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## AROUND TOWN

### Cards for food

Customers who donate nonperishable food items and personal care items to the Salvation Army will receive a free 99-cent Hallmark Card this weekend.

Three Amber's Hallmark Shops in western Wayne County have been setting out food barrels the last weekend of every month and have "already filled seven barrels in the past two months," said Rita Selenis, owner of the Amber's Hallmark stores sponsoring the drive.

"Some of our donating customers have been laid off themselves," she said.

On the last full weekend of each month, every person donating food to the Salvation Army has received a "Thank You" gift from the store. This weekend, Friday-Sunday, April 24-26, Amber's Hallmark will be giving donors a free 99-cent Hallmark card.

The three Amber's Hallmark Shops are located in Canton at 43309 Joy, in Livonia at 29481 Five Mile and in Westland at 128 S. Merriman.

### Saving money

The City of Westland's phone bill will be going down with the approval of a new telephone system.

The Westland City Council Monday evening approved an administration recommendation to install the Techmode telephone system for city buildings.

According to the administration, Techmode's updated technology will result in a 65 percent reduction in phone service costs, a savings that will cover the monthly expense for the new system and which will result in even greater savings when the system is paid off. According to Mayor William Wild, the city will save about \$1,500 a month with the new system.

Techmode is a hybrid system that uses both digital service and voice over IP (VOIP).

### Kids camp

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army will again offer its summer day camp this year. Day camp will run from June 22 to July 31 and is open to children ages 6-12. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch and field trips are included in tuition.

Registration forms are available now on a first-come basis. Registration forms can be picked up at the Salvation Army at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, in Westland.

To reserve space, a deposit of \$50 will be needed with each application. This is equal to the cost of one week plus a \$10 registration fee. The deposit must be either in cash or money order.

The Salvation Army also is hiring junior counselors ages 15-17. A paid position, applications can be picked up at the Salvation Army.

Organizers also are looking for volunteer counselors-in-training ages 13-14.

## Police link parolee to 2 thefts, break-in

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland prison parolee has been charged with seizing money from two local businesses and breaking into a third, vacant store where he was captured, police Sgt. Todd Adams said.

Michael Scott Herndon, 47, is facing an April 30 court hearing

amid allegations he robbed an ACO Hardware store, grabbed money from a Dunkin' Donuts cash register and broke into a now-closed Dollar Palace — all on the city's south end.

Herndon was arraigned Tuesday by Westland 18th District Judge Mark McConnell on charges of unarmed robbery for the ACO incident, larceny involving a Dunkin' Donuts worker and breaking into

the former Dollar Palace.

"He is charged as a fourth-degree habitual offender," Adams said. "He has been in prison before."

McConnell set a \$1 million cash bond, entered a not-guilty plea for Herndon and ordered him to return to court for an April 30 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

A police investigation led to charges against Herndon for the three incidents in Westland.

The first incident happened about 7:30 p.m. April 9 inside the ACO store at Wayne and Glenwood. A male cashier reported that a suspect brought candy to the cash register and shoved the worker

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Linda Waara (left) of Westland listens as her partner Donna Koch of Westland spells a word during the spelling bee at the Redford Community Center sponsored by Wayne County. Waara is a retired Redford Union elementary school teacher. The team placed first out of 10 teams at the event.

## Spelling bee winners get 'indignant'

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Seniors from all over the county converged on the Redford Community Center Tuesday to take part in the first of several community senior spelling bees as part of the ongoing Wayne County Senior Olympics.

Former Roosevelt Elementary teacher Linda Waara, 68, and her partner Donna Koch, both of Westland, won the spelling bee Tuesday afternoon. Runners-up were Redford residents Reva Wujcik and Reta Alexander. Diane Morency and Larry Hindle of Redford came in third.

Wujcik and Alexander misspelled "harass," giving Waara and Koch an opportunity to seal the competition by spelling it and another word correctly. They got it right, then spelled "indignant" for the win.

"I used to be in the district spelling bees in Redford with Reva," Waara said. "Back in 1950-53 she and I competed against each other when we were in school. We're very competitive with each other so this was a lot of fun."

The spelling bees are run in teams of twos with each team being able to confer on an answer before submitting to the judges. County

Executive Assistant Jakleen Ochalek said the idea of going to one-person teams was discussed for a while but quickly shot down.

"We talked about it but when we asked contestants they said they'd be too nervous by themselves," she said. "They said they wouldn't take part."

The bees were launched as a part of the greater Senior Olympics in the county as a way to give people a mental workout as well as a physical one. Events like it are going on throughout the county. The next bee is May 12 in Plymouth and then later in Dearborn, Taylor and Wyandotte before coming back to the Redford Community Center in September for the playoffs.

They've been drawing good crowds. "We normally get about 100 people per bee," Ochalek said.

Redford Senior Adult Advisor Dorothy Morris said there were 10 teams in Tuesday's event with about 60 more watching and playing "Scramble," inevitably competing at that as well.

"It's like at the spell-off in September," she said. "They're competing for bragging rights."

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## Giving earth a chance

### Glenn graduate helps promote eco-friendly products, businesses

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland native Jacqueline Rubasky has found a way to make a living while helping to save the planet. "There is no business to be done on a dead planet," Rubasky, a 1985 John Glenn High graduate, said during a telephone interview from her Santa Barbara, Calif., home.

Rubasky has been hired as a strategic advisor for Aquamantra, a West Coast bottled water company that in May will begin shipping to stores what is billed as the world's first 100 percent biodegradable-recyclable bottle.

She also has been chosen as the West Coast chief marketing officer for Bloomfield Hills-based Business Edge International, a position that will allow her to use her environmental expertise and marketing skills to further what she calls "conscious capitalism."

It's not a crime to make money in corporate America. But, Rubasky's message as the world celebrates Earth Week and Wednesday's Earth Day is that it's important to strive to leave behind a better planet.

"We should live our lives as a legacy and embrace a sense of community," Rubasky said.

Aquamantra already has had products on certain store shelves in places like southern California, Hawaii and Las Vegas, but the company will try to broaden its reach as it markets its new biodegradable-recyclable bottles, which are packaged with slogans like "I Am Love," "I Am Healthy," "I Am Grateful" and "I Am Lucky."

It's one-flavor enhanced water, but the key difference is in the packaging and its respect for the environment.

"Oprah is more than a talk show. Starbucks is more

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Westland native Jacqueline Rubasky is helping promote eco-friendly products and companies through her job on the West Coast.

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## Sonic plans win council's OK

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sonic's decision to build a 1950s-style drive-in restaurant in Westland will create as many as 140 jobs and spruce up a blighted corner in Westland's core shopping district, officials said Monday.

City officials expect Sonic to open by late summer, replacing the boarded-up Denny's restaurant at Wayne Road and Central City Parkway and becoming the national chain's fourth Michigan eatery with carhops on roller skates.

The project gained momentum Monday as a supportive Westland City Council approved a site plan and special land use request while endorsing the company's decision to seek certain tax breaks through Wayne County for six years.

"I think it's a real plus for the

community," Councilman Charles Pickering said, joining his council colleagues in approving Sonic's plans.

City officials indicated Monday that Sonic hopes to open for business in August or September.

Sonic, an Oklahoma City-based chain that dates back to 1953, will offer customers a choice of parking and placing their orders on a speaker menu, using outdoor seating or driving through and taking their food home. There will be no indoor dining.

"It's a great concept," Mayor William Wild said, one that harkens back to the 1950s with a wide menu that goes beyond burgers, coney and malts.

Sonic has some 3,400 U.S. locations, and local officials hope the Westland site will spur other new development in a core shopping and dining district near Westland

Shopping Center. The area around that mall has grappled with numerous vacancies.

Sonic plans to ask the county for a property tax abatement of 100 percent in the first year and 50 percent for each of the next five years. The plan, if approved, would provide the company with money to ready the site for its newest eatery.

Moreover, the tax-relief plan would come amid a sour economy, and officials said it's better to have reduced tax revenues for a few years and create new jobs than to leave the old Denny's building standing.

Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale has said Sonic is expected to draw customers from other communities who, she hopes, will stay and spend money in the shopping district.

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when the drawer was opened, according to police reports.

The suspect grabbed money from the drawer and then fled to a getaway vehicle that was left running in a fire lane outside the store, police said.

The second incident happened about 3 a.m. April 13 when a female worker told police that a man came into Dunkin Donuts on Wayne north of Palmer, demanded money, jumped onto the counter on his stomach, reached over and grabbed cash from the register.

The suspect then fled the store and ran south.

The last incident occurred about 2:10 a.m. Monday at the old Dollar Palace on

Wayne near Glenwood, when police responded to what was described as a burglary in progress.

A witness told police that a man had just broken out a front window and was inside. Police arrived and saw the suspect inside the building, according to police reports.

The officer ran to the back of the building as the suspect fled through a rear door, then saw him trying to climb over a brick wall. Two other officers arrived on the scene and helped capture the man.

The most serious charge against Herndon, unarmed robbery, carries penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison upon conviction. However, he could potentially face a longer sentence as a fourth-degree habitual offender.

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**Autism program undergoes restructuring**

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For 13 years, Connor Jablonowski has been attending school at the Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City. But the 16-year-old will move from what has become known as Burger West to the Cambridge Adult and Alternative Education Center, or Burger East, in the fall.

And the change, according to his mother, has the teen "very excited."

"He's been told he'll be near the high school and that he will be with older kids," said Darlene Jablonowski. "He's very excited."

Under the restructuring, classes will be grouped by age along the four hallways of Burger West, allowing a sharing of academic resources and have grade-level collaboration, said Special Education Director Sharon Dusney.

"We want to provide an age-appropriate setting for the students," said Dusney. "We looked at how to divide them by age and how we separate the students."

According to Dusney, the program has experienced a decline in enrollment in the Burger preschool program in part because of parents' concern that youngsters are placed with older students. The classrooms are at Burger East, which also houses the Garden City school district's alternative high school and adult programs.

"At East, despite the age difference, they share the same restrooms," she said. "At Burger West, the age groups will be separated and will keep teachers of the same grade together." Dusney said surveys were done, phone calls were made and there were even visits to other center programs to see how they were aligned in preparation for the restructuring.

Under the plan, early elementary classes will be groups along on hallway, with upper elementary and middle school class rooms along the others. Four preschool classes also will be moved to Lathers Elementary School.

Burger East will house students who are in late high school and those who are adults ages 21-26. The principal's office will be by the door to create a front for the building. There also will be a vocational room where students will learn skills and an adult room.

Burger takes in students from school districts throughout Wayne County and according to Dusney, the changes will take away the choice of going back and forth between the two buildings and offer more mainstreaming opportunities for the older students.

"We have some logistics to figure out and some tweaking of rooms," said Dusney. "The

program will be aligned more closely with the general education program. It will improve mainstreaming for students."

Jablonowski, who serves on the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee, has the utmost confidence in the staff in making the change.

"We have the best program in the country and the best teachers in the country," she said. "No one likes change, but once it gets going the flow is going to be amazing. Special education is changing and the program had to change with the times."

Connor knows this is his last year at Burger East, and Jablonowski believes the change will be good for her son. "I think it will be good to have older students in the other building, they'll have age-appropriate things for them there," she said.

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**Garden City Public Schools  
Attention: Food Service Management Companies**

The Garden City Public School District is requesting proposals for school food service management services. The Food Service Management Company will provide management services according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines as well as State of Michigan Department of Education policies and guidelines.

Food Service Management Companies and/or their representatives may submit proposals to:

Garden City Public Schools  
Attention: Sheryl A. Quinn, Executive Director,  
Business Services

1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135  
Telephone: 734-762-6323 Fax: 734-762-6320  
E-mail: quinnsg@city.k12.mi.us

The Garden City Public Schools Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2009 at 9:00 AM at Garden City Middle School, 1851 Radcliff, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 2:00 PM on May 19, 2009. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to Garden City Public Schools and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Proposal.

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**Relay fund-raiser**

There will be a Biggby Coffee Relay for Life Fund-Raiser 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, at the coffee shop,

37644 Ford, Westland. Stop by for coffee or tea and a percentage will go the Relay for Life. There also will be Relay

Coffee mugs and jewelry and much more for sale. For more information, call (734) 326-1468.

**Breakfast buffet**

Wayne AMVET Post 171 will serve breakfast 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 26, at the post hall, 1217 Merriman, south of

Cherry Hill, Westland. The all-you-can-eat buffet costs \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children up to age 12.

**Pancake breakfast**

International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Wayne Assembly No. 72 will have their monthly Pancake Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112, 37137 Palmer, east of Newburgh, Westland.

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**CITY OF WAYNE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City Council of Wayne, Michigan will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Council Chambers of Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184, to consider two applications filed by the Ford Motor Company for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificates pursuant to Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended. The company plans a total projected taxable investment of \$230 million. The project location is the body, paint and final assembly areas of the former Michigan Truck Plant (MTP) and in the stamping area of the former Wayne Stamping Plant. The proposed project will return the facility to an economically efficient functional condition; one of the initial models to be produced will be a redesigned global Focus.

Members of the Public, as well as representatives of the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City are invited to attend and be heard. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council will consider, and may act upon this matter.

Mary E. Carney  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on or before May 28, 2009 @ 10:00 AM local time at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

**Marketing and Advertising Services**

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

Jade M. Smith  
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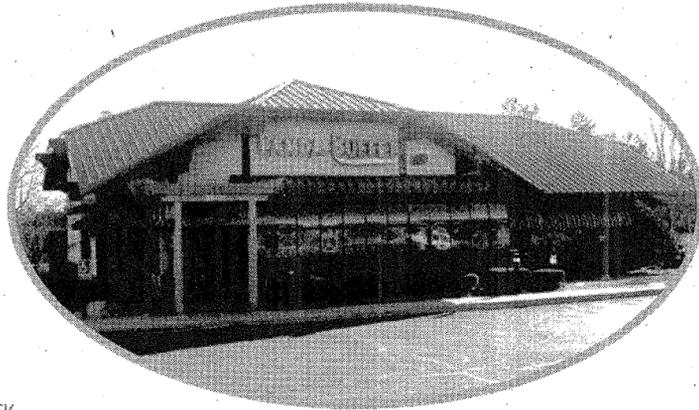
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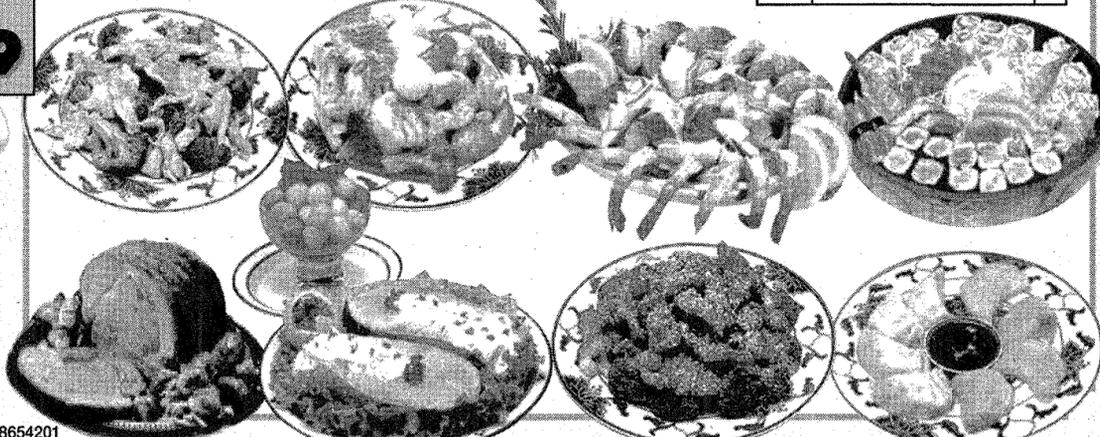
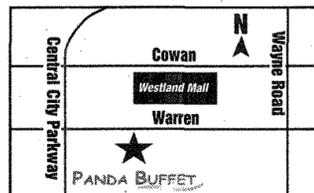


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### Going green on Earth Day

Carol Milewsky of Westland and her daughter Jasmine Milewsky pick out blue spruce seedlings given out by IKEA Environmental Support employee Malissa Miner as part of Earth Day Wednesday at IKEA in Canton. The store gave away 1,000 ready-to-plant blue spruce seedlings. "At IKEA, we have a passion for the responsible use of our precious resources and it shows in the way we operate everyday," said Kelly Frieze, store manager.

### EARTH

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than coffee, and Aquamantra is more than water," said Rubasky, the daughter of Jim and Judy Rubasky of Westland.

Rubasky lives in California with husband and high school sweetheart Scott Kochan, an entrepreneur whose work with Ford Motor Co. and automotive controls has focused on sustaining the future.

Never let it be said that rivals of sorts can't work toward a better world. Rubasky earned her master's degree in marketing and advertising from Michigan State University; Kochan majored in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan.

Rubasky's involvement with Aquamantra comes as some environmentalists have portrayed the disposable plastic water bottle as an eco-sin poster child. The company, using a product developed by ENSO, will provide water in bottles that will biodegrade within one to five years, even in a landfill.

"Microbes eat the bottle as dinner," company founder Alexandra Teklak said in a statement. "That is welcome news to both retailers and consumers who have felt the pressure from environmental

groups and consumers who are concerned about exploding landfills bulging with non-recyclable-compostable plastics."

Aquamantra hopes to have an edge in the ever-growing "green" market, and Rubasky is doing her part to market the product and bring in eco-friendly investors.

Aquamantra also donates to such charities as Vitamin Angels, which delivers vitamins to children in poor countries, and Nourish America, which provides food for hungry youngsters.

In marketing Aquamantra, Rubasky said it's important to ask three questions: Is it good for the planet? Is it good for people? And is it good for profit? She believes the product has met all three tests.

Aquamantra is in the midst of being picked up by national distributors, but it's not known how soon the product might be routinely found on shelves here in the Midwest. However, Rubasky urged those who want it to talk to their retailers or go online to [www.aquamantra.com](http://www.aquamantra.com).

"It's our gift to the planet," she

said. "It's our gift to future generations."

As for her work with Business Edge International, a consulting firm, she will be part of a firm dedicated to making a success of companies that, in part, are dedicated to providing products that are environmentally friendly. She will help run the firm's West Coast office.

Business Edge International CEO Doron York issued a statement calling Rubasky "a true entrepreneur who believes in the power of inspired, passionate people," adding that her skills will enable the firm to help clients who have new ideas while "addressing environmental concerns."

What better way for Rubasky to celebrate Earth Day and Earth Week than knowing she is making a difference for the planet.

"Joining Business Edge International as chief marketing officer provides me with the opportunity to create new opportunities for business, people and the planet to thrive," she said.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Phony repairman takes video game from bar

**1** A portable, bar-top video game was reported stolen recently from Stryker's Bar, on Ford Road east of Hix. According to police reports, a suspect posing as a repairman walked in, spoke with bar servers and took the video equipment, valued at \$2,500. The employees later realized that the video game had been stolen. The suspect was described as a white male, about 40 years old, 5-foot-10, 170 pounds, wearing a ski cap.

Hill, reported that several display cases of watch bands and jewelry repair tools were stolen sometime before 4:30 p.m. April 15. The business owner told police he hadn't been to the business, which is under construction, for about three weeks. However, he spoke with a construction crew that said the items had been seen in the store the night before they were found missing. The investigation is continuing.

### Pickup truck stolen

**2** A 25-year-old man told police that his 2003 Dodge pickup truck was stolen between 3 a.m. and 11 a.m. April 16 while it was parked in the area of 37100 McKinney Dr., southeast of Joy and Newburgh roads. The victim told police that he had locked the truck.

### Jewelry cases missing

**3** The owner of Westland Jewelry, a business on Wayne Road south of Cherry

### Car windows broken

**4** A 22-year-old woman told police that someone broke out the front and rear window of her 1999 Ford Taurus sometime before 2:45 a.m. April 16. She reported that she had left home around 2:30 a.m. to walk to the store and that the damage had been done when she returned a short time later to the 6500 block of Chirrewa, north of Hunter between Wildwood and Farmington. The woman told police she wasn't sure who would have damaged her car.

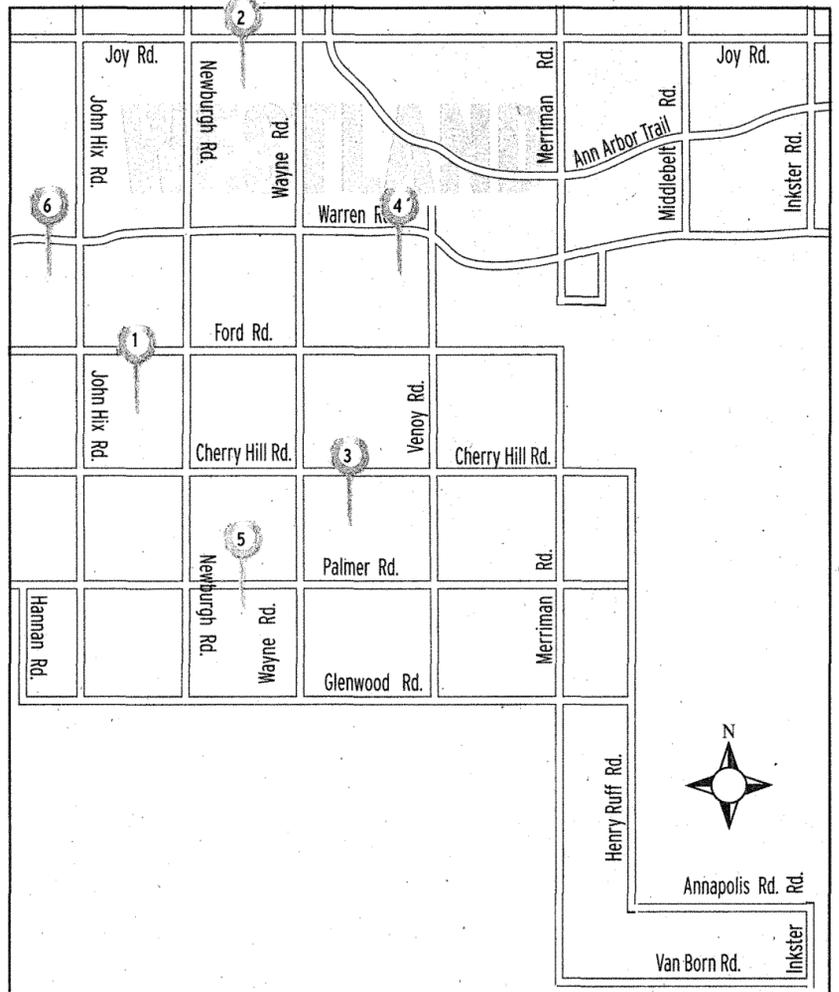
### Car damaged by rock

**5** A 23-year-old woman reported that someone smashed out the front window of her 2000 Buick Regal and dented the hood with a large stone while the car was parked at Pointe West Apartments, on the south side of Palmer between Newburgh and Wayne roads. The incident happened between 11 p.m. April 15 and 2 p.m. April 16, according to police reports.

### Laundry truck stolen

**6** A man told police that an 18-foot, two-axle trailer was stolen sometime between 5 p.m. April 14 and 7 a.m. April 15 at Michigan Laundry Machine Services, on Webb Drive southwest of Warren and Hix roads. He said the trailer was taken from the parking lot after the thief had cut off a padlock. The trailer was valued at \$3,800.

By Darrell Clem



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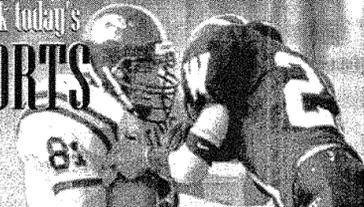
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# Livonia couple dines with metro yoga stars

Energy, health and lots of conversation about yoga's benefits were the topics of the day for Livonians Lori and Mike Richards, winners of last month's Dining with Stars contest. The Richards were treated to lunch at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills with the stars of metro Detroit's yoga scene.

Linda Kay of Yoga Shelter, Sara Davidson of Sarahngyoga@yahoo.com, Matthew Darling of AshtangaMichigan.com and Buddy's owner and longtime yoga student, Robert Jacobs, joined the Livonia couple for a peaceful, healthy lunch. The group dined on Buddy's new multi-grain thin crust pizza and was entertained by The Fred Astaire Dance Studio's Vadim Boldirev and Anastasia McCurry, who performed the Jive.

Katherine Lucas from Karma Yoga was unable to make the lunch but offered the couple a private lesson at her studio.

"Yoga and pizza were a perfect match on this day," Marcy Brontman of Buddy's said.

Lori Richards was the first to enter the contest. She e-mailed her entry explaining her love of yoga.

"My yoga experience began in a window-lined room near Port Huron's Black River. It was a fabulous experience with a wonderful instructor. I loved her attention to breathing, the rest breaks between moves and her encouragement to achieve what progress we could.

"Recently, I married a man from Livonia. I left my job, and my yoga instructor. I found a job, but not a yoga instructor. If I didn't love my husband, I'd move back just for the yoga," Lori wrote.

Then her husband, Mike, also e-mailed in hopes of convincing the judges to pick his wife.

It worked. Lori won the contest and Mike was invited to join the group.

Lori and Mike were treated to a limo ride courtesy of All Class and walked the red carpet into Buddy's. Lori received a mini makeover from Christine of Beauty Shop in Birmingham and a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver's Diamonds in Southfield.

Next on tap for Dining with the Stars, sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, are Deena Centofanti and Jay Towers the co-anchors of FOX 2 News Weekend, which airs Saturday and Sunday mornings. Go to [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) or see Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for entry information.



Christine Fitzpatrick does a quick makeover for Lori Richards.

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Lori and Mike Richards of Livonia arrive in style at Buddy's Pizza on Northwestern Highway.

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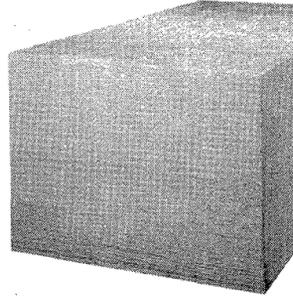


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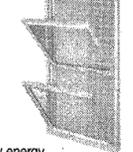
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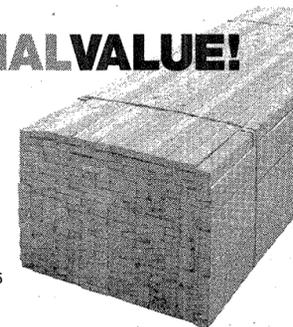


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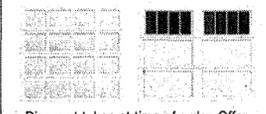
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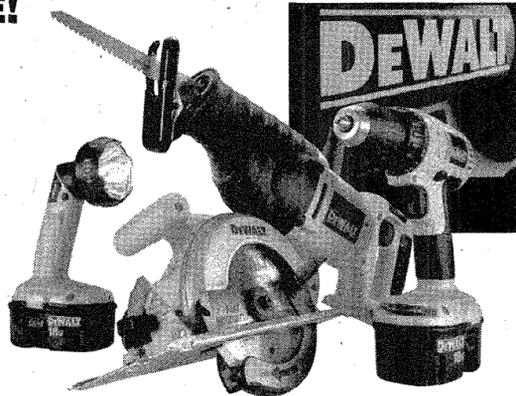
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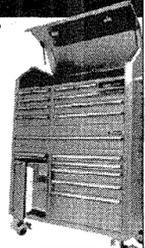
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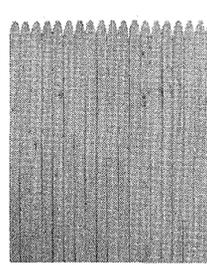
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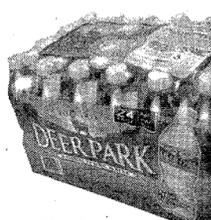
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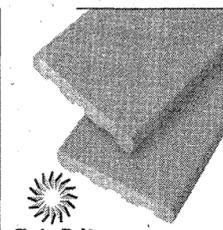
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# Understand true cost of owning a house

I was talking to a friend recently about homeownership. He has never owned a home and because of what has happened in the real estate market he was thinking it is time to buy. As we were discussing the pros and cons of homeownership, I realized that people have many misconceptions about homeownership.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The first misconception is it provides great tax benefits. Although, there are tax benefits to owning a house, the benefits are not as great as people make them out to be. Typically, when you purchase a house, you're allowed to deduct the interest on your mortgage and your property taxes. However, it is not a dollar-for-dollar reduction. For example, if over one year you've paid \$5,000 in interest

and property taxes and you are in the 15 percent tax bracket, your total savings is \$750. That means that \$4,250 is net out of your pocket. Of course, the higher the tax bracket the greater the savings. However, keep in mind that for high income taxpayers that may be in the 28 percent tax bracket or above, it comes a point where you actually start losing your deductions for interest and property taxes.

The bottom line is no one should buy a house just for the tax benefits. We have no idea what tax laws will be in the future.

Another misconception is that since housing prices in southeast Michigan are at dramatic lows — compared to where they were a few years ago — prices have to increase in the future.

Although I believe housing prices will rise in the future, that does not mean that they will increase more than the increased cost of living. At best, I believe houses will keep up with the increased

cost of living. What has happened to housing prices over the last 10 years was the aberration. Because of many things, including the easy availability of mortgages, there was an artificial bubble surrounding home prices. I do not believe we will see that same bubble anytime in the near future. After all, the requirements to obtain mortgages have changed, and justifiably so.

There are some incredible deals on the market and for many people they are very enticing. However, don't make the mistake of buying the most expensive home that you can afford.

Do the homework ahead of time and make sure you know what you're getting involved in before you sign on the dotted line.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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## OUR VIEWS

### Turner, Walker, Goci best for W-W

On Tuesday, May 5, voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will go to the polls to fill three positions on the Board of Education. If history repeats itself, the turnout will be light. Interest in school elections has dropped off tremendously since the passage of Proposal A and the ensuing absence of tax issues to bring out voters.

But residents should make an effort to go to the polls. Ten people have expressed interest in serving on the board. The candidates include incumbents Ed Turner and Steve Becher as well as appointed incumbent Shawna Walker. Challenging them are John Goci, Angela Hoops Cossey, Gregory Maxwell, Carol Middel, Lori Mirales-Smith, Brian Mulligan and Mark Neal.

Each brings a different view of the school district and what needs to be done to better serve the students to the election. They all share the belief that Wayne-Westland has good schools, but many say there is a need to better communicate the quality of education available in the district beyond its boundaries.

We were able to speak with all but one of the candidates to ask pointed questions about why they are seeking a sit on the school board and what they believe they can do for the district. In listening to their responses, we believe residents should re-elect Ed Turner and Shawna Walker to the two four-year terms and John Goci to the one-year term.

Turner has the experience — 12 years of service — needed in these troubling times. When he first ran, he listed his priorities as the students first, parents second and teachers and administration third and has not wavered from that course. He visits classrooms on a daily basis to see what is happening in them. He also is a fixture at programs ranging from D.A.R.E. graduations and spelling bees to high school plays and concerts. Wherever he is, he's sure to have current and former students stop to talk to him.

Walker was appointed to board last August to serve until this school election. She brings diversity to the school board and provides a voice for the district's minority students. Walker has shown she is up to the job. During her first month in office, she faced the four-day teacher strike and dealt with angry parents with quiet dignity. She also has voiced a commitment to doing what's best for the students and the district as a member of the board.

We selected Goci for the one-year term because he brings an ability to connect to the business community to the position. He is a product of the school district and is filled with many ideas, from charity gaming nights to working with local businesses, to help raise money for the district. He sees the position as a one-year opportunity to make a difference. We hope he will commit to a full term next year.

We also urge residents to take the time to participate in the May 5 school election, whether voting by absentee ballot or at the polls, and to re-elect Ed Turner and elect Shawna Walker for the two four-year terms and John Goci for the one-year term.

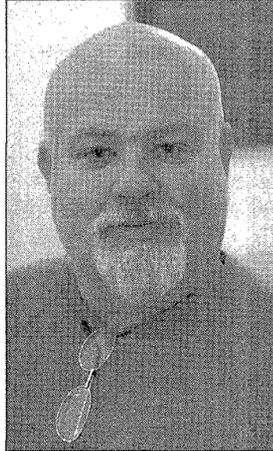
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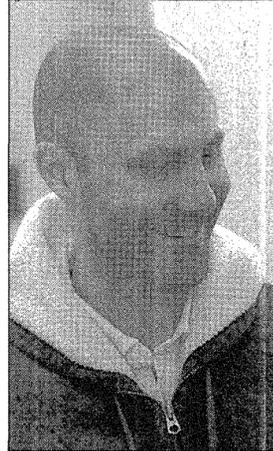
This is Earth Week. Wednesday is Earth Day and Saturday is Arbor Day. Are you doing anything special to celebrate? We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



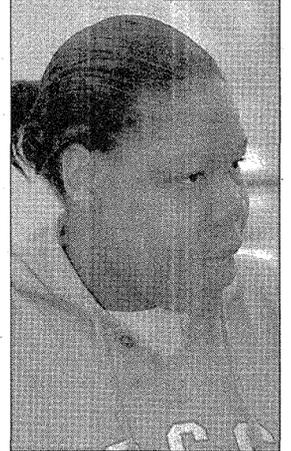
**"No, nothing out of the ordinary. We're pretty green continuously all year long."**  
Norman Quaderer  
Westland



**"Yeah, this is Earth Week and Wednesday is Earth Day. I'll think about doing something, I guess."**  
Ken Laskosky  
Westland



**"I haven't yet, but we have been recycling."**  
Ben Gauvin  
Westland



**"I went to an educational thing they had for Earth Day in Oak Park which explained what happens when you don't plant trees."**  
LaShandra Gaskin  
Detroit

## LETTERS

### Time for a change

During these difficult economic times, it is more important than ever that citizens take an active interest in their government. In Mayor Wild's proposed budget, base salaries for the mayor's staff are higher than last year. Salaries for the lowest-paid employees are down. Pension costs for the newly hired MIS director are \$53,323. Pension costs for a 20-year plus clerical employee are \$18,362.

City employees are losing their jobs. Police and fire retirees are not being replaced. We cannot afford to continue paying for the extremely generous pensions and salaries of the highest paid employees. It's time to rethink salaries and compensations starting at the top. It's time for a change.

A budget study session is scheduled for April 25 starting at 8:30 a.m. at city hall. Please let your elected officials know what you think.

Sandra Valovick  
Westland

### Thanks for the help

As you must have read, we had a good turn out for the quilt show and thanks to you, *The Observer*, for this. The bowling with bunny was good, too. We are keeping up well with the Dictionary program and more will be handed out soon.

The only thing we forgot to do is talk about the Grange. Did you know we are the last Grange in Wayne County and we help many communities not just Westland and Plymouth. The best is that on April 17, 1873, we became a Grange with the State of Michigan. We are 136 years old and still growing.

In April 2000 we were asked to help out in the City of Westland to make us add to our name and another birthday for us in April. To sum it up, it's 136 years as the Plymouth Grange 389 and nine years as the Plymouth/Westland Grange 389. And we're proud to be a part of the great things in our cities.

Once again thank you for all your great help and efforts.

Sharon Strebbling  
Grange President

### Doesn't know the facts

Joe from Westland doesn't get it ("Full of Tales" *O&E*, 4/16/09). But then again, that appears to be the hallmark of the left — ignorance of the facts.

Or perhaps fear. He says "the first few months of the Obama administration has been a time of profound hope and satisfaction." How so? "Hope" has yet to feed a single hungry child, pay a single overdue mortgage, or save a life. "Hope" is a platitude, not a policy.

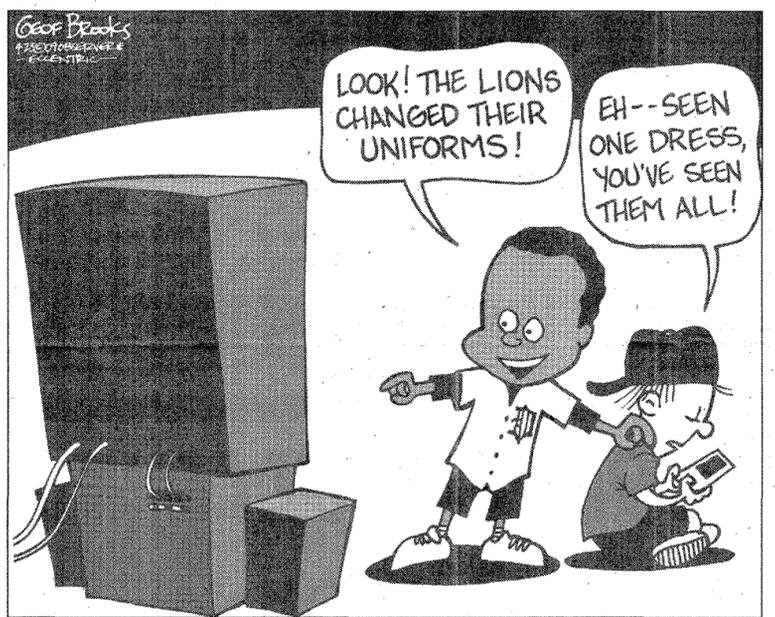
The only hope Obama accomplished is the "hope" of greater debt and a poorer, government-dependent citizenry.

History-making, sky rocketing debt — \$12 trillion! Three times greater than previous administration. Three times! And the left screamed about Bush's excessive spending! Where is the outrage from the "progressives" now?

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reports "unsustainable" deficit (meaning income is less than expenses). Look at this graphic presented by the CBO at [www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/100xx/doc10014/toc.htm](http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/100xx/doc10014/toc.htm).

And this gets worse after 2018. Ironically, this happens to occur the very year Obama plans to start receiving his presidential pension! Gotta love his chutzpah!

This deficit scenario isn't a "fairy tale" as Joe maintains. This isn't "Republican childish



### What do you think?

Mail comments to the Westland Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or e-mail to smason@hometownlife.com.

behavior." The left can't spin it into something it isn't. It is what it is.

Sorry, Joe. This is fact. Open your eyes and let the sun shine in.

Darin Stark  
Garden City

### Taking back our country

Our government has taxed businesses right out of this country, mainly our manufacturing businesses, such as tool and die shops, pattern mold making shops, machine shops, etc.

Now Congress and the Obama administration is seeking to take over our last pillar of hope: our American automotive manufacturers. They have told the auto companies that they are willing to cough up more taxpayer money in exchange for stock in the company. This is not why the states created the federal government, to loot our businesses and taxpayers and dictate how a business should be run. Government cannot run anything properly or profitably. Some believe that this stock will in turn be handed over to the union bosses as "payback" for supporting them in the elections, giving more power to the union and hence crippling the owners and investors of these companies.

Pelosi's and Granholm's remarks on April 15 that the Tax Day Tea Party attendees were "organized or orchestrated by right-wing extremists" are ridiculous. Nothing could be farther from the truth. There were Democrats in the crowd as well as Republicans and conservatives, but extremists we were not, just everyday hard-working taxpayers who are fed up with out-of-control government spending and taxation. Rep. Thad McCotter was one of the few politicians invited to attend these events. I'm sure Nancy and Arnold were covering somewhere way out of sight in California.

Pelosi, a multi-millionaire, is telling us that these parties were "financed by the rich" and that Obama's (actually her) plan is going to cut taxes on 95 percent of the taxpayers making it sound like a middle class tax cut when the

fact is that 50 percent of these people aren't required pay taxes so they won't see a tax cut but rather a check which is called welfare in most circles.

Pelosi, Obama and the Democrats keep saying they are going to give us a tax cut but so far all I've seen is a few dollars in my paycheck which might get me a donut and a cup of coffee at a greasy spoon. Show me these "tax cuts!" Congress is going to let the Bush tax cuts expire next year and we will all be paying higher taxes again and then so much for the tax cut we were supposed to get.

This plan is to raise taxes on families with a household income \$250,000 and above which may sound good, but these are the small business owners that employ 52 percent of this nation. If they are forced to cut back, guess what will happen to a lot of our jobs?

These Tax Day Tea Parties were organized by normal everyday taxpayers who are fed up with the same old tax and spend routine. They started organizing them in February. Conservative radio and center-right media didn't jump on the bandwagon until two weeks prior to the events. All were welcome.

If we were gathering in protest of the war in Iraq or over health care concerns, I'm sure the left would have responded differently and the liberal mainstream media would have been covering this movement like a blanket.

Hundreds of thousands turned out to make these as well as other statements: We are taxpayers fed up with government stealing our money. We do not want our hard earned money "spread out" and given to people that don't even pay taxes. We do not want government to run healthcare, auto manufacturing or any private enterprise.

We want a free market, capitalist society not a socialist or Marxist government. We do not want our money to go to pet projects. We do not want tax cheats, thieves, liars, baby killers and religion haters running our country.

And we want to remind them that they "work for us" and we will fire them come next election, if the will of the people is not met. Reform is needed in congress and our tax system. Government greed has sold us out. We will take this country back, one politician at a time.

Stay informed of upcoming events, visit: [taxdayteaparty.com](http://taxdayteaparty.com)

Phil Solarz  
Westland

### Join the discussion

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# MALLS & MAIN STREETS

**WEDDING FOR BRIDES-TO-BE PLYMOUTH** — The Plymouth DDA will stage its 2nd annual Plymouth Bridal Stroll April 25. The event starts at noon in Kellogg Park at with a mock wedding party, head table, and live music from members of the Erickson Flute Ensemble. From there, brides will follow their Bridal Stroll program on a matrimonial adventure through 35 downtown businesses offering locally-owned, personal wedding services, refreshments, discounts and drawings. Call (734) 455-1453 or e-mail dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us.



only, is at 6325 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 539-3090.

**14TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S SHOW**

**NOVI** — The 14th annual Michigan International Women's Show will come to Rock Financial Showplace in Novi April 30-May 3. The event includes shopping, makeovers, cooking demonstrations, entertainment, giveaways and more. Highlights include Justin Martin from "High School Musical 3: Senior Year"; beach volleyball star Gabrielle Reece; Author and Junkmaster Sue Whitney; and Cooking Light magazine's Executive Chef Billy Strykowski. Show hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9, adults; \$5, youth 6-12; and free, children 5 and under. Advance tickets, which include a one-year subscription to "Ladies Home Journal," are \$8 online; \$7 at Kroger. Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.InternationalWomenShow.com.

**BACKSTAGE BEAUTY EVENT**

**TROY** — Dior celebrity makeup artist Pati Dubroff and the Diorshow Artists will visit Macy's Somerset 11 a.m.-7 p.m. May 6-9, with Pati Dubroff and the Diorshow Artists. Visit cosmetics on the first floor 1st floor to learn backstage beauty secrets to create your own flawless look. Call (248) 816-4120 to book an appointment. Space is limited.

**SNOW GEAR SALE**

**BIRMINGHAM** — Don Thomas Sporthaus, the Midwest's premier ski shop, is currently holding their annual end-of-season sale event. The sale concludes on Sunday, May 3. All items will be reduced a minimum of 40 percent from suggested retail prices.

Following the sale, Don Thomas Sporthaus employees will take summer vacation and return to re-open the shop in mid-August.

Snowboard prices have been marked down 40 percent; skis are reduced by 40 to 50 percent; and other gear and apparel are reduced 40 to 70 percent. Don Thomas Sporthaus offers a variety of equipment, fashion-forward apparel and accessories for the winter season, including from sought after manufacturers such as K2, North Face, Obermeyer and Tecnica.

Don Thomas Sporthaus is open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Former Detroit Yvonne D. McClendon** will bring her Bara Bridal Collection, in sizes up to 28W, to Roma Sposa in Birmingham April 30-May 2.

Before I Do which aired on WMUZ radio. Hours for the trunk show are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. April 30; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 1; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 2. Roma Sposa is located at 722 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 723-4300; or visit www.romasposa.com or www.baraluxe.com.

**DERBY DAY FASHION**

**BIRMINGHAM** — Molly McDonald is sponsoring a Derby Day Race fashion event at Toast restaurant in Birmingham on May 2. Event includes a red carpet fashion show, raffle and silent auction of fashionable items including a hat by Mr. Song Millinery. All proceeds benefit the Pink Fund, providing financial aid to women and men afflicted with breast cancer. Visit thepinkfund.org.

**MARIA'S BRIDAL OPENS**

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** — Maria's Bridal Couture will celebrate its second location, new at Orchard Mall, with a grand opening party 4-8 p.m. May 7 featuring live pedestal models in the store windows and main mall thoroughfare. Owner Nadica Ristivojevic will be on hand to answer questions and guide brides in their wedding planning endeavors. The boutique is the only Vera Wang store-within-a-store in the state of Michigan, with exclusive access to gowns by the famed designer, including the hard-to-find Vera Wang Luxe collection. The new shop will host a Vera Wang trunk show, May 7-9. Maria's Bridal has been open in Rochester for 22 years. The newest location, which operates by appointment

**ROLE MODELS DETROIT** — The Alternatives For Girls 20th annual Annual Role Model Dinner will be held 6-9 p.m. April 30 at the Detroit Westin. Award winners include Karen Love, COO of The Michigan Chronicle and Michigan FrontPage, as 2009 Professional Role Model;

Gail Perry Mason, vice president of Oppenheimer & Co., Inc., as Community

Role Model; and Marla Tapper Young, co-owner of Tapper's Diamonds and Fine

Jewelry, as Emerging Leader. A Summit Award will be presented to Rashida Tlaib, the first Muslim woman to serve in the Michigan Legislature.

Annette Jamison of Fox 2 will emcee. This year's theme is "Audacity to Succeed." Tickets, \$150, include awards presentation, silent and live auctions and valet. Proceeds benefit AFG,

a non-profit organization that helps homeless and high-risk young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation. Call (313) 361-4000 ext. 230 or e-mail lmacdonald@alternativesforgirls.org.

**ROMA SPOSA TRUNK SHOW BIRMINGHAM** — Roma Sposa will host trunk shows April 30-May 2 to debut the Bara Bridal Collections, Bara Champagne and Bara Luxe.

The Bara Luxe collection is the first in the industry to be designed for fuller figure women, size 16W-28W. Never before have fuller figure brides been able to go into couture salons and try on a sample of their dream dress.

Brides-to-be will also have an opportunity to meet wedding expert Yvonne D. McClendon, author of "Prenuptial Bliss," and President of the Bara Collections. Yvonne D. McClendon began her career in Detroit, as creator, producer and host of the radio show



The 14th annual Michigan International Women's Show, coming to Rock Financial Showplace in Novi April 30-May 3, includes mini-makeovers.

Sunday. Call (248) 220-1999 or visit www.donthomassporthaus.com.

**MACY'S EARTH DAY**

**METRO DETROIT** — In celebration of Earth Day, Macy's is helping to raise awareness and generate funds for parks and environment-friendly causes across the country with its Macy's Turn Over a New Leaf campaign. Throughout April, at all Macy's locations, customers can purchase tickets for One Good Turn, Macy's April 25 national charity day shopping event. For \$5, customers will receive a ticket for \$5 off a \$15 storewide purchase, as well as an all-day shopping pass for 20 percent off most merchandise. Macy's will donate 100 percent of ticket sale proceeds to the National Park Foundation and local participating nonprofit organizations that protect and conserve the environment. Macy's also is offering new reusable totes for \$1.95 with a \$1 donation to the National Park Foundation.

**WIC MATRIX AWARDS**

**TROY** — Save the date for Women In Communication's annual Matrix Awards, 6 p.m. Monday, May 18 at The Somerset Inn, Troy. Keynote speaker is Marla Drutz, Vice President & General Manager of WDIV-Detroit. Price, \$45 WIC members; \$55 nonmembers; \$35 full-time students, includes dinner. Nominations due Feb. 28; Register by May 11, at info@womcomdetroit.org or (248) 582-8465.

**TIFFANY AWARDS OPEN CALL**

**FARMINGTON HILLS** — Hairdressers and colorists are invited to enter the 7th Annual Tiffany Michigan Hairdresser of the Year Awards through 5 p.m. May 29. Contestants compete in four categories: Formal, Women's

Editorial, Color and Avant Garde. First, second and third place winners in each category are presented with a crystal trophy from Tiffany & Co.

Contestants who enter in each of the three categories of Formal, Women's Editorial and Color are eligible to compete live for the title of Michigan Hairdresser of the Year at DREAMS, a benefit for the American Cancer Society, on Sept. 26 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. For information or to enter, visit www.thetiffanyawards.com or call (248) 347-7700 x2922.

**GIRLS LEADERSHIP CAMP**

**REDFORD** — Michigan Association for Female Entrepreneurs, based in Redford, will offer two camps aimed at helping young girls become creative, confident, and self-sufficient. Leadership Camp will take place from May 29-31 at YWCA Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich., and BizCamp from June 13-July 25 at Lawrence Technological University, Southfield. Call (313) 363-4075 or visit www.YoungEntrepreneurSeries.com.

**SHIRT BOX COLLECTS CLOTHES**

**FARMINGTON HILLS** — The Shirt Box continues to collect gently used men's professional clothing through "The Shirts Off Our Back: From Our Closet to Yours," in partnership with Detroit's Neighborhood Service Organization. Drop off dress shirts, slacks, ties and sports coats at The Shirt Box, 32500 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. The clothing will help NSO's clients dress for success when applying for new jobs and making the transition back into the workforce. Call (248) 851-6770.

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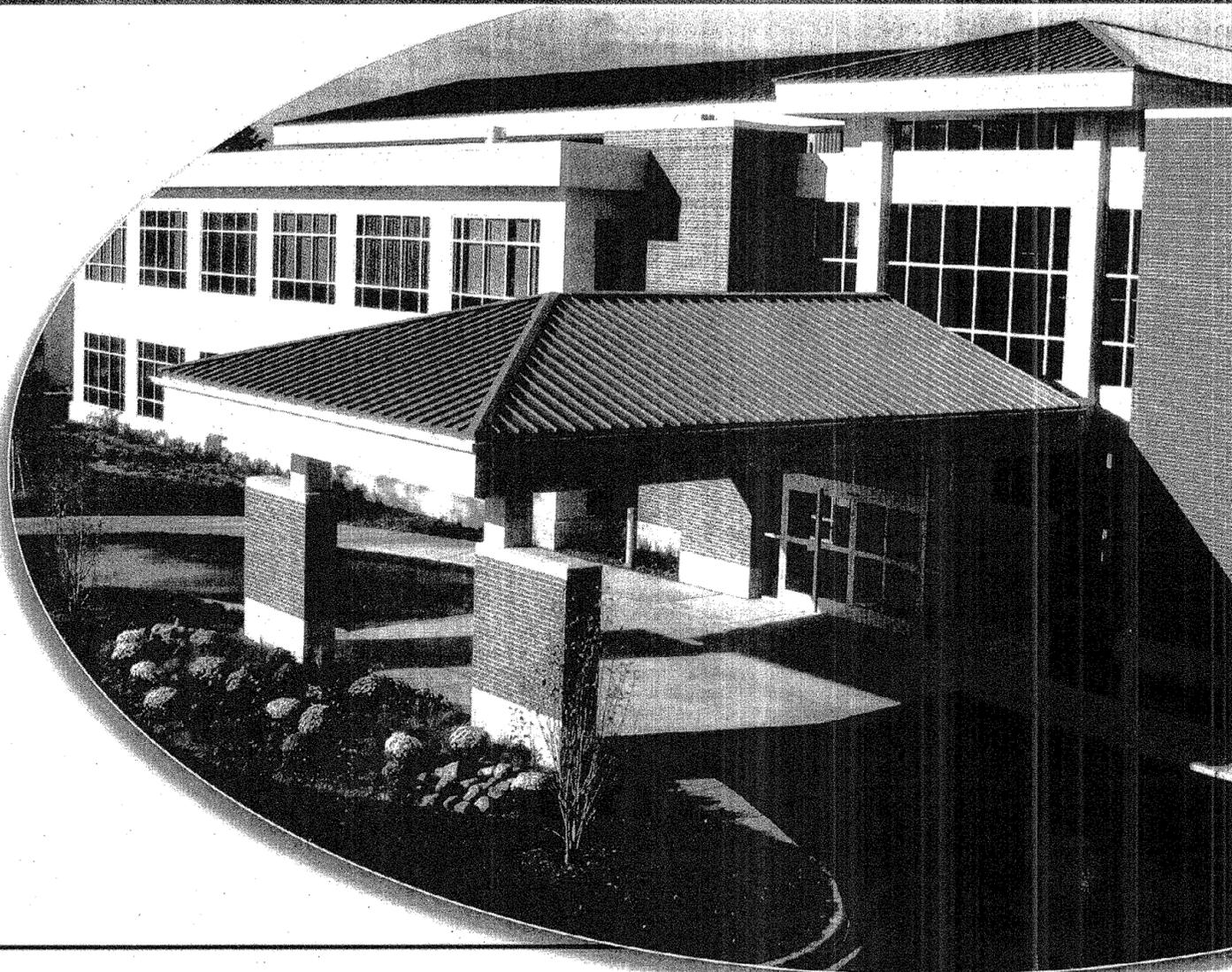
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# HOMETOWN LIFE

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Madonna University first baseman Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week.

## 1st-place Crusaders deck Cards in weekend sweep

Madonna University maintained its two-game lead in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball race by sweeping all four games during its weekend series against Concordia University.

On Sunday, the Crusaders improved to 33-6 overall and 12-4 in the WHAC by downing the visiting Cardinals at Ilitch Ballpark, 3-1 and 5-1.

Jeff Mann (3-0) pitched the first five innings to pick up the win for MU in the opener. He allowed one earned run on seven hits and a walk. Brian Diroff came on to get the final four outs to earn his first save of the year.

Offensively, Mike Gansser collected two hits, while Ryan Morrow, Scott Boyer and Matt Kay (Canton) each drove in a run.

Tony Pounders (Livonia Stevenson) knocked in the lone run for the Cardinals.

In the nightcap, Drew Fry knocked in three runs, while Morrow, Shawn Little (Canton) and Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) each added two hits to offset the 3-for-3 performance of Concordia's Zach Johnston.

Winning pitcher Tom Hansen (7-1) scattered six hits and allowed just one earned run, a solo homer to Johnston, in going all seven innings. Hansen struck out two and did not allow a walk.

The loss drops Concordia to 18-25 and 4-10.

On Saturday, MU swept at twinbill against the host Cardinals, 11-0 and 11-3.

Senior right-hander Jeff Sonnenberg (9-1) set the MU single season mark for complete games (eight) by throwing a two-hitter in the five-inning mercy in the opener.

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He walked only one and struck out two.

Gansser knocked in four runs, including a 3-run double in the first inning. Other offensive standouts included Zerbo (2-for-3; two RBI); Little (2-for-3; RBI); and Kay (two RBI).

In the nightcap, Kyle Bolton (6-1) went all seven innings to pick up the win. He scattered nine hits, walked two and fanned two.

Ted Toune and Adam Bailey each knocked in two runs for MU, while Aaron Hacias went 2-for-2 with an RBI.

### WHAC lauds Zerbo

For the first time this season, Madonna University senior first baseman Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball Player of the Week (ending April 19).

Zerbo, the 2008 WHAC Player of the Year, hit .471 in six games for the Crusaders. After being held hitless in the opener at Siena Heights, Zerbo exploded for three hits in the nightcap, including a pair of home runs, driving in four in a 12-2 MU win.

In the four-game series against Concordia (April 18-19) Zerbo went 5-for-11 with three doubles and three RBI.

All told for the week Zerbo posted seven RBI, four doubles and two homers, while drawing three walks and not striking out.

## SIDELINES

### Livonia ace

Robert Haig, of Livonia, used a sand wedge to ace the 126-yard, No. 4 hole, April 17, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Haig, who has been playing golf for 15 years, shot a nine-hole round of 46.

### Patriot alums

The Livonia Franklin High baseball alumni game will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 at the school's field.

All former varsity players are welcomed. There will be a \$20 donation.

For more information, call Franklin coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499.

### Football clinic

Stevenson High School will stage its annual youth football clinic from 9 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 16.

The clinic is free of charge and is open to all students currently enrolled in the grades 2-6. Instruction focuses on football fundamentals and will be provided by the Stevenson varsity football staff and players.

Students must have a signed waiver form to participate.

Registration forms are available in the Stevenson Athletic Office, or online by visiting [www.livonia.k12.mi.us/schools/highstevenson/athletics/camps/camps.html](http://www.livonia.k12.mi.us/schools/highstevenson/athletics/camps/camps.html).

Same-day registration is also permitted, and starts at 8:30 am in the school's north cafeteria.

For more information, e-mail Tim Gabel at [tgabel@livonia12.mi.us](mailto:tgabel@livonia12.mi.us).

### Pitch, Hit & Run

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Pitch, Hit and Run competition will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10 at Ford Field (Diamond No. 2).

Boys and girls will compete together in the following age divisions: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call (734) 466-2411.

### C'ville outing

The fifth annual Clarenceville Athletic Department golf outing will be Saturday, June 13 at Tanglewood Golf Course, located at 53505 W. Ten Mile Road, South Lyon.

The 18-hole scramble features a shotgun start at 2:30 p.m. The free driving range opens at 2:30 p.m. All participants must be registered by 2:15 p.m.

Also included in the \$125 cost is cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Dinner only (for non-golfers) is \$25.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 (varsity), \$300 (captain) and \$500 (Trojan).

Reservations must be received no later than Tuesday, June 9. Checks should be made payable to: Clarenceville Athletics, C/O: Kevin Murphy, Athletic Director, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

For more information, call (248) 919-0217.

## MU remains atop WHAC pack

Despite winning three-of-four games over the weekend, the Madonna University women's softball team remains in a virtual dead-heat with Aquinas College for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

On Sunday, the Crusaders improved to 42-8 overall and 20-2 in the WHAC by settling for a split against visiting Davenport University.

Catcher Haley Stehouwer went 3-for-4, including the game-winning homer in the top of the eighth inning as the Panthers stunned MU, 3-2.

Winning pitcher Karlee Despres (8-6) allowed just five hits, walked five and struck out 11 for Davenport.

Losing pitcher Jess Irwin (23-6) fanned 17 in the loss and did not allow a walk. She allowed five hits.

Brittney Scero (Canton) went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Tara LaMilza knocked in the other MU run.

The Crusaders bounced back to win the nightcap, 5-3, as Irwin (24-6) got the win in relief of starter Hallie Minch (Garden City).

Irwin, now second all-time career in MU wins, allowed two hits and struck out four in three innings of work.

Minch went the first four innings, allowing three runs on six hits.

MU collected 11 hits led by Ashley Shay's 3-for-3 showing. Scero and Mary Kate Setta each added two hits and an RBI, while Tedi Johnston, Danielle Richardson and Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) also knocked in runs.



Canton's Brittney Scero had five hits Sunday as the first-place Crusaders settled for a split at Davenport University.

On Saturday, MU collected its school-record 40th and 41st wins of the season by sweeping host Indiana Tech at Memorial Field, 2-1 and 2-1.

The victories eclipse the 1994 Crusaders' single-season record of 39.

Irwin tossed a four-hitter in the opener. She struck out eight and walked only one.

Jessica Williams homered for Tech, but MU rallied for its only two runs in the top of the seventh as Johnston scored on an error and Katie Cooley stole home.

In the nightcap, MU edged the Warriors, 2-1, as Kelly Lesko delivered the game-winning RBI double in the top of the eighth inning.

Irwin, who worked the final 2.2 innings in relief, got the win in relief. She allowed three hits and a walk.

Minch yielded up one earned run on five hits in 5.1 innings.

Brittany Miller went 4-for-4 with an RBI to pace Indiana Tech (18-20, 7-10).

Kathleen Smiley went 3-for-3 and scored two runs to pace MU's 11-hit attack. Scero added two hits and an RBI, while Richardson and LaMilza each added two hits.

MU heads into its final six WHAC games this weekend a game up on Aquinas (30-8, 18-2). The two teams close out the regular season 1 p.m. Sunday at MU's University Field.

## Demolition limps home after defeat

BY BRAD EMMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Reeling from a 29-6 setback last Saturday to the host Pittsburgh (Pa.) Passion, the Detroit Demolition of the Independent Women's Football League returns home to try and make amends when they face the Washington, D.C., Divas.

Game time is 7 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Livonia Franklin High School.

The Passion, playing their season opener in the IWFL's Mid-Atlantic Division of the Tier I Eastern Conference, got touchdowns from Lisa Horton, Wilma Walton, Lori Johnson and Amanda Haeg to hand the Demolition only their sixth loss in the last 79 games.

The defense was sparked by JoJo Warner, while Sharon Vasquez and Michelle Brevard both picked off Demolition passes that led to scores.

The 1-1 Demolition, hampered by injuries, got their only TD in the first half from Dawn Adams.

The Demolition was minus start-

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## Ladywood trudges through mud for 1-1 deadlock

Livonia Ladywood, ranked No. 10 in Division 2, fought to a 1-1 draw Tuesday with Catholic League Central Division girls soccer foe Warren Regina.

After a scoreless opening half, Ladywood freshman Emily Chrzasz was pulled down on a foul in the box and Alessia Vagnini scored on a penalty kick to make it 1-0 for the visiting Blazers.

With only four minutes remaining, Regina's Samantha Olszewski scored to even the count at 1-1.

Ladywood held a wide margin in shots, 17-4, in a game where playing conditions were less than ideal on the muddy Regina turf thanks to a game-long rain.

"I thought our effort was good considering we were coming off an 18-day layoff," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team is 4-1-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the division. "The field conditions limited our possession game.

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We were forced to play more direct, which seemed to work. We just needed to finish off some of the scoring chances that we generated."

Ladywood goalkeeper Michele Ring made just two saves, while Regina's Maria Ciolina had eight stops.

Regina is 1-2-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the Central.

STEVENSON 8, S.L. EAST 0: It took just 55 minutes Tuesday for host Livonia Stevenson (4-3, 3-0) to invoke the eight-goal mercy rule in a KLAA Central Division triumph over South Lyon East.

Renee Boudreau, Kayla Kimble, Krysta Kane and Samantha Gutkowski each tallied two goals for the victorious Spartans, who led 4-0 at intermission.

Molly McConnell and Kelli Vellucci each chipped in with two assists, while Ali Slavina and Boudreau each added one.

Michelle Krawczyk and Tara Johnston split time in goal for the Spartans. Neither keeper faced a shot.

FRANKLIN 1, WAYNE 0: Brooke Killeen scored the game-winning goal at the seven-minute mark Tuesday to give host Livonia Franklin (1-5, 1-2) the KLAA South Division win over Wayne Memorial (1-5, 1-2).

Goalkeeper Lexi Smith earned the shutout for the Patriots.

"It was a good win and one that we will work from to help us continue forward," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "Everyone was having a good game individually and that carried through to give us a good game as a group. We were able to string some passes together for combinations that got us forward. We dominated offensively and had many chances that were near misses."

CHURCHILL 7, JOHN GLENN 0: Bailey Brandon tallied two goals and three assists Monday as host Livonia Churchill (3-1, 2-1) rolled to a KLAA South Division victory over visiting Westland John Glenn (0-4, 0-2).

Brandon scored in the 11th and 17th minutes, while other goals came from Sam Meeker (second minute), Darcy DeRoo (20th minute), Kayla Munroe (38th minute) and Hannah Otto (70th minute).

The other goal came during the 61st minute when the ball was accidentally kicked in by a Glenn defender.

Other assists for Churchill went to Melissa Roe and Nicole Marlow.

Starting Charger goalkeeper Stefanie Turner played the first 55 minutes before relinquishing duties to Megan Bauman, who helped close out the shutout.

Megan Nikula, who hit the crossbar, stood out for the Rockets.

"She was awesome," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada of his senior midfielder. "We're playing good, but we're struggling with only 12 varsity players. We've been playing good first halves, but then we have no energy for the second halves."

"But we're getting better. We're trying to play with some technique."

BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 74 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 74 April 21 at Churchill**  
**Shot put:** 1. Tony Clemons (LC), 49-10.5; 2. Jordan Birman (P), 43-8.5; 3. Bryan Bartig (LC), 43-1.  
**Discus:** 1. Keith Choma (P), 140-2; 2. Kyle Brindza (P), 132-6; 3. Jeremy Atkins (LC), 118-7.  
**High jump:** 1. Michael Appel (LC), 5-10; 2. Brandon Piliagian (P), 5-8; 3. Chris Barnard (LC), 5-8.  
**Long jump:** 1. Scott Coppola (LC), 19-2; 2. Donte Fox (P), 18-10.25; 3. Matthew Robertson (P), 17-10.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 14-0; 2. Grant Senkheil (P), 11-6; 3. Joe Marlow (LC), 11-0.  
**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Peterman (LC), 15.2; 2. Piliagian (P), 16.3; 3. Appel (LC), 17.0.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Doug Deykes (P), 43.8; 2. Ian Guerin (LC), 44.8; 3. Marshall Fry (LC), 45.6.  
**100 dash:** 1. Devon Easterling (LC), 11.3; 2. Coppola (LC), 11.5; 3. Connor McKinney (P), 11.8.  
**200:** 1. Easterling (LC), 23.4; 2. Tony Frezell (LC), 23.69; 3. Victor Hicks (P), 24.71.  
**400:** 1. Michael Schmidt (LC), 52.9; 2. Chris DeNapoli (LC), 53.6; 3. Jalen Woolridge (P), 54.1.  
**800:** 1. Elmar Engholm (P), 1:57.12; 2. Warren Buzzard (P), 2:05.2; 3. Nathan Wise (LC), 2:05.6.  
**1,600:** 1. Engholm (P), 4:40.0; 2. Matt Neumann (P), 4:47.0; 3. Joe Porcari (P), 4:47.8.  
**3,200:** 1. Derek Lax (P), 10:22.0; 2. Porcari (P), 10:23.0; 3. Engholm (P), 10:25.0.  
**400 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 47.65; 2. Churchill, disqualified; **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Frezzell, Easterling, Travis Tomey, Coppola), 1:32.9; 2. Plymouth, 1:38.8; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth, no time available; 2. Churchill, NTA; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 8:40.1; 2. Churchill, 8:58.0.  
**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 3-0 overall; 3-0 KLAAS South Division; Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAS South.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 79 NORTHVILLE 58 April 21 at Northville**  
**Shot put:** 1. Jon Aneed (LC), 42 feet, 11.5 inches; 2. Hnatik (N), 42-2.75; 3. Andrew Nelson (LS), 40-0.5.  
**Discus:** 1. Hnatik (N), 122-11; 2. Aneed (LS), 120-8; 3. Burrell (N), 112-1.  
**High jump:** 1. Brown (N), 6-0; 2. Myers (N), 5-9; 3. Wyatt Stahl (LS), 5-8.  
**Long jump:** 1. Nate Sergison (LS), 20-7; 2. David Simor (LS), 19-10.5; 3. Will Burek (LS), 19-2.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Henry Weyand (LS), 10-11; 2. Jon Gudeman (LS), 10-11; 3. Merovik (N), 10-5.  
**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Arastu (N), 15-31; 2. Burek (LS), 16-49; 3. Osama Al-Haymi (LS), 17-84.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Arastu (N), 41-18; 2. Gibson (N), 45-47; 3. Brendan O'Hara (LS), 45-59.  
**100 dash:** 1. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 11-11; 2. Austin White (LS), 11-37; 3. Marilley (N), 11-45.  
**200:** 1. Anagnostou (LS), 22-91; 2. White (LS), 23-21; 3. Key (N), 23-82.  
**400:** 1. Sergison (LS), 52-59; 2. Key (N), 52-69; 3. Stephen Pollard (LS), 54-09.  
**800:** 1. Dalton (N), 2:07-52; 2. Dembecki (N), 2:10-7; 3. Smetana (N), 2:11-54.  
**1,600:** 1. Shawn Howse (LC), 4:45-0; 2. Girbach (N), 4:52-0; 3. Griffiths (N), 4:54-0.  
**3,200:** 1. Howse (LS), 10:09-0; 2. Griffiths (N), 11:29-0; 3. Girbach (N), 11:35-0.  
**400 relay:** 1. Stevenson (White, Jacob Gudeman, Simor, Anagnostou), 44-87; 2. Northville, 46-44; **800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (White, Jacob Gudeman, Sergison, Anagnostou), 1:33-33; 2. Northville, 1:36-99; **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville, 3:34-0; 2. Stevenson, 3:36-0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Brian Fenech, Adam Dabkowski, Travis Gosselin, Eric Plisko), 8:46-34; 2. Northville, 8:49-2.  
**Dual meet records:** Stevenson, 2-1 overall; 2-1 KLAAS Central Division; Northville, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAS Central.

**METRO CONFERENCE TRI-MEET RESULTS April 21 at Lutheran Westland**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Lutheran High Westland 95 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, 59; 3. Harper Woods, 18.  
**Shot put:** 1. Babb (CK), 37 feet, 4.5 inches; 2. Joe Krueger (LW), 34-5.5.  
**Discus:** 1. Krueger (LW), 105-0.  
**High jump:** 1. Cordes (CK), 5-6; 2. Zech Robinson (LW), 5-6.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Josh Palka (LW), 9-0; 2. Brad LaRose (LW), 7-6.  
**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Zach Musial (LW), 17-4; 2. Josh Andrzejewski (LW), 17-4; 3. Bob Schwartz (LW), 19-0.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Andrzejewski (LW), 45-5; 2. Schwartz (LW), 48-2; 3. Musial (LW), 48-7.  
**100 dash:** 1. Dismuke (HW), 11-3; 2. Robinson, 11-8.  
**200:** 1. Tallman (CK), 23-1; 2. Theodis Washington (LW), 23-9.  
**400:** 1. Tallman (CK), 51-8; 2. Justin Palka (LW), 56-0; 3. Washington (LW), 57-0.  
**800:** 1. Spencer Lyle (LW), 2:19; 2. Cameron Banks (LW), 2:32.7.  
**1,600:** 1. Lyle (LW), 4:44.  
**3,200:** 1. Dave Moldenhauer (LW), 12:12.  
**400 relay:** 1. Harper Woods, 46-8; 2. Lutheran Westland, 47-9; **800 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Hallier, Mosham, Justin Palka, Washington), 1:38-2; **1,600 relay:** 1. Cranbrook-Kingswood, 3:55; 2. Lutheran Westland, 4:21-3; **3,200 relay:** 1. Cranbrook-Kingswood, 9:19; 2. Lutheran Westland, 10:26-2.

**APRIL SHOWERS RELAYS April 18 at Ypsilanti H.S.**  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. (tie) Saline and Romulus, 85 points each; 3. Livonia Franklin, 79; 4. Salem, 74; 5. Ypsilanti, 65; 6. Saline B, 22; 7. South Lyon East, 20; 8. South Lyon, 14; 9. Willow Run, 13; 10. Ypsilanti Lincoln B.  
**Franklin 1sts:** shot put relay (Nate Coleman, 48 feet; Jay Woolfork, 45-6), 93-6; 93-6 relay (Sean McLaughlin, 141-10; Coleman, 131-6; Woolfork, 116-5); 273-4; **2nds:** pole vault (Kevin Beadle, 12-0; Mike Kaplan, 9-6); 21-6; shuttle hurdles (Beadle, Jon Cadet, Zach Miller, Cameron Wludyka), 1:08-0; 400-meter relay (Rich Duncan, Isaac Cadet, Chris Van Tuijl, Tim Venavides), 45-1; **3rds:** 900 hurdles (Wludyka, Miller, J. Cadet), 2:20-8; high jump (Hudson Cadet, 6-0; Beadle, 5-6); 11-6; sprint medley (Jake Pinard, David Fortin, Woolfork, H. Cadet), 1:40-7; 3,200 relay (Mike Beasley, Ryan Tarhanich, Benavides, Dylan Taylor), 9:36-4; **4ths:** 1,600 medley (Mike Beasley, Ryan Tarhanich, Benavides, Dylan Taylor), 3:50-3; 1,600 relay (Beasley, H. Cadet, J. Cadet, Tarhanich), 3:41-9; **5ths:** 800 relay (Beasley, Duncan, Paul Voegelé, I. Cadet), 1:35-7; **6ths:** long jump relay (I. Cadet, 19-9.5; Benavides, 17-1.75), 36-11.25.

**MEHOCK RELAYS April 17 at Mansfield, Ohio**  
**Livonia Churchill boys 1sts:** Derik Peterman, pole vault (15-0).

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

**GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN 98 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 39**  
**Shot put:** 1. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 32 feet; 2. Savannah Haig (LF), 31-0.5; 3. Ashley Gruden (LF), 27-6.  
**Discus:** 1. Anderson (WJG), 113-3; 2. Haig (LF), 92-3; 3. Nicole Price (LF), 86-9.  
**High jump:** 1. Liz Hollaway (LF), 4-0; 2. Emily Quint (LF), 4-0; 3. Meghan Powers (LF), 4-0.  
**Long jump:** 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 16-1.5; 2. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 14-7; 3. Amanda Borioe (LF), 13-11.5.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Quint (LF), 7-0; 2. Powers (LF), 7-0; 3. Jaimie Medel (WJG), 6-6.  
**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Jen Mueller (LF), 16-8; 2. Seneca Scott (LF), 16-9; 3. Quint (LF), 18-5.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Shannon Niznik (LF), 54-9; 2. Eberchi Ogbuaku (WJG), 59-2; 3. Nikki Nixon (LF), 1:05-8.  
**100 dash:** 1. Payne (WJG), 13-2; 2. Kathryn Chinavare (LF), 13-6; 3. Jayna Myers (WJG), 14-2.  
**200:** 1. Scott (WJG), 27-2; 2. Ashly Butkowsky (LF), 27-8; 3. Chinavare (LF), 28-4.  
**400:** 1. Butkowsky (LF), 1:03-5; 2. Mallory Church (LF), 1:06-9; 3. Jamie Mellas (WJG), 1:07-0.  
**800:** 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 2:32-7; 2. Scott (LF), 2:42-2; 3. Dominique Jordan (LF), 2:52-5.  
**1,600:** 1. Victoria Church (LF), 6:12-3; 2. Brittany Dilley (LF), 6:24-3; 3. Christa Mott (LF), 6:41-8.  
**3,200:** 1. Megan Wickens (LF), 13:56-6; 2. Tiffany VanOrden (LF), 14:01-0; 3. Catherine Studzinski (LF), 14:06-5.  
**400 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Shante Roberts, Scott, Brown, Payne), 53-6; 2. Franklin, 53-8; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Scott, Butkowsky, Mueller, Chinavare), 1:50-9; 2. John Glenn, 1:53-1; 1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (McPherson, M. Church, Borioe, Scott), 4:35-8; 2. John Glenn, 4:54-9; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (V. Church, Mott, Dilley, Borioe), 11:35-0.  
**Dual meet records:** Franklin, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAAS South.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 104.5 PLYMOUTH 32.5 April 18 at Churchill**  
**Shot put:** 1. Taylor Byron (LC), 33 feet, 7.25; 2. Shannon Getchen (LC), 33-6.75; 3. Tyler Buchanan (P), 32-10.25.  
**Discus:** 1. Getchen (LC), 106-3; 2. Byron (LC), 85-11; 3. Sarah Meador (LC), 84-5.  
**High jump:** 1. Cierra Yettes (LC), 4-6; 2. Kristyn Sturtz (P), 4-4; 3. (tie) Christine Maleske (LC) and Rachel Hille (P), 4-2 each.  
**Long jump:** 1. Rebecca Knox (P), 14-4.75; 2. Sinclair McDonnell (LC), 14-3.5; 3. Alicia DiMauro (LC), 14-1.5.  
**Pole vault:** 1. DiMauro (LC), 8-6; 2. Lindsey Kreutzman (LC), 7-6; 3. Ali Zoski (LC), 6-6.  
**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Dayna Esper (LC), 16-8; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 18-0; 3. Maleske (LC), 19-2.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Esper (LC), 52-9; 2. McManus (P), 54-8; 3. Jenna Hamed (P), 54-9.  
**100 dash:** 1. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 13-55; 2. Courtney Simpson (LC), 13-57; 3. Chloe Taylor (LC), 13-67.  
**200:** 1. Taylor (LC), 28-03; 2. Heinzelman (LC), 28-61; 3. Lauren Stoltman (LC), 29-89.  
**400:** 1. Samar Aoude (LC), 1:04-0; 2. Megan Kelly (LC), 1:05-2; 3. Hille (P), 1:08-2.  
**800:** 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 2:19-5; 2. Hahn (P), 2:29-3; 3. Tiffany Raisanen (LC), 2:34-8.  
**1,600:** 1. Paula Green (P), 5:44-0; 2. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:48-0; 3. Julie Forster (P), 5:55-0.  
**3,200:** 1. Molly Stevens (P), 11:56-7; 2. Pilat (LC), 12:48-0; 3. Green (P), 12:58-0.  
**400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Stoltman, Heinzelman, Meghan Catalano, Simpson), 53-57; 2. Plymouth, 54-88; **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Aoude, Taylor, Rachel Lumley, Simpson), 1:51-3; 2. Plymouth, 1:57-3; **1,600 relay:** 1. Churchill (Aoude, Kelly, Raisanen, Kroll), 4:24-2; 2. Plymouth, no time available; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Emily Clairmont, Jenna Szuba, Raisanen, Kroll), 10:20-0; 2. Plymouth, 10:36-0.  
**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAS South Division.

**NORTHVILLE 85 LIVONIA STEVENSON 55 April 21 at Northville**  
**Shot put:** 1. Allison Gudeman (LS), 27 feet, 1.5 inches; 3. Shireen Saah (LS), 26-4.25.  
**Discus:** 1. Becky Holubka (LS), 96-1; 2. Saah (LS), 78-4.  
**Long jump:** 2. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 15-10; 3. Melanie Bauer (LS), 15-8.  
**100-meter hurdles:** 3. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 17-14.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Adamcheck (LS), 46-62.  
**100 dash:** 1. Stephanie Matter (LS), 13-7; 2. Megan DeMarco (LS), 13-81.  
**200:** 2. Erin Erickson (LS), 29-0; 3. Stephanie Batshon (LS), 29-3.

**400:** 3. Gudeman (LS), 1:07-8.  
**800:** 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:31-0; 2. Sarah Opdyke (LS), 2:36-0.  
**1,600:** 1. Calka (LS), 5:22-2; 3. Opdyke (LS), 5:55-0.  
**3,200:** 1. Christina Joss (LS), 14:37-0.  
**1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Claire LeBlanc, Batshon, Adamcheck, Calka), 4:21-0.  
**Stevenson's dual meet record:** 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAS Central Division.

**METRO CONFERENCE TRI-MEET RESULTS April 21 at Lutheran Westland**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Lutheran High Westland 106 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, 29.3; 3. Harper Woods, 6.  
**Shot put:** 1. Becca Refenes (LW), 31 feet, 8.25 inches; 2. Alyssa Shirkey (LW), 25-2; **discus:** 1. Shirkey (LW), 67-4; 2. Refenes (LW), 67-1; **high jump:** 1. Emilee Freeman (LW), 4-6; 2. Rachael Storck (LW), 4-4; **pole vault:** 1. Storck (LW), 5-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Storck (LW), 18-2; 2. Schwartz (LW), 20-05; 3. Amanda Terranella (LW), 20-10; **300 hurdles:** 1. Storck (LW), 54-6; 2. Terranella (LW), 54-7; 3. Jacqui Schwartz (LW), 1:01-0; **100 dash:** 1. Durham (HW), 13-62; 2. Katey Ramthun (LW), 13-76; **200:** 1. Freeman (LW), 29-0; 2. Ramthun (LW), 29-3; **400:** 1. Ramthun (LW), 1:06-0; **800:** 1. Zehel (LW), 2:37-0; Sarah Maynard (LW), 2:55; 3. Brittany Maynard (LW), 3:07-0; **1,600:** 1. Zehel (LW), 5:55-0; 2. S. Maynard (LW), 6:23-0; 3. Lyle (LW), 6:37; **3,200:** 1. Mistra (CK), 15:46-0; **400 relay:** 1. Cranbrook-Kingswood, 59-1; **800 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland, 2:04-0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland, 4:54-0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland, 12:08-0.  
**Lutheran Westland's dual meet record:** 2-0 overall, 2-0 Metro Conference.

**METRO CONFERENCE TRI-MEET RESULTS April 21 at Livonia Clarenceville**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Macomb Lutheran North, 103 points; 2. Livonia Clarenceville, 31; 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 30.  
**Shot put:** 1. Jackson (North), 32 feet, 6 inches; **discus:** 1. Labaza (N'west), 100-9; 2. Paige Davis (C'ville), 77-8; **high jump:** 1. MacCourtney (North), 5-0; **long jump:** 1. Irvin (North), 15-1; 3. Aneta Elliott (C'ville), 13-2; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Irvin (North), 16-86; 3. Stephanie Lozano (C'ville), 19-53; **300 hurdles:** 1. Irvin (North), 52-4; 2. Lozano (C'ville), 57-87; **100 dash:** 1. Irvin (N'west), 13-61; 3. Irvin (North), 15-1; 3. Aneta Elliott (C'ville), 1:06-5; **800:** 1. Stathakis (North), 2:44-4; **1,600:** 1. Plund (North), 5:40-4; **3,200:** 1. Plund (C'ville), 12:37-0; **400 relay:** 1. North, 56-21; 2. Clarenceville, 58-33; **800 relay:** 1. North, 1:59-61; 2. Clarenceville, 2:06-0; **1,600 relay:** 1. North, 4:55-6; 2. Clarenceville, 5:00-88; **3,200 relay:** 1. North, 11:40-0; 2. Clarenceville, 12:07-0.  
**Clarenceville's dual meet record:** 4-1 overall, 1-1 Metro Conference.

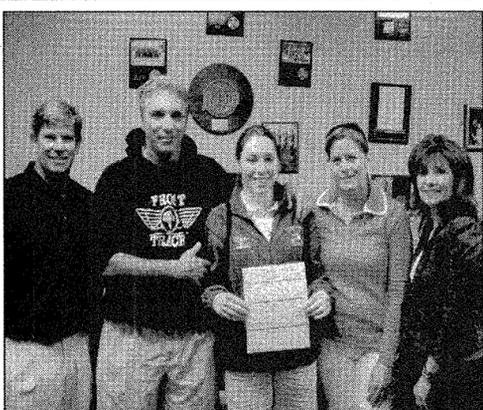
**APRIL SHOWERS RELAYS April 18 at Ypsilanti H.S.**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Grand Blanc, 98 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 65; 3. Livonia Franklin, 64; 4. Romulus, 58; 5. Tecumseh, 48; 6. Saline, 42; 7. Dearborn Divine Child, 35; 8. Ypsilanti, 28; 9. Ann Arbor Huron, 12; 10. Plymouth, 9; 11. South Lyon, 3.5; 12. South Lyon East, 2.5; 13. (tie) Saline B and Willow Run, 0 each.  
**Franklin 1sts:** discus relay (Savannah Haig, Brittany Milcan, Nicole Price), 188 feet, 11 inches; **2nds:** pole vault relay (Emily Quint, Meghan Lark, Allison Gilley, 16-0; shot put relay (Haig, Price, Milcan), 62-0; Megan McPherson, 1,600; 5:16.5 (breaks own school record of 5:23.0 set vs. Churchill in 2009); sprint medley (Kathryn Chinavare, Jen Mueller, Quint, Ashly Butkowsky), 1:55-0; 3,200 relay (Mallory Church, Seneca Scott, Butkowsky, McPherson), 10:17-3; **4ths:** 800 relay (Scott, Butkowsky, Mueller, Chinavare), 1:49-9; **5ths:** Shuttle hurdle relay (Samantha Campbell, Mueller, Quint, Scott), 1:08-6.

**ROYAL OAK SHRINE OPEN April 18 at Shrine**  
**Lutheran Westland 1sts:** Rebecca Refenes, shot put (33 feet, 8 inches); **discus:** (92-1); **2nds:** Jessica Rice, 800-meter run (2:55.9); Rachel Storck, 300 hurdles (18-06); **3rds:** 100 hurdles (18-06); Sarah Maynard, 3,200 (14:03-0); **4ths:** Storck, high jump (4-6); Sarah Maynard, 1,600 (6:20-0); 3,200 (6:20-0); **5ths:** Rebecca Rockrohr, 800 (3:01-8); Brittany Maynard, 3,200 (14:28-0); Jacqui Schwartz, 100 hurdles (19:56); Alyssa Shirkey, discus (72-1).

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Westward bound

Livonia Churchill High's Lexi McFarlane (middle) will play golf next fall at Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College after recently signing an NJCAA letter-of-intent. McFarlane was a four-year letter winner in golf, as well as a letter winner in cross country for the Chargers. She was a two-time All Conference and All-Observer golf selection who earned a top 10 individual regional finish and was a participant in the 2007 Division 1 state team finals with the Chargers. Pictured with McFarlane are (from left) Scottsdale coach Todd Howard, father Bob McFarlane, mother Jackie McFarlane and Scottsdale CC's women's athletic director Darcel Coco.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Stevenson pom tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Stevenson High varsity pom squad will be Monday through Thursday, May 4-7, at the high school fieldhouse. The clinic will run from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, May 4-6, while the actual tryout will be from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 7.

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For tryouts, participants must be on hand no later than 4 p.m. Dress is a plain white T-shirt, navy or black shorts with white Keed-style shoes.

The season will run from June through November. It also includes practices from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. All participants must attend a camp from July 19-22 at Northwood University in Midland.

Under MHSAA rules, all those interested in trying out

must have a current physical. If you are a current eighth-grader, you must provide a copy of your physical exam form from the middle school dated on or after April 15, 2008. If you do not have a current physical exam form, contact your doctor immediately or Dr. George M. Nicoloff, M.D., out of Novi, for a \$15 fee. (That office number is 248-615-3564.)

For more information, call Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at (734) 744-2894; or e-mail lhyman@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Learn to Play Golf

The Fox Hills Learning Center in Plymouth will hold three sessions of its Get Golf Ready in 5 Days program - May 11-15, June 8-12 and July 13-17 - for \$149 per person.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Thursday, April 23**  
 South Lyon at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 24**  
 Churchill at Salem (2), 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Novi (2), 4 p.m.  
 Canton at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at S. Lyon (2), 4 p.m.  
 Wayne at S.L. East (2), 4 p.m.  
 Luth. North at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 25**  
 (all double-headers unless noted)  
 Renaissance at Clarenceville 10 a.m.  
 Det. Western at John Glenn, 11 a.m.  
 Wayne at Trenton, 11 a.m.  
 Annapolis vs. Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.  
 Stevenson at W.L. Central, noon.

**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Thursday, April 23**  
 South Lyon at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.  
 Regina at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 24**  
 Churchill at Salem (2), 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Novi (2), 4 p.m.  
 Canton at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at S. Lyon (2), 4 p.m.  
 Wayne at S.L. East (2), 4 p.m.  
 Ladywood at Mercy (2), 4 p.m.  
 Luth. North at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 25**  
 (all double-headers)  
 Renaissance at Clarenceville, 10 a.m.  
 Parkway at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Thursday, April 23**  
 Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 Mercy at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, April 24**  
 Hartland at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.  
 Luth. North at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.  
 Dearborn at Churchill, 5 p.m.  
 Crestwood at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Garden City, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, April 25**  
 Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 12:30 p.m.

**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
**Thursday, April 23**  
 Liv. Boys City Meet at Stevenson, 4:30 p.m.  
 Public Schools of Livonia Inv. Girls Meet at Franklin, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 24**  
 Raider Relays at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 25**  
 Charger Inv. at Crestwood, 9 a.m.  
 W. Bloomfield Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
 Shumake Relays at Renaissance, TBA.

**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Thursday, April 23**  
 Cabrini at Ladywood, 4 p.m.  
 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Novi, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. Clarenceville at Livonia's Rotary Park, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, April 24**  
 Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 25**  
 Monroe Invitational, 8 a.m.  
 Howell Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

**BOYS GOLF**  
**Thursday, April 23**  
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 3:30 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. Churchill at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.  
**Friday, April 24**  
 Churchill vs. Wayne at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.  
 Franklin vs. Canton at Ioyl Wyld, 3 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.  
 Franklin vs. Plymouth at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 25**  
 Mason Invitational, 9 a.m.

**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
**Friday, April 24**  
 Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 25**  
 Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
 (all double-headers)  
**Thursday, April 23**  
 Siena Heights at Madonna, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, April 24**  
 Cornerstone at Madonna, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 25**  
 Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL

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ing tailback Aisha Brown, who was out with a knee injury. Danielle Paulozzi was also making her first start in the backfield.

Starting linebackers Catherine Moss and Yolanda Riggs were also out with injuries suffered in the opener against the Wisconsin Warriors, while rookie defensive end Shavone Redd hurt her groin during the opening kickoff at Pittsburgh and did not return.

"I try to make few excuses - they (the Passion) just played well and we didn't," Demolition coach Tony Blankenship said. "And to compound those three factors

- they're good football team, we were away from home, and haven't been in that kind of atmosphere. We were not able to do it on defensive side of ball. We couldn't move it or run it. We were able to throw it, but there was no consistency. And we didn't do a good job of coaching."

The Demolition hopes to get Brown and Riggs back in the lineup for this week.

"We're still a young team with more players that are still learning their positions and how to play the game," Blankenship said. "So the coaching staff has to come back and keep teaching the players how to maximize their performances at their position and have an effective game plan."

"We wanted to be safe with Aisha. But not having her explosiveness and speed was missed. If we can get healthy, we'll be a

good football team. We'll keep our fingers crossed. I feel good about this group and we still have a chance to be good football team."

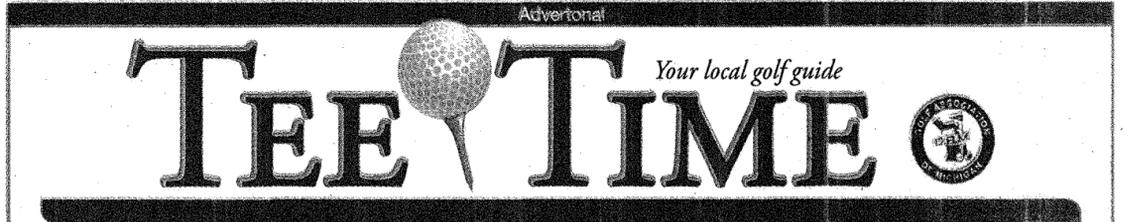
The Divas, 1-0, are coming off a 33-0 win in Week One against the Baltimore (Md.) Nighthawks.

"The Divas are another great team," Blankenship said. "But we are always tough at home and we have never been beaten at home in our history, or twice in a row. So we'll come out to play and to win."

Special early purchase and group rates are available for Demolition home games. Tickets at the gate are \$9 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.

For more information, call (313) 299-1277; or visit [www.demolitionfootball.org](http://www.demolitionfootball.org).

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Marking and lifting a ball

By Jeanne Myers

Marking a golf ball seems to be a simple thing, but most of us haven't spent much time reading the rules dealing with marking. For example, most golfers believe that they have to mark the ball on a cart path before they lift it to take relief, but that is not the case. Rule 20-1 says you only need to mark a ball before lifting it if you are going to have to put it back (replace it). That would be the case on the putting green, or if someone asks you to lift your ball because it interferes with his or her shot. But when you are taking relief from a cart path, you are not going to have to replace the ball on the path - you are going to drop it somewhere else. Therefore, you do not have to mark it. You can, but it is not necessary. This is also true if you are taking relief from any other immovable obstruction, or abnormal ground conditions such as casual water, ground under repair, or a hole made by a burrowing animal.

A ball may be lifted by the player, his or her partner or another person authorized by the player (such as the player's caddie). Just as a side note here, it may be replaced by the player, his or her partner or the person who lifted it. So you can see that if a caddie lifts the ball, the player may replace it. But if the player lifts the ball, the caddie may not replace it. If a fellow competitor lifts your ball without your authority during a stroke play, there is still no penalty and the ball gets replaced. However, in

match play, if your opponent lifts your ball without your authority, he gets a one-stroke penalty.

When marking a ball on the green, the marker may be placed behind, to the side of or in front of the ball as long as nothing is done (i.e. pressing down a tuft of grass) to influence the movement of the ball when played. There are lots of ways to mark a ball, many of them not recommended, but they are permissible. You may place the toe of a club at the side of or behind a ball. You may use a tee or a handy loose impediment (make sure it won't blow away). You may not just point out a blemish near your ball and use that as a mark - you must physically mark the position of the ball.

Is there a "correct" way to move a ball-marker to the side because it interferes with someone else's putt?

You may measure from the side of the ball or from the ball-marker, as long as you reverse the exact same process to get the ball back on the spot from which it was lifted.

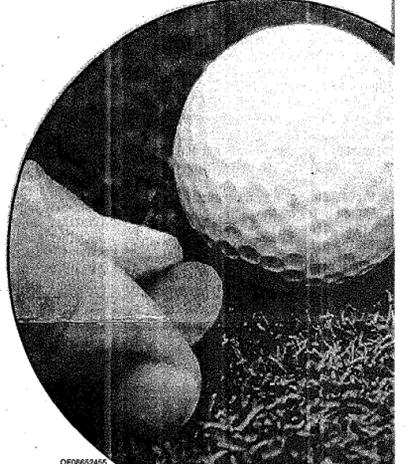
What happens if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved in this marking/lifting process?

There is no penalty provided the movement of the ball or marker is directly attributable to the specific act of marking/lifting. That means if you nudge the ball forward as you are marking, you do not have a problem. But, if you are walking up to mark your

ball and drop your putter on the ball, that will be a penalty of one stroke, and the ball must be replaced.

One point to remember: once you mark and lift your ball from the putting green it is no longer the "ball in play" - it has become part of your equipment. Once you replace it on the spot from which you lifted it, it is again the ball in play - even if you leave your marker in place. Therefore, if the wind blows it somewhere else, you must play it from its new location!

Jeanne Myers is currently an Assistant Tournament Director for the Golf Association of Michigan and also served as the Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee and is a Past President of the GAM.



Blazers 3-0 at Pinckney Tourney

Livonia Ladywood is off to an impressive start to the 2009 girls softball season.

The Blazers captured the Pinckney Tournament over the weekend with a 5-0 victory over the host Pirates in the championship final as freshman Briana Combs threw a two-hit, complete game while striking out 13.

Julie Bushart, Jennifer Kelley and Gina Sykes each collected two hits for the

Blazers, now 3-0 overall. One of Bushart's hits was a tape-measure homer.

In tourney opener, Cara Miller clubbed a 3-run homer and Combs threw a one-hitter while striking out 14 as the Blazers turned back Dexter, 3-0.

In the second game, Courtney LaValley, Alyssa Gietl and Sara Stempin each had two hits in Ladywood's 9-4 triumph over Allen Park.

Madonna golfers runner-up

The Madonna University men's golf team improved 16 strokes from its first-day total to fire a 369 and place second Saturday at the Bill Gettig Invitational hosted at the Zollner Golf Course and Trine University (Ind.).

Junior Kyle Lawrey (Grand Blanc) finished second, carding a second-day round of 71, three strokes less than on Friday for a total of 145.

Sophomore Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin) improved

eight strokes from day one, carding a 71 to tie Lawrey for the low round of the day. Brett Quitquitt (Highland) turned in a 72 (148) while Matt Robinson (Livonia Churchill) shot a 77 (156) and Westland's Steve South (Franklin) carded a 78 (155) to round out the scoring for MU.

The Crusaders improved four spots from day one, finishing just three strokes behind Huntington College of Indiana (751) for top honors.

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# All-Observer swimmers compete in the fast lane

**FIRST TEAM**  
**Chris Behler, Sr., Livonia Stevenson:** Behler saved his best for last, earning All-State honors as part of the Spartans' 200- and 400-yard relay contingents. Behler will take his pool talents to Wayne State University in the fall.

"Chris was one of our surprise seniors who came on real strong at the end of the season," said Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker. "His quality training during the season paid off for him with all his accomplishments."

**Aaron Marecki, Jr., Stevenson:** The junior reduced his times significantly from his sophomore season and earned All-State accolades in four events: the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay.

"People now know the name Aaron Marecki," said Shoemaker. "He will be team captain next year and I know he will lead this team with confidence."

**Michael Cruce, Sr., Stevenson:** The senior captain proved to be an outstanding leader, both in the pool and out. An All-State performer, he will swim for Grand Valley State University in the fall.

"Mike overcame huge adversity just to be able to swim for us this year," said Shoemaker. "He is an excellent leader."

**Matt Collingwood, Soph., Salem:** The 10th-grader qualified for the Division I state meet in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events this past season. He earned a spot on the KLA A All-Conference squad and has earned the team's "Most Improved Swimmer" award each of the past two seasons.

"Matt shows no significant backing off now that he has achieved success at the state level," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "His improvement is reflected in the fact that he qualified for three individual events and two relays."

**Adam Seroka, Soph., Salem:** Seroka has joined forces with Collingwood to give the Rocks one of the top young one-two punches in area swimming circles. He stroked his way to All-State honors in the 200 individual medley and 500 free and was voted to serve as a captain next season.

"Adam proved to be one of the elite freshmen in 2008 and 2009 proved to be even better with All-State efforts in two events," said Olson. "He's on the national level with All-American consideration. It will be what Adam can accomplish in the 200 IM the next two years."

**Jeff Kinsvater, Sr., Stevenson:** After barely missing state-qualifying point totals the past two seasons, Kinsvater not only qualified this season, he scored at the D1 meet.

"Jeff is surely going to be missed next year," said Shoemaker. "Chris and his coach, Matt Breen, were able to put our diving program on the mat."

**Jereme Pesta, Sr., Stevenson:** Pesta was instrumental in the Spartans' spectacular season, turning in All-State performances in three events. The future Eastern Michigan University swimmer was a member of Stevenson's All-American 200 medley relay foursome.

"Jereme came through in a big way for us this year," said Shoemaker. "Jereme has accomplished all these honors in just three years. I'm sure he will accomplish much more at Eastern in the coming years."

**Victor Zhang, Fr., Canton:** The freshman burst on the high school swimming scene in grand fashion, earning All-State honors in two events. The Chiefs' talented ninth-grader placed fifth at the D1 state meet in the 200 individual medley (1:57.56) and eighth in the 100 backstroke (55.60).

## 2008-09 All-Observer Boys Swimming Team

### FIRST TEAM

**50-yard freestyle:** Chris Behler, Sr., Livonia Stevenson  
**100 freestyle:** Aaron Marecki, Jr., Stevenson  
**200 freestyle:** Michael Cruce, Sr., Stevenson  
**500 freestyle:** Matt Collingwood, Soph., Salem  
**200 individual medley:** Adam Seroka, Soph., Salem  
**1-meter diving:** Jeff Kinsvater, Sr., Stevenson  
**100 butterfly:** Jereme Pesta, Sr., Stevenson  
**100 backstroke:** Victor Zhang, Fr., Canton  
**100 breaststroke:** Joey Wingett, Sr., Stevenson  
**200 medley relay:** Stevenson (Kellen Schoff, Wingett, Pesta, Ryan Scott)  
**200 freestyle relay:** Stevenson (Behler, Pesta, Cruce, Marecki)  
**400 freestyle relay:** Stevenson (Behler, Schoff, Scott, Marecki)

### SECOND TEAM

**50 freestyle:** Andrew Rice, Sr., Garden City  
**100 freestyle:** Ryan Scott, Sr., Stevenson  
**200 freestyle:** Richard Zhang, Sr., Canton  
**500 freestyle:** Daniel Schoff, Jr., Stevenson  
**200 individual medley:** Charles Turlo, Sr., Stevenson  
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**400 freestyle relay:** Salem (Santer, Collingwood, Mills, Seroka)  
**Coach of the Year:** Jeff Shoemaker, Stevenson

**Joey Wingett, Sr., Stevenson:** Wingett was not only a stellar captain, but he thrived in the water as well earning All-American laurels as a member of the Spartans' 200 medley relay contingent and All-State recognition in the 100 breaststroke.

"Joey was an awesome motivational leader this year," said Shoemaker. "I could use a captain like Joey every year. He is a true competitor and a pleasure to work with. I look forward to seeing him swim at Grand Valley State in the future."

**Stevenson's 200-yard medley relay team (Kellen Schoff, Wingett, Pesta and Ryan Scott):** The Spartans' extraordinary foursome earned All-American honors and a fourth-place showing at the D1 state meet and set a school record of 1:36.01.

"This relay team was automatic All-American," said Shoemaker. "Stevenson's 200 freestyle relay team (Behler, Pesta, Cruce and Marecki): This talented quartet of swimmers capped an outstanding season by placing fourth at the D1 state meet with a clocking of 1:27.62."

**Stevenson's 400 freestyle relay team (Behler, Schoff, Scott and Marecki):** This relay team proved to be a fearless foursome as it went undefeated in dual meets before placing third at the D1 state meet with a time of 3:12.85.

### SECOND TEAM

**Andrew Rice, Sr., Garden City:** Rice enjoyed a stellar senior season, excelling in the 50-yard freestyle, the 100 butterfly and the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays. He qualified for the Division 2 state meet in the 50 free with a school-record time of 22.96 seconds in a dual meet against Wyandotte. The four-year varsity performer — two years at Redford Thurston and two at Garden City — also qualified for the state meet in the 100 fly.

"Andy's determination to qualify for the state meet was like an infectious disease and an inspiration to the whole team," said Garden City coach Julie Johnston. "So much so that we had four other events that the team was close as far as state-qualifying times. The entire team worked hard for their accomplishments this season and Andy was the inspiration for it all."

**Ryan Scott, Sr., Stevenson:** The

future Wayne State University pre-med student was a versatile member of the Spartans' deep and talented squad, earning All-American status as a member of the 200 medley relay squad and All-State honors for his efforts in the 200 freestyle relay.

"Ryan was a very pivotal member of this year's state team," said Shoemaker. "He really came through for us this year. Without his contributions, we would have fallen much lower than fifth place at the state meet. He is a prime example of the type of athlete we try to develop at Stevenson."

**Richard Zhang, Sr., Canton:** Zhang was an invaluable member of the Chiefs' team this past winter, excelling in the freestyle events. The future University of Michigan student qualified for the state meet in two events.

**Daniel Schoff, Jr., Stevenson:** The junior, who qualified for the state meet in the 500 freestyle this past winter, will be the Spartans' top returning distance swimmer next fall.

"Daniel had a breakthrough season," said Shoemaker. "He will definitely be needed in order for this team to have the success we had this year. I look forward to watching him hit his senior season."

**Charles Turlo, Sr., Stevenson:** The senior peaked his final season in high school and opened a lot of eyes with his performances in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke. Turlo future plans include majoring in medicine at Wayne State University.

"Charles is a very hard trainer and he surprised us all with his state-qualifying times in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke," said Shoemaker. "He could swim any event and was often asked to swim other events in order for the team to succeed."

**Travis Holt, Sr., Livonia Churchill:** The senior was one of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's elite divers, placing fifth at the conference championship meet with a score of 330.05.

**Noah Santer, Fr., Salem:** The future is bright for this Rock ninth-grader, who qualified for the D1 state meet in two events: the 100 butterfly, (37th place) and the 500 freestyle (44th). He earned All-KLAA honors and was voted as the team's most-improved freshman.

"Noah was a great addition to our team this season," said Olson. "He is an excellent trainer and competitor. Whatever event the team needed him to swim, he was always ready. Noah is also an outstanding student with a 4.0 grade point average."

**Bryan Bielecki, Jr., Stevenson:** The junior played a pivotal role in the Spartans winning the inaugural KLA A Conference championship as he placed fifth in the 200 IM (2:05.29) and sixth in the 100 backstroke (57.40).

**Dan Stoscup, Sr., Plymouth:** Stoscup capped a sensational high school swimming career by qualifying for the D1 state meet in the 100 breaststroke, where he placed 34th with a time of 1:02.99.

**200 medley relay:** Canton (Jay Jin, Ryan Boes, Richard Zhang, Patrick Jenner): This Chiefs' foursome clicked all season, especially late when they placed fifth at the inaugural KLA A Conference championship meet.

**200 freestyle relay:** Salem (Santer, Collingwood, Max Mills, Seroka): This foursome placed fourth at the KLA A Conference meet and earned an All-KLAA nod.

"Generally, the four swimmers on your 200 free relay team are juniors and seniors," said Olson. "Rarely do you find three sophomores and a freshman competing at the state meet, which gave them great experience for the future."

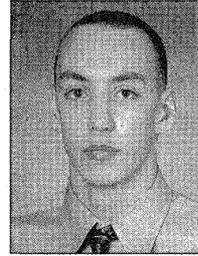
**400 freestyle relay:** Salem (Santer, Collingwood, Mills, Seroka): The group of underclassmen are a threat to do serious damage at the conference and state meets in the coming years after finishing 24th at this year's state meet and fourth at the KLA A meet.

"These four young men are going to make a lot of noise in the state the next several years," said Olson. "They push each other to do their best in practices and meets. They are all very good students as well."

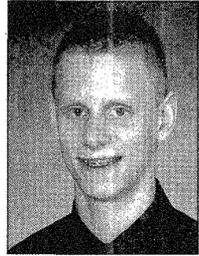
**Coach of the Year: Jeff Shoemaker, Stevenson:** In his seventh season as head coach, the highly acclaimed Shoemaker led the Spartans to a fifth-place showing at the Division I state meet and to a championship effort at the inaugural KLA A Conference meet.

"I was very happy with the team this year," Shoemaker said. "They all trained extremely hard and deserve all of their accomplishments. We ended up fifth in the state and just 4.5 points away from fourth."

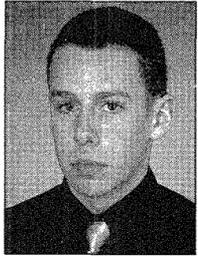
"We lost about half our team to graduation and there are plenty of shoes to fill. I am looking forward to next year and filling all these shoes and starting with some new faces."



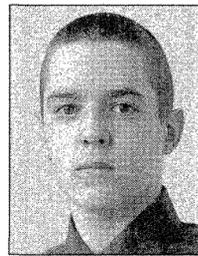
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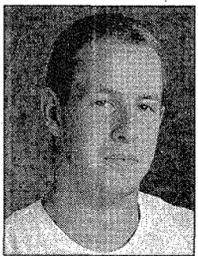
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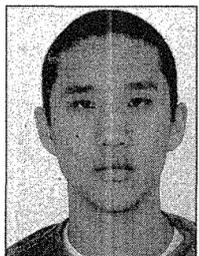
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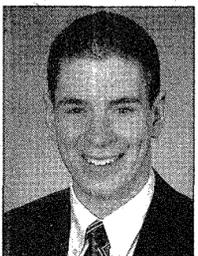
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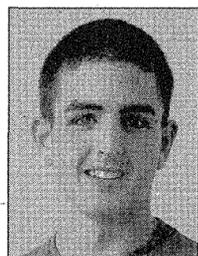
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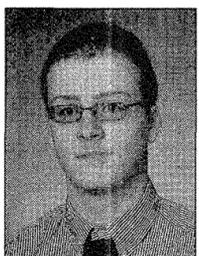
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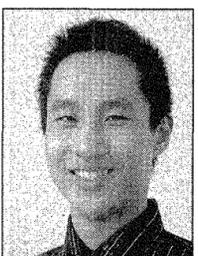
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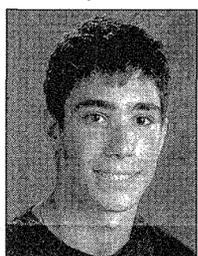
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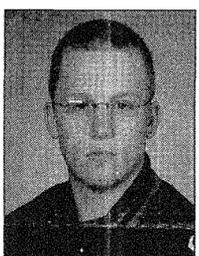
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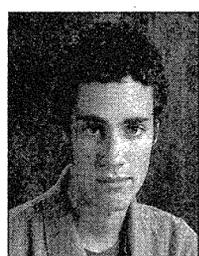
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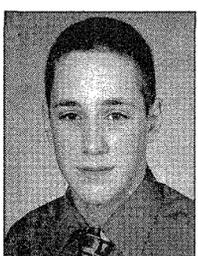
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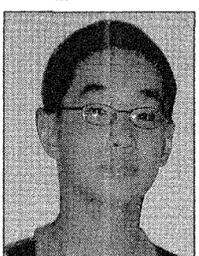
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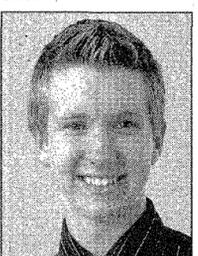
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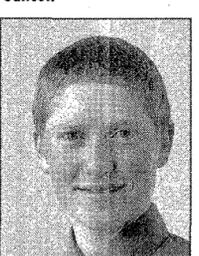
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### FINAL OBSERVER BOYS SWIM LISTINGS

**200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY**  
 Livonia Stevenson 1:36.01  
 Canton 1:45.32  
 Plymouth 1:47.00  
 Salem 1:47.31  
 Redford Union 1:50.46  
 Redford Thurston 1:51.79

**200 FREESTYLE**  
 Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 1:46.78  
 Matt Collingwood (Salem) 1:47.17  
 Victor Zhang (Canton) 1:47.76  
 Adam Seroka (Salem) 1:48.46  
 Richard Zhang (Canton) 1:48.82  
 Aaron Marecki (Stevenson) 1:49.19  
 Jason Oldani (Plymouth) 1:50.97  
 Kellen Schoff (Stevenson) 1:51.47  
 Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 1:52.32  
 Chris Buhler (Stevenson) 1:52.37

**200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**  
 Adam Seroka (Salem) 1:54.97  
 Victor Zhang (Canton) 1:57.46  
 Kellen Schoff (Stevenson) 1:58.19  
 Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 2:03.46  
 Bryan Bielecki (Stevenson) 2:05.06  
 Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 2:06.84  
 Jay Jin (Canton) 2:07.82  
 Matt Collingwood (Salem) 2:11.43  
 Dan Stoscup (Plymouth) 2:11.61  
 Jake McNamara (Stevenson) 2:13.20

**50 FREESTYLE**  
 Aaron Marecki (Stevenson) 21.76  
 Jereme Pesta (Stevenson) 21.97  
 Chris Buhler (Stevenson) 21.99  
 Ryan Scott (Stevenson) 22.51  
 Richard Zhang (Canton) 22.64  
 Andrew Rice (Garden City) 22.96  
 Adam Dabkowski (Stevenson) 22.98  
 Matt Collingwood (Salem) 23.03  
 Victor Zhang (Canton) 23.27

Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 23.26

**1-METER DIVING**  
 Jeff Kinsvater (Stevenson) 345.35  
 Travis Holt (Churchill) 330.05  
 Matt Figlewicz (Canton) 305.00  
 Kyle Peltier (RU) 304.60  
 Andrew Richards (Churchill) 301.00  
 Cody Roe (John Glenn) 297.00  
 Kyle Wilkinson (Plymouth) 290.65  
 Jack Beaudoin (Stevenson) 253.35  
 John McNally (Garden City) 251.55  
 Joe Rudelic (Salem) 250.35  
 Ryan Kilgore (Canton) 244.20

**100 BUTTERFLY**  
 Jereme Pesta (Stevenson) 51.92  
 Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 53.88  
 Victor Zhang (Canton) 54.62  
 Andrew Rice (Garden City) 55.72  
 Noah Santer (Salem) 55.63  
 Adam Seroka (Salem) 56.67  
 Adam Dabkowski (Stevenson) 56.69  
 Richard Zhang (Canton) 57.06  
 Kellen Schoff (Stevenson) 57.36  
 Scott Ansteth (Franklin) 57.28

**100 FREESTYLE**  
 Aaron Marecki (Stevenson) 47.73  
 Chris Buhler (Stevenson) 48.31  
 Adam Seroka (Salem) 49.48  
 Ryan Scott (Stevenson) 49.50  
 Andrew Rice (Garden City) 49.66  
 Richard Zhang (Canton) 49.91  
 Matt Collingwood (Salem) 49.93  
 Kellen Schoff (Stevenson) 50.11  
 Mohamed Ghotiemi (Stevenson) 50.83  
 Brandon Bielecki (Stevenson) 51.26

**500 FREESTYLE**  
 Adam Seroka (Salem) 4:41.01  
 Matt Collingwood (Salem) 4:49.00  
 Daniel Schoff (Stevenson) 4:53.73  
 Max Mills (Salem) 4:57.96  
 Joey Wingett (Stevenson) 4:58.66

Victor Zhang (Canton) 5:00.11  
 Noah Santer (Salem) 5:00.29  
 Adam LaPorte (Stevenson) 5:07.57  
 Jay Jin (Canton) 5:07.79  
 Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 5:11.77  
 Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 5:12.00

**200 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
 Livonia Stevenson 1:27.13  
 Salem 1:32.51  
 Canton 1:32.80  
 Plymouth 1:34.13  
 Livonia Franklin 1:36.87

**100 BACKSTROKE**  
 Kellen Schoff (Stevenson) 54.32  
 Victor Zhang (Canton) 54.45  
 Adam Seroka (Salem) 55.06  
 Bryan Bielecki (Stevenson) 56.36  
 Jay Jin (Canton) 58.37  
 Jimmy Vayis (Stevenson) 59.50  
 Jeremy Wellman (Salem) 59.59  
 Mohamed Ghotiemi (Stevenson) 1:00.33  
 Alex Suriano (Salem) 1:00.66  
 Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 1:01.17

**100 BREASTSTROKE**  
 Joey Wingett (Stevenson) 1:00.16  
 Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 1:02.74  
 Victor Zhang (Canton) 1:02.93  
 Dan Stoscup (Plymouth) 1:02.99  
 Eric Schuman (Stevenson) 1:03.82  
 Brandon Larkins (Franklin) 1:04.60  
 Adam Seroka (Salem) 1:04.66  
 John Webster (RU) 1:05.65  
 John Loria (Stevenson) 1:05.77  
 David Bladecik (Stevenson) 1:06.32  
 Kellen Schoff (Stevenson) 1:07.00

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
 Livonia Stevenson 3:12.43  
 Canton 3:22.09  
 Salem 3:23.44  
 Plymouth 3:32.17  
 Garden City 3:33.06

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## NEWSMAKERS

### Contest winners

Garden City sixth-grader Brooke Buchanan and Westland first-grader Erin O'Hara have won prizes in the Michigan Dental Association's coloring contest.

The contest was held in honor of National Children's Dental Month in February. More than 2,840 entries were received.

Brooke placed first in the sixth-grade category. She will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a gift bag filled with art supplies and other fun items. Erin placed second in the first-grade category. She will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and the gift bag filled with art supplies and other fun things.

Their work will be displayed at the MDA's annual session in Lansing this month and on the MDA's Web site at www.smilemichigan.com.

This is the 16th annual statewide coloring contest sponsored by the MDA and the Michigan Dental Foundation. The contest is open to children in kindergarten through the sixth-grade.

### Free planner

People who recently lost their jobs can visit the FranklinCovey Products store in Laurel Park Place Mall, Six Mile at Newburgh, Livonia, Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, to receive a free 2009 Franklin Planner and binder. All they need to do is provide the name of their

last employer and supervisor and the date they were laid off. Availability is on select January 2009 planners while supplies last.

Getting organized for a job search can ultimately save much time and frustration. Having one place to track all information, contacts, appointments, job leads and interview notes can make a job search less stressful and more productive.

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## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Open for Business

There's a grocer in town with the opening of the Family Fresh Market at 31210 W. Warren Road, east of Merriman, in Westland. It's a specialty market emphasizing meat, deli and produce. It's open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Stop by to say Hi or shop. For more information, call (734) 466-2000 or go online to www.familyfreshmarket.net.

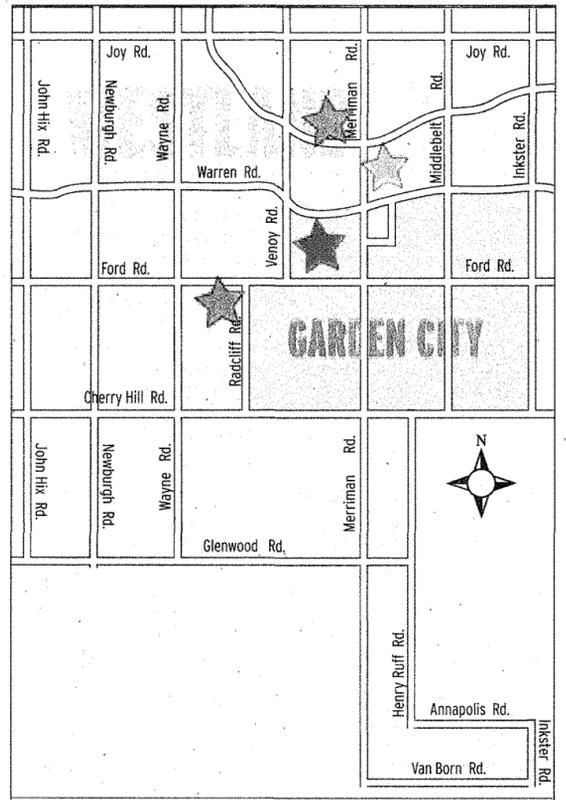
The Training Place dog training center is now open at 31981 Block, just north of Ford between Hubbard and Merriman, in the Garden Block Tech Center Complex. The center offers all levels of obedience training for puppies through adults, beginning to advanced, household and competitive. It also offers agility classes at all levels, canine good citizen and therapy dog classes, AKC STAR puppy classes, rally obedience classes, conformation classes and more. Group classes, private coaching, behavior modification and problem solving also are available. For more information, call (810) 955-4148 or go online to www.trainingplace.net.

#### Honoring Mom

Time is running out to submit a one-page maximum hand written essay about what makes your mom so special in a contest sponsored by the Texas Roadhouse in Westland. The contest is for kids ages 5-12 and when a child brings in their letter they will receive a free kid's meal voucher for their next visit just for their efforts. The deadline is Friday, May 1. The winner will get to take his or her family out to dinner to celebrate Mother's Day at Texas Roadhouse (up to \$60 value, tax and gratuity excluded). They also will receive a gift basket with a \$20 gift certificate to Biggby Coffee and a one-hour massage at Pure Massage. The letters will be posted throughout the restaurant. Five finalists will be selected, with Mayor William Wild picking the winning essay. Texas Roadhouse is at 36750 Ford, west of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4570.

#### Sweet Treat

Mark your calendars: 31-Cent Scoop Night is back at Baskin-Robbins! America's favorite neighborhood ice cream shop is sweetening the spring season by hosting its third annual



31 Cent Scoop Night celebration 5-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at all Baskin-Robbins locations nationwide, including three Westland locations at 34417 Ford, 8280 N. Merriman and 29365 Ann Arbor Trail. During the event, the iconic ice cream brand will thank its loyal customers by reducing the price of all 2.5 oz. ice cream scoops to just 31 cents. As part of event, Baskin-Robbins will make a \$100,000 donation to the National Volunteer Fire Council's National Junior Firefighter Program. For more information about 31 Cent Scoop Night go to the Facebook event page or visit www.baskinrobbins.com.

#### Spring sale

Spring is here and so is Materials Unlimited's Spring Garden Sale. Now through May 9, you can receive 25 percent off the entire inventory. This sale focuses on unique garden accents, including architectural elements, antique and new cast stone and a new line of garden ornaments. Materials

Unlimited paired up with local artist and blacksmith Ron Bishop to create one-of-a-kind garden ornaments. These decorative markers are made from salvaged antique parts combined with hand-forged iron posts. They range from \$35 to \$125 and are a must see for the creative gardener or landscaper. Materials Unlimited is at 2 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. For more information, call (800) 299-9462 or on the web at www.MaterialsUnlimited.com.

#### Open House

Barson's Greenhouse is holding an open house Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26. Located at 6414 Merriman, between Ford and Warren Road, Barson's features annuals, perennials, vegetables, plants, hanging baskets, top soil and peat. It's also the go-to place for ponds. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. You'll find more information on the Web site at www.barsons.com or call (734) 421-5959.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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**Trinity food pantry**  
Deadline is April 23, for the Trinity Church Food Pantry on Saturday, April 25. Trinity Food Pantry for April. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 on Monday, April 20 to Thursday, April 23. Trinity Church is at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, Plymouth.

There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. We also accept donations of non-perishable items for the cupboard, we have received supplies from the Boy Scouts as well as our congregation. If there's a more appropriate column to place this information, that would be fine, we just want to spread the word of the help that's available. Thank you.

**Open house**  
And Science Fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton. Call (734) 459-2490.

**Rummage sale**  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 23-24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Joseph Church, 16101 Rotunda, between Southfield and Greenfield, Dearborn. For details, call (313) 336-3227.

**Apologetics for beginners**  
The Mass: Christ's Once for All Sacrifice is the topic as nationally-acclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta, continues his series "Sharing Made Simple: Apologetics for Beginners" 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish school, at 11441 Hubbard and Plymouth Rd., between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext 200, or see www.livoniaastmichael.org. Michuta's presentation focuses on the reasons that Catholics believe Christ is truly and wholly present in the Eucharist and how that sacrifice figures into the point and purpose of the Catholic Mass.

**Help available**  
A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable

items also accepted for the cupboard.

**Rummage sale**  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, between Five Mile and Six Mile, Livonia.

**Spring rummage sale**  
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. A \$2 bag sale is on Saturday.

**Mom to mom sale**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

**Shared Hope presentation**  
Shared Hope International is a leaders in a worldwide effort to prevent and eradicate sex trafficking and slavery through education and public awareness. The organization rescues and restores women and children in crisis. Every year between 100,000 and 300,000 American children are sold into the sex trade in this country. The average age a girl is trafficked is 12. This eye-opening presentation takes place 4-5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan Rd., Wayne, 48184, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Pre-registration appreciated but not required. Visit www.christoursavior.org and click on the events page to register. To learn about sex trafficking, visit www.sharedhope.org.

**Landscape project**  
Trinity Church of Livonia is holding a Native Landscape informational meeting 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, in the church library at 34500 Six Mile, next to Stevenson High School, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. The meeting is to discuss native landscape plans for the church property. They have been working with the City of Livonia and the Friends of the Rouge at ways to be good stewards. Goals include reducing air and water pollution, embracing a sustainable aesthetic, and building community. All are welcome. A planting day is scheduled for May 16. The church is also hosting a site at a Livonia Park for the Rouge Rescue set for June 6. Call (734) 425-2800.

**Clothing bank**  
Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive. The bank continues in April. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

**Rummage sale**  
Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, admission \$2 per adult. Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2, admission free. Saturday everything half price.

**Christian golf league**  
Senior golfers (male or female) are needed for the Christian Fellowship Golf League which plays 9 holes at Idyl Wyld golf course 9 a.m. Wednesdays beginning May 6. For information, call Ed at (734) 591-3067. The league is sponsored by the Anglican Church of Livonia.

**Families in action workshops**  
The National Association for Mental Illnesses 10-week educational program continues at St. Regis Parish School Campus in Bloomfield Hills. The program is for people with a loved one diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The workshop meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays or Thursdays through April 30. \$20 per person; \$30 per couple. Families In Action is funded in large part by the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation and the Oakwood Heritage Hospital Auxiliary. Call (248) 348-7197 to register.

**Michigan Treasure Hunters**  
Meet 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. To contact the club write Michigan Treasure Hunters, P.O. Box 510237, Livonia, MI 48151-6237.

UPCOMING

**Men's spring retreat**  
Hosted by Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter of Anglican Church of Livonia Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, at the Retreat Center at St. John's, 33045 Five Mile, Plymouth. Friday schedule runs from 4:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. and features Bible study, evening lesson and fellowship. Saturday activities take place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a morning and afternoon lesson, Bible study and fellowship, and Eucharist at close. Cost is \$70 and includes Friday night dinner, overnight stay, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, \$30 for commuters. For information, call (248) 476-9214, (734) 432-0201, or (734) 591-3067.

**Celebrating families**  
Building Blocks for Society will be held May 2-3, after all masses in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. There will be Lego display, a supervised Lego play area for children, refreshments, and a short movie for adults. The church will also be hosting the Catholic Book Store. Times are after 5 p.m. mass Saturday, May 2, and after 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. masses Sunday, May 3. For more information,

call (734) 425-5950. Students and their families are invited to bring their own Lego creations for others to view before Mass between 4-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, to the St. Aidan display table in Bixman Hall.

**Spring Fling**  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church and their Special Needs Ministry Team invite everyone with special needs to a Spring Fling Dance 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The event is designed for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities, other special needs, and caretakers. Come and enjoy an evening of music, fun, and friendship. Snacks and beverages served. Space limited, reservations required. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail elc-ed@around-detroit.biz no later than Friday, May 8.

**Music at St. John's**  
The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7). Call (734) 453-0190.

**Garage sale**  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 21-23, at 36019 Middleboro, Livonia. Proceeds go to help the Anglican Church of Livonia purchase a new church building. Services are presently held at the Livonia Family Y. For more information, call (734) 591-3067.

**Crocodile dock**  
Down by the water Vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 15-19 for fun, friendship and food, at St. Aidan Catholic Church on Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 per participant (family discount available), Music CD available last day for \$10. VBS Mass 9:30 a.m. Sunday June 21. For more information or to volunteer, call Jackie at (734) 425-9333.

**Classic car show**  
8th annual show for classic cars with all profits going to Angela Hospice 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, north of Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (248) 380-8078 (evenings please), or visit www.livoniachurch.net.

ONGOING

**All-you-can-eat pancakes**  
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard. Expanded menu features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns and assorted beverages served buffet-style, \$5, adults; \$3, children 4-11; free, under 3; \$15, family (two adults and all children). Everyone welcome.

**Healing ministry**  
7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660.

**Registration opens**  
St. Mary School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne, recognized as a School of Distinction, is now accepting registrations for the 2009-10 school year for grades Kindergarten through 8. Call (734) 721-1240.

**New worship schedule**  
Sunday worship at 8 a.m., Faith Forum at 9 a.m., worship and Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

**Time change**  
Worship is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Learning hour is at 8:15 a.m. for all ages. Visit www.livonfaith.org.

**Church moves**  
Westwood Community Church has moved to 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Service time is 10-11:15 a.m. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts every Sunday. Children's church.

**Midweek spiritual enrichment**  
Two opportunities for spiritual enrichment are available at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, each week on Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays is a study/discussion group focused on understanding our relationship with God and that of other religions and the many philosophical and scientific issues that might impact our faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. Call (313) 274-3820 for additional information on opportunities.

**Special needs Bible class**  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567

Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

**Church schedule**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School followed by 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion each Sunday, Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

**Caregiver's support group**  
St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

**Sunday night lights**  
Riverside Park Church of God presents the non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music within a casual atmosphere.

**Rush hour concert series**  
Continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

**Worship**  
Sundays 8 a.m. worship; 9 a.m. Adult Faith Forum, 10 a.m. worship service, Sunday School and Nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

**Sunday school**  
Takes place at 9:30 a.m. with worship service and communion at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (734) 427-3660.

**Hall rental**  
Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

**Parkinson Support**  
Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-7722.

**New worship schedule**  
Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

**Bible study**  
St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

**Wednesday activities**  
Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

**Thursday fellowship dinner**  
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Eucharistic adoration**  
St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open

for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

**Worship schedule**  
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

**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. The Web site is www.hischurch.org.

**Sanskrit chanting**  
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczyński, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection 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.

**Prince of Peace Church**  
Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcgloball.net.

**Tai Chi and strength classes**  
Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome.

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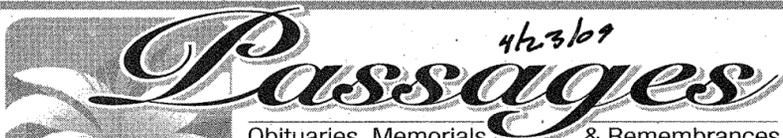
**Tai Chi class**  
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

**Thrift store**  
Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**New schedule**  
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

**Day of service**  
A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrcare@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.

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**BARBARA M. DAVIS**  
Of Grand Blanc, formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, age 76, died peacefully Saturday, April 11, 2009. Barbara resided at Clare Bridge of Grand Blanc. Barbara was born July 29, 1932 in Elgin, IL to Monroe and Eleanor Thompson. She was the youngest of five girls. After graduating from Olivet Nazarene College with a degree in Education, Barbara married Edward Davis on December 22, 1955. They lived in Grand Rapids, MI for several years before moving to Plymouth. Following a short teaching career, Barbara was a secretary and homemaker. She enjoyed needlework, gardening, antiquing and traveling with friends. Barbara was a long time member of Detroit First Church of the Nazarene located in Farmington Hills, MI. She was the "unofficial greeter," always smiling and greeting people with a warm hello. She is survived by daughters, Melinda Weber and husband Larry of Flushing, MI, Lisabeth Hillman and husband Brian of Sherman Oaks, CA; grandchildren, Emily Weber, Grant, Troy and Tate Hillman. She is also survived by sisters, Juanita Thompson and Virginia Carron. She was preceded in death by husband, Edward Davis, as well as sisters, Lucille Thompson and Dorothy Cheliew. The family would like to offer their sincere gratitude to Dr. Braver, the entire Clare Bridge staff and Home & Hospice Advantage. The love and care they gave to our mother will always be remembered. Those desiring may wish to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory. Barbara will be buried along side of her husband in Plymouth, Michigan. Your condolences may be shared with the family at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com

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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

# A stroll down memory lane: Prom lets women be 16 again

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

It seems a lot of women want to be 16 again. The Mom Prom started as a night out for a dozen women to revisit their high school years, but it's growing into a national phenomenon. On Friday, April 24, local women will have the opportunity to leave the kids and husband home and dance the night away at a prom put on by the Mom's Group at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton. This year's charity event takes place from 8-11 p.m. at the church with proceeds going to the First Step domestic violence shelter and St. Vincent de Paul.

Even those who have outgrown their prom gowns improvise. Betsy Crapps still fits into the dress she wore as a senior to her high school prom in 1988.

"This is our fourth year. The first year there were just 12 of us," said Crapps of Canton. "We went to dinner and dancing in our dresses. We said we should put our gowns to good use and more women heard

Tickets are available on the night of the prom or before at St. Thomas a Becket church at 555 S. Lilley and Cherry Hill. For more information, visit [www.themomprom.org](http://www.themomprom.org) or send e-mail to [themomprom@yahoo.com](mailto:themomprom@yahoo.com).

about it, friends and relatives in different states. My son even helped me out to do a Web site for women to hold their own charity event. We have a tackiest dress contest.

"Last year some women came in with T-shirts on underneath their gowns because they couldn't zip up the back. A lot of women wear old bridesmaid dresses. Last year three women wore their wedding gowns. Some go out to consignment shops just to find something to wear for the tackiest dress contest. It's a night for women to be silly and 16 again."

Besides dancing the night away to music provided by DJ Diana Korte from Silver Sounds, women can have their prom photo taken with dates

in the form of life-size cardboard figures of James Dean, John Wayne or Burt Reynolds. A game even randomly selects a prom queen. Last year the winner was a great grandmother.

"One woman last year said I haven't laughed that hard since before I was married," said Crapps. "We can act 16 again. We just have fun. It's a night for women to celebrate and have fun and raise money for a good cause."

Last year, one of the women in the moms group was diagnosed with breast cancer so the money went to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. This year, admission to The Mom Prom is a \$20 donation, but no one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. Tickets are available on the night of the prom or before at St. Thomas a Becket Church at 555 S. Lilley and Cherry Hill. For more information, visit [www.themomprom.org](http://www.themomprom.org) or send e-mail to [themomprom@yahoo.com](mailto:themomprom@yahoo.com).

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Bonnie Wojciechowski, Katie Long, Betsy Crapps, Julie Molchany, Jessica Gaderick, and Patsy Wilson attended last year's Mom Prom at St. Thomas a Becket in Canton. This year's dance takes place Friday, April 24.

## CALENDAR

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### Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org). Visitors welcome.

### Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

### Celebrate Recovery

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### Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

### Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

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and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit [www.DueSeason.org](http://www.DueSeason.org).

### Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

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Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

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Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

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Services open to all in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 or visit [www.betchaverim.com](http://www.betchaverim.com).

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# FILTER

## Brothers bring back '60s to feed hungry children

Singer/songwriter Mark Edwards opens Jammin' to End Famine Friday, April 24.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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David Birchler jokes that he and his brothers are children of the '60s. They still play the music they learned in high school and never learned anything else. The audience won't be laughing though when 3 of the 5 Birchler brothers take the stage at Jammin' to End Famine Friday, April 24, at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. They'll be busy grooving to the sounds of Motown, American rock and psychedelic tunes as The Paisley Foggy brings back the era of flower children.

The 60s is just one of the decades covered by 5 bands at the second annual fund-raiser for Kids Against Hunger. The Paisley Foggy will be joined by singer/songwriter Mark Edwards; The Shawn Riley Band performing a tribute to '50s music; British Beat 66, the Canadian ambassadors of the British invasion, and 2 Dayz Gone with '80s and '90s rock n' roll.

By day David Birchler is a city planning consultant with Birchler Arroyo Associates in Lathrup Village, but on Friday night he goes back to his carefree guitarist days to raise money to feed children around the world. Kids Against Hunger partners with humanitarian organizations like the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth to package a specially formulated soy-rice casserole for starving children in more than 40 countries.

"I think famine relief is an important topic with what's going on internationally and in this country with the economy," said David Birchler of Birmingham. "Kids Against Famine gets young people involved in a good cause at a young age by packaging food for those in need. They get kids involved and give them a taste for that good feeling you get for volunteering. At last year's event the



The Paisley Foggy play the music of Motown and the 60s at Jammin' to End Famine, a fund-raiser for Kids Against Hunger Friday, April 24, at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. Pictured are Ron Graham (rear to front), Tom Birchler, Keith Birchler, David Birchler and Tommy Anderson.

Kids Against Hunger folks cooked up some of the soy and rice to show people it's very nutritious."

John Birchler knows first hand the difference the nonprofit makes in the lives of hungry children. He is past president of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, the organization which has donated more than \$50,000 and helped

package more than 1 million meals over the last 5 years. In November 2007 John invited his brother Tom for a day-long packaging extravaganza in Okemos.

"We packed 100,000 meals in one day but could have done 200,000 but raised enough money to do only 100,000. My brother Tom saw that and said it's really

about raising enough money for supplies," said John Birchler, a financial advisor who lives in Plymouth. John sings a couple of songs at the fund-raiser with his brothers Tom, David and Keith and their Paisley Foggy band. "We do about 30 of these events a year. I've been a member of the Plymouth Kiwanis a dozen years and Kids Against Hunger is the best project we've ever done."

It was only natural Tom would suggest a concert to raise money for the nonprofit that feeds starving children. For the Birchler brothers it's always been electric guitars. Their parents bought them a cheap acoustic at a young age along with The Beatles' Rubber Soul album from which they learned their first songs. Through the years Tom played professionally with groups like Scratch, Steve King & The Ditties and The Paisley Foggy.

"I'm playing in Paisley Foggy with 2 of the 5 Birchler brothers," said Tom, a Livonia musician. "My brother Jim is playing with the Shawn Riley Band. Back in high school he did 50s music inspired by Happy Days and is kind of recreating their high school band. We're all graduates of Brother Rice. Paisley Foggy is playing 60s rock, Motown, the Beach Boys, Mamas and Papas, Janis Joplin with our female vocalist Dawn Dehring. We play a lot of summer festival series, Birmingham, Franklin, June 12 in Farmington. We also play the Dream Cruise Saturday Aug. 15, in Ferndale."

For the last 3 years the Birchler brothers supported different organizations by playing a concert. Two years ago they decided to rename the event and support Kids Against Hunger. Last year's event brought in \$6,000.

"Jammin' was dreamed up by brother Dave and I get the entertainment together," said Tom. "It's a Birchler family event. We like to play and like to do something good for a worthy organization. My son Mark Warren with 2 Dayz Gone is closing the show and last year his 5-year-old son Markie, my grandson sang Bon Jovi and stole the show. Our brother John usually makes a guest appearance with Paisley Foggy. We have that sibling harmony that you can't learn. The Bee Gees have it. The Birchlers have it."

Jammin' to End Famine takes place Friday April 24, at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door or in advance by contacting Tom Birchler at birchler@twm.rr.com. Cost includes the concert, pizza, salad, sweets and a cash bar. For more information about Kids Against Hunger, visit www.feedingchildren.org.

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**Next Step Studios & Gallery:** Featuring glass works by Kaiser Suidan, Craig Paul Nowak, John Gargano, Susan Beiner and many others, 530 Hilton, Ferndale, (248) 342-5074, www.nextstepstudio.com.  
**Northville Art House:** Northville Public Schools Annual Student Art Show, April 23-26; Call for Entries, Art in the Sun, June 27-28; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.  
**Orchard Lake Fine Art Show:** July 24-26, includes artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com.  
**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** "Rochester Community Schools Art Exhibit," through May 9, reception, 6-8 p.m. April 23; Downtown Rochester Spring Gallery Stroll, 6-9 p.m. April 24; "Amy Sacksteder: Still," April 24-June 13, reception 6-9 p.m. April 24; Gallery Talk 2 p.m. April 25, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.  
**Plymouth's Annual Art Feast:** May 15-16, Downtown Plymouth.  
**Plymouth Art in the Park:** July 10-12, Kellogg Park.  
**Plymouth Community Arts Council:** Emerging

**Artists Exhibit:** May 4-26: Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.  
**Print Gallery:** Announcing Must Have Sweets, with cake, candy, cookies and sorbet, inside the gallery, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.MonaLisaMania.com, www.EverythingArt.com.  
**Susanne Hilberry Gallery:** Anne Lise Coste, April 25-May 30, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.  
**Visual Arts Association of Livonia:** "Artistic Expressions" May 4-29, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, www.vaalart.org.

AUDITIONS

**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble:** Auditions for contemporary dance repertory company, 1-4 p.m. April 26, Ailey Studios, New York; 1:30-3:30 p.m. May 2, Lou Conte Dance Studio, Chicago; noon-3 p.m. May 3, EDE Center for Dance, 103 South St., Rochester, call (248) 559-2095, www.ede-dance.org, Destination Theatre: Auditions for rock opera "Tommy," ages 8-13, and adults, 5-8 p.m. April 26 and 6-9 p.m. April 27, show dates July 23-Aug. 2, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, Canton, www.destinationtheatre.org.

BENEFITS

**Detroit Opera House:** BravoBravol, 7:30 p.m. June 15, \$85 by May 1; \$95 after, Jazz Sophisticate attire, www.bravobravo.org, (313) 961-3500.  
**Detroit Athletic Club:** Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Bacchanalia, 6 p.m. May 13, wines, strolling dinner, live auction, \$95-\$175, benefits DSO, 241 Madison Avenue, Detroit, (313) 576-5154 or visit www.detroit-symphony.com.  
**Livonia Knights of Columbus:** Jammin' to End Famine 2009, 6:30 p.m. April 24, pizza, salad, sweets, cash bar, music of Mark Edwards, The Shawn Riley Band, The Paisley Fogg, British Beat 66 and 2 Dayz-Gone, \$20 benefit Kids Against Hunger, 19801 Farmington Road, www.livoniakofc.com.  
**Meadow Brook Hall:** Promenade of Hope, 6:30 p.m. May 7, \$200 benefit HAVEN, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 322-3703, www.promenadeofhope.org.  
**Penn Theatre:** "PENNdemonium" Dinner. Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn, 6-11 p.m. May 8, hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent

auction, music and dancing, Meeting House Grand Ballroom, Plymouth, \$75-\$85, (734) 453-0870, tickets@friendsofthepenn.org, plymoutharts.com.  
**Meadowbrook Country Club:** A Night to Remember, featuring formal dinner, comedienne Kelly Nieto, DJ LoKey, silent auction, 6 p.m. April 24, benefits Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc., 40941 Eight Mile Road, Northville, \$75-\$100, (248) 478-3242, www.sweetdreamzzzdetroit.com.  
**St. John's Golf & Conference Center:** Art Dash, May 21, \$275 per couple includes dinner and one dash for your choice of artwork, May 21, benefits Arbor Hospice Foundation, (734) 794-5152, www.arborhospice.org.

BOOKS/LITERATURE

**Ann Arbor Book Festival:** May 2-16, (734) 369-3366, www.aabookfestival.org.  
**Borders:** Linda Solomon reads and signs children's book "Jack & Jill: The Miracle Dog with a Happy Tail to Tell" 2 p.m. April 25, Birmingham; Lee Woodruff, "Perfectly Imperfect: A Life in Progress," 7 p.m., Birmingham, www.borders.com.  
**Choral:** Advent Episcopal Church: Cantate! presents "Welcome to Spring," May 2, Middlebelt Road, 4 mile north of Long Lake Road, (248) 615-0940, www.cantate-detroit.org.  
**First Presbyterian Church:** Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x136, ttrenny@comcast.net.  
**Seligman Performing Arts Center:** Farmington Community Chorus, "Questionable Songs," May 8-9, Detroit Country Day High School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, (810) 632-4067, www.farmingtonchorus.com.

CLASSICAL/CHAMBER MUSIC

**Birmingham Temple:** Charlie Gabriel Quartet with Vocalist Joan Bow, May 2; 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org.  
**Chamber Music Society of Detroit:** Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet, May 16; Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30; 2009-10 series announced: American String Quartet with Lynn Harrell, cello, Sept. 12; Tokyo String Quartet, Oct. 3; Vladimir Feltsman, piano, Nov. 14; James Ehnes, violin with Jon Kimura Parker, piano, Dec. 5; Berlin Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet, Jan. 30, 2010; Shanghai Quartet with Yuja Wang, piano, Feb. 13, 2010; Arnold Steinhardt, violin with Alan Alda, Actor, March 20, 2010; The Celebration of the Bach Chaconne, Steven Isserlis, cello with

Dénes Várjon, piano, March 27, 2010; Parker Quartet, May 22, 2010; Emanuel Ax, piano, Feb. 6, 2010; Richard Goode, piano, April 10, 2010; Yuja Wang, piano, May 15, 2010, deadline for subscription renewals, May 1, all concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays, Tickets, \$25-\$75, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.  
**Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings:** "Schubert and Spice," 3 p.m. April 26, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.  
**First United Methodist Church:** Plymouth Oratorio Society 23rd season concert with Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and Ann Arbor Huron High School A Cappella Choir, 4 p.m. May 3, 45201 N. Territorial Road, (734) 455-8353.  
**Fox Theatre:** Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra, May 19, (800) 745-3000, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.  
**Hagopian World of Rugs:** Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m. May 8, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.



**My Best Girl**  
 Mary Pickford stars in 'My Best Girl' (1927), showing 8 p.m. April 25 at Redford Theatre. The authentic silent film will be accompanied by an original organ score by John Lauter. The evening also includes a retrospective of 100 years of Pickford on film, a Pickford short subject from 1909, newsreels of early Detroit, and silent film expert Christen Schmidt from the Library of Congress. The historic Redford Theatre is located at 17360 Lahser Road in Detroit. Call (248) 521-5834 or visit www.redfordtheatre.com

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His business card reads, "Council for export of prestigious Italian wines." Prestigious, though, may ring expensive. Not, however, when it comes to many wine selections of Nicola Biscardo, based in Verona. Biscardo represents wine from 16 vintners, including his family's estate. "It's important," he says, "that the producers I represent be family-owned wine specialists who own their own vineyards and produce around 5,000 cases annually."

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**WHITE WINES**  
From Grave-Friuli in northeast Italy, Banear Principe Dei Conti 2007 Pinot Grigio, \$13, is decidedly mineral with hints of almonds - not your run-of-the-mill pinot grigio. It's a red wine in a white suit," says Biscardo.  
Vallerosa-Bonci 2007 Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico, \$15, is from the Marche region. White flowers and crisp green apple notes lead to a layered, complex and creamy wine with minty spice. Biscardo dubs it, "big wine at a little price."

**RED WINES**  
Sicily's warm climate turns Sangiovese in 2007 Terre di Sole, \$14, to an easy-drinking great wine for Italian food. It's screaming, "drink me now," Biscardo quips.  
Agriverde 2007 Piane di Maggio Montepulciano from Abruzzo, \$13, confirms our opinion that the Abruzzo region has the best value red wines in all of Italy. Biscardo calls this wine "the friendly one." We say, what a bargain!

From Puglia, Feudo di San Nicola 2007 Negro Amaro, \$18, is a more complex wine, brimming with bright plum and cherry flavors. An anise touch in the finish pairs it well with grilled meats, game and aged cheeses. Biscardo's remark, "a southern wine with a northern accent," rings true.

Negro Amaro, also spelled sometimes as one word, negroamaro, is an ancient Italian variety, grown almost exclusively in Puglia, the heel of Italy's boot. Its mellow tannins and good acidity make it a stellar food pairing.

Clay, limestone and sandy soils of the Le Gagie vineyard of Tenuta La Meridiana allow the crafting of its 2006 Barbera d'Asti, \$20, from the Piedmont. Aging a year in neutral oak barrels have given the wine roundness and a layered profile.

**BISCARDO PERFECTION**  
Marchesi Biscardo 2005 Valpolicella Classico Superiore "Ripasso," \$30, illustrates the commitment of the Biscardo family to the most well-known red from the Veneto region. Ripasso means fermented for three weeks in oak casks containing the grape skins used to make the highly-prized Amarone. Additional 14 months' aging in barrel have created a wine with aromatic and flavor complexity. Another wine from the Biscardos is the full-bodied Ortaglia 2003 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG Riserva, \$38.

For information on where to buy these wines, phone Eagle Eye Imports, (734) 467-7088.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Troy residents who write about wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

**CANTON FARMERS MARKET**  
CANTON — Canton Farmers Market will kick off its third season 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will be open every Sunday through Oct. 25 rain or shine at the historic site.

New and returning vendors will offer a variety of merchandise, as it becomes available, including fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jellies, jams, cider, honey and much more. Opening day will include the Spice Up Your Summer Cook Off Series challenge, featuring the Best Burger Blowout.

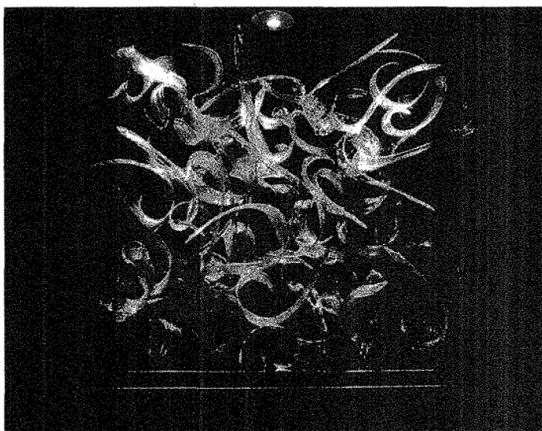
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**RUGBY GRILLE REVAMPS BIRMINGHAM** — The Townsend Hotel's renowned Rugby Grille has implemented enhancements to its décor and menu.

Led by Chef Bologna and Director of Restaurant Operations Keith Schofield, the new Rugby Grille menu keeps favorites like Steak Tartare and Dover Sole prepared tableside, but adds dishes like a Veal Chop presented with a Warm Frisee Salad, Fingerling Potatoes, Morel Mushrooms, Pancetta and a Truffled Vinaigrette, and Braised Beef Short Ribs served with a Fava Bean and Sweet Corn Succotash, Shaved Parmesan, and a Natural Reduction.

The new décor incorporates artwork from some of metro Detroit's finest artists, from Park West Gallery in Southfield, including glass sculpture by April Wagner and Jason Ruff, and paintings by Tim Yanke, Simon

### CITY BITES



The Townsend Hotel's Rugby Grille's new menu is enhanced by new artwork, including this fazzoletto glass sculpture by Pontiac-based artists April Wagner and Jason Ruff.

Bull and Alfred Gockel. The Rugby Grille is located inside the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend St., downtown Birmingham. Call (248) 642-7900 or visit [www.townsendhotel.com](http://www.townsendhotel.com).

**STATION 885 DOWN UNDER PLYMOUTH** — Station 885 presents "A Trip Down Under" Australian Wine Dinner, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, \$55, tax and gratuity included. Station 885 is located at 885 Starkweather in Plymouth. Call (734) 459-0885 to make Mother's Day reservations today.

**SIVE RESTAURANT PRIX FIXE PLYMOUTH** — Five Restaurant is offering a special prix fixe menu. Choose one starter, one main and one finish for \$35 per person. Choices include warm feta-artichoke fondue, broiled Maryland crab cake, five onion soup, pan seared Atlantic

salmon, free range chicken breast, grilled petit file mignon, forest berry chocolate mousse and chef's daily creme brulee. Includes salad. Five is located at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 357-5700 or visit [www.theinnatstjohns.com](http://www.theinnatstjohns.com).

**LA HOOKAH LOUNGE WESTLAND** — La Hookah Lounge offers free Wi-Fi and satellite TV, along with a 10 percent student discount. Fresh salads, deli style sandwiches, desserts, and hookah. Catering, carry out and delivery available. Call (734) 727-1750 or visit La Hookah Lounge at 34795 Ford Road, Westland.

**HILLER'S HOSTS FOOD FAIRS SOUTHFIELD** — Hiller's will host two simultaneous two-day Michigan food fairs May 2-3. This follows months of featuring Michigan companies in the

Hiller's biweekly circular, launching a collaborative Hometown First program with locally-owned businesses that has more than tripled in scope, and identifying Michigan products with smiling-mitten-state shelf tags. The food fairs will feature more than 30 vendors and will take place 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 2-3 at the Ann Arbor store, 3615 Washtenaw Ave. (in the Arborland Mall at US 23); and the Commerce Township store, 39950 W 14 Mile Road (at Haggerty).

**TASTE OF PLYMOUTH PLYMOUTH** — The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce proudly presents the 20th Annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 11 at the Inn at St. John's. Admission, \$10 at the door, includes free food and beverages and a chance to win over 80 door prizes. Attendees are also invited to help honor this year's Plymouth Service Club's Volunteers of the Year and the Student Citizen Scholarship Award winner's during a short recognition ceremony in the Atrium at 6 p.m.

Featured restaurants include Bannigan's, E.G. Nick's, Fancy Food Catering, Fiamma Grill, Grand Traverse Pie Company, Independence Village, Leo's Coney Island, Mill Street Gourmet Pastries, Omlette & Waffle Café, Panera Bread, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Toarmina's Pizza, Zapata's and more. Beverages will be provided courtesy of Absopure and Central Distributors of Beer. Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Visit [www.theinnatstjohns.com](http://www.theinnatstjohns.com).

**DSO HOSTS BACCHANALIA DETROIT** — The very popular

DSO deCanted, a wine tasting and auction, sponsored by the Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will be held at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison Avenue, Detroit 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

Friends and supporters of the DSO will enjoy sampling an outstanding selection of wines from Argentina that will be expertly paired with an array of savory hors d'oeuvres. Oenophiles will have the opportunity to nurture their love of fine and unusual wines by bidding on any number of exceptional wines, some from the personal cellars of serious collectors, along with other unique wine related items.

Adding to the evening's festivities, this year's feast of fine wine and strolling dinner features a live auction led by WDIV-TV personality, Andrew Humphrey which will begin at 7:15 p.m.

To order tickets, \$95-\$175, call (313) 576-5154 or visit [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

### SIVE DAILY SPECIALS

**PLYMOUTH** — Five Restaurant announces the following daily specials: Monday Happy Hour, half-off mixed drinks and other wine, beer and drink specials; Tuesday Date Nights, buy one entree from the prix fixe menu and get another for half-off, champagne toast included; Wednesday Girls' Night Out, half-off drink specials, specialty drink features and free chef's tasting with tips and recipies from 5-7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, half off select bottles of wine; Friday and Saturday, live entertainment; Sunday, light fare entrees all day starting at \$10. Five is located at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 357-5700 or visit [www.theinnatstjohns.com](http://www.theinnatstjohns.com).

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