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Board honors McClain

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the night he ceremoniously ended his tenure as a Wayne-



McClain

Westland school board trustee, Terrence McClain was hailed as an eloquent and impassioned elected leader who brought diversity and tireless dedication to a position he held for nearly five years.

School board trustees and educators alike gave McClain a standing ovation as he stepped aside to concentrate on earning his doctoral degree in education with a major in counseling from Oakland University.

McClain, minister of Annapolis Church of Christ in Westland's historic Annapolis Park neighborhood, was commended by board colleague Steve Becher as a talented champion of education who, along with fellow board member and pastor Fred Weaver, never let his duties as a pastor intrude on public policy. Becher commended McClain for effectively representing the school district on the local, state and national levels.

"I know we have not heard the last of Terrence McClain," he said.

McClain, who was the board's only current African-American member, was commended by board President Skip Monit for bringing "a diverse voice" to the board even as he engaged himself as a "true team participant." Monit gave McClain a plaque in honor of his service.

McClain hinted that he may mount another school board campaign after he has pursued certain dreams, including a doctoral degree that involves a teaching internship next summer at the University of Botswana.

In his farewell meeting, McClain said he has had the utmost respect for the district he has represented, and he described himself as having the "highest regard" for Superintendent Greg Baracy.

McClain's influence on the Wayne-Westland community has been wider than his role as a school board trustee. He also has stirred large audiences at his church during the city's observances of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

McClain will be replaced by board newcomer William Gabriel, who has served Westland as a member of the library board and, more recently, the Planning Commission. Gabriel, who sat in the audience Monday, received a warm welcome from the board as he vowed to take his newly elected position seriously.

"I'll do my best," he pledged.

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'Dismal'

Wayne-Westland officials claim district has 'hit wall' with budget

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Strapped for money, Wayne-Westland Community Schools will face deepening budget cuts next year as officials battle plummeting cash reserves, soaring fuel costs, a shrinking tax base, declining enrollment and

rising employee costs.

"We've hit the wall," Superintendent Greg Baracy said, "and it's very dismal."

The ominous warning came Monday as the seven-member school board adopted a new spending plan, for a one-year period starting July 1, that estimates the budget surplus will

plunge from \$12.7 million to just \$7.8 million. Just six years earlier, the district's balance stood at \$23.1 million.

School officials blame Lansing leaders for failing to keep promises to pay for education — forcing districts like Wayne-Westland to spend more money than they're taking in just to maintain programs and services that students

and parents have come to expect.

"Lansing is the problem," Gary Martin, the district's deputy superintendent of administrative and business services, said during Monday's school board meeting.

Administration officials have crafted

Please see **BUDGET, A2**

Grads urged to follow opportunities

With a flip of their tassels, the John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools' respective Class of 2008 joined the ranks of alumni during commencement ceremony Saturday at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

Speaking to the graduates as part of the ceremony was Westland Mayor and John Glenn alumnus William Wild, who was selected as the school's 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award winner.

Wild graduated with honors from John Glenn in 1986 and attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He has been the owner of Scrap Busters U-Pull-It Auto Truck Parts in Wayne for 20 years and was a recipient of the Automotive Recyclers of Michigan Presidential Award in 1996.

He served on the Westland Planning Commission 1999 to 2001 and on the Westland City Council for five years, including one year as council president before being appointed mayor in January 2007. He was elected to fill the remaining two years of the four-year term in November 2007.

In an interview last week, Wild said he planned to talk to graduates about opportunities.

"When an opportunity presents itself, you have to follow it," he said. "When I left John Glenn High School, I never thought



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Katherine Mary Savoie receives an honors diploma from school board Vice President Cindy Schofield.

I'd be mayor one day. My goal when I got out of college was to go into business, but different avenues opened up. Now, all the things I learned in college are helping me in a different field."

At Wayne Memorial, the Distinguished Alumni honor went to Michael Hurley. A 1963 Wayne High grad, Hurley earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University and a specialist degree in administration from

Wayne State University.

He taught school in the former Cherry Hill school district where he coached the elementary after school recreation program, taught in the elementary and middle school and was assistant principal and director of adult and community education. He also served as principal at Vandenberg and Taft-Galloway school when Cherry Hill merged with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

He retired in 2004.

Outside school, he helped re-establish the Wayne Jaycees, and was a coach with the Wayne-Westland Soccer League. He currently serves on the Wayne Zoning Board of Appeals.

For more photos and a list of the John Glenn High School graduates, turn to Page A2. Photos and a list of Wayne Memorial graduates will appear in the Sunday, June 15, issue of *The Observer*.



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Champions

Lutheran Westland are Division 4 regional baseball champions. The Warriors will meet Frankfort in the semi-finals 10 a.m. Friday at Bailey Park in Battle Creek. For more on the Warriors' victory over University Liggett see today's sports section and www.hometownlife.com.

Woman gets prison time in prostitution case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman was sentenced Monday to 3-20 years in prison for running a prostitution ring that involved a 16-year-old girl who ultimately confessed to her mother.

Davina Shirley Lloyd, 26, was ordered imprisoned by Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton after earlier pleading guilty to transporting a female for purposes of prostitution from Woodcrest Villa Apartments, on Wayne Road south of Joy, to a hotel in a neighboring community.

Lloyd's sentencing came after her boyfriend, 24-year-old Lanard Mack Henley, was sent to prison in April for 3-20 years for helping Lloyd run the prostitution ring, which involved posting explicit pictures on the Craigslist Web site and arranging for young women to meet clients for paid sex.

Police arrested the couple in January after an undercover officer arranged to meet an 18-year-old prostitute at the Fairfield Inn in

Canton.

One girl testified during a preliminary hearing in February that she was only 16 when she stayed with Lloyd and Henley at Woodcrest Villa while she worked as a prostitute. She said the couple drove her to meet customers and "they asked me to lie about my age."

The girl also testified that Lloyd became upset with her for lying about being raped by a customer in hopes of getting time off work. The teenager said Lloyd slapped her and warned that she would "end up dead in an alley, if I lied to her."

The girl finally went to her mother in Detroit, and they went to the Westland Police Department to file a complaint.

The teenager had met Lloyd and Henley outside a Detroit gas station, where she said Henley gave her a business card and told her that she could make money. The girl said she initially talked with the couple because she was attracted to Lloyd.

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Coming Sunday in Health



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13 students lead John Glenn graduation as valedictorians

In no way superstitious, 13 students were selected as valedictorians for the John Glenn High School Class of 2008.

The honor went to Gregory James Bevel, Andi Dede, Sarah Ann Drum, Michael Joseph Gardner, Stephanie Anne Hornbeck, David Andrew Kalvelage, Danielle Marie Levy, Breanna Shanae Luckett, Lauracindy May Plague, Amanda Marie Mirabatur, April Justine Thomas, Alexander Jacob Valentine and Joseph Nikko Basa Vinuya.

Summa cum laude graduates were Aaron James Freese, Sara Elizabeth Grabowski, Kevin Reed Graham, Patrick Caleb Mateas, Samantha Kate McFall, Jamie Lynn Melias, Rachel Christine Mlynar, Katherine Mary Savoie, Jordan Vivake Singh, Ashley Danielle Snyder, Susan Amanda Vivier, Joshua Thomas Wilson and Bradley Russell Wilton.

Magna cum laude graduates were Ashley Renee Acosta, Kyle Anthony Acuña, Maria Caprice Allen, Victoria Olakitan Awosika, Joseph Franklin Blouse, Nathan Jeffery Bou, Mallory Jane Brosious, Jonathon Thomas Daugherty, Ryan Scott Graham, Tiffany René Hensley, Skye Bryanna Jones, Justin Matthew Kolar, Daniel Ray Leinbach, Raquel Alicia Martinez, Malcolm Armani Muhammad, Aranda Jo Phare, Jeannine Louise Schmitt, Bridget Leanne Stollker, Jessica Lynne VanToll, Melissa Wallo and Jamie Allison Young.

Cum laude graduates were Ryan DeGuzman Acuna, Linda Lou Barrett, Kaitlyn Marie Boczar, Angelica Porsche Liana Cheeks, Kailey Elizabeth Coleman, Gordon Howard German Jr., Ryan Lee Gibbs, Jonathan Allan Gillis, Danielle Michelle Horton, Shahid Mohammed Hussain, Joshua James Jackson, Kirstin Leigh Kirk, Jeffrey John Kreitner, Dayna Rose Krushlin, Gary Randal Lawrence, Amber Lynn Lilla, KaSheena Kay Martin, Stacey Lynn Mayers, Jonathan C. Meyer, Marlee Shayne Mills, Jeremiah Daniel Moore, Fiona Murphy-Fahlgren, Jeremy David Proffitt, Jessica Marie Randolph, Stacey Joanne Richardson, Teresa Kathleen Sanford, Shannon Elyse Starks, Daniel Michael Tamaroglo,

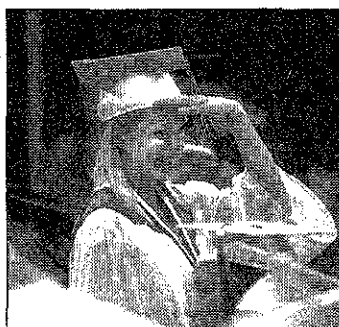


Skye Jones gets flowers from her younger brother Kyland Kimble following the John Glenn High School graduation ceremony.

Chelsea Nicole Thompson, Courtney Marie Thompson, Gina Lynn Vettraino, Anika Shané Wilson and Chelsey Rebecca Young.

Honors graduates were John Taiyelolu Abraham, Jeremiah Ivan Austin, Andrew Carl Bartrum, Alisha Lynn Boucher, Zachary Michael Bozjian, James Lee Brancheau, Marshaé Danielle Brazier, Emily Grace Brothers, Caitlin Elizabeth Burns, Scott Joseph Campanella, Jonathan Joseph Celmer, Brandon Alexander Crooks, Christopher Michael Davis, Jessica Denise Delaforce, Nicole Amber Diehl, Latifah Malaika Shavone Donald, Melissa Shannon Dudash, Brandon Douglas Eldred, Zina Elaina Flowers, Nicholas Zachary Freeman, Ashley Kay Gallaher, Devin Erin Gartz, Ashley Lia Gatesy, Ashley Nicole Hollenbeck, Tori Lynn Horton,

Ashley Nicole Hudt, Michael Andrew Johnson, Victoria Lynn Johnson, Christina Marie Johnston, Christopher Thomas Kangas, James Earl Kelly Jr., Stephanie Michelle Kemppainen, Jessica Ann Kidd, Karley Brooke Knoll, Jonathan Raymond Lada, Ryan William Lockhart, Matthew Lorey, Chelsea Christine Lott, Matthew Paul Loudon, Eric James Lynn, Shelby Gayle Lyons, Zachary Thomas Marshbanks, Cory Dennis McCoy, Shanekia Sha-na McIntosh, Micki Mihailovich, Alexandria Else Miller, Ashley Juanita Maria Montgomery, Deanna Renee Nabors, Brittany Nicole Nugent, Amarachi Emily Ogbuaku, Maegan Danielle Porter, Sarah Elizabeth Pruett, Dana Nicole Quattlander, Kimberly Alice Raley, Monique Renee Range, Zachary Adam Rogers, Sara Hee Rooney, Victor Kenneth Sanders, Timothy Allen Smolen, Cody James Stacy, Brittany Lynn Stollker, Kyra Tanise Swan, Stephanie Nicole Tieppo, Eric James Tomasson, Catrina Ashley Trader, Megan Marie Walker, Jeffrey Russell Warner, Shelby Lynn Wells.



Caroline Elizabeth Jones is all smiles as she walks back to her seat after receiving her diploma.

Lauren Olivia Whitt, Jocelyn James Williams and Marion Mardell Woods.

Also receiving their diplomas were James Kehinde Abraham, Shontez De'Anjalo, Isaiah Akins, Robin Michael Arno Jr., Lester Anthony Arnold, Marie Authier, Shantinique Kyondrq Baker, Theresa Elizabeth Barnhart, Imari Bates, Frank Dean Bazan, Kevin Richard Bessinger, Brianna Marie Bodin, Rachia Michelle Bohannon, Nicholas Joseph Bolek, Anthony Michael Bolen, Felicia Elizabeth Bolish, Jennifer Lauren Bone, Kaylyn Rae Bothell, Don Brian Brady, Shantelle Meon Branam, Katherine Mae Brewer.

Kristen Lynn Briese, Kaylie Rose Brincat, Ashley Ann Britt, Derek Michael Brobst, Daniel Michael Brown, Larry Joseph Brown, Rayphonzo J. Brown, Scott Joseph Brown, Alyssa Kathryn Brummit, Jonathan George Burgess, Nicole Marie Burns, Jon Paul Camunag, Tyler Kenneth Cannon, Lorraine Caulkins, Schieffer LeeAnn Chapman, Joye Lynne Clenney, Jonathan Gerard Collins, Ashley Ann Colombe, Alexander Frank Colosimo, Silvana Corbaxhi, Ashley Doreen Cornett, Allison Marie Cote, Joshua Scott Cover, Bria Shanae Crawford, Kenneth Kerry Crout, Misty Marie Cruz, Richard Brian Curlyo.

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Ric Daniel C. Mamuyac, Jordan Kendale Manier, Mark Anthony Manual, Benjamin Edward Maple, Stefan Thomas Marken, Keshawn Charles Martin, Chineha LaChelle Mason, Ryan Cody Maxwell, Daniel Ryan McCahill, Meaghan Amber Ann McCoy, Ambre Marie McDonough, Leah Nicole McKay, Brandi LaTrice McKenzie, Robert David McNally II,

Marsela Meco, Courtney Michele Miller, Nadine Marie Misener, Shawn Michael Mitchell, Brittany Marie Moomaw, Brett Allen Moore Jr., Adam Henry Morgan.

Chelsea Pearl Moyer, Shalayna Marie Mulrenan, Kimberly Lynn Murdoch, Joshua James-Michael Murray, Amy Margaret Neville, Thomas Lee Offer, Hezekiah Oyewale Okunawo, Lauren Robin Orzech, Racheal Anne Ostrander, James Robert Oswell, Sean Michael Owens, Jase Scott Paciocco, Melissa Michele Parker, Ashley Ranae Parker, Ashley Sada Parker, Misty Ann Parker, Tawnie Lynn Passalacqua, Alicia Michelle Pate, Adam Vincent Patruno, Lindsay Nicole Perkins, Filip Samuel Peterson.

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City suffers minor damage from storm

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Heavy storms that pummeled some metro Detroit communities Sunday evening snapped trees and power lines in Westland, but officials said early reports indicated the city was spared the widespread damage found elsewhere.

The city received reports of eight to 10 trees knocked down by the storms, including one that fell against power lines

along Central City Parkway, but Public Service Director Kevin Buford said the problem didn't appear widespread.

"We got hit a little bit," he said, but overall, "we were blessed."

Residents who called the city to report snapped trees on their property got help from city workers, rather than being told to call a contractor. Public service crews cut up the trees and hauled them away.

"We responded to them,"

Buford said, sparing residents the expense in a tough economic climate that has left many of them already struggling.

"I think it was the right thing to do," he said.

Fire Chief Michael Reddy said it didn't appear that firefighters responded to any storm-related fires.

"We snuck by this one," he said.

Reddy reported "little pockets" of power outages, but said utility work crews early this

week were working to complete the task of restoring service.

In what was described as an unrelated development, Buford reported that a section of Merriman Road between Palmer and Michigan Avenue "bubbled up" on the north-bound lanes Sunday, but county road crews were out Monday working to make repairs.

It wasn't immediately known what had caused the problem.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 23, 2008 at 6:45 o'clock in the evening at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2008-09 budgets.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2008-09 budgets until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2008-09 budgets including the proposed property tax millage rates is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 15125 Farmington Road.

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budgets will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order to the Board of Education.

Robert J. Freeman, Secretary

BUDGET

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a new budget that will protect programs for one more year in this 13,800-student district, although expenses of \$121.4 million will outpace revenues of \$116.5 million. It's a deficit-

spending situation that officials say cannot continue.

"The past four to five years, and this upcoming budget year, have shown much volatility, as both the federal and state budgets have had to deal with extraordinary economic challenges," Martin wrote in a letter to Baracy and school board members.

The problems have trickled down, officials say, raising fears of painful budget cuts that already have plagued districts which didn't have the once-healthy cash reserve that Wayne-Westland had — had being the key word.

The projected \$7.8 million fund balance in the new budget compares to a \$15 million

to \$16 million surplus that most experts agree the district should have, Baracy said. Officials said they already have pared spending, including Monday's layoffs of two teachers. Board trustee Steve Becher said some districts already have laid off 30-40 educators.

Moreover, Wayne-Westland officials worried aloud that one more year of current programs will be followed by forced budget cuts. Baracy said state revenues to the district have fallen far behind the rate of inflation.

Local teachers also are worried about negotiations for a new contract, with union leaders reminding district officials that they engaged in concessionary bargaining two years ago.

As early as this summer, officials expect to have to borrow money for cash-flow purposes until state dollars come through, whatever the funding levels may ultimately be. As he faced the audience during a meeting that will air on local cable, Baracy implored residents to contact state legislators and demand fair funding for education.

"They have to keep their promise," Baracy said of state officials, citing what he considers inaction on education and economic problems. "If we're ever going to put this state back on track, we've got to talk about these issues."

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Putting dirt around the root ball of one of two trees planted at Hamilton Elementary School are fourth-graders Noah Duncan and MacKenzie Huren.

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Students pitch in to Root for Rouge

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The lawn of Hamilton Elementary School in Westland has a few new trees, planted by students as part of the city-schools Rooting for the Rouge Project.

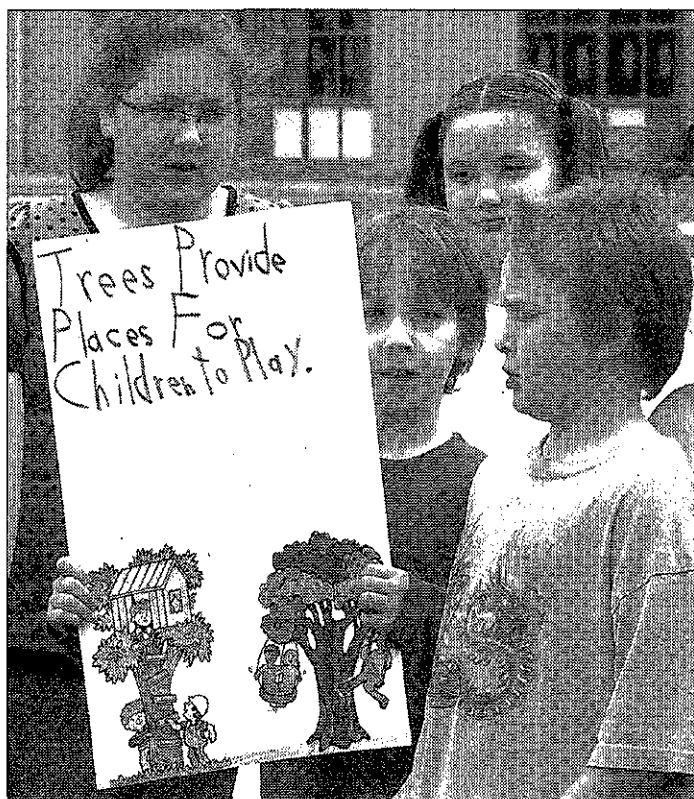
Helped by members of the Westland Department of Public Service, the fourth-graders read poems and explained what trees do to help the quality of the Rouge watershed as they took turns dropping shovelfuls of dirt to cover the root balls of an Eastern red bud and service berry trees, donated by Panetta's Nursery.

"I hope you've learned just how important trees are in keeping our environment clean and healthy," 10-year-old Trenton Best said.

Rooting for the Rouge came out of discussions between the city's former planning director, Todd Kilroy, and Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Baracy. Lillian Dean, the Rouge Education coordinator for Westland, said the two men were looking at how the city and school district could work together to support education in the community and came up with the Rouge project, which ties in with the fourth-grade science curriculum.

Classes that participate in Rooting for the Rouge plant trees, stencil storm drains and create buffer growth zones as part of the project.

This is the second year, Hamilton has participated and it appears students "really enjoyed" the project, said Principal April Quasarano.



Reading from a poster they made are Jacob Flores (left) and Christopher Murphy. Behind them are classmates Carmen Mata (left) and Melissa McNulty.

"They not only read about it, they put it into practice and beautify the school grounds," she said. "Some of the fifth-graders remember their tree and point it out. It's a nice legacy."

Dean joined the students at the tree plantings, offering explanations about the types of trees being planted and in placing pine needles around the base of older trees to serve as a mulch.

"The benefit of a tree is that the tree roots grow out and loosen up the soil," she told the students.

Students also added their own reasons why trees are "wonderful for the environment." Among

the reasons: the oxygen they produce, their ability to cool the air, prevent erosion and provide homes for animals.

Also on hand for the ceremony was Todd Blevins, representing Mayor William Wild.

"We're very proud of what you've put together," he said. "I look forward to driving by and seeing how much the trees have grown."

As for what they learned that day, Noah Duncan summed it up: "Today, I learned how to plant a tree."

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4 students win firefighter scholarships

The Westland Professional Firefighters Union has awarded scholarships to four graduating high school seniors in honor of the late firefighter Bobby Foust.

Two scholarships for paramedic training have been awarded to Austin Hassen of Wayne Memorial High School and Jeremy Estepp of John Glenn High School. Hassen and Estepp will receive their training through the Michigan Academy of Emergency Services.

Also, two \$1,000 scholar-



Mayers



Quintal



Estepp



Hassen

ships have been awarded to Chelsea Quintal of Wayne Memorial and Stacey Mayers of John Glenn. Quintal plans to attend Wayne State University and major in business. Mayers will attend Washtenaw

Community College to study photography.

Fire Sgt. Andrew Buck, the scholarship committee chairman, announced this year's scholarship winners. All of the students are Westland residents.

AROUND WESTLAND

Thank you cards

Come join the Westland Jaycees at the Westland Shopping Center Saturday, June 14, to sign cards for the troops thanking them for all they are doing. The card signing will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. People also can donate cards - blank memo/thank you cards - during the event. Westland Shopping Center is a Wayne Road and Warren.

ON THE WEB

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information, call the Wayne County Parks Office at (734) 261-1990.

Movie in the park

On Friday, June 13 at dusk, Wayne County's Movies in the Park will return to Hines Park in the Nankin Mills area of Westland. On the screen will be "Bee Movie" which tells the story of Barry B. Benson, a bee who graduates from college, ventures outside of the hive, and breaks a cardinal rule of talking to a human, who happens to be a florist named Vanessa. That's when the story really begins to buzz. For more

Change of location

The City of Westland has relocated three of its four existing paper recycling stations. Each location allows residents to dispose of an unlimited amount of paper products to be recycled. The three new locations are southeast corner of the parking lot at the Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh, in the rear parking lot behind the Dorsey Center at 32715 Dorsey and in the central parking lot of the William

P. Faust Public Library at 6123 Central City Parkway. The station in the parking lot of Westland's Community Relations building at 33455 W. Warren will remain.

TSA golf outing

The Senior Alliance will hold its 2008 Golf Classic Friday, July 25, at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course. The 9 a.m. shotgun start will kick off a day filled with raffle prizes, food and the Ficano Cup, given each year to the winning foursome. Contact Jaclyn Kochis, program specialist, at (734) 727-2060 to reserve a spot. The event is also the last time to purchase a ticket for TSA's "Rock'n Raffle" to win an autographed, zebra-print, Ted Nugent guitar. The raffle supports The Holiday Meals-on-Wheels Program. Tickets for this raffle are \$5 and will be available until Friday, July 25, by contacting Kochis.

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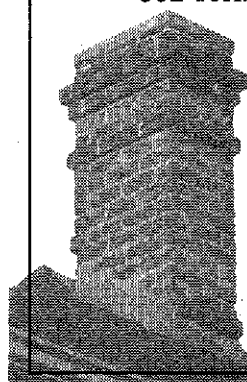
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Portfolio helps student win CCS scholarship

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Finishing fourth out of five in a contest isn't all bad for Samantha McFall. It represents a financial boost for the John Glenn High School senior who plans to study graphic arts at the College for Creative Studies.

Based on a portfolio filled with "at least 10 good pieces of graphic design work," McFall has been awarded an \$80,000 scholarship to attend the renowned college in Detroit.

"My mom is overjoyed to say the least," said McFall, whose parents are Leonard and Carolyn McFall. "My parents are very proud of me."

Encouraged by graphic arts teacher Steve Paulsen at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and art teacher Selina Babcock to enter the contest, McFall had just two weeks to do five more pieces for the portfolio contest.

The work included one about global warming and another was motorcycle technical illustration as a gatefold brochure.

She got help from Paulsen who critiqued her work and "just barely made the deadlines."

"He helped me to improve what I did," McFall said. "He gave me suggestions and stuff on how to improve the design. I figured it was too much for me, but Mr. Paulsen and Mrs. Babcock had a lot of faith in me."

McFall readily admits that art and graphics are her favorite subjects. She "hates" all the other classes and "gave up math in 10th grade."

"I took just what was required," she said, adding that she was directed to graphic art in eighth grade when a teacher saw her work and suggested she pursue it.

A field trip to the Career Technical Center clinched it. In 11th grade, she signed up for Paulsen's class and discovered

she loved it.

"I was told I was a natural for it and graphic art came to me naturally like any other art," she added.

Paulsen has his students participate in contests, and during her two years at the center, McFall entered several, including the poster contest for the North American International Auto Show. She never won anything until now and the win it huge for McFall.

The first year she heard about CCS, tuition was \$24,000 a year. It now stands at \$28,000 and keeps going up. The scholarship will cover about two-thirds of the cost, so she's looking for other funding sources

"I won a scholarship here at Glenn, and the rest will have to be in loans," she said. "I'll try to find other scholarships. It's definitely scary, but I'll keep working to pay it off."



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

For John Glenn High School senior Samantha McFall, art is her passion and with the help of an \$80,000 scholarship, she'll be able to study graphic art at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smaison@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
Veterans benefit
A "Tribute to Dean Martin and Steve

London" with music by Sweet Tracks will be presented 6-10 p.m. Friday, June 13, at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Cocktails will be served 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the show 8-10 p.m. There also will be an open bar 6-11 p.m. Only 140 tickets to be sold. They cost \$25 each and are available in the post lounge. The money raised will benefit homeless and hospitalized veterans. For more information, call

(734) 721-9440.
Citizens for Peace
The Livonia-based Citizens for Peace, which covers the entire 11th District, invites residents the chance to join in study-discussion groups on the topic, Beyond War, during its June and July meetings. Using a study guide, the topic will be discussed in four group sessions each meeting. The June meeting will include social change; how to talk to people who

think war is a good idea or inevitable; war is obsolete; and the concept that we all live on one planet. In July, the topics focus on alternatives to war, such as nonviolent conflict resolution processes and appropriate humanitarian foreign aid; international law and cooperation between nations; practical experience about what people and nations can do instead of war; and applying effective advocacy. Citizens for

Peace meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Unity of Livonia, on Five mile road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. A small donation is requested for the use of the church facilities. For details, call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.
Installation of officers
Westland American Legion, Westland Post 251 will be having its second annual installation of officers din-

ner/dance Friday, June 20, at the VFW Post 3323 Hall on Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 7 p.m. There will be an open bar, door prizes and dancing to the music of the Walt Liepke Band 11 p.m. Installation of officers will take place at 8 p.m. Veterans and the public are welcome. Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information and tickets, call (734) 751-2275 or (734) 326-2607.

CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 11 6/2/08

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer
128-Approved minutes of 5/19/08.
-Approved Soil & Materials contr. for Hix Rd. bridge reconstruction.
-Approved bid for 911 Recording Syst., amt. \$38,530.00.
-Approved req. to place 2008 Summer Board-Up Fees on Summer 2008 Tax Bills.
-Approved Prop. Admin. Fees Schedule 2008-2009.
-Intro. Ord. 29-W-14-1, to amend rates for Municipal Water & Sewer, & Ind. Waste Control Charges.
130-Adopted Res. No. 5, Nankin Blvd. Str. Lighting Assess.
131-Adopted Prep. Res. granting Tool. & Die Recovery Zone Designation for American Axle.
132-Grants Intro of Budget Amend. 2008-13; Library Fund, \$224,507.00.
133-Waived procedure, finds & declares an emergency to introduce & adopt at the same mtg. Budget Amend. 2008-13.
134-Adopted Budget Amendment 2008-13; Library Fund, \$224,507.00.
135-Confirmed D.Wiacek, as non-atty. Magistrate.
136-Approved amendment to City Clerk's Benefit Pkg.
137-Adopted Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget.
138-Adopted res. spreading millage for 2008-2009 fiscal yr.
139-Adopted 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Program as amended.
140-Confirmed D.Moody to Westland Library Board; term to expire 6/20/13.
141-Confirmed S.Durante to Westland Library Board; term to expire 6/20/09.
142-Approved Checklist Activity: \$389,025.45 and Prepaid: \$1,382,143.69.
Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

James R. Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk

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KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's Sports section

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

ON ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 - 2009

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 23rd day of June, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Garden City Public Schools' Administration Building, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, Michigan, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the School District of the City of Garden City for the fiscal year of 2008 -2009.

Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Business Office at the Garden City Public Schools' Administrative Service Center, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, Michigan, for inspection during regular business hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners of the City of Garden City, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the proposed budget. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan.

Roy Watts, Secretary
GARDEN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On June 17, 2008, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland MI., County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1996	Eagle	Summit/2DR	Blue	JE3AA31CXTU002275
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2004	Dodge	Stratus/4DR	Silver	1B3EL46X44N243961
1998	Oldsmobile	Cutlass/4DR	Green	1G3NB52M4W633097
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2001	Oldsmobile	Alero/4DR	Blue	1G3NL52EX1C130774
1989	Acura	2DR	White	JH4KA3267KC019525
1989	Buick	2DR	Black	2G4WB14TXK1488682

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after JULY 12, 2008 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

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Lessons can be learned from Ed McMahon's foreclosure problem

The news story last week about Ed McMahon, Johnny Carson's long-time sidekick, having his Hollywood home foreclosed caught my attention.

It appears that McMahon, 85, is hundreds of thousands of dollars in arrears on his \$5 million mortgage.

Most of the news stories were sympathetic to McMahon and blamed his current financial difficulties on health issues. Although I am a fan and I do feel sorry for him, there is a lesson for everyone to learn.

I have no idea how much money McMahon earned over the years. I can only speculate



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

who has been as successful as McMahon must work to cover daily living expenses.

We assume that people who earn more money than us don't have to worry about such mundane issues as saving for retirement. However, the Ed

that someone who has been involved in the entertainment industry for as long as he has would likely have made a fair amount of money.

The real tragedy is that someone who has been as successful as McMahon must work to cover daily living expenses.

McMahon story is just one among hundreds of celebrities and athletes who have made substantial amounts of money and who find they cannot maintain their lifestyle during retirement. I believe there are a number of reasons for this. The first is that most people do not know what it costs them to live each month. I heard an interview with McMahon in which he stated he never realized what his monthly expenses were. I don't care who you are, you ought to know what it costs you to live every month. You need to monitor that number as it changes over time.

If you know what your living

expenses are, you can make informed decisions regarding investment allocation or cutting back on other expenses.

Another lesson we can all learn from the McMahon situation is it is not what you make, but what you save, that's important.

In McMahon's case, when his health improves he will be able, through his Hollywood connections, to earn some money. Unfortunately, most people in their 80s aren't so

lucky. The only jobs they may be able to get is either working in a fast food restaurant or greeting at a department store.

One issue I haven't seen discussed is what McMahon was thinking about when it came to his spouse, who is much younger. It can be presumed that she will outlive him.

In order to prevent the McMahon situation from happening to you, know your monthly living expenses and make sure you have structured

an investment portfolio to provide a rising income. Finally, always remember to save as much as you can for retirement.

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

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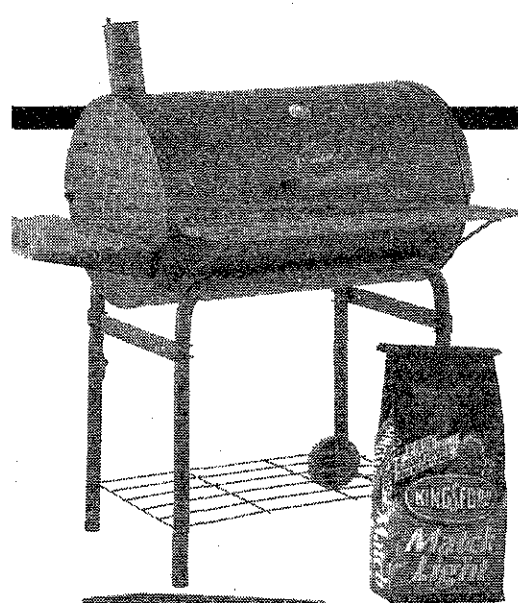
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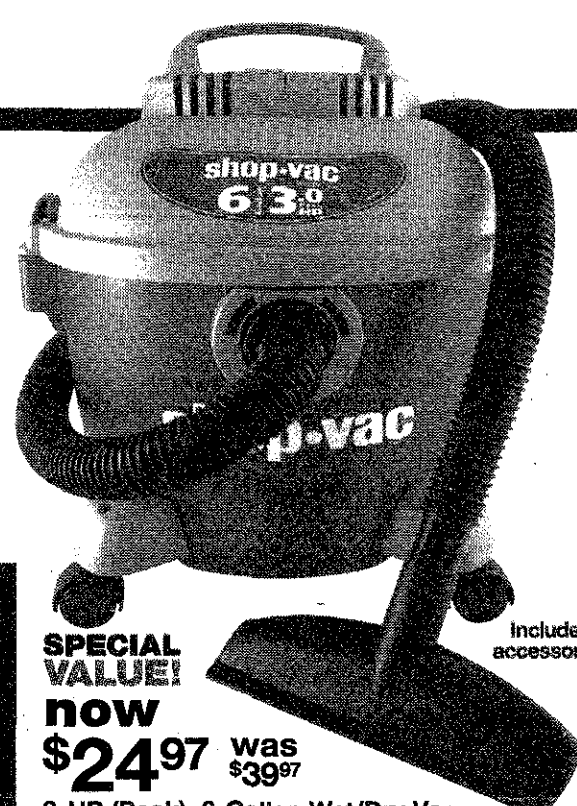
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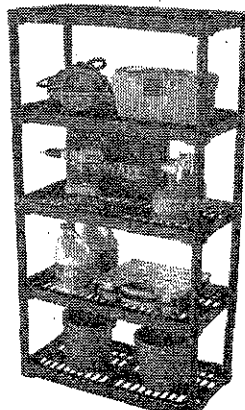
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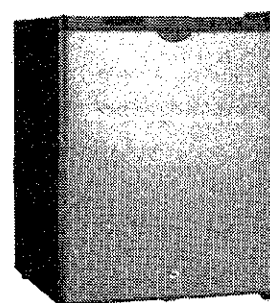
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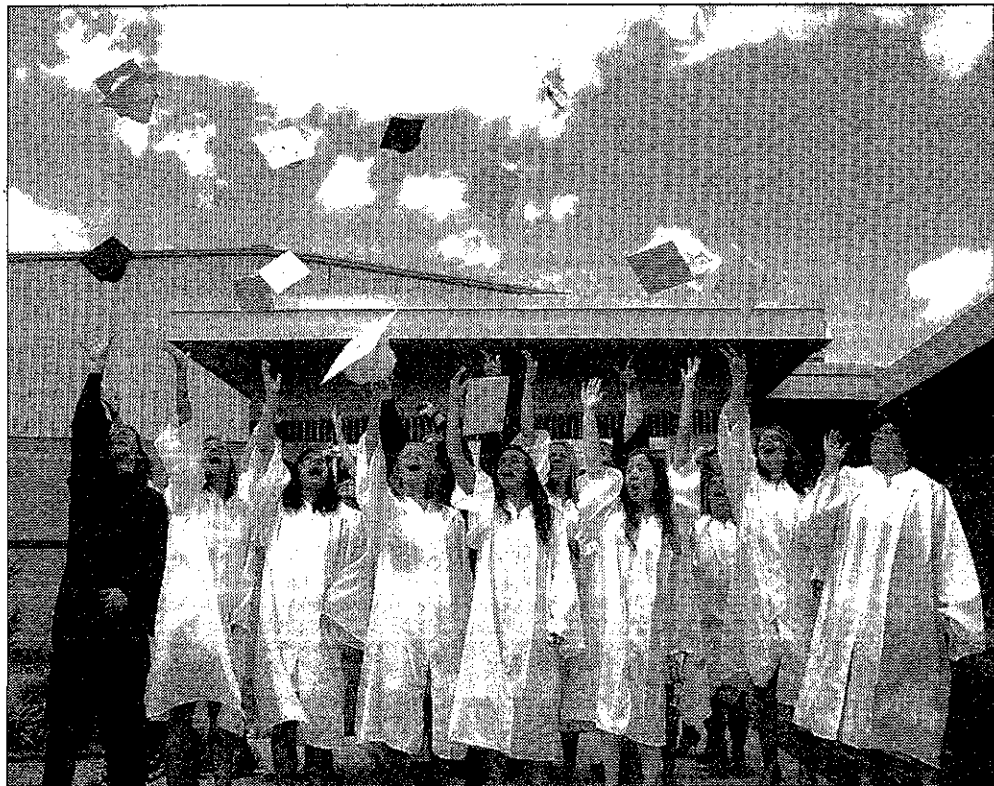
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One last time

Celebrating following graduation on June 1 are members of Huron Valley Lutheran High School's Class of 2008 - Lauren Elizabeth Adlof of Canton of Autumn Lee Beach of Wayne, Colin John Beerbower of Livonia, Emily Ruth Helwig of Livonia, Ryan Matthew Jones of Westland, Daniel Frank Kealy of Detroit, Katie Marie Kipfmiller of Flat Rock, Hannah Rose Kubik of Canton, Lauren Elizabeth La Manna of Plymouth, Rebecca Ann Markham of Westland, Brandy Lynne Nocella of Newport, Gerhard Ludwig Press II of Wayne, Robert Andrew Allan Russ of Belleville, Nicole Marie Schaffer of Westland, Sarah May Elizabeth Schaffer of Westland, Brittany Nicole Sherman of Dearborn Heights, Nicole Lynn Smith of Dearborn Heights, Catherine Elizabeth St. John of Farmington, Kathryn Marie Strauch of Livonia, Lorna Renee Sweet of Westland and Kara Lynnae Werner of Dearborn Heights.

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeo, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 36001 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185-6591 (734)729-7095 on 6/27/08 at 10:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
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3090 - Tim Sedgewick - Dresser, Table, Sofa
3180 - Marilyn Zachery - Aquarium, 5 Boxes, 5 Bags
4016 - Christina Hughes - China Cabinet, Love-seat, Chair
4054 - Robert D Holt - 12 Totes, Tool Box, Mattress
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5026 - Terry Darnell Knox - Bicycle, Aquarium, 4 Chairs
5056 - Claire Joslin - 10 Boxes, Couch, Armoire
5134 - Fred Croft - 2 Dressers, Office Chair, Mattress
5176 - James Platt - 5 Boxes
5182 - Roseitta Jones - 30 Boxes, Suitcase, 2 Totes
6062 - Janice D Garrett - 10 Bags, 10 Boxes, Table

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold two Public Hearings on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 8000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard. The purposes of the Public Hearings are to solicit public comments on:

Proposed 2008/2009 Water & Sewer Rate Ordinance.
Proposed 2008/2009 Budget.

Complete copies of the proposed ordinances are on file and can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office or online at www.gardencitymi.org.

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'Catch the Reading Bug' this summer

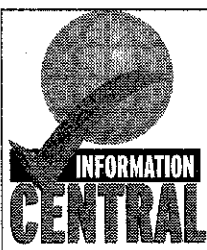
The ever-popular summer reading programs for teens and adults are coming back to the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Registration for the programs begins Saturday, June 14, and the seven-week programs will end Saturday, Aug. 1. The adult theme will be "It's Art" while the teen program is called "Metamorphosis @ Your Library."

"Summer reading is always a fun, all ages event. Our art programs are designed to inform and entertain - and even allow space and instruction to help people create their own art," said Andy Schuck, program committee member. "We're really looking forward to what the community will take away from these events."

With such a diverse subject as art, the programs offered this summer will reflect that by offering subjects across the art world. Programs include comic book art (June 18), how to take better pictures (June 25), documentary movie night, "My Kid Could Paint That" (July 1), folk rock music at the Pavilion (July 9), choosing color schemes for your home (July 15), learn the principles of art (July 16), rise of a great museum: DIA (July 22), stamping with Cari (July 29), and political poster art (July 30). There are more detailed descriptions of all programs on the events page on the library Web site at www.westland.lib.mi.us, as well as individual fliers available at the library.

Adults need to earn five stamps to finish the program. Stamps are earned by reading books, listening to audiobooks or attending programs. Finish the program

and earn a chance to win one of the fantastic prizes. There will also be drawings for book reviews and puzzles. Each participant who signs up will be given a prize as well as each finisher.



Teens in middle school and high school can sign up for Metamorphosis @ Your Library. Students going into the sixth-grade in the coming year have the option of signing up for either the children's program "Catch the Reading Bug," or the teen program but cannot do both.

One of the highlights of the program is sure to be the alternative teen fashion show to be held July 23. Teens will let their creativity out by designing an outfit to wear down the runway. Fashion categories will include cosplay (anime characters), altered vintage clothing, recycled materials, and other.

Each week there will be drawings of \$20 gift cards to Westland stores. All teens that finish the program will be entered into the grand prize drawings for \$50, \$75, and \$100 gift cards to the Westland Mall. Also, all finishers will be invited to a party which features more prizes and a live DJ.

There are also some contests to bring out even more creativity from the teens. Teens can submit original work in the short story, poetry, art and book cover design contests.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

So begins the stirring journey of young David in "Kidnapped" by Robert Louis Stevenson. The pages of a book introduce interesting people, draw you to distant places or ask you to suspend disbelief, until the story ends. All these remarkable experiences await those who touch the first page and read. If you have ever wanted to catch a reading bug, now is your chance! Reading is fun, inspiring and enlightening.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland extends an enthusiastic invitation to children up to age 12 to register for the 2008 Summer Reading Program "Catch the Reading Bug." Our much anticipated kickoff date is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 14.

Children will receive their Summer Reading material, sign up for upcoming programs, make a craft, and have a chance to meet a very friendly bee from Old Country Buffet.

Completing the seven-week program by Aug. 2 is easy. Children simply record the reading minutes they accomplish each day and meet the target goal of five hundred minutes.

From infant to teen, the seven-week program is sure to delight everyone. Wonderful presenters have been invited to share remarkable tales and information with our young patrons. Science Alive, Naturalist Lori Taylor, Mark Rosenthal's Animal Magic and Bats of the World are just a few of the exciting programs planned. Story times are ongoing throughout June and July. Children can see movies, participate in contests and attend programs suited to their varied interests.

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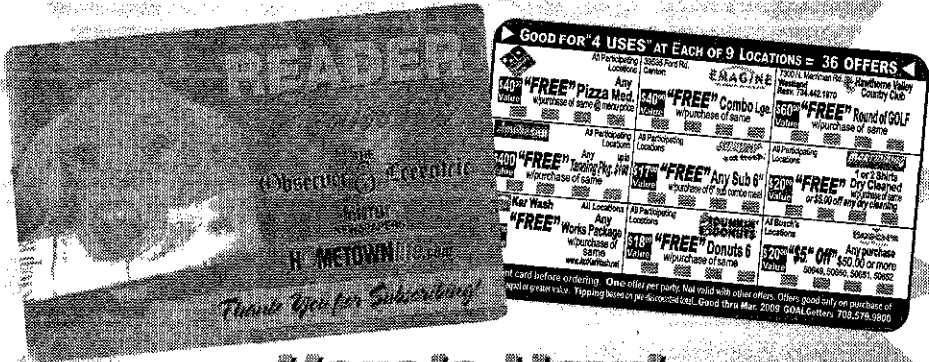
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OUR VIEWS

Crackdown good for communities

Graduation season is here and over the course of the next month or so, family after family will be throwing house parties to celebrate.

In most cases, alcoholic beverages will be available. Not a problem, unless you're a teen who imbibes. Your local law enforcement agency has zero tolerance for underage drinking.

Armed with a federal grant, the Westland, Garden City and Wayne police departments are cracking down on underage drinking not only during graduation season but throughout the summer, hoping to put a cap on teens drinking alcoholic beverages.

The program calls for four officers from each department to be assigned to the alcohol enforcement Friday and Saturday nights until October. The officers are working in plainclothes and an unmarked car. Officers will be targeting house parties, but also will be checking on businesses that sell or serve alcohol.

This crackdown not only goes after underage drinkers, it goes to the heart of the problem — the adults who supply the booze and the beer. If you're an adult who throws a party, be aware that you will be held responsible for supplying alcohol to minors. If you're a shopkeeper who sells alcohol to minors, you also will be held accountable.

Much has been said about underage drinking and it seems that a graduation season doesn't go by without a tragic story involving underage drinking. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the rate of alcohol-related traffic crashes is greater for drivers ages 16-20 than for drivers age 21 and older.

Graduates should celebrate their accomplishments, but it needs to be done responsibly and within the limits of the law. And parents, by all means have those parties and serve beverages, but do it responsibly. If it's a house party, think about your neighbors and keep the noise level down. And keep the booze out of the hands of minors. All people, whether it's the grads, their parents or other adults and store owners need to realize there are no gray areas when it comes to zero tolerance.

We applaud the Westland Police Department on obtaining the federal grant for the three communities. It's a good example of communities working together for the common good. And if their work means a summer without tragedy, we say all the better.

State lawmakers need to pass Great Lakes Compact

The Great Lakes State. That's what they call Michigan. And for good reason — the state is home to 3,200 miles of Great Lakes shoreline (more freshwater coastline than any other state) and touches all the lakes except Lake Ontario.

Yet we will likely hold the dubious distinction of being the last or one of the last states to pass the Great Lakes Compact — an agreement between the eight states and two Canadian provinces bordering the Great Lakes that will ensure regional control over the lakes (and their water). In this increasingly thirsty world, passing the Compact is critical if we are to preserve and protect one of the greatest natural resources on the globe, and prevent large-scale water diversions to other, drier parts of the world, including the parched American Southwest.

Before the Compact becomes binding, each of the states must pass the legislation in identical form before it can go to Congress for its endorsement. Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and New York were the first states to sign the Compact into law. Last month, Wisconsin joined them, and there has been some agreement reached in Ohio that should lead to the law's passage there. Pennsylvania lawmakers are also expected to act on it soon. That leaves one state — Michigan.

As the only state entirely within the Great Lakes basin, Michigan has much more to gain through the Compact. We cannot afford to wait. Yet the state Legislature has been unable to come to an agreement on some of the most important details. The Democrat-led House and Republican-led Senate have agreed on much, which is promising, but some differences remain. The main difference is about who will need permits for large-scale withdrawals of water within the state. The Senate wants only users of two million gallons per day to get a permit, whereas the House calls for permitting for withdrawals of one million gallons per day. Another source of contention is about so-called "Adverse Resource Impact Definitions" — how withdrawals will impact coldwater streams, as well as the fish and organisms they support.

Also, there is disagreement about when the laws would go into effect. The Senate recently introduced an exception to allow a full year before they would take effect. The fear by some is that this will create an incentive for future users to rush in and register large quantity withdrawals before these laws would apply.

Leaders in the House and Senate say they are getting closer to coming up with an agreement, which needs to happen before the Legislature's summer recess that begins June 26. Each lawmaker needs to put Michigan's most important resource before party loyalty, so a bipartisan agreement can be reached that will not only make our state proud, but also put us where we should be — in a leadership role when it comes to protecting the Great Lakes.



Thanks for support

On behalf of Eastern Michigan University and our 130,000 alumni, I wish to thank state Rep. Richard LeBlanc and state Sen. Glenn Anderson for their steadfast support throughout the ongoing state capital outlay process. EMU is one of the largest postsecondary education providers for the Westland area and the renovation of Pray-Harold, one of the largest academic facilities in the states, is critical in meeting our region's higher educational needs.

The capital outlay, currently stalled in the Michigan Legislature, is expected to create approximately 29,000 jobs and infuse hundreds of millions of dollars into the state economy. In the process, it will allow EMU to upgrade facilities that have received no state reinvestment in a dozen years.

Countless studies have demonstrated that the most important characteristic of successful states in today's knowledge-based economy is the percentage of college graduates and the quality of their education. Rep. LeBlanc and Sen. Anderson recognize this important factor and are prepared to make the strategic investments necessary to allow Michigan to compete. We thank them.

Donald Loppnow
provost and executive vice president
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How do the poor go green?

I would like to go "green," but how do you on a fixed small income? I try to do what I can, but really going green is very expensive. I can't afford a \$40,000 hybrid car to drive. I can't afford solar heating panels. Even these new-fangled light bulbs are a bit pricey.

I can remember about 40 years ago reading small articles here and there warning about global warming coming. In my opinion, the scramble to fix global warming from getting worse is too little too late. I would not even want to have a child in this day and age in such an uncertain future. Some people act like this is all a hoax, and I sure hope it is, but sadly, I don't think so.

So if going green is so important to our survival, the government should make it very affordable to save our earth. If only the well-off can afford to buy all the "green" items, what do all of us "poor folk" do? This is really a question to think about, but the problem probably won't be solved.

Getting "fried" could have a whole new meaning.

Vickie Brown
Garden City

DEQ role 'under review'

The *Observer's* recent editorial made a good case for why it is prudent to protect the purity of our lakes and streams. Not addressed was why severe cuts were made in

the Department of Environmental Quality's budget. A little background may help to show why.

John Pastor owns a local construction company that has had frequent conflicts with the DEQ. Most involve violations for depositing soil in streams. Pastor's response to the DEQ's notices reflects a viewpoint that the government's only proper function is to improve his company's bottom line.

Pastor fails to comprehend that he, and all of us, are responsible for the welfare of mankind. John Pastor is also our state representative.

Rep. Pastor formerly chaired a House committee that had responsibility for the DEQ's budget. He made sure all knew that he was empowered to cut the DEQ's budget as he saw fit. True to form, Pastor dealt with DEQ officials in a cavalier manner. Pastor's manner was equally immature when dealing with Livonia's engineers, also relating to environmental law violations.

The DEQ is currently holding "under review" information pertaining the Pastor's company violations. Rep. Pastor is term-limited, out this December. Conceivably he could go to prison, he would not be the first. In the interim, we will have to await the outcome of this sordid example of how one individual can pervert our government.

Ralph E. Williams
Livonia

Help Dad save money

It may be that your father has always been there to provide advice, whether he was showing you how to throw the perfect pitch or cast a fishing line. Maybe he told you how to dress for your job interview or encouraged you to save for financial goals in your life, such as a car, a house and retirement.

Now it's your turn to give your dad a bit of helpful advice that he can take all the way to the bank. Show him how he can save as much as \$3,600 per year on the cost of prescription drugs.

We all know the high cost of medicine can be a burden on fathers who have limited income and resources. But there is extra help — available through Social Security — that could pay part of his monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The extra help could be worth up of \$3,600 per year.

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include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count his house and car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that you can help complete for your dad. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at (800) 772-1213 (TTY (800) 325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call (800) MEDICARE, (800) 633-4227; TTY (877) 486-2048.

So this Father's Day, give your dad a bit of advice and help him save up to \$3,600 a year on his prescription drugs. He'll appreciate the tip as much as you appreciate him.

Frances Heimes-Savickis
Social Security Public Affairs specialist
Southeast Michigan

Warped logic

Regarding Ed from Royal Oak and his "Who would terrorists elect?"

What warped logic this man spews. Let's see, exclude Germans because they may have had ancestral connections to the Nazis. Most born-again Christians because their parents might have been, say, Catholic, Mormon or some non-evangelical faith. Oh, let us exclude anyone of Oriental heritage because maybe they had biological links to the Chinese communists — or the warmongering Japanese of the 1930s.

Let us only consider a "real" American — oh, wait, that limits us to only the native Americans. Guilt by heritage or association — what a crock of you know what!

The right is intent on trying to demonize the Democrats, but they dare not attack head-on their true feelings — that is that a woman or a black has the audacity to run for president. Hey Ed, how about an endorsement from the KKK, would that satisfy you? Lord, deliver us from these Neanderthals!

Mike Smith
Clawson

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"We kind of wanted to start small to gauge the participation level, with hopes it could grow into something more - possibly even a satellite location."

— Mayor William Wild about a children's storytime program, offered by the William P. Faust Public Library this summer at the Dorsey Center

Hope sparked by Obama's campaign echoes long-ago theme from Kennedy

With spooky coincidence, last week marked both the 40th anniversary of U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassination and the winning by U.S. Sen. Barack Obama of the prize RFK had sought.

I was involved in Bobby Kennedy's campaign for president, which was so abruptly and tragically ended in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, just after he claimed victory in the California primary election. Kennedy's campaign began in the anguish of an unpopular and stalemated war. In that long-ago era, he didn't even make up his mind to enter the race until March 16.

And yet, he had a real shot at the nomination — especially after President Lyndon Johnson's decision two weeks later not to run for re-election. The country desperately wanted change. The war in Vietnam looked as though it was going to go on forever, while the cultural revolution of the 1960s was in full swing.

With LBJ's withdrawal, Vice President Hubert Humphrey became the establishment candidate for president, with the original insurgent, U.S. Sen. Eugene McCarthy, still draining the anti-war vote.

But nobody really thought McCarthy could win, while many younger, anti-establishment folks swung — hard — to Kennedy.

A small group of us in Michigan, including current Democratic National Committee member and MSU Trustee Joel Ferguson, joined together to battle the party regulars. It was a struggle against considerable odds but, by early June, we felt we were fighting the machine to a standstill in terms of pledged delegates.

The national convention in Chicago was still more than two months away the night of the California primary, a close-fought affair between Kennedy and McCarthy. Exhausted, I spent the night at my parents' house near Ann Arbor. I never will forget the shock when my mother came into my room the next morning. She was in tears.

"I'm so sorry, but I must tell you that Bobby Kennedy was assassinated last night." The room spun; my heart stopped. My tears flowed.

Actually, he did not die until early the next morning, but the dream had died when the shots were fired.

I had been deeply moved by the potential RFK had to bind back together our deeply divided country. He appealed to black and white, working-class stiff and Ivy League graduates, the poor, the disenfranchised, those who were alarmed by crooked labor unions and the Mafia. For a time, it seemed as though his spirit and humble charisma could call us all together as Americans.

In August, we went off to the convention in Chicago. In a gesture of respect, the convention managers played a film about RFK's life. Things paused. And we all surged onto the

convention floor and began spontaneously to sing *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, one of the Kennedy campaign's theme songs.

We sang. And we sang. And they turned out the lights to shut us up. And we sang on. And on. We must have been there for an hour — defiant, angry, weeping. And finally we walked out of the convention hall to find our country a diminished place where the sun might have shone, but where the lights of hope had been dimmed.

Fast forward 40 years. Last week, we saw another young senator emerge as a presidential nominee. I'm not sure how his candidacy will develop; he's relatively young and inexperienced.

But he is five years older than Kennedy was and has just as much experience in the Senate. And many voters are motivated by the nature of his appeal: He seems to want to go beyond conventional, partisan, bickering politics and knit our country back together again.

So in some ways, Obama's appeal reminds me of Kennedy's. Which is why the coincidence in one week of his clinching his party's nomination and the anniversary of RFK's death was so spooky ... so scary ... and so moving.

The goals both these men shared are goals that mean much to our Michigan, now so troubled, buffeted and torn by economic trouble and loss of hope. So many of us are dismayed by what seems like endless bickering between political leaders who can't seem to get on with the urgent business of saving our state.

After two years of research, lots of thought and much talk, there does seem to be a common-ground consensus agenda on what is needed to transform Michigan. A talented and globally competitive workforce; a vibrant economy and great quality of life; effective, efficient and accountable government; a virtuous intellectual and leadership circle that hums with promise and informed hope.

It is also clear that what is lacking at the state level is both a sense of urgency and the political will needed to actually get things done. As for the urgency, it's now clear Michigan is at a hinge of our history. The decisions we will make over the next decade will go a long way to determining what kind of state we will have in the next half century or more.

And as to political will, it all begins and ends with leadership and a vision that pulls us together. This year, a new generation has been inspired by Barack Obama's claim to a new, better kind of politics.

Whether we support him or not, here in Michigan we must find that same kind of far-seeing, challenging leadership — not solely Republican, not only Democratic, but both — leadership that can bring us together to save our state.

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Phil Power

Ready to trade Jeepzilla for a crosstown bus

All that's left is taking the bus. With gas at \$4 a gallon and a thirsty SUV in the driveway, it now costs more to quench that metal beast than feed the whole family. Don't tell me to buy something that gets better mileage because I've been trying to unload Jeepzilla for months. It was the endless stream of tire-kicking hucksters reminiscent of Mr. Haney on *Green Acres* that forced me to abandon the effort. No, I didn't want to swap the truck for a Harley or set of mechanic's tools, and I wouldn't take half of what it's worth so there it sits waiting for another \$75 fill-up.

I don't know what the executives at the former Big Three automakers were thinking when they decided to roll out one behemoth after the next while gas prices soared. I remember reading a rather large headline in the business section of a daily newspaper bragging up the fact that Detroit's finest auto minds were banking on the latest V-8 trucks to pave the road to profitability. I read the story and a sinking feeling that our entire state was in trouble swept over me. I questioned the rationale of depending on V-8's and relayed my concerns to the rest of the newsroom — admittedly reporters aren't an auto savvy group — but we couldn't figure out what the gearhead car experts were doing.

That was when gas was still hovering around \$2.50 a gallon. Apparently, auto execs must have thought it was a temporary condition and, boy, were they right. It was temporary — gas began shooting up shortly after that and is now \$4 a gallon. Chrysler recently invigorated sales with the promise of \$2.99 gas while Ford and GM announced another round of "involuntary separations." Clearly, summer isn't going to be the same in Michigan this year as families cancel vacation plans and trade in T-bones for burgers. I wonder what will happen to all those resort towns when going Up North no

longer fits into the budget of most families? My gut reaction to that story proved all too true and American manufacturers are still playing catch up in developing small cars that don't feel cheap. That lack of vision is bruising families all over. From forced pay cuts on factory workers to the engineer who is coldly told to pack up her desk on a Friday, most everyone knows a hard worker who is having a hard time finding work. It is a sad commentary on how short-sighted decisions can have a major impact for years to come.

Along those lines, wouldn't it be great if metro Detroit had a real transit system like Chicago, New York or Atlanta? Of course the decision to follow the almost pathological addition to the automobile was made generations ago when the Henry Fords of the world vacationed "Up North" in what is now Highland State Recreation area.

Local groups are trying to get some traction in adding safe biking lanes to the area but all anyone ever talks about is how much it would cost. I say let's reserve the right lane of every road for bikes, golf carts and scooters — that's all most of us will be able to afford if gas goes to \$7 a gallon as many are predicting.

Barring that, I'm ready to try hopping a crosstown bus to get to work. I figure it will take two hours and cost \$2 each way. That's saves me about \$15 a day at current prices translating into \$240 per month, which is just about enough to quench Jeepzilla long enough for a family vacation. I plan to take the bus next week and see how it goes. Perhaps it will be a breezy ride filled with interesting people. Then again it could be a nightmare of missed connections and long waits by the roadside. I can't wait to find out because one thing is for sure, my wallet is too thin to win the battle against big oil.

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Battle Creek-bound Lutheran Westland eyes prize

Fleetham hurls 7-0 gem

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Lutheran High Westland's baseball team is headed to Special K country and Division 4 state semifinals.

And it was senior left-hander Derek Fleetham who was Just Right, turning Ottawa Lake Whiteford into Frosted Flakes on Tuesday, tossing a masterful two-hitter as the Warriors blanked the Bobcats, 7-0, in a quarterfinal matchup at Adrian College's brand new Nicolay Stadium.

Lutheran Westland, 24-7 overall, advances to Battle Creek's Bailey Park to face Frankfort, 32-3, in a final four matchup.

Game time is 10 a.m. Friday at Nichols Field. (The winner plays at 12:30 p.m. Saturday for the state title.)

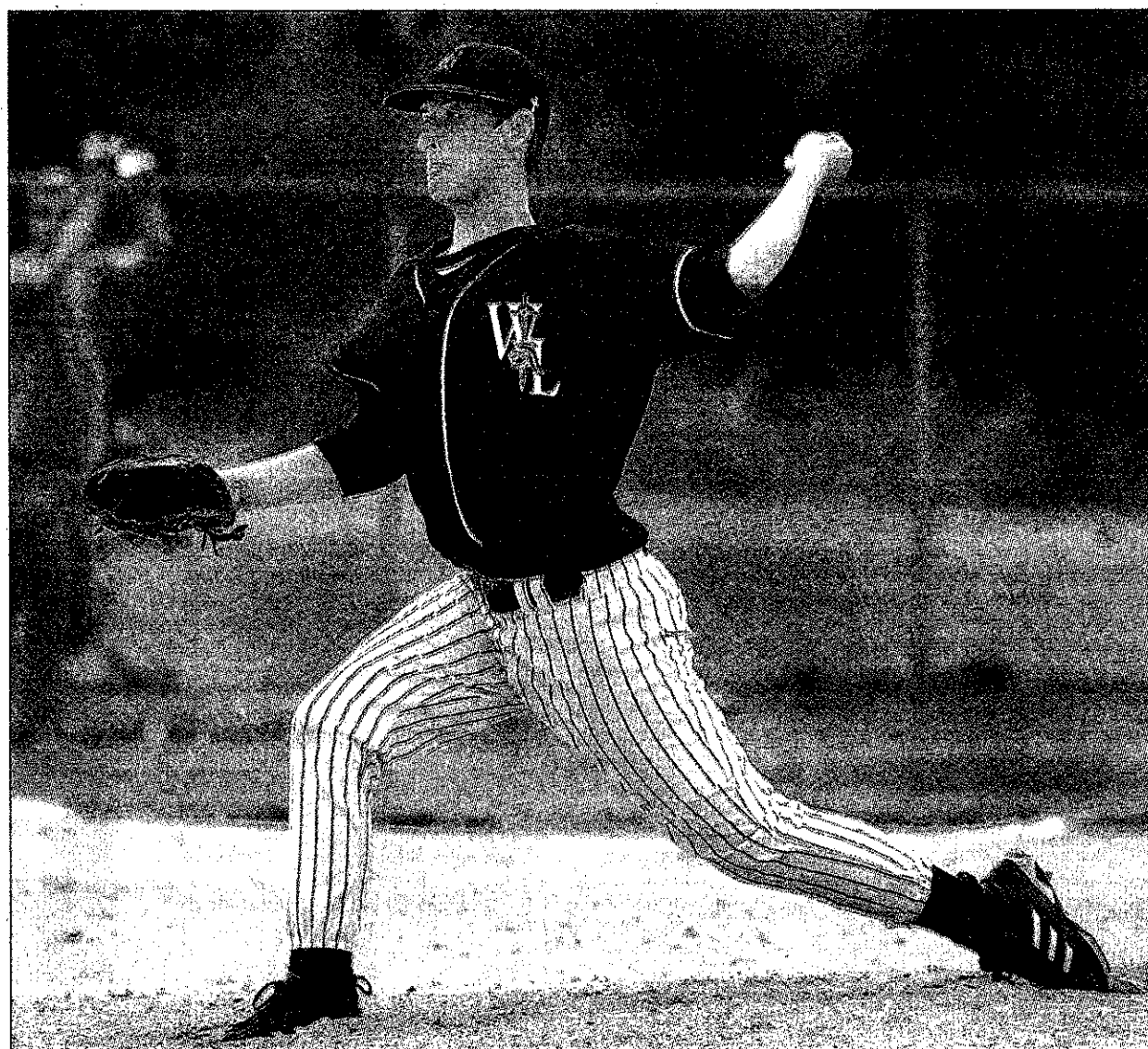
Warriors coach Kevin Wade was hoping to get four innings out of his No. 2 starter, but Fleetham (6-2) went above and beyond, turning in a complete-game masterpiece while holding Whiteford (23-11) without a hit for the 6.1 innings.

He had pinpoint control walking only one, while striking out five. And with the exception of a first-inning bobble, he also adeptly fielded his position and erased two Ottawa Lake base runners at first base with a pair of slick pick-off moves.

"I only had 30 pitches through the third inning and I decided to keep it going," Fleetham said. "I did not use my change-up at all because they couldn't keep up with the fastball."

In between pitches, Fleetham was a bundle of energy, jumping around the mound like a pogo stick.

"When the sun's on me, I keep bouncing," Fleetham

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Starting pitcher Derek Fleetham game up only two runs in five innings during Saturday's 3-2 regional championship victory over Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett. On Tuesday, the senior starter went all seven in a two-hit performance in a 7-0 win over Ottawa Lake

Sidelines

Gooding an All-Star

Dearborn Divine Child's Jeremy Gooding (Livonia) has been selected to play in the 27th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 17 at Comerica Park in Detroit.

Gooding, a pitcher, has compiled a 7-1 record for the 30-10 Falcons, who play Goodrich in the Division 2 state semifinals 3 p.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park (Morrison Field).

Gooding was also the winning pitcher as the Falcons captured the Catholic League A-B Division championship recently at Comerica Park.

Rooney honored

University of Detroit-Jesuit three-year varsity lacrosse defender Brendan Rooney (Livonia) was recently selected an All-American and first-team All-State.

Rooney, headed to NCAA Division 1 school Mount St. Mary's (Md.) to play lacrosse, also earned second-team All-Midwest and All-Catholic honors.

Rooney attended grade school and middle school at Livonia St. Michael's. His sister Katy plays three sports at Livonia Ladywood High. He also has a younger sister Megan who is a second-grader at St. Michael's.

Warczinsky signs

Central Michigan University women's basketball coach Sue Guevara recently announced the signing of 5-foot-7 point-guard Heidi Warczinsky (Saginaw Arthur Hill), who averaged 10.6 points, 6.4 assists and 3.8 rebounds per game last season for the 25-7 Lady Ocelots. Warczinsky, who has two years of eligibility remaining, was a transfer from Central Connecticut where she played in 14 games as a freshman.

Gresser's 8th ace

Joe Gresser, of Livonia, used a pitching wedge to ace the 96-yard, No. 17 hole on June 9 at Idyl Wyld Golf Course. Gresser, who recorded his eighth ace in 58 years, shot a 78.

Holy cow!

Warriors upset 29-0 Liggett, 3-2

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

June is known for all its pomp and circumstance — high school honors nights, graduation ceremonies and parties.

Lutheran High Westland's baseball team had slightly different reason to celebrate Saturday afternoon, turning in a magna cum laude performance by capturing its first regional title in school history by stunning 29-0 and No. 1-ranked Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 3-2, in the Division 4 finals held at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Lutheran Westland, which lost to Liggett 10-7 during the regular season, made sure it got a chance at a rematch by ousting host Inter-City in the regional semifinals earlier in the day, 11-0, in a five-inning mercy.

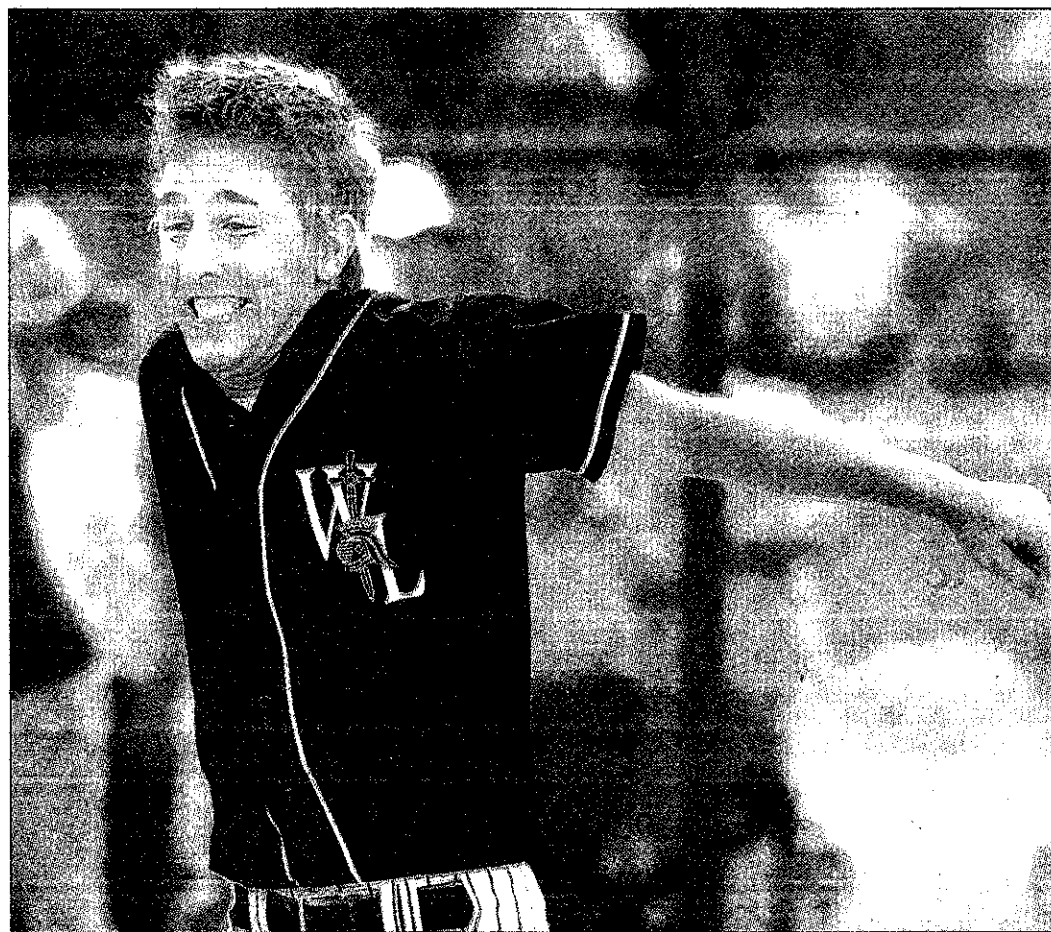
"They key was to win the first game," Lutheran Westland coach

Kevin Wade said. "I told our guys we've got to play the first game. We played really well against Inter-City and it carried over."

"I told our kids there's no pressure. We're not No. 1 and we're not undefeated. We're not supposed to win, just go out there, have fun and play like there's nothing to lose."

The Warriors jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the championship final on Austin Baglow's two-run homer over the left-center field fence after Ryan Baglow singled and was sacrificed to second by Billy Meier.

Liggett came back with two runs in the top of the third on a two-run double by catcher Mike Thomas. The Knights then threatened to take the lead, but winning pitcher Derek Fleetham got a strikeout and groundout to end the inning.

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Warriors' Billy Meier was ecstatic after the upset of No. 1-ranked Liggett in Saturday's Division 4 regional final.

Franklin swarmed by Hornets in regional finals

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

PREP BASEBALL

Livonia Franklin's baseball team got stung Saturday afternoon by a pack of Hornets.

The Patriots, reaching their first regional final since 1987, were ousted by host Saline in a six-inning mercy, 11-1, ending their Division 1 tournament run.

Saline (29-9) advanced to

Tuesday's state quarterfinal at Carleton-Airport and defeated Detroit Southeastern, 15-0, in three innings. (The Hornets play Friday against 27-11 Troy in the state semifinals).

Franklin, which advanced to the regional final earlier in the day with a 12-2, six-inning mercy of Dearborn High, ends

its season at 17-16 overall.

"They (Saline) are solid and fundamentally sound," Franklin second-year coach Matt Fournier said. "They a decent club and they know it. I expect them to win their quarterfinal Tuesday."

"I told the kids that we had to play one of our better games across the board — pitching, hitting and defense — to beat them. But a couple of errors

early cost us."

Saline mounted a 15-hit attack against three Franklin pitchers.

The Hornets scored twice in the opening inning off Franklin starter Garrett Gumm on an infield single by Corey Gainey, back-to-back infield errors, followed by an RBI single from Al Zeiher.

Winning pitcher Josh Burd led off the second with a homer

that carried with the wind over the left field fence and Adam Clements contributed an RBI single to make it 4-0.

Franklin got a run back in the top of the fourth on consecutive singles by Jesse Carpenter, Wayne Hawkins and Dan Muller before Saline broke it open with three in the bottom half of the inning

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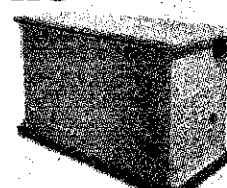
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INDIVIDUAL EVENTS
CHELSEA CARRADINE, SOPH., RED. THURSTON (SHOT PUT): The 10th-grader was consistently excellent all season, but really got going in the second half – throwing in the mid-36-foot range or better, said Eagles coach Al Chambo.
“Chelsea is a unique athlete that has the strength to throw well and the speed to be a sprinter,” Chambo said. Carradine set a new Thurston record in the shot with a throw of 37-feet, 9.5-inches and qualified for the Division 2 state meet for the second time in two years. Other season highlights included capturing the regionals (37-9), Mega Blue division meet (36-0) and two regular season invitational.
She also was a state qualifier on the 400- and 800-meter relays (with Meci Martin, Nikkie Johnson and Kayla Jones), which also set new Thurston standards.
KYNDRA ABRON, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL (DISCUS): The senior captain posted the area’s best throws in both the shot put (41-3.25) and discus (131-6).
The four-time All-Area selection and Michigan’s Miss Volleyball in 2007 took seventh in Division 1 in the discus after winning both the shot put and discus at the Western Lakes Activities Association and regional meets. She also won both titles at the Public Schools of Livonia and River Rat invitational.
As a sophomore, Abron was All-State in the shot put and won both the WLAA and regional titles. She was also WLAA shot put and discus champ as a junior, as well as regional champ.
“She had a great high school career,” Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. “As a coach, you always want the work with the best, and Kyndra is just that – the best thrower in the area. She dominated dual meets the last four years.”
LIZ HOLLAWAY, SOPH., LIV. FRANKLIN (HIGH JUMP): The sophomore cleared a personal best 5-2 this season to rank No. 2 all-time in Franklin history.
Hollaway was runner-up in the WLAA, third at the regional (5-0) and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champion. She was a second-team All-Observer pick a year ago in the high jump.
“Liz is a very hard worker in the high jump,” Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. “She has excellent technique and always strives for perfection. She came up big for us in a lot of meets, and competed through intense back pain at the end of the season. I can’t wait to see what she does the next two years.”
STEPHANIE OKOLO, SR., PLYMOUTH (LONG JUMP): The senior, who earned an athletic scholarship to Western Michigan University, was a two-year All-State performer for the Wildcats. Among her many accomplishments were school records in the 100-meter dash (12.15 seconds), 200 (25.84) and long jump (17-8.25).
“Stephanie is a very good athlete who worked to get better every day and competed with purpose,” said Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell. “She

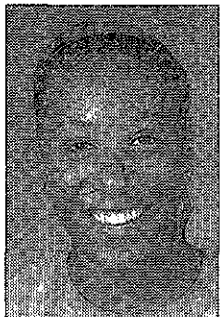
overcame injuries the last two years and earned All-State honors both years. And she’s an even better person than she is an athlete.”
EMILY QUINT, SOPH., LIV. FRANKLIN (POLE VAULT): The sophomore jumped a personal-best 10 feet to tie teammate Meghan Powers for the school record.
She ranked 13th in the Division 1 state meet and was third in the WLAA, regional and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational meets.
Quint was also the regional champion in the high jump and fourth in the WLAA. She also qualified for the state meet in the high jump and finished 17th. Her best jump was 5-2 (No. 2 all-time).
“Emily was a welcomed addition to the team this year,” Bjorklund said. “She improved a lot during the year in the vault, starting at 8-0 her first meet and finishing at 10-0 at her last two meets.”
“Emily is always cool under pressure, and could not be more proud of how well she competed at the big meets this season.”
BRITTANY GENTILE, SR., LIV. STEVENSON (100 HURDLES): The three-year varsity stand-out and captain ranked third in points for the Spartans after finishing third in the WLAA meet and fourth at the regional.
She posted the area’s second-best time in the 100 hurdles (15.6) and ranked third in the 300 hurdles (48.5).
Gentile also was runner-up in the WLAA in the 100 hurdles as a junior.
“Brittany had the entire package – skill, speed, talent technique and ability,” Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. “She is the type of athlete you love to have around and are happy that she is part of your team. She has worked so very hard to get to where she is at today. I have been so very proud of her and what she has accomplished in her high school track career, and with that being honored as one of the area’s top hurdlers is a wonderful conclusion.”
MEGAN YANIK, SOPH., LIV. LADYWOOD (300 HURDLES): The sophomore, who placed sixth in the Division 2 state meet, posted the area’s top times in both the 100 hurdles (15.4) and 300 hurdles (school-record 46.5).
She was undefeated during the regular season and finished first in both events at the Catholic League A-B Division meet, as well as runner-up in the regional in the 300 hurdles and third in the 100 hurdles (as an additional state qualifier where she finished 11th).
Yanik was the Blazers’ points leader and two-time MVP.
“This was Megan’s first year as a 300 hurdles runner and last year she learned how to run the hurdles,” Ladywood coach Lori Brauer said. “She started out at 54.0 in the 300 hurdles and brought it down 10 seconds. She’s been our strong finisher. She’s crazy fast and goes all-out. You’ve only seen the beginning of what she’s capable of. She’s very talented and determined.”
DEJA WRIGHT, SOPH., SALEM (100 DASH): The Rock sophomore sprinter registered an incredible season, posting

the third-best 100-meter time in Observerland (12.4) and the seventh-best time in the 200 (27.0).
Wright placed third in the 100 at the WLAA meet and was fourth in the same event at the regional. She also added a fifth in 200 at the regional. She also excelled in the 400, recording a personal-best time of 1:03.3.
ASHLEY PARKER, SR., WESTLAND GLENN (200): The senior was WLAA champion in the 100 and 200, as well as regional runner-up in both events.
Parker posted the area’s top time in the 200 (25.4) and was second-best in the 100 (12.2).
She is a three-time 200 champion and two-time 100 champ in the WLAA. Parker also took the 100 dash at the Adrian Invitational.
“Ashley has been a dominant runner in the sprint since her sophomore season,” Fitzgerald said. “Her hard work and dedication to the sport has paid off with conference and regional championships. Ashley is a great person and will be truly missed. She plans to run at the collegiate level next spring.”
ASHLY BUTKOWSKI, JR., LIV. FRANKLIN (400): The junior ran a personal best 1:01.9 this season en route to a third at the regional and fourth in the WLAA.
She was also the Public Schools of Livonia champion. Butkowski ranks sixth all-time in school history in the 400.
“In her second year on the team, Ashly did a great job this season,” Bjorklund said. “I can always count on her leadership at practice and in meets, and she makes sure our really teams have good hand-offs. She led off our (school-record) 1,600 relay in every meet and was 5-1 in duals in the 400. Ashly is willing to put herself through pain to help her team and improve herself. We’re counting on her leadership next season.”
SARA KROLL, SOPH., LIV. CHURCHILL (800): The sophomore placed sixth in the Division 1 state meet in a blistering 2:17.3 after winning both the regional and WLAA meets.
Kroll also captured the Spartan Invitational in 2:20.5 and took third in the 1,600 (5:14.8) at the WLAA meet.
“Sara is a very dedicated runner who worked hard all winter,” Daugherty said. “She is one of the toughest kids I have ever coached. She had her best races with the most pressure. She is a two-time regional champ in the 800. She is very determined and I’ll not be surprised if she leaves high school two years from now as a state champ.”
COURTNEY CALKA, JR., LIV. STEVENSON (1,600): The junior placed fifth in the Division 1 state meet in the 1,600 and posted the area’s best time with a 5:01.43 in the regional.
The Spartans’ top point producer the past two years also won the WLAA title and ranked second in the area in both the 800 (2:21.4) and 3,200 (11:24.4).
“The success that Courtney has had in her two years running track has been amazing,” Graham said. “Having one year of track under year her belt

coming into this season she knew what she wanted to accomplish. She has always been a hard worker, very determined and a dedicated athlete.”
“She is a true competitor, has that not-giving-up mentality, and a tenacious spirit about her that I believe has helped her become the exceptional runner she is.”
RACHEL MCFARLANE, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL (3,200): The senior captain set a school record in the 1,600 run (5:04.1) with a runner-up finish at the regional and led the area in the 3,200 (school-record 11:08.6) with a River Rat Invitational meet record.
She also took first in the 3,200 at the regional (11:12.8) and was WLAA runner-up in the 800 (2:23.8), 1,600 (5:04.5) and 3,200 (11:26.7).
McFarlane was also Spartan Invitational (5:07.6) and West Bloomfield Invitational (5:09.6) champion in the 1,600.
“Rachel is an extremely hard worker, probably the best distance runner I have ever coached,” Daugherty said. “She showed great leadership and toughness at the conference meet while nursing a quad injury and having a cold. She’ll be greatly missed as she goes on to run for MSU.”
RELAY EVENTS
JOHN GLENN, 400 AND 800 (CHANEL PAYNE, JR.; JAMIE MELLAS, SR.; ASHLEY MONTGOMERY, SR.; ASHLEY PARKER, SR.): It was a banner season for this quartet which posted area bests of 49.4 and 1:45.6, respectively.
Glenn took 10th in the 400 relay at the Division 1 state meet and first at both the regional and WLAA meets. Glenn’s 800 relay placed 16th in the 800 relay, and captured titles in the WLAA and regional meets.
The Rockets added titles at the Jackson Northwest Relays and Adrian Invitational.
Payne was a second-team All-Area long jumper (17-2) who was WLAA and regional champion. She earned Glenn’s Keeper of the Torch Award for 2008 and will serve as senior class president in 2009.
“Her consistency of competing at a high level helped the team tremendously,” Fitzgerald said.
Mellas, a three-year varsity performer, won the Most Dedicated Award for 2008. She will attend U-M Dearborn in the fall and ranks in the top 30 in her class.
“Jamie stepped into our sprint relays in early May and the times began to improve instantly,” Fitzgerald said. “Her leadership will be greatly missed.”
Montgomery, who will attend Eastern Michigan University on an academic scholarship, was a WLAA runner-up in the long jump (16-5.5) and was named Glenn’s Most Improved.
“Her senior season was second-to-none due to the way Ashley stepped up on the big races,” Fitzgerald said. “She took our relays to the next level and her jumps improved every well. Her fun personality and competitive spirit will be missed.”
LADYWOOD, 1,600 (MEGHAN CLARK, SOPH.; KATIE MORASSO, JR.; MEGAN VITALE, FR.; MEGAN YANIK, SOPH.): This quartet earned first-place honors in the Catholic League and placed third at the regional with an area-best time of 4:09.3 before finishing 10th in the Division 2 state met.
They also captured the Dearborn Heights Crestwood Invitational and took third at the Stevenson Invitational.
“Katie Morasso is the team leader among our younger members, she’s a three-time state qualifier,” Brauer said. “This was Meghan Clarke’s first year. Attitude-wise, she’s everything a coach wants in an 800 runner. She was a burdler and sprinter. Vitale is a great lead-off. She’s like Megan Yanik and will only get stronger. She was our Catholic League champ in the 400 (1:02.0).”
CHURCHILL, 3,200 (SARA KROLL, SOPH.; EMILY CLAIRMONT, JR.; MICHELE VERELLEN, SR.; RACHEL MCFARLANE, SR.): This quartet earned firsts at both regional (area-best 9:50.56) and the Western Lakes (9:59.83) meets as Churchill captured the regional team title and finished runner-up to Northville in the WLAA. They were also runner-up to Saline in the River Rat Relays hosted by Ann Arbor Huron.
“This relay always gave us a great start in points at dual meets, regional and conferences,” Daugherty said. “Michele Verellen improved quite a bit this year and really stabilized the third leg of the relays. She ran great times and always kept the lead or kept its close for McFarlane to finish it off.”
“Emily Clairmont is a first-year runner, a former soccer player. She really allowed us to use others on the relay team to take race off and focus on individual races. She usually kept a good-size lead that Kroll established and gave Michele a good-size lead. They had the three fastest splits for the 3,200 relay and should show a lot of promise for next year in both the 800 and 3,200 relays.”
COACH OF THE YEAR
PAT DAUGHERTY, LIV. CHURCHILL: The 36-year-old Daugherty replaced Keith McDonald as the Chargers’ varsity coach this season after moving from the boys staff and kept the Chargers atop the area.
He guided Churchill to the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational and Division 1 regional titles, as well as a runner-up finish in the WLAA meet.
Churchill also went undefeated in dual meets (6-0) and captured the Lakes Division title with a 5-0 mark. The Chargers were also runner-up at the River Rat Invitational hosted by Ann Arbor Huron.
“We had a great season and all the credit should go to our senior class,” said Daugherty, who also coaches the Madonna University men’s and women’s cross country teams in the fall. “Each of them shares in the glory of the team’s success. They were great performers, great leaders and great people. As a head coach, you can’t ask for a better group of people to work with.”



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Shot put: 1. Chelsea Carradine, Soph., Redford Thurston; 2. (tie) Ashley Price, Sr., Livonia Franklin; Olivia Rork, Sr., Lutheran High Westland; 3. Rebecca Bartek, Sr., Livonia Stevenson.

Discus: 1. Kyndra Abron, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Savannah Haig, Soph., Franklin; 3. Colette Fodera, Sr., Stevenson.

High jump: 1. Liz Hollaway, Soph., Franklin; 2. Cierra Yettis, Soph., Churchill; 3. Shannon Hogg, Fr., Livonia Ladywood.

Long jump: 1. Stephanie Okolo, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Chanel Payne, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 3. Ashley Montgomery, Sr., John Glenn.

Pole vault: 1. Emily Quint, Soph., Franklin; 2. Michelle Blackstone, Jr., Stevenson; 3. Meghan Powers, Jr., Franklin.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Brittany Gentile, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Margarita Lazarevska, Sr., Churchill; 3. Mallory Lukas, Sr., Churchill.

300 hurdles: 1. Megan Yanik, Soph., Ladywood; 2. Becky Adamcheck, Soph., Stevenson; 3. Senneca Scott, Soph., Franklin.

100 dash: 1. Deja Wright, Soph., Salem; 2. Nikkie Johnson, Jr., Thurston; 3. Rochelle Woods, Soph., Wayne Memorial.

200: 1. Ashley Parker, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Sarah LaBerge, Sr., Churchill; 3. Olivia Hernandez, Soph., Franklin.

400: 1. Ashly Butkowski, Jr., Franklin; 2. Megan Vitale, Fr., Ladywood; 3. Ashley Miracle, Jr., Redford Union.

800: 1. Sara Kroll, Soph., Churchill; 2. Kelly Hahn, Soph., Plymouth; 3. Kelley Determan, Jr., Salem.

1,600: 1. Courtney Calka, Jr., Stevenson; 2. Megan McPherson, Fr., Franklin; 3. Nicole Zehel, Soph., Lutheran High Westland.

3,200: 1. Rachel McFarlane, Sr., Churchill; 2. Molly Stevens, Jr., Plymouth; 3. Courtney Plummer, Sr., Garden City.

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LUTHERAN

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said. "It keeps me zoned in to throw strikes. It was a beautiful day, I had my stuff and my fielders were backing me up. The umpire had a nice strike zone and my curveball was breaking when needed."

After Fleetham picked off Kyle Lievens to end the first inning, the Warriors scored three times in the top of the second with all three runs coming with two outs.

Billy Meier struck out, but reached base when the ball got past Lievens behind the plate. Aaron Derminer then reached first on a single. Austin Baglow's squibber to short was mishandled and thrown away leading to two runs. After Adam Zehel walked, Micah Hausch's infield single brought home Austin Baglow to make it 3-0.

In the top of the second, the Warriors scored two more runs after Dan Abbott reached base on a Whiteford infield error. Nate Bachert followed with a sacrifice bunt to move Abbott up and Ryan Baglow followed with a fielder's choice. Meier then delivered an RBI single and Derminer followed with an RBI double.

The Warriors completed the scoring in the fifth when Meier and Derminer each drew one-out walks and Zehel followed with a clutch two-run triple of the right-center field gap.

Meanwhile, Fleetham continued to mow down the Bobcats, allowing only three base runners through the first 5.1 innings before Bill Hansen broke up the no-hitter with a single to right in the sixth.

"He (Fleetham) pitched great," Wade said. "He's our No. 2 (starter), and he said he was good for four. We said we'd bring in our No. 1 (Ryan Baglow) for three, but he (Fleetham) got in a groove and his pitch-count was low."

"The last two games he's pitched well. Against (Grosse Pointe Woods) University-Liggett he played well and today he was a step better. He was 'feeling it' and he wanted to keep going. He hit his spots, his breaking ball had them getting out in front, and I told him he could pitch six innings because he's capable."

Whiteford, making its fifth quarterfinal appearance since 1991, committed an uncharacteristic four errors and starter Dave Gust lasted just 2.2 innings before giving way to reliever Joel Bunge.

The all-turf field — with the exception of the pitcher's mound — gave the Bobcats problems.

"Defense hasn't been a problem for us all year," Whiteford coach Steve Draper said. "This place is beautiful, but I can't believe the MHSAA put us on a field that we haven't been familiar with all year, but it was the same for them, too. He (Gust) didn't pitch that

bad, they just didn't give him enough help in the field."

Meanwhile, the Warriors committed two errors, but played more solidly overall in the field. Derminer, stationed at second base, had five assists and one putout.

"There were some nervousness early because we haven't been there (the quarterfinals) before," Wade said. "Errors fortunately did not hurt us, but it hurt them. We both had to play on it (the turf). The dirt is no different than the grass. You know at least you're going to get true hops. It was a matter of who played a cleaner game."

Whiteford managed to put only five base runners on all day, a tribute to the Warriors' Fleetham.

"We didn't know anything about him and we have not seen a lot of lefties all year," Draper said. "But the difference was that his teammates — especially their second baseman (Derminer) — made plays and we didn't. We just never got any momentum today."

Meanwhile, the magic carpet ride continues Friday in Battle Creek for the Warriors, who seem oblivious to the pressure.

"We're just living in the moment, the breaks are going our way and we're happy to be that team," Wade said. "They know they good, but they're not cocky. They're good athletes. They're loose, they're having fun and they feel they can compete with anybody."

FRANKLIN

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(keyed by Carter Beil's two-run double) and three more in the fifth (thanks to Brad Guenther's three-run double).

The game ended in the bottom of the sixth on a 10-run mercy when Tim Finkbeiner walked, advanced to second and scored on Corey Gainey's walk-off line shot to the right field gap.

Burd, a junior right-hander, scattered five Patriot hits, struck out three and did not allow a walk.

"We played well today," said Saline coach Scott Theisen, whose team ousted 8-15 Taylor Kennedy in the other regional semifinal game, 9-1. "Our pitchers stayed ahead in the count, our guys made plays in the field and it gave our hitters a chance. We had some timely hits, some good at-bats and we gave our pitchers enough run support."

Franklin's victory over 21-12 Dearborn, a member of the Mega Conference's Blue Division, was spearheaded by senior pitcher Jesse Carpenter, who notched his third win of the tournament on a four-hitter. The senior right-hander struck out three and walked two in six innings.

The only damage came from Dearborn starting pitcher

Ryan Mardeusz, who clubbed a two-run homer in the top of the fourth to knot the count at 2-all.

Franklin jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first on Gumm's two-run blast over the left field fence.

The Patriots broke it open with five in the fourth thanks to three Dearborn errors, a wild pitch and an RBI single from Carpenter, who finished with five hits on the day.

Franklin tallied two more in the fifth on a single by Dave Muller, Jeff McCullough's second double of the game, a passed ball and an RBI sacrifice fly off the bat of Anthony Andrus.

The game ended when Franklin scored three times in the six on one-out back-to-back singles by Carpenter and Hawkins; a walk to freshman Dan Muller followed by an RBI single by Dave Muller; an RBI fielder's choice by McCullough; and Dearborn's fifth error of the game.

Dearborn's offense, meanwhile, was stymied by Franklin turning double plays in the first and second innings, respectively. Also in the second inning, Dearborn's Bryan Reid banged a ball off the left field fence, but was cut down at second base on an efficient relay throw from Andrus-to-Gumm-to-Justin Dean.

"We were trying to get some early momentum, but it

backfired on us, but that's the risk you run," Dearborn first-year coach Matt Schleif said. "Five errors definitely hurt us. We had to play a good game. We couldn't waste at-bats or outs."

After Saline stung the Patriots for four early runs in the final, Fournier turned to his ace Carpenter, who had four allotted innings left under MHSAA. But he couldn't stem the tide, allowing six runs on eight hits.

"Jesse's a true competitor and he's the type of kid who isn't going to give up the ball," Fournier said. "He was our No. 1 and the game plan was to get to him when we could. We wanted to come with him later in the (championship) game, but we had to use him earlier than we wanted. And with the heat, we know it would be tough on him, but he did not throw a bad game. Errors cost him, too."

Meanwhile, the Patriots said goodbye to five graduating seniors which include Carpenter, Andrus, David Muller, McCullough and Derek LeBlanc.

"I'm very, very proud of my entire team," Fournier said. "The kids responded well down the stretch. We played some competitive games this year against some of the better teams we faced and it helped us prepare for this."

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Lutheran High School Westland poses with the Division 4 regional trophy after upsetting No. 1-ranked University-Liggett, 3-2, in the finals Saturday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

WARRIORS

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The Warriors took the lead for keeps in the bottom half of the third on consecutive singles by Sam Ahlersmeyer, Dan Abbott and Nate Bachert to load the bases followed by Meier's RBI flare to center field which resulted in a fielder's choice.

Neither team was able to score the rest of the way, but Liggett left two runners on base in each of the final two innings. The Knights had runners at first and third with two outs in the top of the seventh, but reliever Ryan Baglow, who came on in the sixth for Fleetham, got Dominic Jamett on a tapper back to the mound.

The final out sparked a wild celebration.

"I can't put it into words, I can't describe the feeling, the kids really enjoyed it," Wade said. "We had it all going. We had a couple of double plays and our outfielders played their best game. Everything went right. We pretty much played a clean game."

Fleetham, a senior left-hander, went the first five innings, allowing two runs on four hits. He walked two and struck out three.

Losing pitcher Patrick Gustine allowed six hits and walked two over seven innings.

In the 11-0 win over Inter-City (10-1), Abbott turned in a monster game offensively to spark an 11-hit attack. The senior catcher went 4-for-4 with six RBI including a two-run triple in the first, an RBI single in the second followed by a three-run homer in the fifth inning.

Ahlersmeyer went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while sophomore Austin Baglow and Adam Zehel each added two hits.

Ryan Baglow went all five innings on the mound, allowing just three hits and a walk in raising his record to school-tying 7-0.

"Ryan was lights-out today with a win and a save," Wade said. "He's not overpowering and doesn't strike many out. He just throws strikes and finds a way to get people out."

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Bucks unable to overcome slow start in Open Cup loss

BY DAN STICKRAT
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

Playing a team from a higher division, the Michigan bucks needed a top-notch effort to advance in this year's U.S. Soccer Lamar Open Cup.

The Bucks simply didn't elevate their game.

Despite taking an early 1-0 lead, the Bucks' came up short in their upset bid, falling to the Cleveland City Stars, 2-1, in the Cup's opening round at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Cleveland, a USL Second Division team, improved to 6-1-3 and will play June 22 on the road against the Minnesota Thunder, a 4-1 victor Tuesday over the St. Louis Lions in another first-round game.

Michigan's downfall was apparent to Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald.

"I don't think it was our (marking) backs, it was our center midfielders. We got killed in the first half," admitted Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald on his team's first-half nightmare. "The defensive midfielders didn't do a good job. They gave them way too much space."

Michigan, which suffered its first loss of the season and slipped to 8-1-0, scored first just 3:35 into the contest. Forward Ty Shipalane intercepted a passback to City Stars goalkeeper Hunter Gilstrap and tucked the ball into the back of the net.

That play seemed to infuriate Cleveland, which dominated the rest of the first half, where they held a 6-3 shots advantage and 6-1 edge on cornerkicks.

The pressure finally paid off and Cleveland netted the equalizer at 22:29. Sallieu Bundu stole the ball near midfield and found a streaking Floyd Franks down the far sideline.

Franks, who played in the



Michigan Bucks midfielder Alex Morisset (left) tries to get past Cleveland City Stars counterpart Derek Pottteiger during Tuesday's U.S. Open Cup first-round game in Pontiac. The Bucks couldn't recover from a 2-1 halftime deficit and were eliminated from the tournament by the same score.

MLS with the Chicago Fire last season, beat two defenders before depositing a break-away past Bucks keeper Steve Clark.

Frank set up the eventual game-winner at 33:06, as his long cross into the penalty box was redirected into the goal by Derek Pottteiger from close range.

Michigan made several substitutions in the second half, and they made a huge difference in the Bucks pos-

ing a threat to tie the game.

The Bucks outshot Cleveland 7-2 in the second half, but failed to score the game-tying goal despite many quality scoring chances.

"Nate Jafta, he has two bad hamstrings, but you can see it when he's in the game, he made an impact," said Fitzgerald, who inserted All-PDL midfielder Jafta early in the second half to ignite the attack. "As the

half went on, I think they were content to protect the lead. So we got a few more chances."

The Bucks are idle until June 19, when they play host to the Toronto Lynx in a PDL match at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

"I don't think it was humbling. We lost to a good team," added Fitzgerald. "We need a break. We had nine games in less than a month. Get well, heal some injuries."

Spartan sophomore cards 76 on 2nd day

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Individual state qualifier Drew Mossoian of Livonia Stevenson wound up 28th overall in last weekend's Division 1 state boys golf finals held at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows course in Allendale.

On Friday, Mossoian carded an 86, but rebounded Saturday to shoot an impressive 76, one of top ten scores on the day.

"Although Drew wasn't completely happy with his performance at this tournament, it was a great accomplishment to finish in the top 30," Stevenson first-year coach Jim Omietanski said of the sophomore. "Friday's weather conditions dictated higher scorers, and as a result, most of the players came off the course shaking their heads."

"Saturday's conditions improved and so did the golfers' scores."

Grand Blanc captured the team title with a two-day total of 316-313-629 to beat runner-up Saline (324--311-635) by six strokes.

Western Lakes Activities Association champion Northville, led by sophomore Trevor Grigg (79-76-155), placed third in the team standings with a 329-309-638. Grigg tied for eighth overall.

Jackson Davison of Rockford was individual medalist with a 74-72-146.

University of Detroit-Jesuit's Ryan Alger (Livonia) also tied for eighth individually with a 155 on rounds of 75-80. The Cubs took 10th in the team standings with a 332-327-659.

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, led by Steve Larouere's sixth-place individual finish (77-77-154), finished tied for seventh in the team standings with 324-327-651.

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Huron Valley mercied in regional semifinals

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's girls softball season ended with a thud Saturday in the Division 4 regional semifinals at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The host Chargers (21-7) scored five times in the first inning and added four more in the second en route to a 15-0, four-inning mercy victory over the Hawks (8-11-1).

Sara Schaffer was the losing pitcher.

The Hawks collected just

three hits - one each by first-team All-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference first baseman Emily Helwig, Nicole Smith and Catherine St. John.

Southfield Christian went on to win the regional with a 4-2 win over Inter-City in the finals after ousting Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 8-3, in the semifinals.

Homer then eliminated Southfield Christian in the quarterfinals on Tuesday, 5-0, at Adrian College.



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Crusader Juniors take home 18-and-under state AAU title

The 18-and-under Crusader Juniors Volleyball Club recently captured the Open Division at the state AAU championships held in Grand Rapids.

Members of the Crusader Juniors include: Katie Janda, Kelly MacDonald, Kerry MacDonald and Jill Slabey, all of Salem; Nadia DeDonatis and Stephanie Labby, Livonia Stevneson; Marie Martin, Canton; Amanda McManus and Megan Quinlan, Plymouth; Kirstin Kirk, Westland John Glenn; Anna Heinrich, Farmington; Megan Fricke and Kaitlyn Litteral, Wyandotte Roosevelt; Rebecca Brown, Windsor (Ontario) St. Joseph's.

The 16-and-under Crusader Juniors, coached by Amanda Lenart, took third in the Bronze Division.

Team members include: Erin O'Connor, Kelly Smoltz and Jaclyn Stothers, all of Plymouth; Elyse Engender, Salem; Marlee Hanna and Taylor Stranahan, Redford Union; Brittany Walker, Garden City; Katie Mauro, Farmington; Ellie Mindick and Neelma Khalid Rao,

Northville; Sheila Reeves and Ashley Wagle, Romulus.

The 15-and-under Crusader Juniors also took third in the Gold Division.

Team members include: Kaitlyn Quinlan, Plymouth; Alyse Samoray, Livonia Ladywood; Alyssa Valtolina, Salem; Meghan Ronayne and Rena Husaynu, Farmington Hills Mercy; Taylor Kowalski and Melanie Mullett, Northville; Jennifer Ling, Walled Lake Central; Casey Brankovic, Dearborn Divine Child; Joanna Beaton, Novi; Brittany Johnston and Alli Myers, South Lyon.

The 14-and-under Crusader Juniors added a third in the Gold Open Division.

Team members include: Claire Truskowski, Stevenson; Kaitlyn Clancy and Catherine Joss, Livonia St. Michael's; Kelly Vellucci, Livonia Holmes M.S.; Jessica Scott and Lindsay Stemberger, West M.S.; Kaylyn Beaudet, Millenium M.S.; Taylor Duman, Walled Lake Central; Megan Farnick, St. Fabian; Stacey Malinowski, Divine Child; Dagny Stark, Muir;

Sarah Headrick, Marshall M.S.

The 14-and-under Crusader Juniors earned a first-place finish in the Silver Division.

Team members include: Sara Blue and Makenzie Williams, West M.S.; Leah Campau, Ladywood; Julia Fradette and Megan Galeana, St. Michael's; Kelly Gunn, Holmes M.S.; Amanda Kadykowski, Novi; Abby Livingston, East M.S.; Katelyn McNally, Marshall M.S.; Danielle Wiczorek, Livonia Franklin; Quin Fillingier, Discovery M.S.; Makenzy Wilson and Julie Wood, St. Fabian.

Meanwhile, the 14-and-under Crusader Juniors gained a runner-up finish in the Bronze Division.

Team members include: Michelle Liu, Livonia Frost M.S.; Jenna Suzio and Kelsey Matson, Holmes M.S.; Layne Marinski, Pioneer M.S.; Chloe Baumgartner, All Saints; Kelsey Duval and Cayla Rhodes, Meads Mill; Logan Raukar, Marist Academy; Brett Quick and Meghan English, Our Lady of Victory; Raquel Garza, St. Genevieve.

Rams get sweep, pin loss on Cubs draftee

The 20-and-under Michigan Rams knocked off the 22-and-under Michigan Bulls twice in a double-header Sunday at Livonia's Ford Field, 5-3 and 8-0.

The Rams improved to 4-2 in the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League, while the Bulls fell to 3-2-2.

Oakland University's Aaron Wick outdueled Chicago Cubs recent 11th-round draft Toby Matchulat (Redford Union) in the opener.

Wick scattered eight hits, struck out 10 and did not allow a walk in seven innings in picking up the victory.

Matchulat, who went 5-1 with a 3.00 earned run average this spring for Wabash Valley Community College (Ill.), also worked all seven

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innings, allowing just three hits and striking out eight. But the 6-foot-4 right-hander had control issues, walking seven and hitting one batter.

Brad Herman's game-winning two-run single in the top of the sixth inning scoring Frank Persichino and Brett Mazmanian broke a 3-all deadlock.

Persichino also knocked in two runs, while Dan Augustine contributed an RBI for the Rams. Tim Cross also scored twice.

Sam Russell went 2-for-3 with a run scored for the Bulls. Matt Fenster also drove in two runs, while Eric Noland also collected an RBI.

In the nightcap, Wayne State's Brett Shankin pitched six strong innings, allowing just four hits and walking five to pick up the win for the Bulls. Shankin struck out six before giving way to Kalamazoo College's Ben Schroeder (Livonia Stevenson), who pitched a scoreless seventh.

Ryan Abraham and Derek Mosher each went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Rams. Nick Plinka (Stevenson) also added two hits and scored twice, while Shawn Little (Canton/Madonna University), Joe Barnes and Herman each knocked in runs.

Losing pitcher Ben Rodewald gave up six runs (four earned) on four hits and three walks over 4.1 innings. He struck out four.

Demolition romps to 6th win, 74-0

Aisha Brown rushed for 210 yards and two touchdowns, while back-up Aisha Moore added 55 yards and three TDs as the Detroit Demolition rolled to a 74-0 Independent Women's Football League win Saturday over the host Iowa Crush.

Quarterback Bridget Porter hit 4-of-5 passes for 105 yards, including a 65-yard TD toss to Anika Davidson, and also rushed for 50 yards as the Demolition improved to 6-1 in the Midwest Division of the IWFL's Eastern Conference.

Also scoring TDs were Mona

Cox (two), Casey Stinson and Nicole Randolph.

The defense was led by ends Lateefa Moore (seven tackles) and Livonia's Jennifer Hefner (two sacks) and linebacker Heather Hebert (five tackles).

"Both our offense and defense are playing as well as can be expected," said Demolition coach Tony Blankenship, whose team is in solid position for a wild-card playoff spot only behind the first-place Chicago Force (7-0). As long as we're playing like this, we have the confidence that we can beat

any team."

The Demolition return to action 7 p.m. Saturday, June 14 at Livonia Franklin High School to face the Wisconsin Warriors (2-5).

The Eastern Conference champion Schoolcraft College women's basketball team will be honored at halftime and the American Heart Association will conduct Go Red for Women activities throughout the game to encourage healthy lifestyles.

For ticket information, call (248) 474-9176; or visit www.dtdemolition.com.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA football signup

The Westland Youth Athletic Association begins its 50th year of football with 2008 season registration from 7-9 p.m. each Wednesday and 10 a.m. until noon on Saturdays at the WYAA's Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Both the Meteors (41st year) and Comets (37th year) offer age groups for 7-8 (Junior Freshman), 8-10 (Freshman), 11-12 (Junior Varsity) and 11-14 (Varsity).

The cost is \$175-\$195. Non-residents are welcome at no extra fee. You must provide a current photo and new players must have a copy of their birth certificate. The age cut-off is Sept. 1 of the current year and there are weight restrictions for each age level.

For more information, including the WYAA's play for free program, call the Comets' Mark Simkow at (734) 731-11-76 or the Comets' Keith DeMolay at (734) 516-9269; or Galen Huren of the Meteors at (734) 716-6047.

You can also visit www.wyaa.org; or call the WYAA office at (734) 421-0640.

WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading for the Meteors and Comets squads will be from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays; also 10 a.m. until noon each Saturday at the WYAA's Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Openings are available for both units' squad for Junior Freshman, ages 7-8; Freshman, 8-10; Junior Varsity, 10-12; and Varsity, 11-14. Non-resident are welcome at no extra fee.

The cost is \$135 for freshman, JV and varsity; or you will receive 27 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 27 and there is no cost). The cost for instructional is \$115 (you will receive 23 \$5 raffle tickets (sell all 23 tickets and the cost is free).

For more information, call the Meteors' Kathy Henderson at (734) 968-3272; or the Comets' Caryn Timbs at (734) 722-5806.

You can also call the WYAA's Lange Compound

during regular business hours at (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org to inquire about the 2008 cheer for free program.

Parkinson 5K Run-Walk

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation 5-kilometer run-walk will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 8 at Maybury State Park, located off the Eight Mile Road entrance west of Beck, in Northville Township.

Race day registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Entry fees will be \$15 (all runners); \$30 (family); \$5 (12-and-under walkers); and \$10 (ages 13 to adult).

To register online visit www.parkinsonsmi.org; or for more information, call (800) 852-9781.

Stevenson needs coaches

Livonia Stevenson is seeking coaches for the following sports: girls assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); boys assistant swimming and diving (experience necessary to coach diving); JV cheerleading head coach for fall sideline and winter competitive seasons (experience necessary to coach at the high school-level MHSAA format).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Advanced archery class

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer a six-week advanced archery class (ages 10 and up) from 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays through July 2, at the archery range, located on Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road (between I-96 and Plymouth Road).

The fee is \$30. You can register at the Parks and Recreation desk located in the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

You must have completed the introduction to archery class to participate.

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

Archery introduction

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its

introduction to target archery classes from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the archery range, located off Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road (between I-96 and Plymouth Road).

The fee is \$12 for residents and \$14 for non-residents. Children 9-and-under must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration will be at the Parks and Recreation desk located in the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

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

Shoot to Score

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Shoot to Score competition for ages 10-and-up will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 21 at Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue between I-96 and Plymouth Road (just north of the viaduct).

Registration will be at the Parks and Recreation office, located inside the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The fee is \$8 for the competition, which test a variety of specialty targets including balloons, sporting clays and the infamous ping pong shot. Prizes will be awarded to the top finalist in different classes for youth, teen and adult age groups.

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

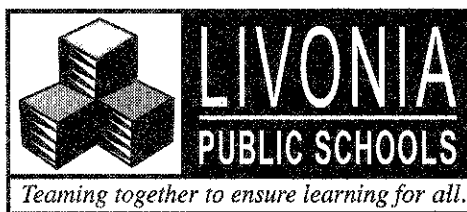
Intro to tennis

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its three-week Introduction to Tennis II for ages 6-10 from 10-10:55 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 8 through July 24 (Session II); and July 29 through Aug. 2, at the Bicentennial Park Courts, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

The fee is \$75 (resident) or \$85 (non-resident) per session.

Tennis racquets will be provided to those who do not have their own.

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**PREP BASEBALL
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Friday, June 13**
Luth. Westland vs. Frankfort
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DIVISION 1 STATE SEMIFINALS
Friday, June 13**
Garden City vs. Anchor Bay
at Battle Creek's Bailey Park, 4 p.m.

**MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE
BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE
Friday, June 13**
(at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
Trailblazers vs. Mich. Dodgers, 5:45 p.m.
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
Mich. Rams vs. Blue Knights, 5:45 p.m.
Mich. Bulls vs. Det. Eagles, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 14
Mich. Monarchs vs. Tecumseh Thunder
at LaCasse Park (Ontario), 1 p.m.

Sunday, June 15
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Dodgers (2), noon.
Trailblazers vs. Monarchs (2), 5 p.m.
(at Southfield-Lathrup H.S.)
Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Bulls, noon.
(at Livonia's Bicentennial Park)
Blue Knights vs. Thunder (2), noon.

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Thursday, June 12**
Mich. Hawks at Kalamazoo Outrage, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 15
Mich. Hawks vs. Cleveland Internationals
at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 1 p.m.

**INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S
FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Saturday, June 14**
Det. Demolition vs. Wisconsin Warriors
at Livonia Franklin H.S., 7 p.m.

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C058 - Ultimate Image Photography - 10 Boxes, 5 Totes, Misc Items
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3096 - Rose Mattox - Organ, Washer, Dryer
3106 - Jeff Collier - 10 Tool Boxes, 2 Computers, Portable TV
3113 - Laura Kidd - 8 Boxes, 1 Tote, Punching Bag
3128 - Henrietta Jenkins - HD Big Screen TV, Leather Couch, Dresser
3129 - Shirley Hampton - Stool, 2 Boxes, 3 Cushions
4130 - Maria Flumerfelt - Loveseat, 5 Chairs, 10 Picture Frames
9019 - Richard Etue - Washer, 100 Ablums, 1 Tote

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SUMMER CAMPS/CLINICS

Patriots football camp

The Livonia Franklin Future Patriots football camp will be from for grades 1-4 will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session I) and for grades 5-8 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. (Session II) at the high school.

The cost is \$20 per session. For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Champ football camp

The Champ Camp football camp for incoming grades 3-9 (fall 2008) will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, June 23-25, at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The non-contact camp will be instructed by coach Brad Dickey along with coaches from Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, St. Edith, Our Lady of Sorrows and the Livonia Junior Athletic League.

The cost is \$85 per camper. For more information, or to obtain a registration form, visit: <http://www.bdsports.us>; or call Dickey at (734) 444-5931.

Diesels football camp

The Detroit Diesels, a minor league football team, along with the Livonia Family Y, will stage a youth football camp from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 16-18, at Emerson Middle School, located at 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia.

Campers will be divided into the following age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

The cost is \$40, which includes camp T-shirt, Diesels season pass (\$48 value) and last day pizza party.

To reserve a spot, call (313) 299-1277; or YMCA members can call Brian at (734) 261-2161.

Seminoles football camp

The Detroit Seminoles Football Club of the Mid-Continental Football League will stage their first annual youth football camp for ages 8-16 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Detroit Lions and University of Michigan color analyst will

be a guest instructor.

The Seminoles will play the Monroe (N.Y.) Sting at 7 p.m. later in the day.

For more information regarding registration and general camp information, call Andrew Spry at (248) 563-9597; or e-mail acspry@oakland.edu. You can also call Lori Harris at (313) 530-2775; or e-mail laharris625@sbeglobal.net; or visit www.detroitseminoles.org.

Glenn football camp

Westland John Glenn will stage a football camp for grades 5-10 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 16-19.

The cost is \$50. For more information, call Glenn varsity coach Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329.

Madonna hoops camp

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry has announced the 2008 All-Star Basketball Camp, which will take place the weeks of June 16-20 and July 28-Aug. 1 at Madonna.

Among instructors is camp founder Bernie Holowicki.

Each camper is guaranteed plenty of instruction on fundamentals of the game, with an 8-1 ratio of campers to instructors.

The camp sessions will run from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. each day, for boys ages 8-15. Cost is \$175 per week, with checks payable to All-Star Basketball Camp, 42183 Woodcreek Lane, Canton, 48188.

For more information, call (734) 398-5975, (734) 432-5591 or e-mail to nemenhisser@madonna.edu.

C'ville boys basketball

The eighth annual Trojan Basketball Kids camp for grades four-nine will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 16-19, at Clarenceville High School.

The registration fee is \$60 and checks should be made payable to: Clarenceville Basketball.

For more information, e-mail boys varsity coach Corey McKendry at Cmac721@yahoo.com; or call Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217.

Glenn basketball camp

The Westland John Glenn basketball camp for boys and girls in grades 3-9 will be from noon until 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school gymnasium.

The cost is \$50 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 14).

For more information, e-mail camp director and varsity boys basketball coach Dan Young at youngda22@yahoo.com

Future Stars baseball

Livonia Franklin High will stage its Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys or girls exiting grades three-six from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the varsity baseball field.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt).

The registration deadline is Friday, June 20.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us; or call (734) 968-0499.

C'ville girls basketball

The Livonia Clarenceville girls basketball camp for incoming grades 4-9, both beginners and advanced, will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school gymnasium.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt).

For more information, call Clarenceville girls coach Julie Patterson at (248) 219-4127.

MU 'Perimeter' camp

High school basketball players are invited to attend Madonna University's first All-Star Perimeter Camp, slated from 5:30-9 p.m. June 2-5 for players ages 14-18.

There will be instruction on shooting fundamentals and technique, off the ball movement, ball handling, footwork, communication and leadership. An NBA Skills Challenge will be among the planned extra activities.

Director of the camp is MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry.

The camp will cost \$125. For more information, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com.

Trojan Baseball Camp

Livonia Clarenceville varsity baseball coach Dan Miller and his staff will stage a youth baseball skills camp for boys entering grades 3-9 for the 2008-09 school year from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school diamond, located at 20155 Middlebelt Road (behind the northwest corner of the high school gym).

The \$40 camp fee includes 12 hours of instruction and a T-shirt. The registration deadline is Saturday, June 14. Any late registrations are subject to an additional \$5 fee.

For more information, e-mail Miller at dmiller@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will offer a variety of volleyball camps for the summer of 2008 including elite and general players (June 23-26); setters and youth (June 29-July 2); hitters and defensive specialty (July 7-10).

For more camp information or to secure a spot, call (734) 432-5612 or (734) 254-0698. You can also e-mail MU coach Jerry Abraham at jabraham@madonna.edu.

Blazer volleyball camp

Livonia Ladywood will stage a summer volleyball camp from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 3-6) and 6-9 p.m. (grades 7-9), Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the school's gymnasium. The fee is \$100 and should be made payable to Cameron Reiger and mailed to: Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information, e-mail ckompo@yahoo.com.

Ladywood hoop camp

The 13th annual Blazer Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon (girls grades 3-6) and 1-4 p.m. (girls grades 7-9), Monday through Thursday, June 16-19, at Ladywood High School, located at 14680 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$90 (before June 2) or \$100 (after June 2). Each camp session will be limited



Canton Cup champs

After a runner-up finish in the Novi Jaguars Tournament, the Livonia Meteors under-12 girls soccer team captured the Canton Cup over Memorial Day weekend at Independence Park by defeating the Plymouth Reign in the finals. Team members include (bottom row, from left) Nicole Collins, Emily Mulcahy, Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz, Kelliane Meakin, Victoria Irwin (second row, from left) Sarah Mulcahy, Chelsea Janice, Stephanie Norwood, Katie Tomasic, Kaylynne Perian, Madison Caves, Rachel Hahn and Lauren Wandzel. Meteors are coached by Marty Caves (back row, far left) and Mike Mulcahy (back row, far right). Not pictured is Jenna Urso.

to the first 60 applicants. Each camper will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, call the Ladywood Athletic Department at (734) 591-2323; or e-mail varsity coach Andrea Gorski at coachgorski@gmail.com. To obtain a brochure, download www.ladywood.org.

Ladywood soccer

Livonia Ladywood will stage a soccer camp for girls only in grades K-9 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 23-26.

The head instructor will be Ladywood varsity coach Ken Shingledecker, along with his coaching staff and Ladywood players. Goalkeeper training is also available.

The cost is \$100. To register, or for more information, visit www.Ladywood.org.

Hoop Stars camps

Hoops Stars Basketball Camp will stage three sessions for boys and girls ages 7-15 including:

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 16-20 and Aug. 4-8, both at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland (cost \$110 per session or \$200 for both);

Also from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (cost \$125 LCRC pass holders; \$150, resident; \$175, non-resident).

For more information, call the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620; or the Livonia Parks and Recreation at (734) 466-2410.

You can also call Ron Levin, camp director, at (248) 496-3268; or visit www.hoopstars-basketball.com.

Franklin Pom-Pon clinic

The Livonia Franklin varsity pom-pom clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., Friday, June 20, at the high school.

The cost is \$20 per person. There will be special awards and performance following the clinic.

To pre-register, call Nancy Kuzara at (734) 502-0877.

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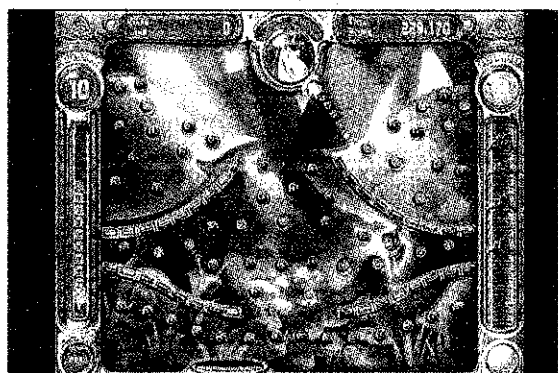
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My first stop is usually PopCap Games (popcap.com/online_games.php), home to well-known puzzlers like Bejeweled, Bookworm and Zuma.

Nearly every game on the site is a winner, but my current favorite is Peggle, a kind of high-tech version of the old Japanese parlor game Pachinko. It's so much fun, I actually bought the full version (\$19.99), which offers more levels than its Web counterpart.

I'm also a big fan of Desktop Tower Defense (handdrawngames.com), a strategy game in which you have to defend your fortress against cute little alien "creeps."

You do so by spending an allotment of cash of various kinds of gun towers and placing them in strategic locations on the battlefield (which looks like the top of a desk, hence the name).

DTD takes about five minutes to learn and offers a very satisfying mix of action and strategy.

Finally, don't miss Line Rider (http://tinyurl.com/2j5bmj), which is less a game and more a fun way to doodle.

Using your mouse, you draw a line from the upper left portion of the window to the lower right, adding curves, jumps, drop-offs, and the like. When you're done, click Play: a cute little guy on a sled "rides" your line as though it were, well, a custom-made sledding hill.

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Four-cheese stuffed jumbo pasta shells fills a platter for customers to enjoy as one of the many carryout foods at Joe's Produce in Livonia.

Joe produces

Market owner offers specialties, carryout, catering

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Joe Maiorana wanted an upgrade.

The owner of Joe's Produce in Livonia was always confident about his products (fresh produce) and continued customer loyalty.

Maiorana knew though he needed to do more. In his travels to New York City and around the country he found that many food markets offered specialization and more convenience to customers.

He decided to expand Joe's Produce and began working with a consultant. Finally completed last year, the expansion



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Joe Maiorana, owner of Joe's Produce, recently expanded his market to add an extensive wine inventory.

sion added 12,500 square feet to bring the total area of the store to 34,500 square feet. Joe's Produce now serves gourmet food to go, and this year Maiorana added catering operations, hiring an event planner, an executive chef of catering and another executive chef for the store operations.

But it's the emphasis on other details that will help the market compete into the 21st century.

Wine lovers will appreciate that a sommelier now works at Joe's. Mike Larranaga started in February. "We brought in

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If you can build a great burger, Sports Venue Bar & Grill in Garden City has a contest for you.

Anyone can participate. Entry forms are available at Sports Venue, 6327 Middlebelt (between Ford and Warren) in Garden City. Participants need to fill out entry form, including a \$5 entry fee, and drop off at Sports Venue or mail to 5822 Cardwell, Garden City 48135.

All recipes will be judged (five judges) and five recipes will be chosen as finalists. Entries will be chosen according to originality and ease of preparation. All entries must be received by June 14.

The finalist will cook their burger at Sports Venue at 5 p.m. June 22. The five judges will pick a winner.

The winner will receive a trophy and their burger will be put on the menu at Sports Venue.

On that day, proceeds from beverage sales and the five dollar entry fee will be donated to Waggin Tails Dog Rescue. There will also be a euchre tournament at 6:30 p.m. and part of the entry fee for euchre will be donated to Waggin Tails.

UGLY YARDS SOUGHT

Are you embarrassed by your yard? Does your lawn struggle to grow amid an onslaught of weeds? Are bushes climbing past your windows and weeds popping up out of every crack in your patio?

If this sounds like your yard, just remember the Yard Doctor is in — and he's making house calls in 2008.

On behalf of Briggs & Stratton, "Yard Doctor" Trey Rogers will help two homeowners with their lawn and yard care problems. The yards will be chosen in July based on how ugly they are and how badly they need some emergency TLC. The Yard Doctor will diagnose problems, prescribe treatment and bring along a \$1,000 check and the winner's choice of two pieces of new outdoor power equipment to jumpstart some serious landscape efforts. The winners can choose from a Snapper mower, Snapper pressure washer and Sarlo string trimmer.

Homeowners living with ugly yards are invited to share their lawn and yard care problems at myuglyyard.com from April 15 through June 30. Be sure to provide a video tour of your lawn and yard to point out problems you would like tackled.

Going from cellar rat to winemaker

Willamette Valley is the heart of Oregon wine country. Back roads are easy to explore and among the rolling hills are more than 200 wineries, most producing two heralded varietal wines, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir.

In 1996, and in his early 20s, Joe Wright picked up Colorado stakes and headed for Willamette Valley, a wine area he learned about working in a retail wine shop. To gain employment, he picked up a wine directory and began phoning. He landed a job and by 2002, he went from cellar rat (term for the lowest

winery position) to assistant winemaker.

During those six years, Wright met amateur winemaker Mike Magee and Corvallis, Ore., attorney and investor Steve Allen. They drew up plans for Belle Vallee Cellars and made it a reality. Currently, in a modern 18,000-square-foot winery in downtown Corvallis, Wright, as the head winemaker for the partnership, makes 18,000 cases, 95 percent pinot noir, four percent pinot gris and a few cases of reds grown in the Rogue Valley of southern Oregon.

WHAT TO BUY FROM BELLE VALLEE CELLARS

2005 Oregon Pinot Gris \$15: In Oregon the official name of the grape variety is pinot gris. Pinot grigio (the Italian name

for the same grape) is disallowed. This well-priced version has a panoply of aromas and flavors including apple, citrus, pear and wild honey.

Mineral notes add to the wine's overall complexity. It's a fine match for grilled marinated shrimp with a jicama slaw, as executive chef Jeff Rose illustrated at Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham.

2006 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir \$20 may be the best pinot bargain from Oregon. The style is somewhat lighter than, as an example, a blockbuster from California's Russian River Valley, but it's elegant and delicious — perfect for summer drinking with grilled salmon.

2006 Willamette Valley Reserve Pinot Noir \$37 is, as might be expected, a bigger rendition as a blend of 16 vineyards, with 40 variations of

soil compositions, clones and rootstocks. With a solid fruit core of black cherry, blackberry and raspberry fruit, it's generous in the mouth and finishes long, juicy and satisfying. Chef Rose paired it with a sensational crispy rabbit roulade, not an easy prep for a home cook, so think a simple, grilled marinated pork tenderloin.

2005 Willamette Valley Grand Cuvee Pinot Noir \$50 is a best of the cellar wine. Concentrated, velvety and silky, it's loaded with dark fruit characters. If you're a pinot noir aficionado, don't miss it.

Eleanor & Ray Heald 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.

WINE PICKS

Need ideas for Father's Day?

Passion on the Vine: A memoir of Food, Wine and Family in the Heart of Italy, Sergio Esposito, Broadway Books, \$24.95 is simply a delight by an Italian-American entrepreneur, celebrating both the flavors of his native land and the artistry of Italian wine, is an appealing read.

The finest scotch malts: The Macallan Sherry Oak 18 years old (about \$130) is the single malt to which all others are compared. The Macallan Fine Oak 15 Years Old (about \$80) is lighter in style and perfect for warm weather months.

For warm weather, there's no better wine than sauvignon blanc. Match the following with sushi, salads, grilled vegetables, fish, grilled chicken, crab, Asian cuisine and pasta in a light cream sauce.

Pick of the pack: 2007 Souverain Alexander Valley \$15 with lively grapefruit zest character and a touch of French oak barrel influence.

Also very good: 2007 Murphy-Goode The Fume \$12, 2007 Vina Robles \$14, 2007 Mercer Columbia Valley \$15, 2007 Morgan Monterey \$15, 2007 Justin \$15, 2007 Clos LaChance Central Coast \$15, 2007 Ferrari-Carano Fume Blanc \$17, 2007 Hanna Estate-Grown Russian River Valley \$17, 2007 Hess Allomi Vineyard \$18, 2007 St. Supery Napa Valley \$21

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it is a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald



Executive chef Reva Bell-Constantine and events planner Laura Livingston work together on catering events at Joe's Produce in Livonia.

MARKET

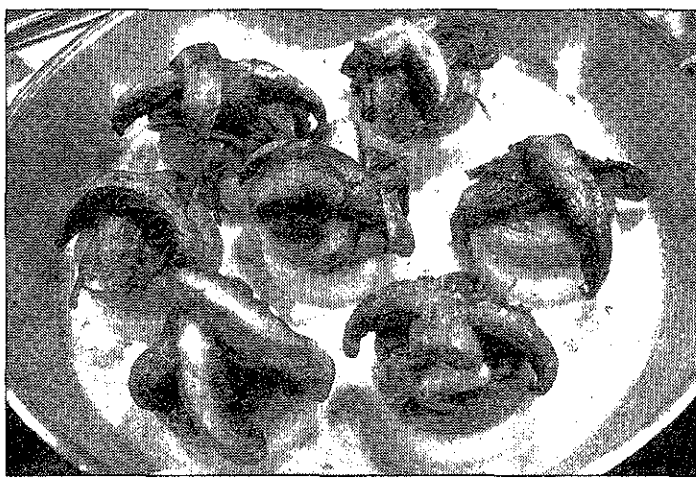
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more collector's wines," said Larranaga. "We have wines people can buy every day, and we have hard-to-find wines." Wines range in price from \$6.99-\$250. Larranaga also brought in more Spanish wines. "They can also talk to a chef about prepping foods with these wines," Larranaga said. There's also a winemaker's dinner set for June 16.

Events Planner Laura Livingston will book small house parties, corporate gatherings, weddings and graduations — groups ranging from 10 to 500. "We're full service planners, from a tray dropoff to outdoor events where you can book a tent, set up grills and specialty linens," Livingston said.

"We've had a lot of experts here and that's been a key to our success," Maiorana said. "What I did was set out to find experts in their field."

Indeed, Reva Bell-Constantine, the new executive chef of catering, is a former chef at Ritz Carlton, and Gravity in Milford.



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Vegetarian portabello mushroom napoleon adds variety to the offerings.

Larranaga is a California native familiar with the wineries there and has worked as a sommelier in restaurants. Teresa Summers, pastry chef, worked closely with Joe Decker, master pastry chef, at Schoolcraft College, and now she and a staff of five create appealing and creative desserts on display at the coffee cafe in the store.

Maiorana has built a short pipeline to Schoolcraft College, hiring recent Schoolcraft graduates like Summers, Bell-Constantine and Scott

Swamba, executive chef of operations. Maiorana said he spoke with Schoolcraft instructors who recommended the chefs. "They were tremendous," Maiorana said of the instructors.

"My thinking was there has to be enough people who like the best foods, and the people here are behind the product, so they tell the customers (about the product)," Maiorana said.

Today the market represents a far cry from the original store. The addition includes counterspace dedicated to

gourmet foods to go, more than 200 cheeses, an olive and antipasto bar, a full line of deli sub sandwiches, and a chicken rotisserie. Gourmet to go offers salads and entrees like Italian sausage with peppers, chicken kebabs and baby back ribs.

Swamba emphasizes seasonality in deciding what will grace the menu for the carryout foods. "We go with the seasonal and soon we will be moving into summer items," Swamba called the customer response "tremendous" to the prepared foods, whether he serves ribs, crab salad or pasta salads.

Swamba was hired eight months ago, Bell-Constantine three weeks ago.

"I'll try and make Joe's Produce's catering gourmet and upscale, on a level of Papa Joe's," Bell-Constantine said, naming the Birmingham and Rochester Hills market. She prefers to work on catering rather than in a restaurant kitchen because "I know what's going on," she said.

"Catering (in markets) is really new. We can really capture a wide range of audience of customers."

Maiorana said the olive and antipasto bar is popular. "It's probably because of the growing trend of Mediterranean food. It's healthy and gives you variety. People have a far more expanded knowledge of food now. People travel to Europe, see something there and they have a taste for that."

Then there are the desserts and sweets, all on display at the coffee cafe.

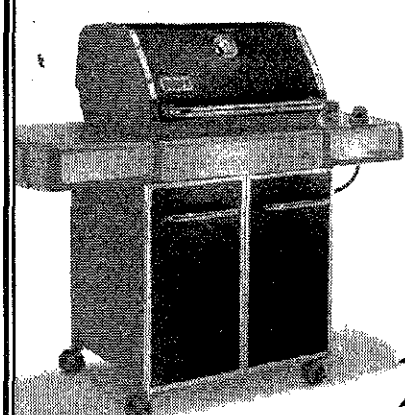
Summers will put out a tray of minis (brownies and cannoli), with several other desserts with strawberries, raspberries and lemon raspberry, key lime raspberry parfaits and key lime mousse tart.

"This food is all made by people who know how to make food," Maiorana said. "It's made on site and they can purchase it. If there's something you don't see, you can ask for it and they can make it for you," Maiorana said of his chefs.

"It was a really big undertaking. I saw it being popular and it seemed to be the most viable way to expand. We expanded the building and it's busy but there is room to walk around and the turnover of food is great. The staff does the best job they can. They care about their jobs and the customers."

Joe's Produce is located at 33152 W. Seven Mile Rd. (just east of Farmington Road) in Livonia. The phone number is (248) 477-4333. Visit the Web site at www.joesproduce.com for more information.

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Just try and read that small print

I recently asked a friend if she believes in advertising and she replied that it is a necessity of doing business. I then asked her if she believes the advertising and she said that she seldom puts her full trust in the advertising itself. Her reasoning is based on the belief that people will lie.

I think of myself as somewhat of an advertising expert having worked in radio for the past 25 years.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I've worked as a fraud investigator with the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan. My close relationship with the Better Business Bureau has taught me a great deal about truth in advertising and I get very frustrated with the unethical behavior of certain people in the media who are only concerned about making money without any compassion for the homeowner.

There are companies out there doing business who are portrayed as being honest and reputable when they are not. You as a homeowner and consumer must use sheer diligence to make sure you are not being conned by the advertising itself. Check out the company yourself and don't trust any type of referral service, which is prevalent in all sorts of forms these days. Call the Better Business Bureau, the attorney general's office and even your local chamber of commerce.

I remember almost 20 years ago when a television commercial featured a refrigerator and said that if you had a problem with this product in the first 10 years of ownership, you would receive a total

refund of the product. At the bottom of the screen was a list of parts in small print, and if they failed, it didn't apply to this total refund policy. These are common parts that are prone to failure on a refrigerator. The FCC fined the manufacturer because you had to get on your knees directly in front of the television to read the small print and you didn't have enough time to read it all before it disappeared. You can't tell me that the executives involved cared about truth in advertising; they were only interested in the money to be made.

The commercial with a guy throwing a complete cake into a dishwasher was another one. That commercial professed that you don't have to clean off your plates when you use this brand of dishwasher. The dishwasher was supposed to have some sort of gentle garbage disposer built into it.

The service industry would love to have you continue to believe this, as they are kept quite busy fixing broken impellers on the motor assembly. Quite simply, a dishwasher is meant to wash dishes after you scrap off the plates. It is not a garbage disposer! I even heard the story of the guy who saw that commercial on Thanksgiving Day and threw the whole turkey carcass into the dishwasher.

The next day he needed a service technician to come over to his house and fix the dishwasher.

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.

TECH

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VGA resolution (640x480 pixels), and recording time limited only by the available storage space.

However, you may want to consider the new Flip Video Mino (theflip.com), a pocket-size camcorder that's perfect for the YouTube generation.

Like its predecessor, the

popular Flip Video Ultra, the Mino (at \$180) records up to an hour's worth of VGA-quality video.

However, this model is much slimmer, and it dispenses (not necessarily for the better) with tactile controls in favor of touch-sensitive buttons.

What's more, it uses a rechargeable battery. Just plug it into your PC's USB port for instant charging.

That's also how you copy recorded videos from the cam-

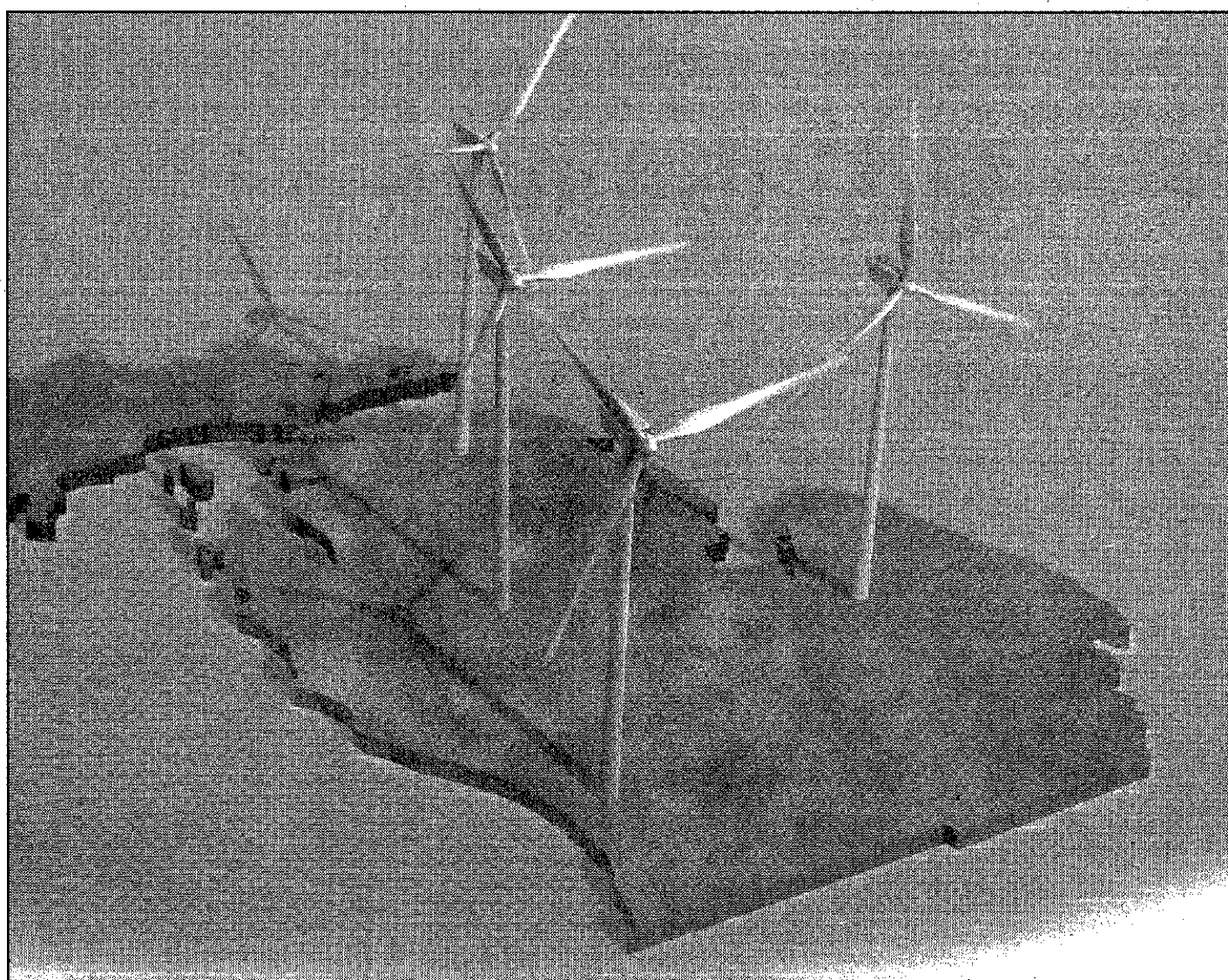
corder to your PC and, if you wish, straight to YouTube or another online video service. The Mino's built-in software makes this a blissfully easy operation.

So, the next time the kids are doing something cute and you want to share it with grandma and grandpa, whip out the Mino and press record. Inside of 15 minutes, you'll have a YouTube link you can e-mail them.

I was hoping this model

would offer more recording time, higher resolution, and perhaps a lower price. But you can't argue with its simple operation, elegant design, and incredible convenience.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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JUNE

Strawberry festival

5-9 p.m. Friday, June 13, on the grounds of Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middle Belt, one block south of Ford Rd. Fresh strawberries,

a variety of cakes, ice cream and beverage for \$4. Items can be purchased separately. Old-fashioned bake sale features home made strawberry items plus jellies, pies, cakes, cookies, breads. Assorted crafts including yard decorations for sale along with handmade baby items, jewelry and afghans, an assortment of games and toys for children. Call (734) 421-7620.

Evolutionary presentation

The Rev. Michael Dowd, author of the new book, *Thank God for Evolution*, (Viking/Penguin), brings his cosmic

gospel back to the Detroit-area. Dowd gives a 90-minute presentation, *Thank God for Evolution: How The Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World*, at the 10 a.m. Sunday service June 15, and 7 p.m. Monday, June 16, at UU Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington. Call (248) 478-7272.

Rainforest adventure

Vacation Bible School 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia. Ages 3 through sixth grade welcome. Theme relates crafts,

songs, games, snacks and Bible study. Registration is \$10, due by June 4. For more information, call (248) 767-4966.

Vacation Bible school

This year will be held with a camping setting 9:15 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 16-20, for all children ages 3 to 12, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Theme is Jesus, Our Forever Friend! Parents may register their children by filling out the online form at www.holycrosslivonia.org. Children could also register Monday, June 16. Visitors welcome.

Cosmic City

Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. A fun-filled free event for kids entering kindergarten through entering sixth grade. Call (734) 459-9550, ext. 26.

Vacation Bible school

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-20, dinner begins at 5:45 p.m., followed by Bible stories, crafts, games and worship, Friday night is family night and everyone is invited for water games, a live band, creative crafts, and snacks, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Theme is Outrigger Island. Call (734) 464-6722 pre-register online at www.5mlechurch.org.

Mom's retreat

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to join in an occasional morning off this summer to enjoy some personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with some adult discussion of topics relevant to your daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, July 2, July 16, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast, and conversation and discussion with other moms at St. Michael's on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth Road, Livonia. Moms may register for as few or many sessions as their schedules permit, cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or on-line at www.livoniamichael.org.

Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia, continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month on June 18. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All in the area are welcome to participate. For details, call (734) 261-1455.

Summer day camp

Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades 1-6, from June 18 to Aug. 24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended care available at an extra cost. Campers will participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes will include sports, drama, music, and foods. SHINE is a fully-licensed daycare through the State of Michigan Department of Human Resources. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch.org, or by calling (248) 374-5975.

Sprout time

Preschoolers and Toddlers ages 1 to 5 and their parent are invited to join Bell Creek Community Church for bible stories, music, crafts 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 19, June 26, July 10, and July 17, at McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest, Livonia. Bring a lunch and have fun. For information, call (734) 425-1174 or e-mail jen@bellcreek.org.

Summer music ministry

Thursday, June 19 (People's Ringers from Milan), and July 10 (Sci Ridge Brass Quintet), dinner at 6 p.m. for \$6, concert at 7 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Hymn sings May 25, July 6, Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Family Choir all ages are invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7. All are welcome to music events.

Third Un-Annual Art Show

Does art have Buddha nature? 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 20, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday June 21, at Still Point Zen Buddhist Temple 4347 Trumbull Avenue (at Canfield), Detroit. A portion of proceeds support Still Point. All welcome. Artists include Still Point members, invited guests and juried artists. Poetry reading opening night 9-10 p.m. under the stars (weather permitting). For details, call 313 645) 9860 or (313) 580-6825, or send e-mail to stillpointart08@gmail.com.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday June 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

50th anniversary celebration

Former members and friends are being invited back to Grace Moravian Church in Westland 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 22. A pot luck dinner will follow the service at 31133 Hively. If you are

planning to stay for the meal, call Beverly Moore at (734) 722-4102. The Moravian denomination celebrates 550 years since it was founded in 1457. On July 13 former pastor Rev. Allen Bergmann will be the guest speaker. A pot luck follows that service as well.

Prayer in America

Seventh annual Worldviews Seminar, Detroit Public Television and Interfaith Partners of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion present Prayer in America 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 23, at University of Michigan-Dearborn. For reservations, call (313) 870-1500 or send e-mail to Tanaya Parker at tparker@miroundtable.org.

Rain forest adventure

Vacation Bible School invites all children 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 23-26, a light supper each night leads to an evening of games, crafts, songs, skits, stories, no charge, Garden City Presbyterian Church, on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. To register, call (734) 421-7620.

Vacation Bible school

Friendship Trek 9-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, June 23-27 (for ages 3 through completion of fifth grade), at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Bible learning via Wilderness Crafts, Survivor Games, Backpack Snacks, and Bible songs. Suggested donation \$10 per child. To register, call (734) 522-6830 or online at www.christoursavior.org.

Water works park

9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 23-27, at Ward Church, Northville. "Uncle Jerry" Jacoby, nationally known for his Good Stuff school assemblies, will share humor, stories and songs. Other activities include inflatables, crafts, games, music. Free and open to children entering grades K-7. For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE daycare with drop-off hours available as of 7 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. SHINE day camp is \$115, and requires pre-registration. Information at wardchurch.org.

Summer day camp

Performing arts camp for grades 1-6 with lunch included, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 23-25, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Cost \$50. Call (248) 348-7600.

Family concert

Deano and the Dynamos bring their beach boy style worship music all the way from California 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600. No charge, no registration required.

Ward Church car show

Featuring classic, custom and just plain hot cars and motorcycles 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, in the parking lot at Six Mile and Cross Roads, just west of Haggerty. To enter a vehicle, send e-mail to Dan Jones at danjones@live.com by Monday, June 23.

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.

Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) examines the disciplines of spirituality in action during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in June 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.

Summer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

UPCOMING

Monthly dance

Hosted Bethany Suburban West which provides peer support to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, at Inkster Rd., Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 261-5716 for details.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 10-12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W.

Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Bethany Suburban West

Fireworks at Heritage Park in Taylor Friday, July 11. For details, call Elsie at (313) 563-1142.

Red Cross blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, in the parish hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222, ext. 309.

Vacation Bible school

9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

Vacation Bible school

July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 for first child, \$20 thereafter, includes music CD. Call (734) 464-0211.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday July 19, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Jazz worship

11 a.m. Sunday, July 20, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church conducts a special Jazz Worship service featuring instrumentalists and singers leading hymnody and liturgy in a format that will be easy and very uplifting to sing, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. For information, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830.

Grandparents/kids weekend

July 25-27, at FaHolo Camp & Conference Center, Grass Lake, sponsored by ReMarried Ministries of Ward Church. The event is a retreat for grandparents and grandchildren, and includes two nights lodging, five meals, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bon fire, water blob and trampoline, go carts, initiatives, and lots of fun. Costs are \$283 per grandparent couple or \$154 per person, Grandchildren ages 6-17 \$90 each, 5 year olds free. Call (248) 374-7400.

Vacation Bible school

Registrations due July 27 for Aug. 4-7 (for 3-years to fifth grade), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The theme is God's Big Backyard and focuses on service to others. Call (734) 422-0149, Cost \$10.

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Loving God and Serving Others runs 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 28 to Aug. 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$15. To register, call (734) 422-6038, for information visit www.stmatthewsilivonia.com.

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ONGOING

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Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 9:30 a.m. Sundays (May 25 to Sept. 7) at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Reformed Protestant services

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Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 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.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.



RUTH L. BARRINGER

Age 87, West Bloomfield, MI, passed away June 7, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

OLIVE L. "Billie" BUWAINES

Age 97, died peacefully June 7, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Survived by her sisters Florence Dodd and Dorothy Peck, as well as five generations of nieces and nephews. She had been a resident of Redford Twp for 56 years, before moving to Grandville in 2007. Services were held Tuesday at Fisher Funeral Home, Redford Twp. Memorials to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE, Suite 303, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 would be deeply appreciated

MARIAN LOUISE HALL CLARK

Died peacefully in her own bed on May 30, 2008. She was born March 29, 1913 in Argentine, Livingston County to the late Clark Hall and Bertha Hoffman. Marian was 95 years old. She graduated from Linden High School in 1931. She was preceded in death by her brother, Clark Marshall Hall in 2007. Marian is survived by her loving husband, J. Dewey Clark, whom she married on September 1, 1934. She was a homemaker and stay-at-home Mom to her five children. Survived by 1 son, Joel Clark (Lucinda) Plymouth, MI, 4 daughters: Barbara Reynolds (Don) Gladwin, MI; Carol Hisey (Jon) Charlevoix, MI; Brenda Pollack (Roger) Canton, MI; and Rhonda Hodgkins (Jeff) East Lansing, MI; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, two great-great granddaughters and two nieces and one nephew. She was a past member of the Eastern Star in Dearborn, MI. Funeral services were at The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 12:00 noon. The family received friends prior to the service. Interment followed at the Fairview Cemetery in Linden, MI. In memory of Marian, donations may be made to The Peoples Church or to the Burcham Hills Foundation, 2700 Burcham Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823.

ANNE J. DEVLIN

Age 88, June 7, 2008. Loving mother of Patrick and Dennis Devlin. Dear grandmother of Lindsay and Ryan. Sister of Bill and Bob Szentmiklosi. A special thanks to her caregivers Jody, Jodi, Tracy and Tonia. No Services. Cremation Society of Michigan (313) 839-4100 in charge of arrangements Please share a memory or condolence with Anne's family in her guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com

HAYWARD FARLEY

Passed June 9, 2008, age 91, of Wayne. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

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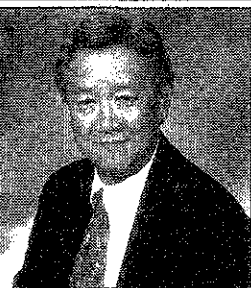
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ROBERT JESSE KAUFFMAN

Age 82, of Lake Geneva, WI, passed away peacefully at home on June 5, 2008. The son of Jesse Strine Kauffman and Ann McCurdy MacKenzie Kauffman, Bob was born in Detroit, MI on May 27, 1926. He served in World War II in the Army Air Corps. Upon his release he attended and graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Business Administration in 1950. He married Nancy Winifred Zvingilas. Living for many years in Plymouth, MI, Bob was employed by Packaging Corporation of America, and later by Down River Forest Products Division of Greif Brothers Corporation. He served in sales, and later as Vice-President on the board of directors of Greif Brothers, and also as a manufacturer's representative for the company. Like his father and grandfather, Bob held several patents on his own inventions. Bob was a self-starter with many unique talents and lived life to its fullest. In 19082, with no formal training Bob designed his own home in Chelsea, MI, serving as his own general contractor. On the property stood a barn which Bob had removed from an old farm and reconstructed himself. The home was built using many architectural antiques. He was an emphatic University of Michigan football fan, an enthusiastic golfer, and in his later years took up fly fishing. In 1994 Bob and Nancy moved to Lake Geneva, WI. Perhaps Bob's greatest and most prolific years were his last ten. After six years of research, in 2004, at the age of 78, Bob published his first book on genealogy, tracing his roots back to 1100. In 2006, he published his second book about his boyhood years in Ann Arbor, MI. In 2004, he began to teach himself to sketch, producing hundreds of sketches, many of which appeared in his books. In the fall of 2007, at the age of 81, despite being afflicted with ALS, Bob began to market his sketches, one of which won an Blue Ribbon at the Walworth County Fair in Wisconsin. He was a brave and courageous man until the end and will be greatly missed by the family he loved so much. Survivors include his wife Nancy, daughters Cheryl Kowalski of Wheaton, IL and Lynn Behling of Sebastopol, CA, his son Douglas Kauffman of Denver, CO and his four grandchildren, Amy, Andrew, Elliott and Dillon The youngest of his five siblings, he was the last survivor. The Kauffman family received visitors Monday, June 9, 2008 from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. at the Haase-Derrick-Lockwood Funeral Home, 800 Park Dr., Lake Geneva, WI. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10 in the Chapel of the funeral home with the Reverend Gene Trieglauff officiating. Burial followed in East Delavan Cemetery in Delavan Township, WI. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy memorials are requested in Robert's name to: V.N.A. Hospice of Lake Geneva, 500 Interchange North, Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

MIKE M. OUMEDIAN

Age 82, of Westland, passed away Friday, June 6, 2008. He was born September 5, 1925 in Detroit. Beloved husband of the late Harriet (9-29-2001) whom he married August 8, 1966 in Harper Woods; dear father of Rob (Shawn) of Howell, the late Jim (Theresa) Raby of Parma, MI, Norm Raby of Scottsdale, AZ, Sue Raby of Mt. Morris, MI, Mike Raby of Shelby Twp. and Pat (Linda) Raby of Hudson, FL; grandfather of Norman Raby, Kansas Raby and Mitchell Oumedian, dearest friend of Doris Sorenson of Mt. Morris. He was preceded in death by brothers, George, James and Harry. Mike was a WWII Army veteran; formerly very active in the Harper Woods Little League Baseball and retired in 1979 as superintendent of Chrysler Corp Dodge Main Plant. Visitation Monday and Tuesday 2-8 p.m., funeral services Wednesday 11 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Burial in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association. Please visit the family's online guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.



ONOFRE B. LLANEZA M.D.

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Onofre B. Llaneza, M.D., 71, passed away on June 8, 2008 at home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born June 12, 1936 in the Philippines. His father, Jose, and mother, Francisca, were both educators. His father served in WWII as a Captain in the USAFFE (United States Army Forces in the Far East) but was killed in 1945. In 1958, Dr. Llaneza emigrated from the Philippines to the US to begin his residency as doctor of internal medicine at St. Michael's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He returned briefly to the Philippines in 1964 to be at his mother's side when she passed away. Upon his return, he moved to Michigan and became the youngest Chief Resident ever at St. John Hospital. Dr. Llaneza served in the US Army from 1969-1971 and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was Chief of Medical Clinics at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service and achievement in the performance of his duties. After his service in the Army, Dr. Llaneza established a private practice and continued to practice medicine until his illness forced him to retire in 2008. Known to his friends and colleagues as "O.B.", Dr. Llaneza served on the Board of Professional Corporation of St. John Hospital where he was on staff for 48 years. In May of this year, he was honored by the Michigan State Medical Society for 50 years of service as a physician. He was an avid golfer and also enjoyed world travel and gardening but his first passions were learning and medicine. Dr. Llaneza is survived by his wife of 38 years Karen, son Michael (Pat), son Jeffrey (Kim), daughter Michelle Young (William) and his four granddaughters Amanda, Samantha, Genevieve and Lindsey who brought great joy to his life. He is also survived by his brothers Attorney Ernesto Llaneza and Attorney Jose Llaneza and his sister Josefina Llaneza Balbuena as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Many of whom journeyed from around the world to visit him during his last days. Dr. Llaneza was a dedicated physician, father, grandfather and friend. We will miss his laughter and his reason. Dr. Llaneza's family would like to thank all the doctors, friends, and colleagues who supported and cared for him during his illness. Viewing will be held at Chas A. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., in Grosse Pointe, Michigan on Thursday, June 12, 2008 from 3-9pm and Friday, June 13, 2008 from 3-9pm with a Rosary at 7pm. A funeral mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, at Morningside, in Grosse Pointe Woods on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 10am with a 9:30 in state, followed by a private burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery with full military honors. Memorial donations may be made to IDEAS 18 Kings Road, Canton, MA. 02021 or online at www.idic15.org/. Light a Candle & Share a Memory at: www.Verheyden.org

BETHEL HENSLEY WATKINS

Age 71, of Jackson, Kentucky, passed away Monday, May 26, 2008 at her residence. She was a cook for the Senior Circle. Survivors include: her husband Harold of Jackson, one daughter Alice & (Chuck) McDiarmid of MI, three sons, Dallas & (Robin) Watkins of NC, Albert Watkins of Athol, KY and Steven Watkins of NC. She has seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Burial has taken place in the Hensley cemetery in Athol, KY.

Seminarian enjoys working with kids as part of internship

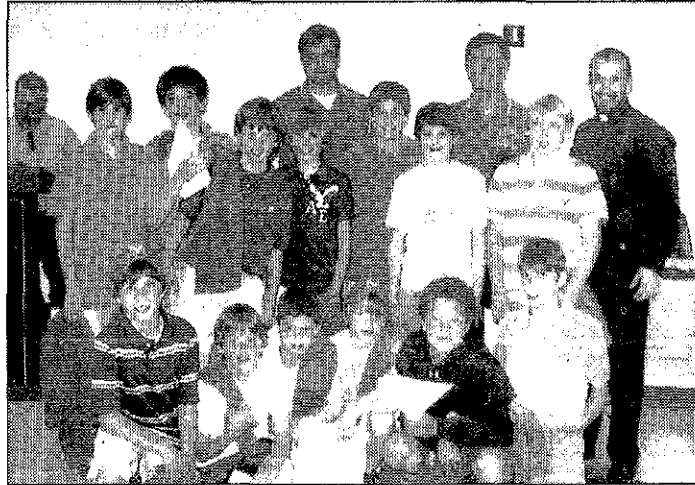
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brian Buckley spends as much time as possible with the kids on the playground at St. Michael's School when he isn't working with the youth group there. He doesn't want them to be influenced by MTV like he was in his teens.

Buckley eventually righted his ways and entered the seminary in 2003. Since arriving to serve an internship at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia in January, the 26-year old has been trying to steer kids from the wrong path.

"I grew up in an Irish Catholic family in Canton with six siblings. Around my high school years I fell into the trap of the MTV culture. I was living a life of sex, drugs and rock n' roll," said Buckley. "I started coming back to the Lord in college and thought about my life and how much of a waste it is, what am I doing to my life?"

"Kids are being influenced by TV. Commercials are semi-pornographic. MTV is pornographic. These are their role models. I don't want to bash all MTV culture but kids are heavily influenced. I think it's important for the family to stay together. The family that prays together stays together. If a parent lives their faith, they're the role model. We used



Seminarian intern Brian Buckley (right) with JV baseball team at St. Michael's School.

to pray daily rosaries with our family, went to mass and we ate together just to spend time with one another."

As hard as his family tried to instill moral values, Buckley wandered from the church. It wasn't until his sister Mary encouraged him to become a priest that he seriously considered the vocation. Buckley takes his vows as a priest in 2010 after being ordained a transitional deacon in 2009 then serving at a parish for a year. As a seminarian he is required to serve at a parish for eight months. He seems to be following in his sister's footsteps working with kids. Mary is youth minister at St. John

Neumann in Canton.

"I've been involved with youth ministry with Bernadette Menard," said Buckley who helped Menard chaperone St. Michael's youth group on a trip to New York for the visit of Pope Benedict XVI. "It's a very big school and I think a lot are being hammered with this MTV society and I can show them the way."

It's Rev. Bill Tindall's job to mentor Buckley on the journey to becoming a priest. Tindall took his vows 19 years ago.

"The internship is to give them the experience of being in a parish setting," said Tindall, St. Michael's pastor. "It gives them the experience of living in



Seminarian intern Brian Buckley (left), Bob Menard and Norm Root coached the St. Michael's JV baseball team, the Gaels.

a rectory, working with people and ministering to them in addition to academic training, to take the knowledge they have and use it in the daily life of the parish. He's done very well."

Buckley says, he's loving where he's at and ready to live and sacrifice for the Lord. He's already experienced everything from jail ministry to evange-

lizing in the weight room at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He especially enjoys working with the kids and young adults.

"The young adult group (ages 18 to 30) is open to anybody that wants fellowship," said Buckley.

"The main goal of young adult ministry is social, just getting together with other

Catholics, enjoying your faith. They can be married or single, with or without kids."

Buckley invites young Catholic adults to visit ignite.org, call (734) 261-1455 or send e-mail to bbuckley@livoniast-michael.org for more information.

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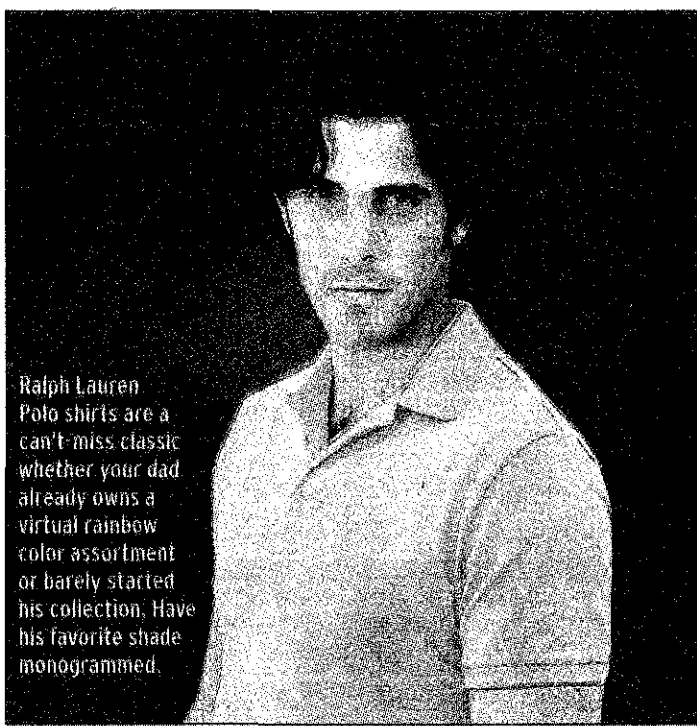
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HE'S GOT A STYLE ALL HIS OWN

For the Dad who never outgrew his Chuck Taylor sneakers, go ahead and order him a new pair. You can customize any style of Chucks into any color or pattern combination in either canvas or leather. How about some chocolate brown low-tops with navy blue accents and interior for \$60? Design a pair with your Dad in mind at www.converse.com. If he's more classic than kitschy try a Classic-Fit Polo shirt in his favorite color — the standard Rugby Royal Blue or, for the more adventurous, Carmel Pink. You can't go wrong with



Make Dad's day with a personalized grilling apron like this one from Williams-Sonoma.



Ralph Lauren Polo shirts are a can't-miss classic whether your dad already owns a virtual rainbow color assortment or barely started his collection. Have his favorite shade monogrammed.

the Pony logo — and this too can be completely customized as well as monogrammed for Dad. It costs about \$80 at www.ralphlauren.com or visit the store at Troy's Somerset Collection.

HE'S A GADGET GUY

Capture those sweet family moments on your digital camera and then load your favorites onto a digital picture frame — like Digital Lab's 7-inch Photo Frame available at area Kohl's stores, including Westland, Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Troy and Rochester Hills, or at www.kohls.com. They start around \$129.99, so whole family can pitch in for this Father's Day find. The LCD frame showcases photos from a memory card reader and it connects to your TV for larger viewing.

HE PREFERS TO GRILL AND CHILL

If he's the sort of Pop that heads straight to the grill — in any weather, it might be wise to help him dress for the occasion. Williams-Sonoma sells monogrammable barbecue aprons in a variety of colors. They're \$34 each at www.williams-sonoma.com. Or if you're prepared to splurge, order up the Original Grillslinger Barbecue Tool System, a whole belt-full of gadgets for the grill. It costs \$99.95 at www.surlatable.com or Sur La Table store at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township. Call (586) 226-1452.

HE'S ALL-BUSINESS

Offer him a tie like no other. At first glance Art Tie might seem like an obvious choice for Dad — but it's really an outlet for creativity. Sold exclusively

at Saks Fifth Avenue stores, like the one at Troy's Somerset Collection, the Art Tie kit comes with two white ties, a paint brush and tubes of paint that can be combined into nine colors. Kids, you add the imagination. It retails for \$50, call (248) 643-9000.

HE'S HAPPIEST OUTDOORS

If he's the kind who can hardly wait for the annual camping trip — or even a day at the beach, a portable cooler might do the trick. Igloo makes Icy Tunes, an 18-can cooler that comes complete with speakers and an amplifier. Connect your MP3 player anywhere you go. It costs about \$43 at Dick's Sporting Goods, which has locations in Rochester Hills, Troy and Westland. Or check online at www.dicksportinggoods.com.



Igloo Icy Tunes pairs a cooler with speakers to connect your MP3 player.

HE'S A FIXER

If Dad's the first person called when disaster strikes, you might consider upgrading his tool kit. Target sells the basics, a wrench, screwdrivers, tape measure and more, in a stocked Black & Decker Tool Box for \$29.99. Or try the Black & Decker Cordless Drill and Stud Sensor combo, which retails for \$72.99. Late shoppers can stop by an area store — in Livonia, Southfield, Troy or Rochester Hills, or have the gift wrapped and shipped in 24 hours by visiting www.target.com.

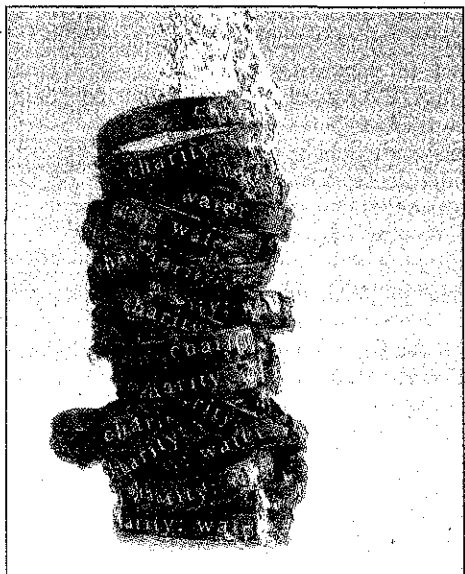
Stephanie Angelyn Casola maintains that men are much tougher to shop for than women. She is a self-confessed shop-a-holic who writes about fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Shop Around the Corner? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

Saks helps international cause with charity:water campaign

As if one needs an excuse to stop by Saks Fifth Avenue?

The Somerset location is a beautiful store. I love to browse all the merchandise — the handbag department is my personal favorite — and staff there is so friendly, I always feel welcome to drink in the eye candy.

Another great thing about Saks is its community involvement. The Troy S&A is always hosting events to help com-



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munity organizations raise money for worthy causes. At the last one I attended, Mark Badgley and James Mischka visited the store to present a runway show as a fund raiser for Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield.

Now, Saks Fifth Avenue is helping to raise money for an international cause with its charity:water campaign.

Saks is selling wristbands, e-cards and well sponsorships for charity:water, a non-profit organization that builds fresh-water wells in developing nations.

To get involved, stop by Saks Fifth Avenue or Off Fifth through June 16th, and purchase a black wristband imprinted with the charity:water logo. The wristbands cost \$5 with all the money going to the cause. You can also purchase the wristbands at www.saks.com, or by calling (800) 871-SAKS.

Another way to help is by sending a \$20 e-card at saks.com. Saks is also looking for sponsors to make \$5,000 donations enough to help an entire community gain access to clean water for drinking, cooking and sanitation.

According to the campaign, 80 percent of all sickness on the planet is caused by unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation. The problem accounts for 2.2 million deaths each year.

"In my travels throughout Africa, I'm constantly moved by the great need for clean water," said Scott Harrison, founder of charity:water.

FOR DAD, WITH LOVE



Father's Day is June 15, and Saks Fifth Avenue is honoring stylish dads with a celebration sand and surf. As part of its charity:water campaign, Saks has commissioned artist Scott MacDonough to create a

custom surfboard (pictured) bearing the store's signature logo (\$6,500). Order it for dad by e-mailing contact@scotterinyourhead.com. If dad surfs only in his dreams, gift him a small piece of the ocean lifestyle with a pair of exclusive Havaianas Saks graphic flip-flops bearing the same motif (\$22). Saks will donate a portion of the purchase price to charity:water.

"Women and children often walk miles to fetch contaminated water for their families. Entire communities drink from muddy rivers and ponds."

It's wonderful to know that through programs like this your small contribution can actually make a difference somewhere in the world. And it only takes one visit to Saks to realize how fortunate we are in this country, and that it's our duty to share the wealth.

This column was reprinted from Wendy Von Buskirk's new "Pink Ink" blog. Log onto www.hometownlife.com to read her blog, or start your own!

Malls & Mainstreets

If you have an item for the Malls & Main Streets calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wendy Von Buskirk at wvonn@hometownlife.com.

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LIVONIA — Affordable Events by Chris has been named a "2008 Pick" by The Knot Best of Weddings magazine. The Knot surveyed more than 20,000 recent brides about their vendors and analyzed ratings to highlight the best

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