saturday, Livonia Churchill (3-8) and host Birmingham Groves settled for a split.

Winning pitcher Natalie Hiser pitched a five-hitter and struck out six as Churchill took the first game, 10-5. Hiser also added two hits, including a homer. Emily McShane also collected a pair of hits.

Stephanie Webbe homered for the Falcons.

In the nightcap, Nicole Siklich had two hits, including a homer, in Groves' 14-10 triumph.

Paula Guzik scored four runs and had three hits for the Chargers. Jordan Kerr, who shared the pitching duties, also collected three hits, including a homer.

Churchill bats defuse Rockets

Livonia Churchill got a much-needed Lakes Division baseball win Monday with a 9-4 triumph over host Westland John Glenn.

Churchill is now 5-7 overall, while Glenn drops to 7-4.

Both teams are 2-1 in the Lakes Division of the WLAA.

Devin Moynihan went 3-for-4 with an RBI and three runs scored for the Chargers, who jumped out to a 6-1 lead after three innings.

Ricky Scully also added two hits and an RBI, while Tyler Bledsoe chipped in with a 2-for-4 for the victorious Chargers.

Winning pitcher Shea Dwyer scattered seven hits over seven innings. He struck out 10 and walked only one.

Glenn starter Jake Sperry suffered the loss. The Rockets committed four errors.

Jon Gillis and Andrew DeLuca each went 2-for-3 with an RBI for Glenn. Don Brady also had an RBI double.

FRANKLIN 17, WAYNE 6: Senior right-hander Jesse Carpenter improved to 4-0 on the season Monday as Livonia Franklin (6-6, 2-1) took six innings to mercy host Wayne Memorial (6-7, 0-3) in a WLAA-Western Division game.

Carpenter went all six innings, allowing four hits and four walks while fanning five.

Wayne starter Jon Bryant, who was lifted in the third inning after allowing 11 runs, suffered the loss.

Garrett Gumm was Franklin's top hitter, going 3-for-5, including a 3-run double in the second inning. Mike Basner also added three hits, while Jeff McCullough went 2-for-5 with a 2-run homer in the fifth inning. Derek LeBlanc also went 2-for-3 with two runs and an RBI.

Zeb Hancock went 1-for-3 with two runs and a walk for Wayne.

W.L. CENTRAL 16, STEVENSON 1: On Monday, Walled Lake Central (8-6, 1-2) unloaded for 14 hits en route to

WLAA BASEBALL

a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph over host Livonia Stevenson (3-6, 0-3).

Cody Rzeznik, Cody Husak and Matt Johnson each collected two hits for the victorious Vikings, who led 7-1 after four innings before adding three in the sixth and six more in the seventh.

Jake Wilson and Mike Tuttle each had two hits for the Spartans.

Derek Mitchell, the winning pitcher, worked the first five innings allowing one run on six hits. He fanned three.

WAYNE 6-11, GARDEN CITY 2-10: On Saturday, host Wayne Memorial (6-6) swept both ends of a twinbill against the visiting Cougars (4-7).

The Zebras took the opener, 6-2, as Rodney Manning pitched his second complete game win to improve to 2-0.

Zeb Hancock, Stefan Harrison and Matt Foss each collected two hits in the victory.

Wayne then edged Garden City in the nightcap, 11-10, as Brent Patterson contributed three hits, while Jon Bryant and Stefan Harrison added two each in the victory.

Harrison got the win in relief of freshman starter Shane Kommer.

CLARKSTON 19, FRANKLIN 14: In Saturday's Roy Warner Tourney, the host Wolves (5-2) unloaded for 13 hits against Livonia Franklin (7-6).

Mike Basner went 3-for-4 with a solo homer in a losing cause. Garrett Gumm also added three hits, while Anthony Andrus, Jesse Carpenter, Mark McRobb and Tyler Barnes contributed two each for the Patriots.

Senior right-hander Jeff McCullough, who went the first 4.1 innings, allowing seven earned runs, took the loss.

FRANKLIN 7, KETTERING 2: Freshman left-hander Dan Muller pitched a complete-game four-hitter as Livonia Franklin (7-5) downed Waterford Kettering (3-6) in Saturday's opener of the Roy Warner Tourney in Clarkston.

Muller walked four and struck out three to earn his first varsity

win. Mike Basner doubled twice and knocked in two runs to lead the Patriots' hitting attack, while Anthony Andrus added a hit and two RBI. Tyler Barnes also went 1-for-3 with an RBI.

JOHN GLENN 5-1, N. FARMINGTON 4-12: In a non-league double-header Saturday, host Westland John Glenn (7-3) and North Farmington (5-4) split.

Chris Kangas, bouncing back from a preseason elbow injury, pitched five scoreless innings in the opener to pick up the 5-4 victory in his first outing. The senior right-hander allowed just three hits, walked one and struck out five.

Kevin LaFave blasted a solo homer and added an RBI single to lead Glenn.

Jake Sperry, who worked the final two innings, also knocked in two runs.

Alex Manion and Alex Burns had RBI singles for North in the sixth.

In the nightcap, North pitcher Brian Noble retired the first 15 batters he face in row to pick up the 12-1 mercy-rule win. Noble fanned three and walked only one.

Andrew DeLuca took the loss, giving up nine runs during his five-inning stint before giving way to Mike Johnson and Jon Gillis.

Kyle Acuna's single scored LaFave with Glenn's lone run in the fifth.

CHURCHILL 10-11, THURSTON 0-19: On Saturday, host Livonia Churchill (4-7) and Redford Thurston (5-4) divided a non-league twinbill.

Josh Matigian pitched a five-hitter and walked only two as Churchill took the opener in a five-inning mercy, 10-0.

Jimmy Tyler went 2-for-4 with a double, triple and two RBI for the victorious Chargers, while Steve Jones went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

Thurston starter Justin Miller, who gave up six runs over three innings, took the loss.

The Eagles rebounded to win the second game, 19-11, as Jeremy Corner went 4-for-5 with a pair of triples and six RBI. Ryan Smith also went 2-for-4.

Ricky Scully was 3-for-5 with a 2-run double for Churchill.

Tourney tiebreaker puts Stevenson 2nd

Livonia Stevenson came up just short in Saturday's South Lyon Invitational baseball tournament.

Livonia Stevenson (3-5) won two-of-three games including victories over Swartz Creek, 11-8, and the host Lions, 5-2, while losing to WLAA-Lakes Division foe Walled Lake Northern, 6-1.

Northern also went 2-1 in tourney play, but was awarded tournament title based on a tiebreaker rule.

Josh Strautz pitched a three-

hitter and struck out seven over seven innings for the Spartans in the victory over South Lyon (2-9).

Sam Vomastek went 2-for-3 to pace the offense, while Eric Krauss, Jake Wilson and Strautz each knocked in a run.

In the loss to eventual tourney champion Northern, winning pitcher Kevin Carlson struck out 13 and allowed just five hits over seven innings.

Garrett Breeding went 2-for-4 with a solo homer, while Adam Baker went 2-for-3 with

two RBI.

Jeff Sorenson knocked in Stevenson's only run.

Sorenson's 3-run homer lifted the Spartans past Swartz Creek. He went 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Vomastek added two hits and an RBI, while Strautz and Chris Summer knocked in two runs apiece.

Dave Niesyto, the winning pitcher, worked five innings, striking out five. Mike Tuttle pitched a scoreless sixth and seventh inning to pick up the save.

Trojans end losing skid, 5-2

Dan Schiffman went 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI and pitcher Tyler Hendrickson went all seven innings to give Livonia Clarenceville its first baseball win at the season Monday over host Hamtramck, 5-2.

Hendrickson allowed just one earned run on five hits. He struck out six for the Trojans, now 1-8 overall and 1-2 in the Metro Conference.

Other Clarenceville hitting standouts included John McAlpine, 2-for-4 with two RBI; Jimmy Moody, 2-for-3 including a double; and Phil Strachan, 2-for-3.

On Saturday, the host Trojans were swept by Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a non-conference double-header, 9-4 and 23-2 (three-inning mercy).

Schiffman took the loss on the mound in the opener for the Trojans. He also went 2-for-3 with an RBI single, while Jacob Bibik went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI.

Clarenceville had just one hit in the nightcap by McAlpine, the losing pitcher.

PREP BASEBALL

Moody scored a run and had a stolen base.

LUTH. WESTLAND 12, PONTIAC ACADEMY 0: Sam Ahlersmyer and Ryan Rakovalis combined on a no-hitter Monday as host Lutheran High Westland (6-1) took five innings to mercy Pontiac Academy of Excellence (0-6).

Ahlersmyer went the first three innings, fanning eight and allowing two walks. He also went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Rakovalis worked the final two frames, allowing a pair of walks to go along with five Ks.

Other hitting standouts for the Warriors included Eric Shoats, 3-for-3 with a double and three RBI; Matt Bartus, 2-for-3 with a double and four RBI; Adam Zehel, 2-for-2 with a double and two runs scored; and Ryan Baglow, 2-for-3 with an RBI.

MACOMB CHRISTIAN 8, HURON VALLEY 4: On Tuesday, Macomb Christian (5-6, 4-0) won the battle for first place in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference by scoring three runs in the sixth and three in the seventh to beat host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-5, 3-1).

Joel Battje was the winning pitcher, going all seven inning

allowing 10 hits and four walks while fanning six. He also doubled twice and knocked in two runs.

Mike Raymond also went 2-for-4 with a double and RBI.

Losing pitcher Ryan Jones went all seven as well, allowing seven hits and four walks while fanning nine. He went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while teammate Richie Mamo went 3-for-4.

The two teams combined for nine errors.

HURON VALLEY 9-3, AGAPE 8-24: On Saturday, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-4, 3-0) split a twinbill with Canton Agape Christian.

In the opener, Aaron Howell went 3-for-4 and winning pitcher Ryan Jones helped his own cause going 2-for-3 with a triple, RBI and three runs scored in a 9-8 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division win.

Jones worked the first six innings, allowing nine hits, no walks and six runs. He struck out 16.

Agape took the nightcap that did not count in the MIAC-Red standings, 24-3, in seven innings.

Andy Barber was the losing pitcher, while Jones went 2-for-3 with a triple and RBI in the loss.

Brandon Pierson was the winning pitcher, while Jared Miller went 5-for-7 at the plate.

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Chargers bolt past Blazers, 4-1

Livonia Ladywood struck first Saturday, but it was all Livonia Churchill the rest of the way as the state-ranked Chargers posted a 4-1 girls soccer victory.

Churchill improved to 6-0-1 overall with the victory, while Ladywood drops to 3-2-2.

Caitlin Szczycka, on a nice feed from Alessia Vagnini, put the host Blazers on top 1-0 midway through the first half.

But Churchill countered with three goals before the half ended and added another during the second half.

Julianne Puroll scored the equalizer followed by Bailey Brandon's pair of goals and Callie Mack with another. Kayla Johnston finished with two assists, while Lindsey Marlow added one.

Churchill limited the Blazers to two shots.

"They're very skilled and well organized," Ladywood

GIRLS SOCCER

first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said of the Chargers. "We need to possess the ball more than what we did the first half. They just continued to apply the pressure and we were backed into our own end for far too long to hold them off."

The weekend, however, wasn't a total loss. On Friday, Shingledecker and his wife Nikki celebrated the birth of their first child, Brody Lee Shingledecker.

NOTRE DAME PREP 1, LADYWOOD 0: Emily Gray's goal in the 41st minute proved to be the difference Tuesday as host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (5-3-2, 4-1-1) downed visiting Livonia Ladywood (3-3-2, 3-2-1) in a Catholic League Central Division matchup.

Irish keeper Kelsey DeLave made six saves en route to the shutout, while Ladywood's Michele Ring

stopped five shots.

NORTHVILLE 8, FRANKLIN 0: Sarah Stern tallied a pair of goals Monday as the Mustangs (6-0-2, 3-0) downed host Livonia Franklin (0-7, 0-3) in a WLLAA-Western Division game decided on the mercy rule.

Theresa Yankovich also had a goal and two assists, while goalkeeper Katherine Jansen posted the shutout.

W.L. NORTHERN 6, JOHN GLENN 0: Goalkeeper Payj O'Shea notched her fifth shutout of the season and Christy Naife scored a pair of goals Monday as Walled Lake Northern (4-1-2, 2-1) blanked Westland John Glenn (1-7, 0-3) in a WLLAA-Lakes Division matchup.

Riley Woods, Malissa Guiles, Tori Cornell and Sarah Starrs also scored for the Knights. Jacq O'Shea had a pair of assists.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 3, LUTHERAN, WESTLAND 0: In a non-conference match Monday, host Plymouth Christian (6-1) got one goal and one assist from Jalese Debiasi in a victory over Lutheran High Westland (3-3).

Goalkeeper Sara Ross earned her sixth shutout of the year.

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subsequent point-blank header off the rebound by teammate Lindsey Marlow sailed just over the net.

Stevenson's defense then dug in down the stretch and the Spartans were able to preserve the one-goal advantage.

"The second goal was a miscommunication and how many times will you see that happen?" Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "What I said to our girls afterwards is that we can't start late, you can't give a team 40 minutes to fool around with."

"On certain nights, a hard-working team now and again will overcome great play, but take nothing away from Stevenson. Their hard work and

their organization outdid our play. Stevenson was very organized and they didn't let anything get behind them. Those four defenders and five midfielders clogged things up and they made it miserable for us."

Every team in the Lakes Division now has a loss and Hebestreit said his squad will learn from the setback.

"Are we disappointed? Yes," he said. "And if you're not, you shouldn't wear the (Churchill) jersey. This is certainly a wakeup call. Will we react in a positive manner and can it be corrected? Absolutely."

"I thought (Julianne) Puroll was our best player on the field tonight. She played both mid-field and she played up top."

After falling behind, Churchill used just three defenders and began to push seven others up toward the Stevenson goal. Even Turner

switched jerseys and played forward during the final three minutes in an attempt to score the game-tying goal.

"We dodged a couple of bullets and they did, too," Pinta said. "We wanted to test their back line because their mid-field and forwards are so solid. We had to expose that, and that's not because we don't respect their back line, either."

Pinta praised the play of Harbowy, who helped shadow Churchill's standout midfielder Bailey Brandon, along with sophomore midfielder Kayla Kimble and Boudreau.

"We had to see if we still have the passion and work ethic to match their passion and energy level," Pinta said. "This is our best team effort of the season and hopefully it will boost us."

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Spartans net 2nd at Novi Classic

The Livonia Stevenson girls tennis team settled for a runner-up finish in Saturday's Novi Spring Classic.

The host Wildcats ran away with the title scoring 27 points and capturing all nine flights.

Stevenson was second with 12 followed by Canton and Walled Lake Central with nine and six, respectively.

Stevenson's No. 1 singles player Lindsay Hostetter suffered her first defeat of the season against Novi sophomore Amanda Border in straight sets.

Other Spartans finishing runner-up in singles along with Hostetter included Laura Sims (No. 2) and Paige McNamara (No. 3).

Two Stevenson doubles teams also placed second by winning two-of-three matches - Gabrielle Sabatini and Laura Gumper (No. 2); Danielle Jagodzinski and Simona Enea (No. 4).

Carli Marschner ended up third at No. 4 singles, while the No. 1 doubles team of Katherine Morse and Katey Roberts also earned one win.

"This is a young team that is overachieving and we're tickled," Stevenson coach Kathy Ladd said.

GIRLS TENNIS

team of Stephanie Belcher and Lauren Pennington added a second as well with triumphs over Salem (6-1, 6-1) and Monroe (7-5, 3-6, 6-4).

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0

April 21 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Paige McNamara (LS) defeated Jessica Nowack (WS) 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Carli Marschner (LS) def. Morgan Greig 7-6 (10-8), 2-6, 6-4; No. 3: Shannon Wright (LS) def. Robbie Tomlin 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Melissa Martinez (LS) def. Jessica Gush 6-0, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Katey Roberts-Katherine Morse (LS) def. Madelyn Bevil-Kara Windsor, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Gabrielle Sabatini-Laura Gumper (LS) def. Nancy Watson-Ki Yan Wang, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Danielle Jagodzinski-Simona Enea (LS) def. Victoria Baker-Sam Collins, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Christine Steinmeyer-Calla Miller (LS) def. Callee Parendo-Alicia Evans, 6-0, 6-0.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 6-0 overall, 5-0 WLLAA; Wayne, 0-7 overall, 0-5 WLLAA.

GROSSE PTE. WOODS UNIV.-LIGGETT 8 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 1

April 21 at Bicentennial Park
No. 1 singles: Cat Vatsis (UL) defeated Heather Ballard, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Paige Harter (Cville) def. Nimit Williams, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Claire Perrachio (UL) def. Katie Beaver, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Sophie Mair (UL) def. Liz Murphy, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Sarah Moulsh-Julia Brennan (UL) def. Amanda French-Lindsay Harting, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Morgan Ellis-Kate Shannon (UL) def. Angela Bell-Shelby Woodby, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Nicole Smith-Jasmine Polichiera (UL) def. Tia Dmucowski-Tanya Dmucowski, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Sarah Pollick-Ellie Ottaway (UL) def. Stephanie McHugh-Megan Tallman, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Jasmine Polichiera-Sarah Pollick (UL) def. Corey Shattuck-Carol Beasley, 6-0, 6-0.
Clarenceville's dual match record: 2-3 overall, 0-2 Metro Conference.

SALEM 8, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0

April 21 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Tracey Lytle (S) defeated Lucy Klisko, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Alli Carpenter (S) def. Katelyn Foster, 6-4, 6-2; No. 3: Liz McKinley (S) def. Kelly Houghan, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Linda Ling (S) def. Jessica McClain, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Jenna Zuccarini-Kelly Felner, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Lauren Vella-Nikki Fata, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3: Jennifer Hunsaker-Emily Hayter (S) def. Danielle Vasko-Cortney Bennett, 7-6 (7-3), 7-5; No. 4: Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (S) def. Val Rose-Brianna Devlin, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.
Dual match records: Salem, 4-1 overall, 4-1 WLLAA; Churchill, 4-3 overall, 3-2 WLLAA.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 6 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2

April 21 at W.L. Western
No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Lauren Longyear, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Jillian Bean (WLLW) def. Emily Wisniewski, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (7-5);

Patriots' Woods takes 1st

In Saturday's Monroe Noland Classic, Livonia Franklin took three medals led by freshman Angelica Woods, who captured the No. 1 singles crown with wins over Monroe (6-1, 6-0), Livonia Ladywood (6-4, 6-0) and Salem (6-2, 6-1).

Franklin's No. 3 singles player Emily Wisniewski added a second with wins over Salem (6-2, 6-1) and Monroe (6-3), while the No. 4 doubles

MU splits, keeps slim WHAC lead

Madonna University capped off a busy weekend, splitting Sunday's doubleheader at Aquinas to maintain a half-game lead over the Saints in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The Crusaders (26-12-1, 14-4) blanked Aquinas 5-0 in the opener, behind a two-hit, 10-strikeout gem from freshman pitcher Jessica Irwin (15-5), who was named both NAAIA Region VIII and WHAC Pitcher of the Week.

MU plated a run in the fourth and added four in the fifth - sparked by a home run by Tedi Johnston - to build a large lead that Irwin didn't let get away.

Mary Kate Setta went 2-for-3 to lead a seven-hit attack. Livonia Churchill alum Cat

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Sidor scored a run and tripled. Game 2 went to the Saints (22-10, 13-4), 10-9. The Crusaders fell behind 8-2 after Aquinas scored three runs in the fifth, but nearly mounted a successful comeback with two in the sixth and four in the seventh.

The big blow of the seventh-inning rally was a three-run homer by Garden City's Ashley Shay with two outs.

But MU could not get another runner on base, let alone score.

Sidor and Danielle Richardson each collected two hits for the Crusaders, while freshman pitcher Michelle Henning went the distance.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 158 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 170

April 22 at Beacon Hill G.C.
Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossolan, 38; Dan Dufour, 39; Christian DeBay, 40; Jordan Rayburn, 41; Adam Giordano, 44; Tom Cullum, 48.

NORTHERN SCORERS: Tyler Strom, 36 (medalist); Joe Parker, 37; Adam Schmaltz and Aaron Bozinowski, 44 each; John Murphy and Greg Smith, 46 each.

Stevenson's dual match record: 1-0 overall; 1-0 Western Lakes Activities Association.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 158 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 173

April 21 at Idyl Wyld
Franklin scorers: Tony Seimonick, Justin Adam and Josh Adams, 39 each (quad-medalists); Jordan Chisholm, 41; Dan Ostrosky and Chris

Grund, 44 each.

GLENN SCORERS: Dan Tamarogio, 39 (quad-medalist); Andy Meyers, 42; D.J. Loney, 44; Alex Rochette and Connor Monroe, 48 each; Josh Duprie, 51.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 WLLAA; John Glenn, 0-1 WLLAA.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 161 WAYNE MEMORIAL 197

April 21 at Edgewood C.C.
Central scorers: Chris Dodge, 39 (medalist); Armin Cznowski, 40; Shawn Catto, Joe Starrs and Evan Katz, 41 each; Bret Abraham, 42.

Wayne scorers: Jacob Smith, 45; Andrew Morton, 48; Kevin Erdmann and Gary Neill, 52 each; William Luke, 61; Kanan Mahotra, 65.
Dual match records: Central, 1-1 WLLAA; Wayne, 0-1 WLLAA.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 48, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230694**

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fat skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2409879**

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 165lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, nice open. **2134425**

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...
A 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interest-607 Call **2224748**

BEAUTIFUL
BBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BBF, 25-40, race open, D/D free, HW proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. **2271860**

LET'S TALK SOON
Sincere, drama-free SWF, 57, 5'6", reddish-brown hair, glasses, 165lbs, D/D-free, ISO S/DW/M, 35-62, who has interest in a friends first relationship. **2246147**

SUMMER IS COMING!
BF, 45, seeks special someone to share picnics, walks in the park, quiet days at home and concerts with. If you have the cheese and wine, I have the blanket. **2271006**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **2298794**

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
Sexy SBF, 40, N/S, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-60, for friendship first, maybe more. **2270132**

LONELY VIRGO
SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys carns, music, dancing, good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 30-65, with same interests. **2269375**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 55-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2263088**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2271683**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. **2267624**

HONESTY A MUST
BF, 42, 5'4", 185lbs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. **2258608**

HEART OF GOLD
SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **2268442**

POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH possible LTR. **2299381**

LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT
Outgoing, laid-back SWF, 40, sincere and light-hearted seeks easygoing, fun SM, who knows how to enjoy life, to share talks, dates, friendship and possible LTR. **2252110**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 46-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **22962317**

NO DRAMA LTR
SBF, 42, 4'11", 135lbs, N/S, mother of three, goes to college, seeks man, 30-45, who is serious about life, doesn't play games. **2261544**

A LOT TO OFFER
SBF, 46, educated, enjoys her pets, life. Seeking similar male, 38-48, who is positive and healthy. HW proportionate, to share life. **2262384**

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!
SWPF, 42, smoker, seeks WPM, 40ish-60ish, smoker, who enjoys concerts, relaxing, bowling, dining, time at home. **2269456**

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2235988**

HERE I AM GUYS
Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 5'5", 150lbs, brown eyes, independent, employed, secure. Seeking a SPM, who is heart-to-heart, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. **2238307**

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks, walks, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **2241298**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, h/w, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7"+, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **2147058**

BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...
White Knight, 5'10, 170lbs, N/S, brown eyes, in search of adventurous, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. **2262020**

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **2273603**

I NEED A LOVE...
To keep me happy, Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2258959**

MUST LOVE WRESTLING!
Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. **2268699**

HIDDEN TREASURE
I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. **2212790**

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **2291247**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 52', 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **2113901**

TAKING A PEEK
Attractive SWF, 20 years old, loves to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing at home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship, maybe more. **2254474**

GORGEOUS SMILE!
SBF, 26, 5'6", 130lbs, slim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 18-60, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy movies, dining, television, cuddling. **2257889**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2207252**

SEEKING SAVED MAN
SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **2265509**

HI THERE!
Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! **2268278**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/brown, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2210247**

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. **2200296**

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION
Tall, attractive WPM, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide variety of interest to share all life offers. **2236416**

LIVE LIFE 2 THE FULLEST
SF, 18, enjoys music, architectural design and trying new things. Seeking SM, creative and fun, with passion for the same, to share friendship, good times and who knows? **2247152**

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **2262181**

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271069**

WORTH A CALL
SWF, 55, loves movies, trying new things, sporting events, motorcycles, sewing and more. Seeking sociable SM, with similar interests, to share the special times in life. Friendship first, possible LTR. **2245505**

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. **2245946**

LOOKING FOR ME?
Attractive SBF, 40, 5'5", blonde hair, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 48-57, 5'11"-6'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. **2246897**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBF, 53', long hair, student, seeking a SBM, 19-25, handsome, honest, fun, good personality, for friendship and more. **2248542**

HELLO
SAF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, slim and pretty, independent, loving, caring and down-to-earth, loves movies, fine dining, travel and quiet times home. Seeking well-educated SW/M, 47-65, handsome, independent and warm. **2249756**

WORTH A LOOK
SBF, 30, 5'7", 195lbs, nurse, loves music, trying new things and just having fun. Looking for good-hearted, open-minded man to share the good times in life, friendship and maybe more. **2253634**

IT'S WORTH THE CALL
SBF, 20, 5'3", 250lbs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeking a cool guy, to chill with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes. **2255879**

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 54, 5'4", platinum blonde, 150+ lbs, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. **2259845**

FUN & OUTGOING
SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **2273708**

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SWM, 56-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **2269770**

GET TO KNOW ME
BF, 57', full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, honest, fun, good personality, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. **2260756**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-50, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2217234**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S, possible LTR. **2295370**

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 6'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1"+, 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **2292450**

STILL SEEKING
SBF, 66, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2113198**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

COULD IT BE YOU?
DWM, 37, 6', 230lbs, N/S, N/D, with old-fashioned values, hard-working, with varied interests, love the outdoors, ISO a woman, 25-45, commitment-minded, caring, sweet and sociable. **2160058**

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor, looking for LTR, with the right person. **2265340**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **22684501**

COUGAR LOVER
Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, DWM, 50, 170+ lbs, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. **2244260**

LAIK-BACK GUY
BM, 6', 175lbs, athletic build, likes going out sometimes. Looking for a BF, 19-45, who enjoys life. **2272876**

A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. **2200890**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 58, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DW/F, wise of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2289646**

LOVES THE OUTDOORS
W/M, two grown daughters, likes bowling, walks in the woods, fishing, some travel, going to movies and more. Hope to find a W/F, 40-58, who enjoys these kinds of things. **2270367**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SBF, 61, 145lbs, enjoys hiking, kayaking, road trips, walking my dog, music, hanging out with friends and more. Looking for SWF, 18-42, to spend time with. **2271027**

HONEST AND SINCERE
DWM, 52, 5'10", 150lbs, likes roller skating, computers, biking, boating and some old movies. Seeking SW/HF, slim to medium build, for dating and LTR. **2256288**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SWM, 47, N/S, likes the outdoors, camping, hunting, fishing, movies at home, riding my Harley, boating. Seeking SF, 25-62, for friendship or more. **2272020**

LOVE ME FOR ME
DM, 49, 5'10", 160lbs, bright blue eyes, works afternoon shift, loves sports, watching movies, camping. Looking for LTR with SWF, 45-52, who has a sweet personality. **2272813**

HELLO SWEET LADIES
SBM, 45, educated, degreed, enjoys canoeing, basketball, cycling, jogging. Seeking a special, kind, Christian lady, 25-40, slim-medium build, D/D-free, to share the good things in life. **2251313**

JUST ME AND MY DOG
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes rollerblading, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreciate an awesome guy. **2272374**

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs, seeks SWF, 35-52, who enjoys Backgammon/Chess, dancing, working out at Bally's, piano bars, comedy clubs, coffee houses, art galleries. Must be social drinker, N/S, HW proportionate. **2218927**

ROMANTIC AND ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 62, good listener, enjoys cards, travel, the arts, walks and more, offering a good friendship to a warm-hearted woman, with inner/outer beauty. **2233588**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Laid-back, affectionate, good-humored SBM, 36, 5'11", 165lbs, goatee/beard, hazel-brown eyes, looking for drama-free, good-hearted woman, who shares hopes, dreams, happiness, friendship and maybe something more. **2250650**

JUST A CALL AWAY
SM, 35, 5'11", 160lbs, enjoys the basics: movies, dining out, and just having fun. Looking to share friendship and/or relationship with loving, happy HW proportionate lady. **2251185**

COUNTRY BOY-AT-HEART
Hardworking WM, 62', 185lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys comedy movies, horseback riding, soccer, softball, camping and more. Seeking outgoing W/F, 25-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. **2258231**

NEW TO THE AREA
SWM, 35, 5'10", 170lbs, hazel, smoker, seeks woman, 25-40, for dining, movies, quiet times at home. **2269861**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be womanly, communicative and compassionate to share hopes, dreams and know what you want in life. **2292418**

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, speaking friendly SF, age/location open. **2231308**

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. **2218714**

LIGHT MY FIRE
Honest SWM, 51, 5'9", 147lbs, blond/blue, seeks WF, 40-45, N/S, smoker. Looking for the right woman! **2263709**

INTERESTED?
WM, 5'11", brown/blue, goatee, mustache, looking for a woman who wants to start a relationship. Seeking WF, 18-45. **2265007**

HI!
SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, with salt-n-pepper hair, seeks thin SF, under 42, with long hair and nice legs for a life of happiness, humor and love. **2219232**

GOOD MAN FOUND
Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. **2257179**

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 49, 2'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, 135+ lbs, married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for Age/location open. **2287540**

HI LADIES
SWM, 46, kind, hard-working, N/S, seeking SB/HF, 32-34, N/S, for sharing conversation, enjoyable dates, laughter and just living life. Possible LTR. **2254060**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more. **2257001**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
WM, 6'3", dark/blue, easygoing, down-to-earth, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out. Would love to meet an attractive female for dating. Foreign born a plus. **2257029**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
WM, late 30s, 6'3", dark/blue, enjoys sports, concerts and going to movies. Looking for an attractive Latin/Hispanic female, 25-50, for dating. **2257496**

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. **2260905**

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **2212802**

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 48, 5'9", 195lbs, in nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, ISO a woman, 25-45, compatible SWF, to have and hold. **2292943**

MARTIAL ARTIST
SWM, 45, 6'6", slim build, smoker, into martial arts, enjoys all types of music. Seeking secure, honest, caring, humorous woman, 28-57, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **2264446**

FRIENDLY AND FUN
SBM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere, warm and patient, seek SF, 21-60, to get to know and share all the good times in life. **2235738**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBM, young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, dinner, travel. Seeking a SF, 30-45, race open, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of humor. **2221121**

HI THERE
SBM, 41, employed, likes bowling, fishing, simple times. Seeking a loving, easygoing, affectionate lady to share talks nice times, companionship and togetherness. **2246214**

WORTH A SHOT
Outgoing SM, 35, drummer, tall, dark and handsome, loves partying with friends, trying new things and just having fun. Seeking SF into the same, for friendship and then who knows? **2247556**

SEEKS SWEET, SLENDER LADY
Selective, outgoing, honest SBM, 43, 6'3", self-employed, 180lbs, looking for outgoing, open-minded, slim, tall woman, homebody type, to share the good times in life. **2247600**

HOW ARE YOU?
DWM, 37, 6'1", 200lbs, athletic build, medium blond hair, employed, outgoing and fun, hard-working, looking for a nice minded lady to share talks, casual dates, friendship more? **2246129**

SPEND TIME TOGETHER
Attractive SM, 37, 5'11", 190lbs, searching for an attractive SF, 23-44, with a nice attitude, who loves to laugh and have fun. **224**

BOYS

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(Buskey) would win it, but Nate (Sergison) took a third and (Stephen) Pollard took a fourth. We did not expect that. That was a big event right there.

"In the 200 we didn't know what to expect. Austin White was out. Nick (Anagnostou) took a third and Mitchell White won it. That helped a lot."

Last year, Stevenson edged Churchill by only three points, 100-97. The margin was more comfortable this time around.

"I thought (Matt) Broome did a nice job in the shot put and discus," Shaw said. "He had a personal best in the discus last week when he popped out of his slump."

"In the 300 hurdles Myles (White) figured to win it and (Will) Burek took a third. Emanuel (Onwuemere) hadn't really been working there, but we stuck him in there and he took a fourth."

Jonathon Gudeman also set a personal best in the pole vault (12 feet) and Stevenson's 4 x 200 relay team went 1:30.77 en route to a first. The Spartans also won the 400 and 1,600 relays in 44.19 and 3:35.21, respectively.

Churchill controlled the distance events capturing the 4 x 800 relay (8:26.91), along with the 800 (Brandon Grysko), the 1,600 (Mark Waterbury) and the 3,200 (Joe Varilone). "I thought it was a well-bal-

anced city meet," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "It's good to see Franklin much improved and Stevenson is very deep and balanced. It's hard to overcome all those first places, along with the White brothers. And their relays ran well today."

Churchill also went one-two in the pole vault.

"I thought our kids ran great," Austin said. "Joe Varilone had a great day as did Joe Tesner in the pole vault (14 feet). I thought the Michael Gibbons-Mark Waterbury 1,600 was the race of the meet."

"Our team has been working hard. We did not fare as well today, but we'll be better down the stretch."

Franklin did not earn a first, but Patriots coach Nic Houstoulakis was encouraged by his team's showing.

"I'm happy with our 4 x 100 (relay), they were three-10ths of a second off a state qualifying time and two of our pole vaulters (Nick Fenner and Kevin Beadle) both went 12 feet," he said. "We also took three of five spots in the 100 and 200. I'm happy with that."

"Overall I'm pretty happy because we were much better than last year. We only have seven seniors right now and we'll have an even better nucleus next year."

Clarenceville junior Jeremy Gainer led the field in the 100 with a time of 11.04, but dropped out after starting the 200 with a pulled hamstring.

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GIRLS

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and 3,200 (11:35.18), along with taking a second in the 1,600 (5:11.43). She also anchored the Chargers' victorious 4 x 800 relay which also included Kroll and the Verellen sisters, Kim and Michele.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF LIVONIA INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK MEET

April 22 at Franklin

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 92.5 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 89.5; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 74; 4. Livonia Clarenceville, 0.

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Abron (LC), 38 feet, 3.5 inches; 2. Price (LF), 35-6; 3. R. Bartek (LS), 35-2.5; 3. Adomako (LS), 33-6; 5. Byron (LC), 32-7.

Discus: 1. Abron (LC), 107-5; 2. Fodera (LS), 98-9; 3. Haig (LF), 97-5; 4. Getchen (LC), 96-7; 5. Price (LF), 95-3.

High jump: 1. Holloway (LF), 4-10; 2. Quint (LF), 4-10; 3. Griebek (LC), 4-8; 4. (tie) Yetts (LC) and Culp (LF), 4-6 each.

Long jump: 1. Hardy (LF), 15-6; 2. Tapella (LF), 14-11; 3. Blackstone (LF), 14-8; 4. Griebek (LC), 14-8; 5. DiMauro (LC), 14-7.25.

Pole vault: 1. Powers (LF), 9-6; 2. Ural (LC), 9-0; 3. Quint (LF), 8-6; 4. Marriugh (LC), 8-0; 5. DiMauro (LC), 8-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Gentile (LS), 15.72; 2. Lazarevska (LC), 16.18; 3. Adamcheck (LS), 16.95; 4. Griebek (LC), 17.3; 5. Lukas (LC), 17.43.

300 hurdles: 1. Adamcheck (LS), 48.84; 2. Scott (LF), 48.94; 3. Lukas (LC), 51.97; 4. Lazarevska (LC), 52.77; 5. Griebek (LC), 55.16.

100 dash: 1. Hernandez (LF), 13.02; 2. LaBerge (LC), 13.22; 3. Hirst (LF), 13.44; 4. Haro (LF), 13.58; 5. DiMauro (LS), 13.62.

200: 1. Hardy (LF), 27.25; 2. LaBerge (LC), 27.36; 3. Hernandez (LF), 27.67; 4. Hirst (LF), 27.77; 5. Adamcheck (LS), 27.91.

Michigan's Miss Volleyball Kyndra Abron added wins in the shot put (38 feet, 3.5 inches) and discus (107-5).

Franklin, meanwhile, gobbled up points in the sprints led by Olivia Hernandez in the 100 (13.02); Monica Hardy in the 200 (27.25); and Ashly Butkowski in the 400 (1:03.26).

Hardy also took a first in the long jump (15-6) and was

a member of the Patriots' victorious 400 and 800 relay teams.

The foursome of Corrine Haro, Molly Hirst, Emily Quint and Hardy took the 4 x 100 in 52.53, while the quartet of Hardy, Butkowski, Hernandez and Scott won the 4 x 200 in 1:50.82.

Franklin's other victory came from Liz Holloway in the high jump (4-10). The Patriots

also got a school-record time from Megan McPherson in the 1,600, who took fourth in the 5:26.99 (breaking Kari Saarela's 2007 mark).

Stevenson's other firsts in addition to the 1,600 relay were garnered by Brittany Gentile, 100 hurdles (15.72); Courtney Calka, 1,600 (5:06.58); and Becky Adamcheck, 300 hurdles (48.84).

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

400: 1. Butkowski (LF), 1:03.26; 2. Glynn (LS), 1:04.23; 3. Mrozek (LS), 1:04.41; 4. Aoude (LC), 1:05.33; 5. Knoche (LS), 1:05.83.

800: 1. McFarlane (LC), 2:26.0; 2. Kroll (LC), 2:26.72; 3. Calka (LS), 2:31.66; 4. Tappan (LS), 2:32.3; 5. Church (LF), 2:34.85.

1,600: 1. Calka (LS), 5:06.58; 2. McFarlane (LC), 5:11.43; 3. Kroll (LC), 5:16.73; 4. McPherson (LF), 5:26.99; 5. Kay (LS), 5:50.61.

3,200: 1. McFarlane (LC), 11:35.18; 2. Calka (LS), 11:55.78; 3. Joss (LS), 12:33.24; 4. M. Verellen (LC), 12:52.76; 5. K. Verellen (LC), 12:56.84.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Haro, Hirst, Quint, Hardy), 52.53; 2. Stevenson, 54.38; 3. Churchill, 55.93.

800 relay: 1. Franklin (Hardy, Butkowski, Hernandez, Scott), 1:50.82; 2. Stevenson, 1:51.14; 3. Churchill, 1:55.05.

1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Glynn, Mrozek, Knoche, Tappan), 4:18.53; 2. Churchill, 4:18.9; 3. Franklin, 4:19.23.

3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Kroll, K. Verellen, M. Verellen, McFarlane), 9:59.02; 2. Stevenson, 10:17.03; 3. Franklin, 11:04.78.

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA LADYWOOD 75 BIRMINGHAM MARIAN 53

April 22 at Ladywood

Shot put: 1. Bridgit Molloy (LL), 31 feet, 3.25 inches; discus: 1. Molloy (LL), 91-6.5; 2. Teresa Wojnarowski (LL), 78-4.5; high jump: 2. Shannon Hogg (LL), 4-10; long jump: 1. Lisa Achan (LL), 14-5.5; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Megan Yanik (LL), 17.17; 2. Allison

Spitzley (LL), 18.87; 300 hurdles: 1. Yanik (LL), 52.53; 2. Wojnarowski (LL), 56.57; 100 dash: Katie Morasso (LL), 13.11; 200: Morasso (LL), 27.59; 400: 1. Megan Vitale (LL), 1:03.79; 800: 2. Sibohan Afridge (LL), 2:41.15; 1,600: Cathy Wojnarowski (LL), 6:11.44; 3,200: 2. Wojtanowski (LL), 13:53.29; 800 relay: 1. Ladywood (Wojnarowski, Meghan Clarke, Vitale, Yanik), 1:54.63; 1,600 relay: 1. Ladywood (Clarke, Morasso, Vitale, Yanik), 4:16.78.

Ladywood's dual meet record: 1-0 overall, 1-0 Catholic League (Central Division).

METRO CONFERENCE TRI-MEET RESULTS

April 22 at Lutheran High Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 108 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 53; 3. Harper Woods, 13.

Shot put: 1. Olivia Rork (LW), 32 feet, 5.5 inches; discus: 1. Katie Krueger (LW), 79-5; high jump: 1. Devin (BHK), 4-8; long jump: 1. Aijyson Yanke (LW), 12-6.5; 100-meter hurdles: Rachel Storck (LW), 18-4; 300 hurdles: 1. R. Storck (LW), 55-3; 100 dash: 1. Staten (BHK), 13-1; 200: 1. Rork (LW), 29-0; 400: 1. Kately Ramthun (LW), 1:07-5; 800: 1. Nicole Zehel (LW), 2:36-4; 1,600: XU (BHK), 6:13-4; 3,200: 1. XU (BHK), 13:41-0; 400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Rork, Jacquelyn Schwartz, Megan Kohtz, Emilie Freeman), 55-8; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Yankee, Kohtz, Ramthun, Freeman), 2:00-1; 1,600 relay: 1. Kingswood, 4:57-9; 3,200 relay: 1. Kingswood, 11:50-0.

Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 5-0 overall.

APRIL SHOWERS RELAYS

April 19 at PsiIota H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS (19 schools): 1. Grand Blanc, 53 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 49; 3. Northville, 46; 4. Tecumseh, 45; 5. (tie) Moorook and Belleville, 44 each; 7. PsiIota, 41; 8. Romulus, 39; 9. Macomb Dakota, 34; 10. Saline (B), 26; 11. Temperance Bedford, 21; 12. Salem, 8; 13. Flat Rock-Woodhaven, 7; 14. Troy Athens, 4; 15. Livonia Ladywood, 3; 16. Allen Park, 1; 17. Willow Run, Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Farmington Hills Mercy, 0 each.

Franklin 1sts: discus relay (Savannah Haig, Ashley Price, Brittany Milican), 203 feet, 9 inches; 2nds: pole vault relay (Meghan Powers, Emily Quint, Anastasia Bending), 19-0; 3,200-meter medley (Senneca Scott, Ashly Butkowski, Olivia Hernandez), no time available; 3rds: Megan McPherson, 1,600, 5:30.29 (second all-time at Franklin); 4ths: shot put (Price, Haig, Milican), 63-10; 800 relay (Scott, Butkowski, Hernandez, Monica Hardy), 1:50-3; 400 relay (Corrine Haro, Molly Hirst, Quint, Hardy), 53-26; 5ths: high jump relay (Liz Holloway, Quint, Sam Culp), 9-6; shuttle hurdle relay (Scott, Sam Campbell, Carollanne Cucci, Jen Mueller), 1:12-7; 6ths: long jump relay (Hardy, Mueller, Cucci), 28-7.5.

Franklin school record: Powers, pole vault, 10-0 (broke own mark of 9-10).

Also notable: Haig, discus, 107-0 (eighth all-time at Franklin).

CRUSADERS

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top of the seventh, but back-to-back walks forced head coach Greg Haeger to go to his bullpen and bring in closer John McCracken to try to nail down the save.

McCracken did just that, as a pair of fielder's choices erased two Saints and McCracken took care of the final out himself, striking out pinch hitter Kennon Less for the third out and his team-best seventh save of the season.

Wendling picked up his third win of the season against just one loss. Marc Sobota took the loss for Aquinas, falling to 0-3. Cheshire was the only Crusader with multiple hits, while Little provided both RBI.

The nightcap featured the Crusaders scoring a run in the bottom of the first inning as Cheshire hit a one-out triple to the base of the wall in center and came home on a single by

Farmington's Kevin Zerbo for the 1-0 lead.

Crusaders starter Richard Lindquist worked himself out of trouble in the second, using a strikeout and a fielder's choice to overcome a single and an MU error to keep the game 1-0 in favor of Madonna.

After Lindquist allowed back-to-back hits to open the sixth, Haeger again went to the pen and brought in Carl McDevitt (Canton). The senior righty used two fielder's choices — the first erased the lead runner, Less, and the second erased Kevin Scholten — before Todd Peters ground-out to Pat Kenny at third to end the inning and keep it 1-0 MU and give McDevitt a hold.

The Madonna bats gave the

pitching staff a little insurance in the bottom of the inning as Little led off with a single to left and stole second.

After Kenny was given the intentional free pass, Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill) singled to score Little and make it 2-0. Zack McMjllin singled home Kenny for a 3-0 MU lead heading into the seventh.

Haeger called upon McCracken for the second time on the day and the senior induced Jon Good into a groundout and struck out pinch hitter Jon Weltin and Jon Moser for the final two outs to give the Crusaders the WHAC title, their third in four seasons.

Lindquist got the win, his fourth of the season, while

McCracken added his eighth save, just one away from tying the single season record held by current assistant coach Kyle Fedorka.

The Crusaders are now off until Saturday, when they host Concordia to start a four-game set with the Cards. First pitch at Ilitch Ballpark is set for 1 p.m.

Sonnenberg no-hitter

The Crusaders split a Saturday doubleheader at Aquinas. MU fell in Game 1 2-1 before Jeff Sonnenberg threw a no-hitter in Game 2, a 4-0 Madonna win.

Sonnenberg was named both NAIA Region VIII and WHAC Pitcher of the Week, while Zerbo earned WHAC Player of the Week honors.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA CITY BOYS TRACK MEET

APRIL 22 at Livonia Stevenson

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 116.5 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 74.5; 3. Livonia Franklin, 65; 4. Livonia Clarenceville, 10.

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Broome (LS), 46 feet, 2.5 inches; 2. Fortin (LF), 44-11.75; 3. Golonka (LS), 41-7.5; 4. Najarian (LC), 40-9.25; 5. Hall (Cville), 40-8.75.

Discus: 1. Broome (LS), 139-5; 2. Golonka (LS), 138-5; 3. Najarian (LC), 134-6; 4. Jasmier (Cville), 121-5; 5. Dare (LC), 118-8.

High jump: 1. Mitchell White (LS), 6-8 (breaks school record of 6-7.5 set by M. Syverson, 1978); 2. York (LS), 6-3; 3. Lawson (LF), 5-11; 4. Beadle (LF), 5-9; 5. (tie) Barnard (LC), 5-6.

Long jump: 1. Myles White (LS), 22-0; 2. Gutowski (LC), 21-9.25; 3. Cadet (LF), 20-11.5; 4. Sergison (LS), 20-7.5; 5. Myers (Cville), 19-7.25.

Pole vault: 1. Tesner (LC), 14-0; 2. Peterman (LC), 13-0; 3. Jonathon Gudeman (LS), 12-0; 4. Fenner (LF), 12-0; 5. Beadle (LF), 12-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 14.6; 2. Peterman (LC), 15-7; 3. Gregory (LF), 15.85; 4. Whitman (LC), 16-5.3; 5. Wludyka (LF), 17.04.

300 hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 40.15; 2. Gregory (LF), 41.8; 3. Burek (LS), 42.16; 4. Onwuemere (LS), 44.03; 5. Gueri (LC), 44.85.

100 dash: 1. Gainer (Cville), 11.04; 2. Anagnostou (LS), 11.05; 3. Voegelé (LF), 11.31; 4. Myree (LF), 11.33; 5. Cadet (LF), 11.37.

200: Mitchell White (LS), 23.02; 2. Myree (LF), 23.25; 3. Anagnostou (LS), 23.4; 4. Baumgardner (LF), 23.62; 5. Voegelé (LF), 23.77.

400: 1. Buskey (LS), 50.62; 2. Gutowski (LC), 51.25; 3. Sergison (LS), 52.78; 4. Pollard (LS), 54.77; 5. Easterling (LC), 54.77.

800: 1. Grysko (LC), 2:03.85; 2. Schmidt (LC), 2:06.31; 3. Kratochiv (LF), 2:07.97; 4. Fenech (LS), 2:08.73; 5. Gosselin (LS), 2:09.59.

1,600: 1. Waterbury (LC), 4:34.42; 2. Gibbons (LS), 4:36.44; 3. Kratochiv (LF), 4:42.78; 4. Howse (LS), 4:49.78; 5. Folk (LC), 4:54.49.

3,200: 1. Varilone (LC), 10:14.85; 2. Howse (LS), 10:28.89; 3. Cole (LF), 10:53.19; 4. Zoski (LC), 11:14.53; 5. Freyberg (LC), 11:16.77.

400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Anagnostou, Jacob Gudeman, Mitchell White, A. White), 44.19; 2. Franklin, 44.22; 3. Churchill, 45.59.

800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Buskey, A. White, Sergison, Myles White), 1:30.77; 2. Churchill, 1:33.56; 3. Franklin, 1:33.92.

1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Sergison, Gibbons, Pollard, Buskey), 3:35.21; 2. Churchill, 3:38.23; 3. Franklin, 3:45.65.

3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Waterbury, Grysko, Schmidt, Folk), 8:26.91; 2. Stevenson, 8:37.68; 3. Franklin, 8:53.75.

METRO CONFERENCE TRI-MEET RESULTS

April 22 at Lutheran High Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland,

105 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 43; 3. Harper Woods, 27.

Shot put: 1. Frankie Cain (LW), 43 feet, 4 inches; 2. Troy Goetze (LW), 39-0.5.

Discus: 1. Joe Krueger (LW), 114-9; 2. Cain (LW), 114-8; 3. Ryan Richter (LW), 107-9.

High jump: 1. Williams (HW), 6-0; 2. Kyle Kempf (LW), 5-10.

Long jump: 1. Ethan Haller (LW), 18-2.25; 3. Garrett Wilson (LW), 16-9.

Pole vault: 1. Paul Rilett (LW), 9-6; 2. Brad LaRose (LW), 9-0; 3. Nate Mizzi (LW), 8-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Rilett (LW), 18.72; 3. Bob Schwartz (LW), 19.25.

300 hurdles: 1. Dompierre (BHC), 47.84; 3. Schwartz (LW), 47.94.

100 dash: 1. Dismot (HW), 11.12; 2. Kempf (LW), 11.51.

200: 1. Kempf (LW), 23.1.

400: 1. Mike Greening (LW), 56.5; 2. Theodis Washington (LW), 57.14; 3. Justin Palka (LW), 57.52.

800: 1. Spencer Lyle (LW), 2:07.3; 2. Jim Rockrohr (LW), 2:11.4.

1,600: 1. Anderson (BHC), 4:37.5; 3. Lyle (LW), 4:38.0.

3,200: 1. Anderson (BHC), 10:38.2; 3. Josh Rice (LW), 11:24.69.

400 relay: 1. Harper Woods, 47.62; 2. Lutheran Westland, 47.85; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Greening, Josh Haller, Palka, Theodis Washington), 1:39.7; 2. Cranbrook, 1:40.5; 1,600 relay: 1. Cranbrook, 3:58.06; 2. Lutheran Westland, 4:14.61; 3,200 relay: 1. Cranbrook, 9:07.9; 2. Lutheran Westland, 10:08.7.

Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 5-0 overall.

CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE FORFEITED VEHICLES AND MISCELLANEOUS CITY VEHICLES AUCTION

Under Provisions of Sections 2.32.070 and 8.05.1006 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, the Police Department will be conducting an Auction of Forfeiture and Miscellaneous City vehicles.

Friday, May 2, 2008

Inspections begin at 8:30 a.m. Auction begins at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Midwest Auto Auction & Services, Inc. 14666 Telegraph Redford, MI 48239

ALL VEHICLES TO BE AUCTIONED MAY BE VIEWED BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M., ON THE MORNING OF THE AUCTION. VEHICLES ARE SOLD 'AS IS' AND ALL SALES ARE FINAL.

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LINDA GRIMSBY, City Clerk

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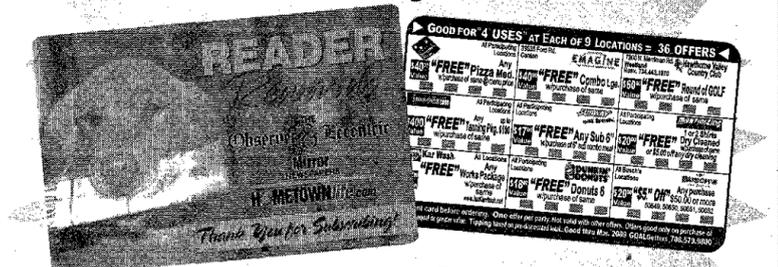
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Chef is flattered by McCain's use of her recipe



PHOTO AND RECIPE FROM "GETTING THIN AND LOVING FOOD"

Kathleen Daelemans created Ahi Tuna with Napa Cabbage Salad for her second cookbook, "Getting Thin and Loving Food."

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Daelemans doesn't mind that her Ahi Tuna with Napa Cabbage Salad made it on the family favorite recipe list of Cindy McCain.

The wife of presidential hopeful John McCain, offered a list at his campaign Web site, which included three recipes from the Foodnetwork.com.

But apparently the recipes were not credited to Food Network, nor to the original creators, Daelemans included. Call it Salad-scam. Or The Great Tuna Tale.

Daelemans, host of the former *Cooking Thin with Kathleen Daelemans* show on



WWW.KATHLEENDAELEMANS.COM

Kathleen Daelemans

the Food Network who has also appeared on NBC's Today Show, doesn't understand all the hub-

bub.

"It's extremely flattering, but it's silly, and you kind of laugh at it when you look at all the serious issues (in the presidential campaign)," Daelemans said by telephone from her Sylvan Lake home.

But the recipes were made to appear that they were Cindy's original recipes, media outlets reported early last week. And technically, stealing a recipe is like copying a report from a classmate or stealing a song from a musician heard performing in a bar.

But really, she's not mad. "I don't think (Cindy McCain) had anything to do with it,"

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ACCENTS

LEARN ABOUT SOLAR

"See, touch and feel" solar energy and learn how it works at an Earth Day Open House April 26 sponsored by Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton.

Mechanical Energy Systems is located at 8130 Canton Center Rd., in Canton. Open house hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Utilizing renewable energy can help reduce dependence on imported fuels, offset greenhouse gas emissions, diversify the energy supply, improve air quality and stimulate the Michigan economy through the creation of new jobs in the manufacturing and installation of solar energy systems, according to Joe and Donna Napolitano, owners of Mechanical Energy Systems.

According to Martin Kushler, director for the Utilities Program for the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, Michigan has the eighth highest energy cost burden in the nation. Energy use in Michigan totaled over \$20 billion annually in the year 2000, and is now likely in excess of \$30 billion and growing.

Attendees will have an opportunity to see the extraordinary impact of a natural daylighting system in an office environment, feel the sun's energy through a working solar hot water heating system, view a solar powered attic fan demonstrating conversion of sunlight to electricity, and experience the warmth of a solar thermal space heating system.

Other solar and alternative energy applications will also be on display, including a wind turbine.

For more information on the open house, call (734) 453-6746, or visit their website at www.by-solar.com.

FARMERS MARKET OPENS

The Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market opens Saturday, May 3.

Area residents can enjoy the vibrant colors, aromas and flavors of southeast Michigan's growing season at the market, located at the corner of East Third and Water Street, just one block east of Main Street.

The market is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, May 3 through Oct. 25.

The market features only Michigan-grown (or made) products including vegetables, fruits, flowers, container gardens, fresh cut flowers, herbs, homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, maple syrup and organic, locally roasted coffee.

Opening day festivities include free donuts and tote bags, while supplies last, music, hands-on children's activities and a drawing for a gift certificate.

The Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market is sponsored by the Rochester Downtown Development Authority, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Chrysler.

For more information about the market, visit www.DowntownRochesterMI.com or contact the Rochester DDA office at (248) 656-0060.

Archive and access files online with free storage services

Question: Last week you wrote about online backup services, but all of them cost money. Where can I find online storage that's free?



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Answer: There are loads of sites that let you park files online without spending a penny. However, most of them are exactly that: online hard drives. The advantage of a backup service

like MozyHome or Carbonite is that it comes with software that automatically uploads new and changed files.

With basic online storage, there's no synchronization: It's up to you to pick and choose which files to upload, and when.

Let's say you want to back up your photo library (always a good idea). Services like MediaMax (mediamax.com), ADrive (adrive.com), and MyBloop offer more than enough free storage space for most users (25 gigabytes, 50 gigabytes, and unlimited, respectively).

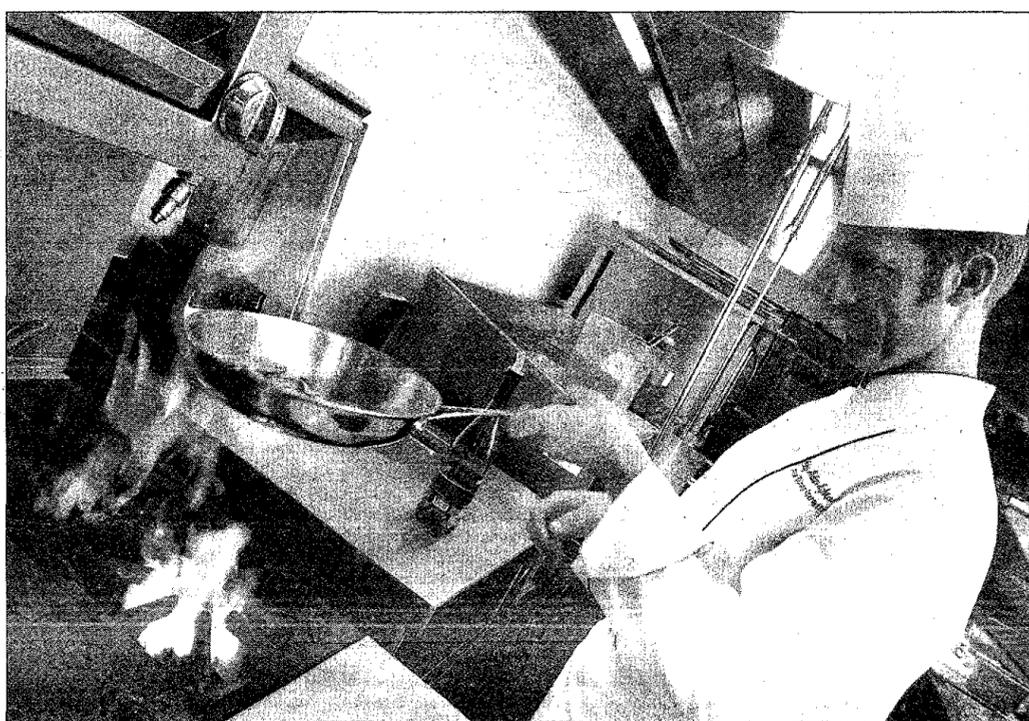
However, after you perform the initial upload of your photos, it's up to you to remember to add new ones. If you're not diligent about it, this can quickly turn into an organization hassle.

I'm not saying you shouldn't take advantage of these freebie storage options—quite the opposite. But you should be aware of their limitations if you're planning to use them for backup purposes.

You should also be aware that because they're free, they could vanish at any time, taking your files along with them. All the more reason to have multiple backup destinations, as I've discussed the last two weeks running.

Question: I use Quicken 2005, and I just received a notification that Intuit is discontinu-

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PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Iridescence head chef Adam Hightower, a native of Rochester Hills, sautés mushrooms in the Detroit restaurant's kitchen.

New heights

Rochester Hills native glows at Motor City's Iridescence

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Long before he put the shimmer into Detroit's revamped Iridescence restaurant, head chef Adam Hightower knew his career would begin in the kitchen. Growing up in Rochester Hills, Hightower said, he preferred watching Julia Child rather than Saturday morning cartoons. His earliest memory involves cooking up scrambled eggs for his younger brother - when he was just 4. "I grew up around food," said Hightower. "I traveled the world with my parents."

And he discovered early on he wanted to be a chef. After his first trip to his father's native Hawaii, Hightower also knew he intended to live there. Though his family didn't buy into these announcements when he was young - "They laughed," he said - Hightower managed to achieve both.

As a junior attending Rochester Adams High School he simultaneously enrolled in Livonia's Schoolcraft College - where he eventually earned his degree in culinary arts. What began as a quest to purchase a car quickly developed into a culinary mission.

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More than meat and potatoes, this Beef Tenderloin dish is featured at Detroit's Iridescence.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Big House wines tout cell blocks

Soledad, Calif., is located in that state's central coast where wine grapes are grown in abundance. However, Soledad is best known for its large penitentiary. So it seems fitting that a winery located there makes wines under the Big House brand and wine-maker Georgetta Dane is known as "the warden."

Most of the Big House wines are

a blend of different grape varieties because Dane believes that the sum is more expressive than the individual grape components. Dane approaches blending like a perfume designer, basing blending on aromas. Big House White (\$10) is principally a blend of chenin blanc and sauvignon blanc with additional varieties blended to add aromas and top notes. Each vari-

ety is cool fermented in stainless steel tanks with a yeast selected to enhance the grape's most favorable characters, then blended to achieve the best balance of aromas and flavors.

The Big House Rose (\$10) is a blend of 10 different grape varieties while the Big House Red (\$10) contains about 20 varieties. Syrah and petite sirah are the base while

Mediterranean varieties like barbera, sangiovese, montepulciano, malbec and petit verdot add depth and complexity.

UPPER CELL BLOCK

Now that Dane has been able to 'free the grapes,' she has added an upper cell block that includes The

Please see **WINE, D3**

A simple repair? No, it's another recall

Our daughter Hollie moved into a brand new condo just over three years ago in the Walled Lake area and married Virgil, an up-and-coming executive in the business world. He is just a jewel of a guy who has become very close to his father-in-law, which allowed him to call me a few days ago at 6:30 in the morning.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

"Joey, there is no hot water coming out for my morning shower. What do I do?"

I said (as any good father-in-law would): "Virgil, you go to work and I'll come over and fix the problem because it's probably just the thermocouple that has to be replaced."

Most of you know that the thermocouple is the part that the pilot flame hits and keeps the flame constantly on. It costs between \$5 and \$10, is available at all hardware stores and I've changed many in my lifetime. Not a big job at all!

and it was a big pain. I had to remove the whole burner assembly at the bottom of the hot water heater to get the part out. Once it was removed, I visited a local Home Depot store and went to the plumbing aisle. A nice woman and gentleman told me that my thermocouple was no longer available. They directed me to two hardware stores and a plumbing supply house.

No one stocked this thermocouple. This thermocouple uses a left-handed thread that screws into the gas valve control. I soon learned that all of these thermocouples were recalled from the market throughout the United States.

The next morning, after Virgil and Hollie went through another cold shower, I called some plumber friends who directed me to a company that repairs these American hot water heaters still under warranty. The repairman replaced the whole burner assembly and charged a flat rate of \$125 for service and labor. The parts were covered by the warranty.

Virgil and Hollie now have hot water again in their condo, but I've been thinking of the other 200 or so condo own-

ers who probably have the same hot water heater in their homes. I'll bet they don't have a clue as to what to do when the problem hits them.

I also found out that a settlement was approved on Oct. 11, 2007 on a class action lawsuit against Whirlpool, American Hot Water Co., A.O. Smith Corporation, and Lowe's HIW Inc. hot water heaters sold by these companies from 2000 through 2006, which have a defective thermocouple assembly.

Imagine six years of producing these hot water heaters, which means several million of them currently in homes across America and homeowners unaware of the problem. Well, you can still get into the class action suit and file a claim but it must be done before June 28, 2008. Contact www.waterheater-settlement.com Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

HIGHTOWER

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"I've cooked my entire life," said Hightower. His earliest restaurant jobs included delivering pizza and working in the kitchen at Max & Erma's in Rochester Hills - all while he was still in school.

At Schoolcraft College, Hightower honed his skills with guidance from teacher and mentor Dan Hugelier. "He's the Michael Jordan of chefs," said Hightower, who crafted his own food philosophy based on Hugelier's motto "Simple food done right." Hightower lives by the adage "Simple food done perfect."

Hugelier said Hightower was simply "born to be a chef." "Beyond his natural gifts, he has heart, is a top rate human being and like a son to me," said Hugelier. "Adam knows how to work past the hurt - a full dining room, board full of tickets, orders backed up, and most people would fold. Adam's the guy that can bail you out."

Hugelier used words like honest, hardworking, sincere and talented to describe the young chef. "Hightower can cook better than most, but never stops wanting to improve," he said. "Simple food done perfect is what any good chef strives for. It takes years to learn it. Past rising chefs don't know it. They look in the mirror too much, make weird foam and towers of ahi tuna with strange wasabi glaze."

"Adam is a solid cook. Don't expect anything different. I'm very proud of him."

It's true Hightower's not one to follow food fads or trends because, he said, they don't last. "Simple food done perfect will always exist."

Once armed with his degree, Hightower traveled extensively and - at age 21 - took his first executive chef position at The Creek Country Club in Long Island, New York. Never one to stay in one place for long, he moved on to other positions in Florida - first the Boca Raton Country Club and later the Ritz Carlton in Naples. "Originally my goal was 10 states in 10 years," he said. "I only wanted to work with certified master chefs." Hugelier was one of 65 certified master chefs in the world at that time (today Schoolcraft has four of them on staff) and Hightower intended to continue on that path professionally. "I wanted to be as well-rounded as I



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Iridescence head chef Adam Hightower is a Schoolcraft College graduate and native of Rochester Hills. His passion for food is reflected in the menu at the recently revamped restaurant at the Motor City Casino.

CHEF HIGHTOWER'S TOP FIVE GO-TO INGREDIENTS

Here's a list of five unique ingredients at Detroit's Iridescence Restaurant:

- Molokai Potatoes, they're purple and hail from Hawaii.
- Hamachi, Japan's most prized fish.
- Lemongrass
- Ti Leaf, Hawaiian greenery used for color and presentation.
- Truffles and Truffle Oil

Hightower couldn't pass up the opportunity to return to his hometown and make a difference. Once he saw the design for the stunning restaurant, his fate was sealed.

Executive chef Greg Carroll considers Hightower to be a "cutting edge" chef. "He's very passionate about food," said Carroll. "We're thrilled to death to have him here." He said Hightower excels in preparing seafood and his tapas menu allows the chef "an opportunity to show off."

To Hugelier, Hightower remains "one of the best young chefs to ever work with me." He incorporates the best elements of the places he's lived and visited into his menu, whether it's red snapper from Florida or purple Molokai potatoes from Hawaii. In the three short months since Iridescence reopened in its new top-floor location within Motor City Casino and Hotel, it's become a destination restaurant. "We have a great clientele," said Hightower. "People are coming from the suburbs of Detroit. People are traveling."

That excitement might be attributed to Hightower's hands-on approach in the kitchen. The food must be fresh, local, organic and exciting, he said. Most any night you'll find Hightower saucing and perfecting each dish before it's delivered to a diner at the restaurant. He's available to answer questions and said he loves interacting with his clientele.

"I don't want to change the way Detroit dines," said Hightower, "I want to enhance the way Detroit dines."

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HOME CALENDAR

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the Wildflower Rescue Program and Gatehouse admissions center. Call (248) 645-3149.

Temple Israel Home Tour
Sisterhood's 15th annual house tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 28, tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the tour, for more information about tickets, call (248) 661-9182.

The Birmingham Showhouse
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Designer's Show House
The Junior League of Detroit's 17th biennial Designers' Show House, 15637 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park, May 3-18, the grand colonial home measures 6,300 square feet, and features a sweeping staircase, gourmet kitchen and wonderful architectural details from the 1940's. A Show House Boutique will offer art for the home, kitchen, family and holidays; a Greenery will sell garden art and plant materials; and a tent outside will feature a garden-infused Cafe. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays through Fridays; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets, \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door, benefit JLD. Visit www.jldetroit.org to find a list of tickets sellers.

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Healthy Eating Made Easy

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The Community House

Several classes offered during the months of April and May, including Healthy but Yummy (learn about whole grains), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 28, Authentic New Orleans, 7-9 p.m. April 30; Learn to Prepare a Mother's Day Brunch, 7-9 p.m. May 5; 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Green Street Fair

Inaugural fair to promote benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly products and services of companies, artisans, entertainers and speakers, May 3-4, downtown Plymouth, visit www.greenstreetfair.com for information.

Chocolate Cake Bake-off

Hosted by The Henry Ford, contestants are invited to enter chocolate cake-recipes with the winner's recipe featured in the Henry Ford's Museum Chocolate Cafe in time for the summer exhibit, Chocolate: The Exhibition, May 31-Sept. 7, four finalists will be chosen and invited to participate in a live competition in Henry Ford Museum on May 29, e-mail publicrelations@thehenryford.org.

TECH

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ing online services and tech support for the product. What gives?

Answer: Believe it or not, this is standard practice: Intuit routinely discontinues products that are two versions old.

This is also known as "sunsetting," which means putting old software out to pasture because it's no longer current. It's also a lovely excuse to strong-arm customers into buying the newer version.

If you're thinking about switching over to Microsoft Money, don't bother: It's the same deal there.

Your personal-finance software will still work, but you won't be able to download transactions from your bank, pay bills online, or take advantage of other

online services. Tech support goes out the window, too.

Unfortunately, there's not much you can do about this annoying, unfair situation, other than to contact the company and express your displeasure. You can also try Quicken Online, which costs \$2.99 monthly and shouldn't ever "expire." Grumble, grumble.

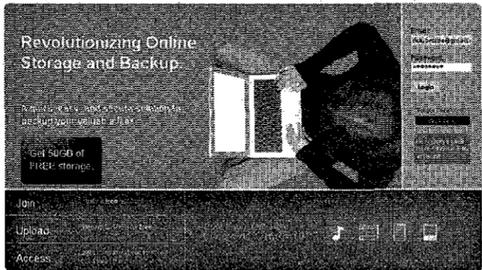
Question: How can I save money on printer ink and paper?

Answer: Everyone could use less paper in their lives. It's good for the environment, easier on your filing system, and just plain cheaper.

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and HP P2015d (\$399) can output doubled-sided documents—something to consider the next time you're shopping for a printer.

In the meantime, opt for electronic output instead of paper. There are many ways to "print" documents as PDF files you can store on your hard drive; find out more in

this online tutorial: <http://tinyurl.com/5cnock>.

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Birdman 2006 (\$15) a fruit forward, palate friendly pinot grigio that boasts in-your-face peach aromas. The Lineup 2006 (\$15) is a blend of grenache, syrah, and mourvedre with full body, spice and great red wine character.

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The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

CHEF

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Daelemans said. "She probably didn't even know the recipes were up there. But there's absolutely no hard feelings." (The recipe was removed from the Web site and the mix-up was blamed on a McCain intern.)

The recipe itself is a "super simple salad," Daelemans said. She prefers to keep it like a slaw. "It has a lot of fresh ingredients in it — lime juice, cabbage, carrots and cilantro."

For Daelemans, the recipe brings back fond memories of a culinary assistant.

Daelemans developed the recipe with her sous chef, Miho Mizuno, while they were working on Daelemans' second cookbook, *Getting Thin and Loving Food*. Mizuno moved to the United States from Japan, immediately after her father lost his battle with colon cancer. Her mother had died in a car accident.

"A twist of fate brought her to my doorstep when I was in desperate need of a culinary assistant," Daelemans wrote on her Web site. "I had 200 recipes due for 'Getting Thin' and another 75 for a show I was working on for the Food Network (*Cooking Thin with Kathleen Daelemans*)."

AHI TUNA WITH SPICY NAPA CABBAGE SALAD

- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 medium Napa cabbage
- 1 bag shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup basil leaves, torn into quarters
- 1/2 cup mint leaves, torn
- 1/2 cup cilantro leaves, roughly chopped
- One pound tuna steaks (or chicken breasts or lean steak)
- Coarse-grained salt and black pepper
- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil

In a large salad bowl, whisk together lime juice, fish sauce, sugar and sesame oil. Taste and adjust seasonings. Cut cabbage in half lengthwise. Place cabbage, carrots, basil, mint and cilantro into the bowl with dressing. Toss to combine.

Season fish with salt and pepper on both sides. Heat olive oil in a 12-inch nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Add fish to pan and cook until rare, about 2 minutes per side. (Alternatively, cook until done to your likeness.) Slice thin and distribute among four serving plates. Serve with a generous portion of Napa cabbage slaw.

Recipe courtesy of Kathleen Daelemans, Getting Thin and Loving Food, 200 Easy Recipes to Take You Where You Want to Be, Houghton Mifflin Co., New York, 2005.

Miho was also diagnosed with colon cancer, stage four.

"The work was a godsend, a diversion and Miho's last great culinary adventure," Daelemans remembered. "For a while, she was allowed to forget she was dying of a terrible disease. And I was too."

Daelemans hosted Food Network's *Cooking Thin* for three seasons. Prior to that gig, she lost 70 pounds while developing the menu for Cafe Kula at the Grand Wailea in Maui, Hawaii. She was named one of the Top Ten Rising Star Chefs by John Mariani. She also worked with Judy Rodgers at Zuni Cafe.

This summer she will be shoot-

ing a new Detroit-based PBS food show, *Just Be Licious, Just Be Quick*. She expects it will be shown next winter.

Would she like to prepare the dish for the McCains if they were elected? "I'd love to prepare the dish for them, even if they weren't elected," she said.

As for her politics, Daelemans said she voted for Hillary Clinton. The evening of the interview for this story, she was to eat dinner with her father, a McCain supporter. She wondered whether she could convince him to switch.

"Or maybe he'll convert me," she said.

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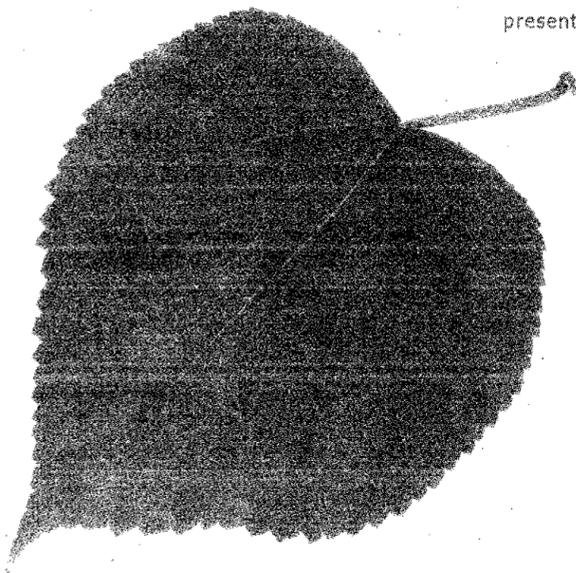


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Organization recognizes Lutheran layman of year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tom Habitz admits to having tears in his eyes after receiving a phone call that he was selected as 2008 Lutheran Layman of the Year by the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit. The 58-year-old Novi man celebrates his award at a banquet Sunday, April 27, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren.

Habitz was recognized for his lifetime of service to the community and Grace Lutheran Church in Redford where he serves on the board of elders and as a communion assistant and lay reader. Under his management of Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia and Glen Eden East

in Macomb Township, the cemeteries have given more than \$500,000 to organizations such as Lutheran Seminaries, Lutheran High School Association, Concordia University in Ann Arbor, and Lutheran Child and Family Services over the last 10 years. He is a member of the chamber of commerce in Livonia and Macomb, and recently volunteered through Livonia for the Here 2 There program of business professionals who speak to students in public high schools about their careers.

Habitz was born and raised by Lutheran parents in Dearborn and attended Emmanuel Lutheran School, Lutheran High School West, Valparaiso University, and Wayne State University College

of Mortuary Science. As a licensed funeral director and later as general manager of both Glen Eden cemeteries, he has comforted families and helped them through their grief for more than 28 years.

"It's my Christian responsibility. It's not just about earning a living for me. It's about giving back to my community and church," said Habitz who was nominated for the honor by Rev. Victor Halboth Jr. of Grace Lutheran Church in Redford.

"Something that has focused me my whole life is a verse from the book of Isaiah, if you believe in Lord Jesus Christ he will walk with you your entire life through the good and bad times. Ultimately you will be with him every day. It affects

how I live my life. You have to do the right thing. It's sort of an acronym for the kids today (who wear the bracelets) What Would Jesus Do. It's true."

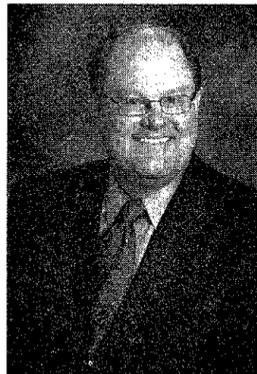
Habitz's sons, Tom Jr., and Brent, will both speak at the banquet as will Halboth. Wife Linda will be in attendance as well as stepchildren Gordie, Brandon and Meaghan Engel.

"I'm very humbled," said Habitz. "The award has been given out since mid 1950. Even now there were more deserving people. It's a highlight of my life to be honored by my peers."

Founded in 1948, the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit was organized by a group of laymen who worked in downtown Detroit and wanted to get together for lunch, said Art Fischer,

past president and annual banquet chairman. Over the years they've met at Carl's Chop House and Historic Trinity Lutheran. Today there are nearly 200 members in the tri-county area. Habitz joined the club two years ago.

"We're made up of Lutheran church members who end up doing a lot of work in the church they're a member of, dedicated people who want to serve where they can, sometimes within a mission, sometimes active within their church," said Fischer of Macomb Township. "They're selected with a formula after eliciting nominations from church and club members. We weigh various attributes and qualities and the board selects the winner who has the highest



Tom Habitz has been selected the 2008 Lutheran Layman of the Year by the Lutheran Luncheon Club of Metro Detroit.

level of attributes of service to the community and his church. We want a well rounded individual."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

APRIL

Spring rummage sale

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 24-25, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the hall at St. Joseph Parish, 16101 Rotunda Dr.,

Dearborn. Call (313) 336-3227.

Seder

Hope United Methodist Church, Southfield will join with Temple Israel, West Bloomfield, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in a Seder at Temple Israel to celebrate the freedom for African Americans and Jews. The event will show that the two faiths share a history of slavery, and together they can continue their pursuit for equality and freedom and live in a world where there is no racism, no anti-Semitism, no oppression, and no bigotry. In rec-

ognition of the need for furtherance of understanding and respect for other faiths, Rabbi Joshua Bennett, Temple Israel and the Rev. Carlyle Stewart, III, Hope United Methodist Church will continue the relationship between the two congregations and plan other shared events in the future.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, two blocks south of Plymouth Road. Toys,

clothes, shoes and purses, small appliances, books, kitchen stuff. Proceeds go for church and district mission projects. Call (313) 937-3170.

Used book/media sale

Books, DVD's, CD's, & Videos at low prices 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial at Beck, Plymouth Township.

Rummage sale

Books, clothes and lots of odds and ends 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. There will be a bag sale at 12:45 p.m.

Bible meets Broadway

8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, the Livonia Youth Choir and the St. Paul's Singers, under the direction of Pat Hutchison and April Toews, perform music from The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, Into the Woods, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and more, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, west of Inkster Road. For information, call Pat Hutchison at (248) 347-4134. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner in the church's social hall where each group will offer a short performance. At 8 p.m., the choirs will move to the sanctuary for their general concert which also features some Church Hill High School alumni who have also been a part of the Livonia Youth Choir and/or St. Paul's. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$3. Tickets for dinner and concert are \$6 and available by calling (734) 422-1470 as soon as possible as seating for dinner is limited.

Pizza and movie night

For adults with developmental disabilities 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. To reserve a spot contact Judy Cook at (248) 442-0307 or elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz before April 27.

Irish festival

1-9 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the grounds of St. Patrick's Senior Center, 58 Parsons, behind Orchestral Hall. Hundreds of Irish dancers, singers, musicians plus food, games, raffles. Proceeds go to St. Pat's center. Call (313) 833-7080.

Smart discipline

Seminar for parents by Larry Koenig, author of the book Smart Discipline 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in the sanctuary at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. Cost \$10 before April 27, \$12 at door. To pre-register, call (734) 459-3333

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the multi-faceted theme of spiritual intelligence during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in April at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Vacation Bible School

Registration began April 7 for Vacation Bible School to run July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

UPCOMING

Bucket fillers

Author Carol McCloud visits 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Elementary age, parents welcome to learn how to carry an invisible bucket to be filled with kindness. Admission \$2 or one canned good. To RSVP, send e-mail to jackie@lahtinen.org. For more information, visit www.staidanilivonia.org.

Mass of anointing

St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend the special Mass 1:30 p.m. Saturday,

May 3, at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. All area Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, so the church will be able to prepare for the people attending.

Spring fund-raiser

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. A variety of vendors will be displaying and selling products. No admission fee. Refreshments and Bake Sale available. For information, call (734) 495-0035.

Ladies night out

Deadline is Monday, May 5, for tickets to Ladies Night Out with Teresa Tomeo, well-known syndicated talk-show host and author, 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Italian-American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. The event is sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Tickets \$20, includes dinner and dessert. Cash bar available. All area women are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 207.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 PM. Call (734) 261-5716. Cinco de Mayo/Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday May 9, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee.

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 17, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call (734) 513-9479.

Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

Rummage sale 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. For information about donating, working, or shopping, call the church at (248) 644-2040, visit http://fpcbirmingham.org/RummageSale, or send e-mail to fpc.rummage.sale@gmail.com.

Father Kern award dinner In honor of the Rev. Clement Kern Thursday, May 8 (6 p.m. reception and silent auction, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. award ceremony). Tickets \$100. For information and reservations, call (248) 666-1194.

Holy Ghost Outpouring 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 8-9 (no charge), Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. May 10, at Marriott Southfield, 27033 Northwestern (\$30 with Prophetess Dianne Palmer). Call (313) 438-1177 or www.newwininglory.org.

Evening of evangelization The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office for Evangelization continues its evening series 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Choir concert Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir perform 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. No admission. A free will offering will be received. The concert is open to the public. For details, call (313) 532-8655.

Spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, USA, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-8844.

ONGOING

Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczyński, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.single-place.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbccglobal.net.

Sunday services

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livoniafaith.org.

Tai chi and strength classes Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchard-umc.org.

Church offerings Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

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Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thursday fellowship dinner All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

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ELIZABETH N. MATHER

April 22, 2008, age 93. Resident of the Plymouth area since 1926. Employed in sales with Cadillac Drapery for over 25 years. Member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth since 1926 and was very active in civic and church organizations. Beloved wife of the late David. Loving mother of Susan M. (George) Lind, Charles Mather and Balakrishnan Pappoo. Grandmother of Ted Jacka and Michael (Debra) Jacka. Great-grandmother of Joshua, Nicholas and Nathaniel Jacka. Sister of Margaret Jean Fradenburgh, David Nichol and the late Catherine Randall and Christine Warner. Visitation from 10am until time of Memorial Service at 11am on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 West Church Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers donations suggested to the First Presbyterian Church. Share your special thoughts and memories at schrader-howell.com

JESSIE F. NEMETH

Passed away on April 19, 2008 at her home in St. Augustine, Florida. Mrs. Nemeth was a native of Toronto, Canada and had lived in Redford Township, Michigan for 63 years before becoming a resident of St. Augustine, Florida 5 years ago. Survived by her sons, Frank, David, and Robert; daughters, Beverly Kedzierski, Joan Hall and Carol Keeler; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Visitation Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Road (one mile west of Farmington Road) Livonia, Sunday 12:00 to 2:00 PM.

JANET ALBERTA NELSON SCHUMAKER

Age 78, passed away April 17, 2008, Chelsea, MI. Former resident of Bloomfield Hills, Rochester Hills and Royal Oak and most recently Chelsea, MI. Janet devoted her life to raising her family. After her children were grown, during the 1990's she worked at the Auburn Hills Police Department, the Social Security Administration and the Royal Oak Senior Center. Her family was the center of her life. Survived by her Children; Susan Kaminski (Pat), Joan Chade, Julie Schumaker (Kevin Dombkowski), and Janet Willard (Mark). Scott Schumaker (Marilyn) and the late Mark Schumaker. And her grandchildren; Laurel and Logan Chade, Chris and Elise Dombkowski, Brandon and Brooke Willard, Shannon Ziny and Hollie Schumaker, and Jack, Max, Sam, and Sarah Schumaker. Arrangements by: A. J. Desmond & sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, Troy, MI. Funeral Service was held on April 21, 2008. Interment: at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Memorial Tributes may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, Arbor Hospice, or UMRC Towsley Village Charitable Fund.

EVELYN GRACE WRIGHT

Age 85, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away April 21, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



ROBERT P. "Bob" NORTH

Age 69, a resident of Birmingham for more than a decade, died April 19, 2008 at William Beaumont Hospital after a short illness. He was born on December 9, 1938 in Wakefield, Mass. He grew up in Havana, Cuba before the revolution, attending Rustin Academy there. He also attended Wilbraham Academy (now Wilbraham and Monson Academy) in Wilbraham, MA. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College in Waterville, Maine in 1956. Mr. North spent 33 years working for General Motors in several positions starting in starting in New York. Fluent in both Spanish and English, he then worked for GM in Venezuela from 1963 - 1967, where he met and married Cheryl Kay Neal of Flint, Mich. GM moved Mr. North to Chile from 1967 - 1969 and then back to Venezuela from 1970 - 1978. Still with GM, Mr. North moved back to the Detroit area, settling first in Franklin and finally in Birmingham. He took early retirement and opened his own translation and relocation consulting company, Siboney Inc., helping companies like GM and Daimler-Chrysler smoothly move employees from South America and Mexico to the Detroit area. Mr. North continued to provide these services until his recent illness. Mr. North was a strong supporter of the Birmingham Community House, the Kirk in the Hills Singles Club and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He also served on the Birmingham Jazz Festival Committee, often escorting Spanish speaking musicians while they were here. Mr. North is survived by his son, Scott North (Rachel), his brother John B. North, Jr., sister Janet Tompkins (Ken) and by his granddaughter Madeleine North, 5, who wants everyone to know she will miss him very much. Mr. North is also survived by his cherished companion of five years, Kathleen "Kitty" Walters. Memorial service and eulogies Friday 3pm at the Birmingham Community House, 280 S. Bates St. (248) 644-5832, followed by a memorial reception until 5pm. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

PAULINE SIEWERT

April 19, 2008, age 82. Beloved wife of the late Waldemar Loving mother of Trudy (Steve) Siewert-Bhaerman, Rita H. (Dale Porter) Vaughn and Thorn (Karen) Siewert. Grandmother of Samantha and Steven Siewert. Sister of Lydia, Hilde and Lore and the late Alfred and Erma, all of Germany. Services were held Thursday, 11am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com

GARY B. McCOMBS

April 20, 2008. Age 62. Beloved husband of Kristi. Loving father of Gary (Davinia) McCombs and Kelli (Matthew) Canales. Proud grandfather of Noah, who says he was a great man, and Riley. Loving son of Bernard and the late Mary Lou. Devoted brother of Michael (Donna) McCombs. Memorial visitation and services were held at McCabe Funeral Home in Canton. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Belleville.

HELEN VENTURA

Passed away April 18, 2008 at the age of 93; formerly of Farmington Hills. Helen was preceded in death by her husband Leo Ventura in 1982. She is survived by her daughters Barbara (the late Joseph) Ciaramitaro and Vivian (the late Phillip) Cohen; grandchildren Jennifer Fishera, Dean Ciaramitaro, Alyssa Johnson, Tamara Ciaramitaro, Stephanie Ciaramitaro, Ida Marie (Jim) Rogers and Kristin (Thomas) Cohen-Toth, Gregory Cohen and Jason Cohen. Helen is also survived by her great-grandchildren Angela, Sierra, Hannah and James. A Memorial Mass was held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. from St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Innumerable Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Reflections may be shared by visiting: www.sparksgriffin.com

IRVING R. GRENKE

Age 59, April 19, 2008. Beloved husband of Diane. Dear father of Amanda (Douglas) Walker, Jackie, Cory, Bradley and Todd. Papa of Torri, Britanni, William and Joey. Predeceased by his brother David. Survived by siblings Mary (William) DeVier, Duane (Mary), Anne Camerella and sister-in-law Trish. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were Tuesday April 22 at Santeiu and Son Funeral Home. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

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Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video

series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from

0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulleris Dignitatem - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Prayer breakfast features Michael Card

Christian singer, composer, author and radio host Michael Card will be the speaker Thursday, May 15, at the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

The deadline to buy tickets is Friday, May 2.

In a career that spans 25 years, Card has recorded more than 20 albums, written 19 No. 1 singles, authored or co-authored more than a dozen books including Gold Medallion Book Award winner *A Sacred Sorrow*, and hosted two radio programs.

Card's most famous song is *El Shaddai*, which was recorded by Amy Grant as well as by Card. Card's *Heal Our Land* was commissioned as the 1993 National Day of Prayer's theme song.

This year's program, "A Morning Song with Michael Card," begins at 7:15 a.m. in the Laurel Manor Special Events Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road.

Card, best known for folk-style melodies and instrumentation with lyrics that draw on the Bible, is expected to weave

his music throughout his spoken message.

"It is out of community the gospel really comes to life," said Card, on his Web site.

"What greater event is there to attend, than one bringing all segments of the community together to share a meal and be inspired by a message of hope," said Ken McMullen, prayer breakfast chairman and senior communications specialist for Livonia Public Schools.

The 34th annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast is scheduled 7:15-9 a.m. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and include a full breakfast and program. Tables of 10 are available.

For ticket information, call Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427, or e-mail Tickets@LivoniaPrayerBreakfast.org by May 2. Read more about the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast at www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org. For more on Card go to www.michaelcard.com. For music performances, see Card on YouTube.com.

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BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mark Badgley and James Mischka made a whirlwind trip to Detroit last week, accompanied by their tiny white papillon dog Buck. The famed fashion designers were guests of honor at "Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends" at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, an annual event designed to raise money for breast cancer research.

As Buck lounged backstage in the Fifth Avenue Club, Badgley Mischka presented a glamorous runway show that encompassed their spring Platinum collection, as well as gowns from their primary couture line.

The clothing ranged from flirty cocktail dresses to diaphanous gowns, made from sometimes surprising fabrics and replete with the duo's signature embellishment which included beads, sequins and even bells.

The pair said they are often inspired by their extensive travels.

Their latest fragrance, Fleurs de Nuit, captures a trip to Angoa, India.

"We visited a moon garden full of nocturnal plants, jasmine, mostly white blossoms," said Badgley. "We had never experienced that before. It was so gorgeous."

"Spooky too, which was kind of fun," Mischka added.

Staying at Hotel Bel Air in Beverly Hills, they watched old Grace Kelly movies, which informed their latest cruise collection.

And the pair recently staged their first show during London Fashion Week.

"It was really great to dress a whole new customer base," Badgley said.

For Fall/Winter 2008/09, they found



Models (from left) Shaletta Porterfield of Chicago, Taylor Jackson of Birmingham, and Aferdita Dresaaj from Troy sparkle in Badgley Mischka couture



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Mark Badgley (left, in Gucci) and James Mischka in YSL, at Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy.

muses in Mick Jagger's ex-wives. "It's a bit of a '70s inspiration. We love the way they put themselves together, they were edgy," Badgley said. "We took Park Avenue out of it."

Here, Badgley and Mischka started their visit with a private dinner party at the Bloomfield Hills home of Annette Adelman, where they arrived to find Badgley Mischka gowns dating back a decade on exhibit around the dining room.

"When they walked in, Mark broke out in a huge smile," said Ken Dewey, director of the Fifth Avenue Club, who helped

BADGLEY MISCHKA ONLINE

For a photo gallery of Badgley Mischka's visit to Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, visit www.hometownlife.com.

mine the closets of Adelman, her mother Miriam Ferber and sister, Shari Kaufman, for the best Badgley Mischka pieces to display. "It was sort of a retrospective."

The following day at Saks, Badgley and Mischka signed fragrance bottles, greeted guests and made a modest appearance on the runway to close their show.

"We're always surprised how close Detroit is to Manhattan," Badgley said. "It takes no time at all to get here."

Badgley and Mischka said they are looking forward to launching their home collection this fall, as well as a diamond collection, which will debut in Las Vegas.

Before they left Detroit, they signed a sketch, which was raffled off for charity.

Event chair Shari Kaufman thanked her friends for coming to the show to contribute to Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, and gave a nod to Badgley Mischka.

"They've helped me through so many fabulous events," she said.

Nordstrom opens to much fanfare in Macomb

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From free-flowing champagne to the scent of designer perfume, the opening gala for Nordstrom at the Mall at Partridge Creek proved to be a posh affair. On April 16, patrons flooded into the 118,000-square-foot store for a first look at fashions and the sparkling two-level interior. The event was organized to benefit both the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals. It featured live music on both floors — with the band Intrigue performing on the first floor and DJ John Grammatas spinning in the Fashion Lounge upstairs. Rather than displaying the season's best on a traditional runway, organizers carefully placed models on pedestals throughout the store. The fashion vignettes essentially brought mannequins to life.

The fully-stocked fashion retailer showed signs of summer throughout, boasting vibrant colors in every department. In Nordstrom's sprawling shoe department, bright citrus tones were plentiful as were jeweled sandals and flirty wedges. Jewelry displays shined with blue crystals and showed hints of kitsch like Betsey Johnson bangle bracelets in pink or white, with tiny black polka-dots.

The store's center aisles featured long, lavish buffets catered by Opus One, while bartenders behind the store's Ebar slung chic cocktails all night long.

Nearby, cosmetics experts touted products so new, some

aren't available elsewhere. According to Erin Bell, senior trainer with MAC Cosmetics, an ultra-shiny new addition, Dazzleglass, is available exclusively for Nordstrom at Partridge Creek and won't hit other MAC shelves until May 1.

In Accessories, a virtual wall of sunglasses is sure to catch anyone's eye from the north entrance. It's stocked with sleek Michael Kors styles, signature Pucci patterns, huge jeweled Jimmy Choos, and perhaps the most extravagant — a pair of Michele shades complete with 108 diamonds.

Jessica Lavin, manager of Fashion Accessories and Hosiery at the store, didn't mind modeling whimsical headbands, like those accented with butterfly details by Natasha. She called attention to belts ranging from skinny styles that wrap twice around the waist to wide ones with hefty jeweled buckles. The Royal Oak resident was anticipating the official opening, April 18, and said the outdoor mall was sure to draw in more customers as the weather warms.

On the second floor, the Via C department featured designer labels fit for a celeb. Names like Tracy Reese and Anna Sui — both Michigan natives — figured prominently, as did Alexander Wang and Rag & Bone.

Virtually every designer offered up a cropped trench this season and jewels studied their way onto everything — including a classic white sleeveless shirt by Vera Wang Lavender Label.

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Parisian's new department targets fashion-forward

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When it comes to fashion, it's great to have One Philosophy.

That's the name of Parisian's newest department, targeting today's young, professional women with the lines BCBGeneration, Kensie, Chilli Pepper and Collective Clothing.

Only 10 of 280 stores operated by Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. were slated to get the new department, and Parisians at Laurel Park Place, The Mall at Partridge Creek and Village of Rochester Hills are among the elite.

"It's merchandise that's going to appeal to a whole new demographic," said Jill Engel, Special Event Coordinator for Parisian Laurel Park Place, where the clothing arrived last month. "It's all about being able to turn around and go out after work, taking off your jacket, adding accessories. There are tons of great mix and match pieces."

Engel picked up a black Kensie dress to wear to the store's One Philosophy Launch Party April 26, and said she loves the custom feeling of the lines. "There's tons of crystal buttons and beading, a lot of

PARISIAN LAUREL PARK PLACE EVENTS

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extra detail in these clothes," she said.

At the Village of Rochester Hills, Special Event Coordinator Lynn McCabe said the lines are attracting the young audience they're meant for, including her 21-year-old daughter Marissa.

"My personal favorite is Kensie. The line has a lot of pieces that make it very sassy,

and yet it's more multi-useful. There's some jackets in great colors, with cute ornamentation," she said. "And we have some great sales on it."

McCabe cautions some of the lines run small, and some of the dresses run short.

According to Melissa Condon, Bon-Ton's buyer for One Philosophy who's based in Milwaukee, the lines definitely appeal to trendy shoppers

who pay attention to what's in. This spring and summer, that means high-waisted skirts, wide leg pants, and tunics worn with leggings or skinny jeans.

"And the number one trend this season is dresses, which are updated with beveled bottoms, banded hems, details at the neckline, pleating, gathering, cutouts and ruffles," Condon said.

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Kensie, shown here, is one of four young contemporary women's clothing lines now offered at Parisian.

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