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IN BRIEF

Snow be gone

By the calendar, spring officially begins Sunday, March 20.

Although winter is not officially over, Westland Mayor William Wild said residents, the State of Michigan and most of the country have said, "enough already."

The Detroit metropolitan area has seen temperatures approximately 3 degrees below normal and according to local meteorologist Andrew Humphrey, this was the second snowiest February in history with 31.7 inches of snow. Thus far, there's been 63.4 inches of snow for the season, almost 20 inches above normal. The average snowfall is 44 inches.

Unfortunately, with all of the snow and cold weather comes snow emergencies, salt, water main breaks, extra hours for city workers and potholes. To date, the city has used 4,010 tons of salt at a cost of \$108,435. City workers put in 327 snow removal overtime hours at a cost of \$12,970.38. The city also repaired 66 water main breaks at a cost of \$137,830 with additional costs expected for replacing sod, cement and other seasonal repairs this spring and summer.

"The Wayne-Westland Community School district praised the work of the city and was pleased that they did not have to declare additional snow days due to the conditions of the roads in the community," said Wild.

Now that spring is just around the corner and temperatures are slightly warmer, the Westland Department of Public Service will begin repairing the potholes that were brought on by the freezing temperatures.

Join Relay for Life

The 2011 Relay for Life of Westland season is well under way and it's time to come together as a community to celebrate a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Last year's event was very successful, with 32 teams raising more \$109,000. The goal this year is \$111,000.

This year's goal is 39 teams, with 18 teams signed up so far.

Last year at this time, the community of Westland had 24 teams registered, as well as more participants and more money raised. With the Relay for Life is eight weeks away, organizers are looking for more people to get involved.

For those who missed the kickoff program, an open house will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at Panera Bread, 35300 Warren Road. It's open to all individuals who are thinking about becoming a team.

People also can sign up online at relayforlife.org/westlandmi. For more information, contact event chair Rhonda Temple by e-mail at red101666@yahoo.com or by calling (313) 477-9889 or ACS Community representative Marie Matuszak at marie.matuszak@cancer.org or (248) 663-3404.

W-W launches letter campaign about state cuts

BY SUE MASON
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials understand the idea behind Gov. Rick Snyder's call for shared sacrifices, but they believe those sacrifices need to be equitable, something they don't see in the governor's proposed school budget. That's why the district is

making available to residents a Legislative Tool Kit that explains the ramifications of the proposed cuts on Wayne-Westland Community Schools and how to let lawmakers know what they think about the situation.

"They need to hear from all of us that the cuts must be fair and equitable," said Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"We're asking parents and staff to tell Lansing to stop raiding a healthy School Aid Fund. If they had kept it where it should be, we would be in better shape this year."

Wayne-Westland could lose \$14.5 million in state funding, if the governor's plan is approved as is by lawmakers, and the booklet, which is being distributed through the

schools to parents and staff, breaks down the cuts that represent a loss of \$1,150 to per student. The district faces:

- A \$470 cut in per pupil state school aid which includes a continuation of this year's \$170 per pupil loss and the governor's proposed \$300 decrease for 2011-2012.
- A \$475 per student loss, if the \$6 million Wayne-

Westland language receives is eliminated. The money represents a partial restoration of 11 mills the district lost just prior to the start of Proposal A.

- A \$9 per student loss related to the proposed elimination of funds for districts with declining enrollment.
- An additional \$196 per

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Making a case



Resident Patricia Freeman makes her case for a lower assessment before the Westland Board of Review.

Property owners appeal tax assessments before Board of Review

BY LEANNE ROGERS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pamela Renner had never appealed her property tax assessment before but this year she waited several months for her turn to make her case before the annual Board of Review.

"I tried to refinance my condo, but the bank wouldn't do it — the appraisal was only \$40,000. I'm upside down (with the mortgage)," said Renner, who has lived at Carolon Condominiums for five years. "I called the city right away, but they said to wait until I got my (change of) assessment notice."

The assessment on Renner's

1,500-square-foot unit dropped \$5,530 this year for a State Equalized Value of \$30,950 — which means the city estimates the market value of the unit at \$61,900. The taxable value of Renner's unit is also \$30,950.

"I'm hopeful that I had the information that they wanted. All they can do is tell me no — that's what my mother used to say," said Renner, who works for UPS in Livonia.

Having the correct information is key to getting an adjustment in the SEV, said Westland Assessing Director James Elrod, along with understanding that property taxes are paid on the taxable value rather

than the SEV.

"Everyone says they want to appeal their taxes and they can't do that here. I'd say 95 percent of them say that instead of wanting a change in assessment," said Elrod.

SLOWER DROP IN VALUES

Assessment decreased an average 9 percent in Westland for 2011, a slower drop in values than in 2010. Those dropping values account for fewer people appealing assessments to the Board of Review, which had 194 appointments scheduled with room for 400. There will also be some petitions filed without board

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Federal grant helps firefighters stay healthy

BY LEANNE ROGERS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland firefighters will have a greater opportunity to stay healthy under a new wellness program funded largely through a federal Department of Homeland Security grant.

The council voted recently to approve paying the 20 percent match on the \$145,600 project which will receive \$116,480 in federal funding. Along with wellness training and fitness equipment, part of the grant will fund state-mandated communications upgrades.

"There are lots of reasons for a firefighter wellness program — mainly serving the public better," said Deputy Fire Chief Martin Reddy. "We suffer many on the job injuries and 45 percent of our on the job fatalities are due to heart disease."

The department has had a couple of firefighters who suffered heart attacks although none were fatal, Reddy said. One firefighter did die of brain cancer.

Resident Mark Rodriguez objected to the city accepting the federal funding for the two projects.

"First, I respect the police and firefighters of this country, but the country is over \$13 trillion in debt," he said. "It's borrowed money. Citizens in Westland who haven't been born yet will have to pay for this. I realize this is a noble cause, but where did we get the match?"

Additionally, Rodriguez asked how the city would pay for the wellness program going forward when no federal money was available.

"You need to vote no. Send a message to the federal government. It's Obama money, we don't know where it's coming from," he said.

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Library launches targeted giving program for books

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Say you're a big James Patterson fan who can't wait to read his latest mystery, so you buy a copy.

Instead of letting it sit on shelf collecting dust after it's been read, Westland's William P. Faust Library is offering a chance to share popular books with other readers.

"We have a targeted giving program that we just started. It's based on our needs for books — specific titles," said

Interim Library Director, Marilyn Kwik. "There are two ways to donate. There are books on a list that we own but need more copies. You can donate to that list of titles that we're looking for and we have a wish list on Amazon."

Popular novels fall into the first giving category.

"Donations will save us in buying duplicate and triplicate copies. We'd have multiple copies of James Patterson, then the demand drops," said Kwik.

Besides novels, Kwik said

there is also great demand for less than two-year study guides to prepare for exams, such as GED and ACT.

"The study guides just aren't returned or they change," said Kwik.

To help support the donation of used materials — DVDs, CDs and cassette tapes are also accepted — the Friends of the Library are providing a coupon for a free item from the Friends book shop or their quarterly book sale when

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George Wilson (from left) and wife Shirley talk with Board of Review members Tracey Sabotchick, Mel Tockstein and Tom Dunigan.

APPEALS

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appearances. That's from among 30,000 parcels in Westland.

"About 40 percent of the appeals are repeats for financial hardship, they need to come back each year for a hardship appeal," said Elrod.

The key to a successful appeal is proving your case, Elrod said.

"They have their assessment notice of what we placed the value at. They have to show whatever proof they have that the assessment is wrong," said Elrod. "There has to be recent appraisals — something that the board can look at. You can't just say there were foreclosures

— there are so many variable with foreclosures."

Paul Line is a regular at the Board of Review, appealing his assessment, and has also helped friends and family alter their assessment.

"I only use evidence I got from the Assessor's Office. I put the sales list into Excel so that I have only qualified sales," said Line. "I've saved enough in my lifetime on property taxes and I've saved for my family and friends. I always get an adjustment. I go to the state, if I don't agree with the adjustment."

PROFESSIONAL HELP

Sometimes a property owner has a professional research and present their appeal to the board, which limits appointments to five minutes. Edward Blanchard, managing direc-

tor of Diversified Property Solutions, handled the appeal for clients who had recently purchased a 5,200-square-foot house which the city confirms is the largest home in Westland.

The SEV for the home is \$410,000 but the new owners paid \$265,000 for the home in December. Blanchard provided a detailed packet of information about extended efforts to sell the home with price reductions and taking it off the market. He also compared his client's home to other sales, formulating a value per square foot and other factors due to the size of the home.

Elrod asked questions about the condition of the home which had been vacant for an extended time, had been foreclosed and had offers fall

through. The board and Elrod recalled that the 2010 appeal had cited the poor condition of the home due to copper plumbing, lighting fixtures and other amenities that had been removed or not updated in 30 years.

"We don't raise the value on a home based on having lights and plumbing or lower it for the lack of it," Elrod said.

No decisions are provided at the hearing. The board's response is mailed to the property owners. For those seeking reduction of assessment based on economic hardship, Elrod said many of the applicants don't have the necessary income documents in time for Board of Review but can file their appeals in July or December.

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WESTLAND RELAY FOR LIFE

Holding a Relay for Life fundraising event? Let us know about it. Send your information to Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com.

Bowling fundraiser

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19

Location: Mayflower Lanes, 26600 Plymouth Road, between Inkster Road and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Alyssa's Angels will hold their second annual bowling fundraiser. Check-in is at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and \$15 for children age 13 and under and includes three 3 hours of unlimited bowling / 9 Pin No-Tap, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop, door prizes, 50/50 and basket raffles and cash bar.

Contact: For more information, call (313) 937-8420.

Avon Fundraiser

Time/Date: Now through July 31

Details: Support Team AMVETS Post 171 by ordering your Avon products online. Go to jfinfrock.avonrepresentative.com and click on online events to place your order. Be sure to use the promotional code of AMVETRELAY2011. Team AMVETS will earn 30 percent of total sales now through July 31. Products will be home delivered.

Euchre Tournament

Time/Date: 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2

Location: American Legion Post 32, 9381 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Team Red, White and Blue is holding a euchre tournament to benefit Relay for Life. Entrance fee

is \$20. There will be cash prizes, 50-cent euchres, free hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, \$1 Jell-O shots and 50/50 raffle. Seating is limited and tickets are available in advance at the Legion Bar or contact a team member.

Bowling benefit

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4, check-in is at 4 p.m.

Location: Town N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Enjoy some Cosmic Bowling and help Team AMVETS Post 171. Cost is \$20 of adults and \$15 for children age 13 and under for bowling, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles and door prizes.

Creative Memories

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21

Location: AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Bring your friends and family and have some fun scrapbooking - traditional, digital, shop and make memories. Team AMVETS 171 will receive 30 percent of sales which will go toward the team goal for Westland Relay for Life. The event will be held in the club room and a cash bar will be available.

Lia Sophia

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13

Location: AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Bring a friend or two and support Team AMVETS 171 in "fishing for a cure." The team will receive 15 percent of the total sales. The sale will be in the club room.

BOOKS

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a high needs item is donated.

"It's a way to give something back for the donation," said Kwik. "We started this at the beginning of March. We haven't really promoted it much."

The library website has

the wish list along with a link to the Amazon wish list which is also looking for used items. Materials ordered from Amazon would be shipped directly to the library.

"We are trying to keep 30-40 items on the list at all times," said Kwik.

"We're not using this to purchase new books that we don't have. We'll have this in addition to books we purchase. This

is in addition — we're not relying on donations for books."

Here are some items from the current wish list

- Test Preparation Books:**
- ASVAB - 2009 or newer
 - ACT - 2009 or newer
 - GED - 2009 or newer
 - GRE - 2011 or newer
 - MTTC (any subject area) - 2009 or newer
 - Nursing (NCLEX or LPN/LVN) - 2009 or newer

Children's DVDs:

- *The Emperor's New Groove* (2000)
- *Shrek* (2001)
- *Treasure Planet* (2002)
- *The Haunted Mansion* (2003)
- *Cheaper by the Dozen* (2003)

For more information, visit westlandlibrary.org.

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SCHOOLS

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student loss because of a jump in the retirement rate to 24.46 percent of payroll.

BY THE NUMBERS

Wayne-Westland is the 14th largest school district in the state with 13,322 students. It currently receives \$7,957 per student in school aid, an amount that is well below the Farmington school district, which ranks 16th with 12,214 students and receives \$10,365 per student from the state.

"These cuts are drastic and overbearing, they're more than any other district in the state would have to endure," said Baracy. "This is very severe, very drastic. It's unimaginable where it will lead us. I hope it won't happen and we're working hard to keep it from happening."

Baracy, who has been meeting with lawmakers to explain the situation, said there is an "urgency" in letting Lansing know the proposed cuts will be detrimental to the school district. He's asking residents to write letters to the governor and lawmakers, and the tool kit includes several sample letters as well as the addresses of state officials.

The last time the district faced such a severe deficit was in 1994 when voters rejected an 11-mill renewal in advance of Proposal A. At that time, secondary transportation and numerous student programs were elimi-

nated, pay-to-play sports was instituted and employees took pay freezes.

Board Secretary Cindy Schofield is disheartened to remember those days. While concerned about where the situation is going, she remains hopeful.

"Half the time I've been on the board we've been saying that this time is coning, it's been prolonged, but we've now reached the end of the road," she said. "I encourage parents to write letters. The seven of us can't make the difference, we've been talking about this for years."

'WORST HIT IF ALL'

Trustee William Gabriel pointed out that of all the school districts in the state "Wayne-Westland is taking the worst hit of all," and that "dollar-wise the only other district is Detroit." With 86 percent of the budget tied up in salaries and benefits, Gabriel said the district will need to seek concessions from employees, if the cuts go through.

"Even if we cut everything — water, lights and heat — it's still not enough, everybody will have to step up, it's a reality we have to face now," he said. "If this goes through, we will have no choice but to go back to 1994 and make cuts. Time is of the essence. It's important to have your voices heard."

"It's important as a community that we realize we need to come together, we need pull together to make it through this ride we're about to go on," said board Vice President Shawna Walker. "We need to come together and come up with solutions."

Board President Skip Monit stressed that the legislature will be more aware of the issue if the letters come from someone other than school officials.

"When they see this grass-root movement, they will have to address it," he said.

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Poet's first book offers daily inspirations

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Author Marje Bourdeau doesn't have any problem writing poems.

Bourdeau, 57, a Garden City resident recently wrote her first book *Father, Are You There? Can We Talk?*

"It's a daily inspirational and sets your way for the day," she said. "It is a way for you to have a more inspirational way with the Father (God.)"

She believes that even the busiest person has time to read one Scripture and one poem daily which is offered in the book. The Holy Spirit helps her to compose the poems which can come to her anywhere, she said.

Bourdeau plans to do a book signing during the Friends of the Library used book sale that will be held 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, March 21, at the Garden City Library in the Maplewood Community Center. She will be there 1-6 p.m.

Bourdeau will donate 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale of her book to the library.

A born again Christian, who was raised Catholic, Bourdeau calls herself "spiritually based." At one time, she entered the convent but found it too strict for her.

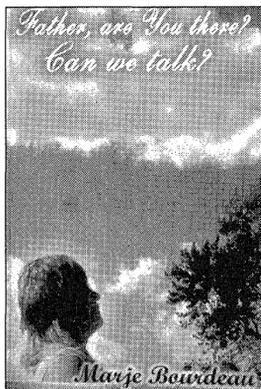
"I am biblical," Bourdeau said. "I study right from the Bible. I follow the teachings of Christ. I don't go by standards which were set by man."

Bourdeau said that she gets a lot of guidance at Connection Church in Canton Township. She is involved in an outreach which helps to feed and clothe families as well as with a women's ministry.

The youngest of six children of a family that moved around the state until settling in southeastern Michigan, Bourdeau also is a certified massage therapist who studied at Irene's Myomassage in Southfield. She has her own company, God's Little Helper, and only takes word-of-mouth refer-



Marje Bourdeau, a Garden City resident, will hold a book signing at the Garden City Library on March 21. Her daily devotional book is "Father Are You There? Can We Talk?"



Marje Bourdeau's daily devotional book is now available for purchase.

ences.
"It is more of a ministry for me," she said. "I want people to be healed and message is heal-

ing touch. They know coming in that I am a Christian."

The Maplewood Community Center is a special place for her because she used to take her late mother, Marjorie Drouillard, there.

"She had Alzheimer's and even when she didn't know people, I still took her there because she needed the fellowship," Bourdeau said. "They were very nice to her and they would talk to her."

The book also includes local photos of family, her acquaintances, her garden and other Michigan scenes. The 365-page book is published by Xlibris and sells for \$20. For more information about the book, contact Bourdeau by e-mail at flutterbymel3@comcast.net or call her at (734) 522-7381.

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GC Lions Club assists quake/tsunami victims

BY SUE BUCK
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The tragedy in Japan following last week's earthquake and tsunami has struck a chord of compassion and giving in Garden City.

The Garden City Lions will be making a donation to the Lions Club International Foundation.

"The Garden City Lions do fundraisers throughout the year and we do our best to keep as much money in the community as we can," said secretary Jim Kowalik. "We donate every year to LCIF, and LCIF gets donations from local Lions Clubs from around the world. LCIF makes sure that donations are spent for worthwhile causes and projects."

Kowalik said that Garden City area citizens can rest assured that if they donate to LCIF and make a notation in the memo line on their check that the check is for the Japanese Earthquake fund the money will benefit the Japanese people.

"All the money will go directly to Japan to help them in a time of so much need," Kowalik said. "No monies will be kept for administration purposes. The entire check will go 100 percent to Japan to help the citizens of Japan."

Kowalik called this a "very historic catastrophe in Japan."

"They need all the help they can get," Kowalik said. "The Lions Club International Foundation knows very well how to get aid to the people

in need."

The foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, plans to provide \$1.25 million in Lions' Relief for Devastated Japan. The \$1.25 million in U.S. dollars equates to 100 million Japanese yen, for immediate relief. It includes major catastrophe and emergency grant funds as well as designated donations from Lions around the world.

In the case of disasters, Lions pride themselves on often being the first to respond, and continue to provide for as long as it takes and until all work is done. Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The Tohoku Region Pacific Ocean Coast Earthquake is the worst earthquake to hit Japan in more than 100 years and triggered a powerful tsunami throughout the Pacific Ocean.

The foundation has also established a designated fund for Lions to directly support this disaster. LCIF is monitoring the impact to other Pacific Ocean nations. Their relief efforts are through social media. They are also using the Japan Lions office in Tokyo as an emergency relief headquarters.

"I just returned from Christchurch, New Zealand, and I thought I had seen it all, but this is unbelievable," said LCIF chair Eberhard J. Wirfs. "Looking to the extraordinary dimension of this earthquake and tsunami, LCIF and Lions are committed to providing immediate

and long-term relief. Lions of Japan are often the first to respond to other disasters and I ask all Lions of the world to show their solidarity and help the Japanese Lions during their time of need."

People can donate online at www.lcif.org/donate. Select Disaster and include "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami" in the comments section.

A credit card donation can be made with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Fax the LCIF at (630) 571-5735 your name, address, phone number, credit card type, credit card number, expiration date, and the amount of the donation. If you are a Lions member, provide the name of your club, as well.

Mail LCIF a check in U.S. dollars, drawn from a U.S. financial institution. The check should be payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation, with Japan Earthquake/Tsunami on the memo line. Send it to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, Attn.: Donor Processing.

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Westland, Garden City searched tied to probe of Romulus Police

BY SUE BUCK
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On the advice of his attorney, Romulus Police Chief Michael St. Andre wasn't talking about the searches by the Michigan State Police Tuesday conducted at Romulus Police Department's headquarters, his home in Garden City and his wife's Westland business.

He declined to comment through his secretary Wednesday morning.

According to news reports, investigators with evidence bags were seen walking out of the St. Andre's Garden City home. The search was allegedly part of a three-year investigation which is said to revolve around the misuse of overtime money within the department

and financial records. Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said in a release that he has urged cooperation.

Michigan State Police Inspector Garth Burnside of the Northville Post said Wednesday that he could not provide details because it is an ongoing investigation that also involves the FBI and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

"We still have to sort things through and see what we got," Burnside said.

The Garden City Police Department "did not participate in this in any way," according to Police Chief Robert Muery.

"We received a phone call from MSP informing us they would be executing a search warrant and they provided

a general geographic location," Muery said. "I have no knowledge of any details of this investigation and, therefore, I am not comfortable making any comments."

An early morning search warrant was also executed Tuesday at Always Tan, 33712 Ford, east of Wildwood in Westland, which is owned by Sandi St. Andre, the wife of Michael St. Andre.

"It was uneventful," said Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden. "It was done super early in the morning. We weren't advised and had no involvement."

Staff writer LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

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Delmas relative cuts deal on gun charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A relative of Detroit Lions safety Louis Delmas is facing sentencing in April after he pleaded guilty to three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, following accusations he pointed a handgun at three teens — one wearing a Michael Myers-style Halloween mask — as they drove by him in Canton.

Delmas, a passenger, was never charged in the incident that Canton police say happened about 2:15 a.m. Dec. 21 while Ravelle Sadler, 20, was driving west on Ford Road.

Sadler, a Cincinnati resident described by Delmas to Canton police as his brother, faces sentencing April 7 in Wayne County Circuit Court, a court clerk said.

Sadler agreed to plead guilty to three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon last week in return for authorities dismissing a felony firearm charge and one count of carrying a concealed weapon.

Sadler could face penalties ranging from probation to four years in prison. However, he would have faced a mandatory two-year prison term if he had been convicted of the felony firearm charge.

Delmas was never charged though the .40-caliber semi-automatic handgun pointed by Sadler belonged to him.

Early on, Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski had described Delmas as a witness in the case and said "the gun was registered to him, but he has a concealed pistol license out of Florida."

Delmas lists his address as Miami, Fla., but he lives in

Canton during the football season.

Sadler's plea came before he was to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow's courtroom.

He was accused of pointing the handgun at three teens — ages 16, 17 and 18 — from Garden City and Canton while he was driving a silver Nissan Titan pickup truck.

According to Canton police reports, the teens drove alongside the Nissan on westbound Ford near Lilley as one of them wore the mask.

One of the teens told police the mask was worn as "a joke."

Gajeski has said there was no indication Delmas gave the gun to Sadler.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said local police investigated the case and turned their findings over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to decide charges.

Some people, including some readers of the *Observer* online edition, had said the teens shouldn't have been involved in donning a mask as a prank after 2 a.m. Still others said the prank didn't warrant having a gun pointed at them.

According to a police report, the teens feared Sadler was going to fire the gun, yet they trailed the Nissan and called 9-1-1, prompting police to stop the truck near Ford and Ridge roads on Canton's far west side.

The police report has indicated that Delmas told authorities he was dozing in the passenger seat when incident started.

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Police: Woman assaults officer after arrest

Assault

A 19-year-old Romulus woman, who was arrested about 10 a.m. March 13 for exposing her chest to motorists on Ford near Shotka, kicked a Garden City police officer in the groin shortly after in the police garage as she was being removed from the police car to be processed.

The woman, who was described as dirty looking and wearing torn clothes, wore pants with the zipper down and had marks on her face. It appeared that she was flagging down motorists for a ride at the bus stop.

The officer noted that the woman was moving around a lot in the back of his police car as he drove to the station and he wondered if she was trying to hide some drugs or contraband.

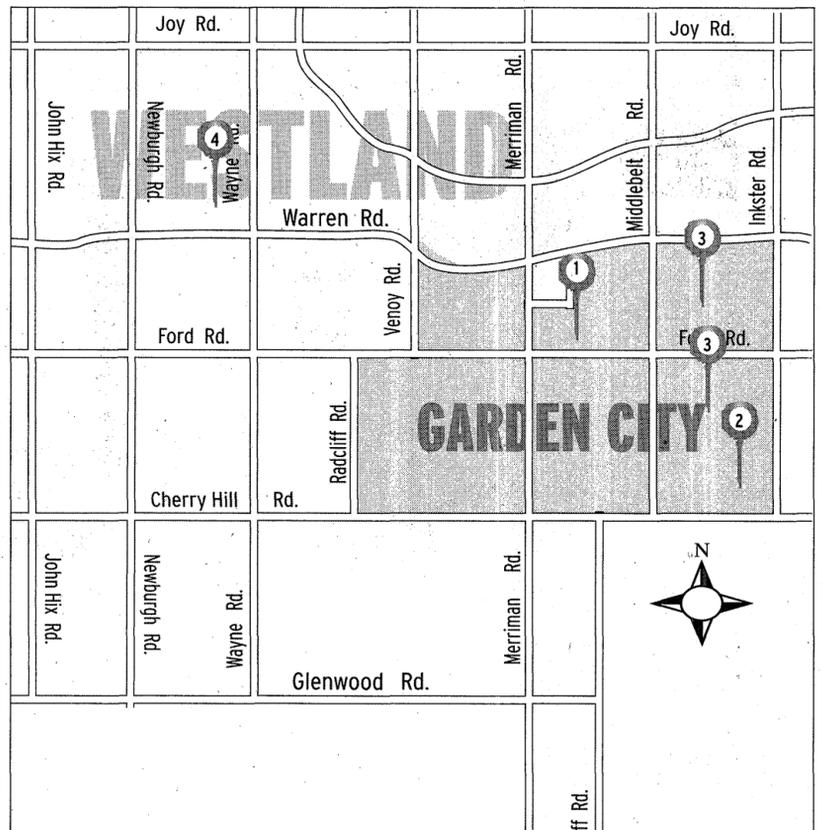
As he was getting her out of the patrol vehicle at the police station, she turned and confronted him. The officer noted that she had freed one of her wrists from the handcuffs and had both hands in front of her.

The officer was able to get her down to the ground after a struggle even after he wrote in his report that he was in a lot of pain and bent over. Other police officers also came to his assistance.

The police report indicated that the aggravated assault was captured on the police video. The woman was found to be drunk with a blood alcohol level of .11.

Attempted break-in

Three men wearing dark clothing were unable to break into the Sprint store at



155 Inkster about 4 a.m. March 10.

A video showed them trying to use a sledge hammer to break in, but they were unable to break through the bullet-proof glass of the northwest window. They gave up and left through the parking lot, out of the camera's range.

Home invasion

Two vacant homes on Deering were broken into

recently and the thief stole copper plumbing.

After the Dearborn Heights residents, the new owners of a home in the 1700 block of Deering, closed on the home, they went to check on it about 5 p.m. March 19 and found the front door handle broken off.

All copper plumbing and accessible plumbing were stolen. The plumbing cost about \$3,000.

The police canvassed the

neighbors on Deering. Six said that they saw nothing. Two weren't home.

In the second incident in the 5700 block of Deering, the Livonia woman came by to make her regular check on the vacant home about 1 p.m. March 13.

The front door handle also was broken off and copper plumbing valued at about \$1,500 was stolen.

-By Sue Buck

Report: Man makes off with woman's purse

Strong armed robbery

A Walled Lake woman told police March 12 that her purse was stolen as she was leaving Bed, Bath and Beyond, on Central City Parkway at Wayne Road, about 8:30 p.m. The woman said she was parked in the first space closest to the store entrance.

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After putting her 3-year-old daughter into her car seat, the woman said she started getting into the driver's seat when she felt a tug on her purse which was under her left arm. Turning to confront the

male who was grabbing her purse, the woman said they struggled over the purse and she was pulled away from the car door.

The woman told police she stumbled, hitting her leg on the car door, as the suspect ran away. She reported hearing a vehicle door slam and a

car sped off northbound. The woman was face up on the ground, she said, so she was unable to give any more information about the vehicle.

The woman reported her purse contained \$80 in cash, bank cards, credit cards and checks.

-By LeAnne Rogers

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 6855 Yale, Westland, MI, March 22, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.

- #354 Crystal Sandel
- #418 Denise Cross
- #531 Robert Tocco
- #1120 Tony Moore
- #1231 Michael Jurin
- #1514 Bernard Gordon

Units contain misc. household items-furniture.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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Case #1239D, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Service Station Redevelopment, 8008 N Middlebelt Road, Parcel # 002-99-0079-000, Northeast Corner of Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail, Rafat Putrus

Case #1500C, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Service Station Redevelopment, 37400 Ford Road, Parcels # 028-01-0002-010 and -0001-008, Northwest Corner of Ford Road and Newburgh Road, Rafat Putrus

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., April 5, 2011.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

Publish: March 17, 2011

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, March 24th, various items of the City Westland - DPW will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at approx. 9:00 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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All vehicles are sold in 'as is' condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, March 23, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold, registration fees may apply.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 6/3/7/11

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
Absent: Johnson

33: Appr. Intro. Bud. Amend 2011-11; General Fund \$145,600.

- Adopt Bud. Amend 2011-10; General Fund (\$289,000).
- Appr. of 80/20 FEMA Grant; City's portion \$29,120.
- Intro Ord. 254-A to amend Ch. 34, Art. II, of the City
- Adopt Prep. Res. accepting "Good Neighbor Program."

34: Adopt. of min. of 2-22-11

35: Set public hearing date of 4/18/11 for CDBG XXXVII, 7/1/11 thru 6/30/12.

36: Set 5/2/11 as Public Hearing for 2011-12 Budget.

38: Appt. of D. Reeves to Nankin Transit Comm. thru 12/31/11.

39: Appr. checklist: \$420,206.33 & Prepaid: \$4,106,803.43.

Mtg. adj. at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

JAMES GODBOUT, Council President

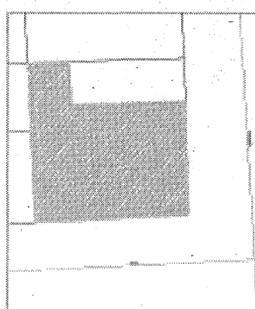
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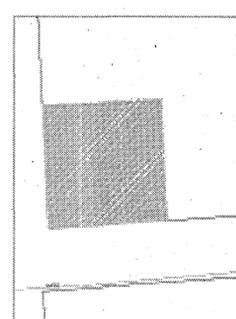
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PHOTO BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Karen Modano, mother of NHL veteran and Detroit Red Wings player Mike Modano, and her grandson Jesse Witey drop the puck for the ceremonial faceoff between Wild Wings captain Mayor William Wild (left) and Detroit Red Wings Alumni player John Ogrodnick.

Getting closer

Red Wing Alumni nip Wild Wings, 10-9, in benefit hockey game



Tony Pawlak dressed for the part as the net minder in the between-the-period entertainment - Score on a Sumo.



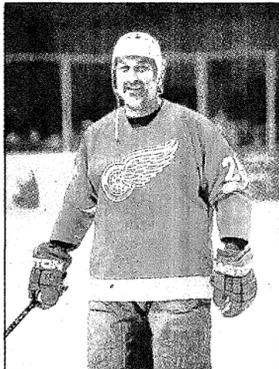
The Wild Wings Joe Burton chases the puck down the ice. Burton, a Garden City resident, is a former pro hockey player and manager of the Mike Modano Ice Arena.



Westland Mayor William Wild captained the Wild Wings in the annual benefit hockey game.



Jacquese Milosar sings the national anthem at the start of the game.



Red Wings great John Ogrodnick is ready to play in the annual benefit.



Hockey fans fill the stands at the Mike Modano Ice Arena for the second annual Wild Wings vs. Red Wings Alumni benefit game.

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For a second time, the Red Wings Alumni defeated the Wild Wings, but the local team came closer with a 10-9 final score.

Admittedly, the Wild Wings got a little help as some of the alumni players switched sides later in the game Saturday at Mike Modano Arena.

"It was a pretty good game, we only lost by one goal. We had more than 800 people which is a sellout and that is very good," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "We'll hit our mark of raising \$20,000 which is very good with this economy. It all seemed to work a little better than last year."

Last year's game also raised \$20,000 which went toward restoration of Central City Park. This year, the proceeds will be used to help make improvements to Modano Area.

Among the former NHL players taking the ice were former Red Wings John Ogrodnick and Bill Ewo, along with Chris Tamer, who played for the Pittsburgh Penguins. Mayor William Wild was captain for the Wild Wings.

To get that *Hockey Night* feel, doing the game commentary with Craig Welkenbach of WLND, Kosowski was resplendent in a red suit doing his best Don Cherry.

"I might need to stay away from Ogrodnick after he sees it. I was ribbing him about not being able to skate, his helmet, being

Canadian," said Kosowski. Along with raffles and auctions, other activities included Chuck a Puck in which participants all threw their pucks at the same time and prizes were awarded to the three closest to center ice.

Part-time parks employee Tony Pawlak donned a padded suit and manned the net for a Sumo version of Score-O. All three con-

testants scored. Jacquese Milosar sang the national anthem while saxophonist Steven Thomas performed the Canadian national anthem. "I really want to thank everyone for their hard work and getting people there," said Kosowski. "It was an unbelievable effort."

The arena has had a suggestion box and most of the responses

have been no surprise to city officials — heating for the spectators and locker room improvements.

"We're looking at infrared heating for the seating area," said Kosowski. "The locker rooms are so small and are antiquated. With three hockey teams going to the state final, we're going to attract more people to the arena."

Table hockey league hosts championships in Livonia

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kevin Williams remembers table hockey growing up. In the 1970s he owned the Bobby Orr version of the game.

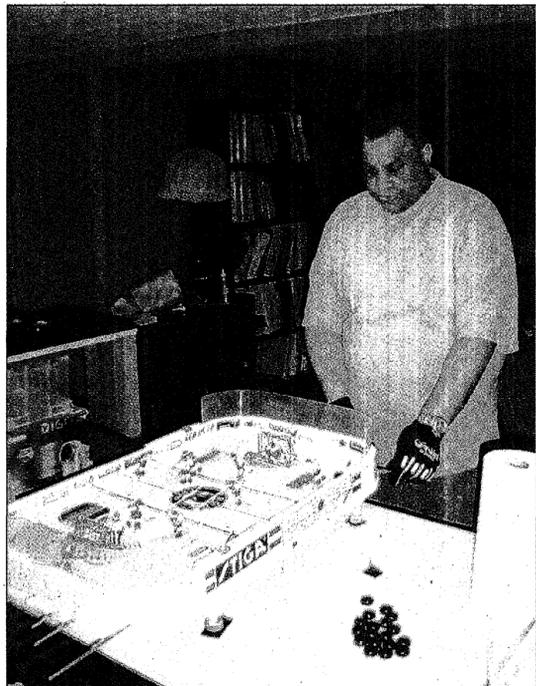
Today Williams runs a league out of his Livonia home. Next weekend he will join other table hockey players at the Stiga North American Championships, starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. The United States Table Hockey Association and CAGA Detroit Table Hockey League are co-hosting the event.

Players from the United States, Canada, Norway, Latvia and Denmark will compete for top rankings, prizes and medals. In addition, the president of the International Table Hockey Federation, Bjarne Axelsen, is expected to defend the title he won in Detroit at last year's tournament.

Williams now runs CAGA, now in its fifth season, and hosted a tournament on Wednesday at his home in Livonia. Detroit is hosting the national tournament for the fourth year.

TABLE HOCKEY REMEMBERED

Table hockey is the same fun game hockey buffs might remember playing as a kid.



Bryan Williams, one of the players in a local table hockey league, warms up before a game on Wednesday night at the Livonia home of Kevin Williams.



Mike Waldron shoots the puck "down the ice."

Miniature hockey players are attached to rods that players control with their hands, trying to score goals while preventing an opponent from doing the same.

Williams enjoyed playing it

as a youngster 30-plus years ago. "It's the closest thing to playing without putting on the skates," Williams said.

Today it is a father-son type of game, but more women are taking up the sport, includ-

ing in Russia and Finland, he adds.

The game gets participants to stand up, rather than sit like they might at a video game or computer, Williams

tries to slam the puck in the net.

"It's something to do," Williams said. "It's amusing, but it can get a little heated." Williams even keeps stats in his league to add to the fun.

DETROIT TOURNEY CONTINUES

The Detroit tournament has been run for several years by local businessman Paul Brotz. Brotz could not take part this year due to family and work duties so Eric Krol, president of the USTHA, stepped up to fill the void. Krol lives in the Chicago area where he works as a newspaper editor and has been a lifelong fan of table hockey.

"Eric's done a great job to keep it going," Williams said.

Williams said he hopes the league can grow in popularity and expand in Hockeytown. "We'd really like to introduce this to a younger generation," Williams said. "Anybody can play. The games are very interesting. Everybody has their own idiosyncrasies, their own plays and their own ways to score."

The U.S. Table Hockey Association has leagues in Madison, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Los Angeles.

For more information, visit www.cagahockey.com or www.snactablehockey.com.

Do your homework, check out charities before opening wallet

The destruction that occurred in Japan last week reminds us of the power of Mother Nature and how, in a matter of minutes, our world can drastically change. The earthquake and tsunami will affect Japan for years and will have consequences here, and around the world.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Obviously, the most important aspect of the disaster is the loss of human life and the pain and grief that so many in Japan will face. There are, however, other consequences of the natural disaster that are important to mention. Japan is the third largest economy in the world behind the United States and China. At this point, how the tragedy will affect the Japanese economy is unknown.

Not surprisingly, when the Japanese stock market reopened for business, there was a substantial sell-off. Whether this is a one-day event and whether it will affect other

markets is hard to say. However, the rebuilding of Japan will have an economic consequence not only to Japan, but to markets around the world.

Another consequence of the tragedy is that once again Americans, who are by far the most generous people on earth, will be opening up their checkbooks to help. Unfortunately, what that also means — just as we have seen in other disasters — is lowlifes will attempt to take advantage of our good nature.

One problem is that too many Americans do not spend the time to make sure the money they are donating is actually going to the cause they choose.

After the Haitian disaster, hundreds of websites popped up seeking solicitations of money. Unfortunately, many of these websites were bogus and were attempting to steal money and/or confidential information.

Although it is in our DNA to help those less fortunate, always make sure to check out the charity and confirm the money will be going where it will be most beneficial and not in the scam artist's pocket.

AVOID SCAMS

One trick used by many scam artists is to make their bogus charity appear very similar to a legitimate one. This, coupled with tear-jerking solicitations and professionally made websites, can cause people to let their guard down. Don't let this happen to you. Before you give, do some homework.

A couple of trustworthy websites available to review charities are www.charitynavigator.org or www.give.org. Both are independent and have valuable information about particular charities. Not only can you check to make sure the charity is legitimate, you can also make sure that the charity you choose is not spending an inordinate amount of money on administrative and fundraising costs. After all, you want to make sure that the bulk of your money is truly going for a charitable purpose.

When donating to charities, most givers typically write a check, or use a charge card.

GIVING STRATEGY

However, there is another option for people who are over 70½ and are required to take a minimum distribution

this year. They can donate all or a portion of the minimum required distribution directly to a charity. This is a particularly good strategy for anyone who does not itemize deductions. The reason is that in the past, the income from distributions would have to be recognized but could not be deducted from contributions. However, directly transferring the charitable contribution to a charity, avoids having to pay income taxes on the distribution.

The key to this strategy is to make sure that the money is directly transferred from your IRA to the charity. The easiest way to accomplish this is to contact your IRA custodian for instructions.

As Americans, it is our nature to help those in need. However, take a few minutes and check out the charity before giving your hard-earned money away.

Good luck!

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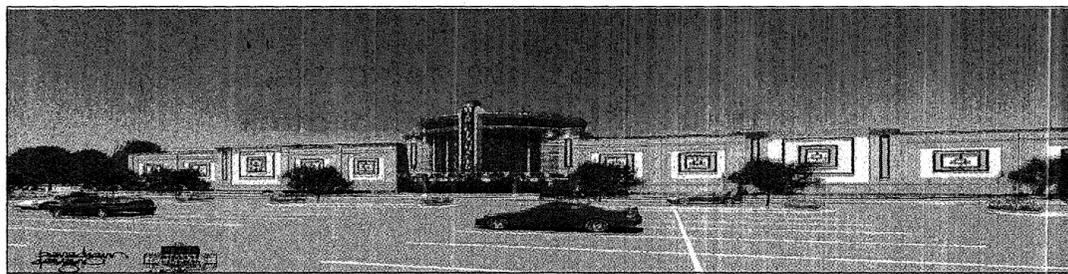
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MJR plans groundbreaking for Westland 16

MJR Digital Cinemas will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 24, to celebrate the start of construction on the all-new, state-of-the-art, digital movie theatre complex.

The MJR Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16 is scheduled to open on Nov. 4. It's being constructed on the site of the former Showcase Cinema at 6800 N. Wayne Road.

The 65,000-square foot cinema will feature 16 screens and 3,100 seats. Additionally, the cinema will have all of the amenities that have made



The 65,000-square foot MJR Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16 will feature 16 screens and 3,100 seats.

MJR Digital Cinemas a favorite among local moviegoers,

including a lobby screen showing continuous previews, five

3-D screens, MJR's famous "free refill" policy and the MJR

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"This is one of the most

anticipated groundbreakings in the City of Westland in recent history," said Westland Mayor Wild. "We warmly welcome MJR Digital Cinemas to our community and Westland moviegoers can already smell the popcorn and taste the Jujubes as they look forward to the grand opening in November."

MJR Digital Cinemas is locally owned and operated and has been serving southeastern Michigan's entertainment needs for 30 years. The MJR Westland will bring more than 60 new jobs to the area.

MILESTONES

Health-Wellness Expo

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 26

Location: Dorsey Schools' Wayne campus, 35005 West Michigan Ave., in downtown Wayne

Details: Dorsey Schools is inviting the community to a free Health and Wellness Expo to help people in their quest for a fitter, healthier you. Attendees will learn important tips about getting and staying healthy, and disease prevention through easy lifestyle choices. A multitude of health and wellness experts will be available to share health, fitness, nutrition and medical information. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

Contact: For more information or questions, please call (734) 595-1540.

Digital Marketing

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 23

Location: The University of Michigan-Dearborn - Fairlane Center, 19000 Hubbard Dr., Dearborn

Details: The American Marketing Association is host a special interactive panel discussion from three digital marketing experts - Avi Sava, founder and CEO of Big Fuel Communications (New York), a full-service Social Media marketing and communications company that takes brands from Content to Commerce; Jeremy Sutton, a website developer specializing in web analytics, and Ned Eltonis, the managing partner of the Financial Services Vertical for Rosetta Marketing Group (New York). In today's extremely competitive and

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ever-changing business environment, most marketing professionals find themselves looking for creative marketing ideas, innovative social media strategies, and digital marketing expertise. The cost is \$35 for AMA members, \$45 for guests, \$35 for first-time guests and \$20 for students. A table of eight is \$280. **Contact:** For more information on the Detroit Chapter of the American Marketing Association including becoming a member, volunteering for a committee or joining the board of directors, visit the website at www.amadetroit.com.

Web conference

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 30

Location: Online at www.private-dutyhomecare.org

Details: The non-profit National Private Duty Association (NPDA), along with the Michigan Chapter, is hosting a consumer education web conference, entitled "Hiring Home Care Workers: Avoiding Tax and Legal Risks." The live and interactive program will provide advice on reducing risks during the home care

hiring process, is free of charge to participants. The web conference topics include understanding home care provider hiring guidelines, tax and legal issues, identifying risks and independent contractor issues. Pre-registration for the event is required.

Contact: Sign up by visiting the registration link at www.private-dutyhomecare.org.

CPR Class

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 29

Location: Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10, of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Would you know what to do in a cardiac emergency? St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering a "Heartsaver" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class (CPR) on Tuesday, March 29. The class is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. Instructors will train participants using the American Heart Association's "Heartsaver" course. In the class you will learn CPR and choking techniques for children and adults. This course includes classroom-based training and coaching from a trained instructor. Targeted to corporate employees, family members of people at high risk for sudden cardiac death, and those who need or want to learn CPR, a card will be issued upon course completion. There is a fee. **Contact:** To register, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or register online at stmarymercy.org.

CHAMBER CHAT

Join us for a very casual, relaxed and fun evening of the ancient art of wine tasting. Now in its fifth year, the annual wine tasting is held in conjunction with the Community Awards Celebration, honoring Garden City's First Citizen, Business Person of the Year and the Business Beautification Award recipient.

The major sponsor of the event is the Garden City Downtown Development Authority, but there's still time to become a corporate sponsor. Call the chamber at (734) 422-4448 for more information.

The Wine Tasting will provide a sensory examination and evaluation of the beverage. It'll be held Thursday, April 7, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, just east of Venoy. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

There also will be a appetizers and a cash bar. Tickets are

GARDEN CITY CHAMBER

\$35 per person, \$66 per couple and \$275 for business party of eight. Advanced reservations are needed and can be made by calling the chamber office at (734) 422-4448. Or go online to www.gardencity.org/Events/WineTasting-Tickets.htm.

And there's still time to nominate people for the awards which recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond as a volunteer and business person for the betterment of the Garden City community. Nominations will be accepted through 5 p.m. Friday, March 18.

Forms are available on the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and Garden City Downtown Development Authority websites.

First Citizen nominations can be e-mailed to Sue Mason

at smason@hometownlife.com, faxed to her attention at (313)-223-3318 or mailed to Mason at the Garden City Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

Nominations for the Business Person of the Year award can be sent to the Garden City DDA, 2240 Middlebelt, No. 219, Garden City, MI 48135, or faxed to (734) 261-6604. Business Beautification Recognition Award nominations can be submitted to the Chamber by fax at (734) 422-1601 or the DDA at (734) 261-6604.

For more information on the business person award, call the DDA at (734) 261-2830. For information about the business recognition award, call DDA or the chamber at (734) 422-4448.

Amelia Oliverio
Executive Director

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Semi-annual sale

By purchasing your spring wardrobe essentials at participating Parisian stores, you'll not only look good, you'll do good for your community as well. Now through Wednesday, March 23, Parisian customers who donate clean, gently used clothing and textiles during the semi-annual Goodwill® Sale will receive coupons toward the purchase of new merchandise.

So, while you're showing off your new spring looks, the items you donated to Goodwill will be generating revenues for job training programs and other community-based services for people with disabilities, those who lack education or job experience, and others facing challenges to finding employment.

Participating customers receive one coupon per donated item, 20 items = 20 coupons. The coupons can be used at Parisian for 20 percent off regular or sale-price apparel, shoes and accessories and fine jewelry and 15 percent off cosmetics, fragrances and home store merchandise. Certain items, including furniture, electronics and toys, qualify for a 10 percent discount.

During the fall 2010 sale, close to four million pounds of clothing and textiles were donated.

"Long-time partnerships like the semi-annual Goodwill Sale at Parisian Stores enhance our ability to acquire high-quality donated goods for our stores,"

said Jim Gibbons, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries International. "Store revenues support our mission of providing training and employment services that put people back to work and strengthen families."

"The Goodwill Sale is a signature event for our stores," said Bud Bergren, president and chief executive officer of The Parisian Stores Inc. "Customers receive a substantial discount while donating items to an important cause. The Goodwill Sale exemplifies our commitment to the communities in which we do business."

Customers who register their donations at millionsof-goodwill.com will also receive a special 25 percent off coupon to use during the Goodwill Sale as a thank you for their contributions. You can also play the site's "Spin-to-Win Instant Win Game" daily for a chance to win a \$100 gift card, and be automatically entered in the sweepstakes for a chance to win a trip for two to New York City to see *LIVE! with Regis & Kelly*.

To find a Goodwill location near you, use the online locator at www.goodwill.org, or call (800) 741-0186. Twitter: @GoodwillIntl. Facebook: GoodwillIntl.

Troops 2 Truckers

Atlas Oil has begun hiring drivers from a unique, military-to-civilian vocational program for active duty service members. The Troops 2 Truckers provides transportation, logis-

tics training and credentialing and was designed to improve employment opportunities for members following their military service.

Founded in 2006, Troop Transition operates vocational training programs aboard military installations. When service members are reaching the end of their military duty, the program assists in preparing them for full-time positions in private industry, alleviating the stress of returning from duty in a tough economy.

Atlas has hired two drivers through the Troops 2 Truckers program thus far and has found the program to be an excellent source of qualified applicants for its driver positions.

"Troops 2 Truckers is a great program for everyone involved," said Doug Sartain, vice president, Atlas transportation. "We get well trained individuals who are not only CDL and hazmat certified, but they are also safety minded, disciplined and tested in tough conditions."

Atlas is currently hiring drivers in the Detroit and Hammond, Indiana markets. Drivers complete a rigorous 240 hours of training and are assigned a mentor, called a SEAL driver for the term of their career at Atlas.

Atlas offers competitive pay and benefits such as health, vision, dental, flexible spending accounts, daycare, disability insurance and a 401(k) plan. For more information, visit www.atlasoil.com/careers.

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GC firefighters' fundraiser benefits MDA

Garden City firefighters recently raised more than \$3,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The Garden City Firefighters Union L1911 held their Fourth annual charity bowling fundraiser to support Muscular Dystrophy Feb. 18 at Garden Lanes. "We had more than 100 people come out and support the charity and we raised \$3,200 for MDA," said Fire Lt. Corey Chandler. The union is thanking all the people who came out and participated as well as Kohl's

Department Store. "We would also like to give a special thanks to Kohl's department store for donating \$500 and sending six employees to help in the fundraiser," Chandler said. Businesses in the Garden City Community that helped include Fanatic U, Albert's on the Alley, Pro Am bowling, Buffalo Wild Wings, Imagine Theatre, Panera Bread, Deluca's, Lucky Strike Bowling, Gus O'Conner's, Joey's Comedy Club, 1-800-Board Up, Entertainment Express, Hayden's Grill and Bar, Macaroni Grill, Hooter's

of Novi, Bar Louie, Andiamo in Dearborn, Noeleen's Barbershop, ISC Services and Tupperware which donated gift certificates or prizes. Jets Pizza of Garden City also supplied pizza and bread for the event. Every year the Garden City Firefighters have raised more than \$5,000 for MDA between their charity bowling fundraiser and the Fill-the-Boot campaign. "All proceeds raised will help Garden City residents suffering from this terrible disease," Chandler said.



Presenting the check to MDA executive director Robin Rhea is fire Lt. Corey Chandler. Also pictured are Capt. Clinton London (from left), Capt. Derek Laprerie, Firefighter Randy Keen and Engineer Dan Neault.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

AA anniversary

Garden City Hospital's Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon will celebrate their 34th anniversary with an open talk by Theresa T. at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 27. The open talk will be held in Classrooms 3 and 4 of the hospital, located at 6255 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Enter through the Medical Office Building's east entrance. Pizza, coffee and cake will be served and guests are asked to bring a dish to pass. For more information, call Woody Combs at (734) 729-0520.

Awards dinner

Join the community in honoring the best of the best in volunteerism and business at the Garden City Chamber of Commerce's annual Community Awards and Wine Tasting Thursday, April 7. The event is sponsored by the chamber and the Garden City Downtown Development Authority. It will be at Roma Banquets of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, just east of Venoy. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The evening includes recognition of the 2011 First Citizen, the Business Person of the Year and the recipient of the Business Beautification Award, as well as wine tasting and appetizers. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$35 per person, \$66 per couple and \$275 for business party of eight. Advanced reservations are needed and can be made by calling the chamber office at (734) 422-4448.

Used Book Fair

The Friends of the Garden City Public Library are sponsoring a Used Book Fair Monday-Wednesday, March 21-23, in the gymnasium of the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, west of Merriman. The hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Wednesday will be a Books by the Bag Day. The library also is accepting donations of used books, CDs, DVD's and videos in good condition for the sale.

Story time

The Garden City Public Library is currently accepting registration for its spring installment of Preschool Story Time. "Let's Get Buggy" will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, March 23 through April 27, in Room 3 for the Maplewood Center. The story time is free of charge and is for preschoolers ages 3-5. Sign up at the library or call (734) 793-1830 to reserve your spot.

Free classes

The Garden City Public Schools is offering free Community Education Leisure classes Monday, March 21, to Monday, March 28, at Cambridge High School, 28901 Cambridge, east of Middlebelt. For more information on the free program and to register for classes, call Cambridge High School at (734) 762-8430.

Breaking the Boundaries

Tickets and table space is available for the West

Suburban Area Council of Chambers' annual Breaking the Boundaries business expo 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. The event brings together business professionals from the Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Greater Farmington Chamber, Lakes Area, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce for the expo. There will be a speaker at 5 p.m. talking about "How to Work the Room" followed by the expo 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Space for the expo is limited. A full table costs \$50, a half table \$25. Space is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. Appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. Cost is \$10 per person and a reservation is a must. For more information or to reserve a spot, call the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448.

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Lenten Fish Fries

St. Raphael Parish is holding Lenten Fish Fries every Friday during Lent. Hours are 4:30-7 p.m. or until dinners are sold out and 3-7 p.m. or until dinners are sold out on Good Friday. The menu includes the church's own recipe for hand

battered Icelandic Haddock. Available are fish, shrimp or fish and shrimp combo dinners for \$8.50, a fish sandwich plate for \$7, a kid's two-slice pizza meal for \$4, a kid's one-slice pizza meal for \$3. Dinners include choice of mashed potato or french fries, coleslaw, roll and butter and choice of coffee, hot tea or milk. Diners are available for carry-out, but do not include a beverage.

St. Raphael is on Merriman, just north of Ford Road.

St. Saint Damian Parish in Westland is holding Lenten fish fry on Fridays now through April 15.

Church members will be serving fish dinners 5-7 p.m. Fridays, March 18 and 25 and April 1, 8 and 15. There will be no fish fry Good Friday, April 22.

A one-piece fish dinner is \$4.50, two pieces for \$6 and three pieces for \$7. Baked fish or shrimp (five pieces) dinners cost \$7, with a pierogi (five pieces) dinner costing \$6. Dinners included fries, tartar sauce, coleslaw, roll and drink. Side orders include macaroni and cheese, \$2.50, and fries, \$2; desserts also are available.

St. Damian Parish is at 30055 Joy Road, east of Merriman.

Metro Fibro Group

The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group is hosting a

seminar/workshop 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the church. Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital, and author of Unlearn Your Pain, and Dr. James Dowd, rheumatologist, and author of The Vitamin D Cure, will be the speakers.

The seminar/workshop costs \$40 per person. The group has no dues but donations are accepted and appreciated. For more information, visit the website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com or call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519.

Open house

Garden City Co-Op Preschool is holding an open house 6-7 p.m. Monday, April 11, at the preschool, housed in the Garden City Presbyterian Church at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Parents can bring their children to meet the teacher and see what will be offered for the 2011-2012 school year.

Preschool enrollment

Garden City Preschool is currently taking names for its mailing list for fall 2011. Registration for the four-year-olds begins Wednesday, March 30, at Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center, 28351 Marquette at Harrison, Garden City. Registration for the three-year-olds begins Wednesday, April 6. Contact Jeannine at (734)

762-8550 for more information. Non-residents welcome.

Get flocked

Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2011 wants to make folks feel special by having their "cheerful flamingos" pay a visit have come to pay. They will typically stay only a few days, but they have been known to take flight early and land on a lawn of your choice for a small fee of \$15, which is less than what that special someone paid to flock you.

It's a chance to return the Flamingo Flocking Favor: Optional Flocking Insurance is available to protect you from any future flockings. The policy amount is \$15 and good for the 2010-11 school year.

A word to the wise: Sometimes the flamingos have nothing to do and get bored, so, without notice they will take off for some random flocking. Again, the flamingos will only stay a few days, but when they act like that it's unclear how much fun they are having or how long they will stay.

You can insure a timely departure with a donation to Project Graduation. All Flocking Funds go to Support Garden City High School Project Graduation. Give PG's Flocking Specialists a call at (734) 612-5274 or (734) 904-3643 or e-mail gardencityprojectgrad@yahoo.com.

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OUR VIEWS

'Secret ballots'

Process LPS board followed delayed public's right to know

The Livonia school board used a process Feb. 23 it has followed in the past to select an appointee to fill a vacancy on the board.

That process violated the Open Meetings Act, which prohibits voting by secret ballot, according to Robin Luce Herrmann, general counsel for the Michigan Press Association.

The board members had indicated their top three choices and then their No. 1 choice on what they called 'voting forms' that were tallied by administrators, who did not indicate that evening how each board member had voted. Then they appointed, in an unanimous vote on the record, the candidate administrators had said received the most No. 1 votes.

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After the *Observer* questioned board President Lynda Scheel and Superintendent Randy Liepa about the legality of the process, they were advised by their attorneys

to have board members revote Monday, make the "voting forms" used Feb. 23 available to the public and have them incorporated in the minutes of Monday's meeting.

The results of those voting forms, or secret ballots, are reported in a story in today's *Observer*.

While we're glad the public knows now how each board member voted, the process the board used delayed the public's access to that information.

Under the Open Meeting Act, the public has a right to know how each elected official votes at the time the vote is taken.

The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in a 1979 case involving Chesterfield Township that the Open Meetings Act prohibits a public body from voting by secret ballot.

Scheel on Monday defended the process the board used as appropriate, saying a record was kept of how each board member voted. She said the board had used the process twice in the past and had never been challenged on it before.

But now that that process has been challenged — and even their own attorneys have advised them there was enough of a "gray area" to revote and make the results of the "voting forms" available to the public — we hope board members and administrators permanently shelve the secret ballot process.

Japanese disaster: Get involved, donate

On Dec. 26, 2004, a massive earthquake occurred under the Indian Ocean just off the coast of Indonesia. The 9.0 magnitude quake created a series of tsunamis that devastated Indonesia and Sri Lanka. The death toll was measured in hundreds of thousands.

For those of us living on the other side of the world, details of the death and destruction caused by the quake-induced tsunamis was slow in coming. Much of what we saw in the days that followed was videos taken by tourists who videotaped the event as it unfolded.

Such was not the case last Friday as the world watched in real time as a 23-foot wall of water swept across the Japanese coast, destroying buildings and claiming the lives of an untold number of people who had little time to escape.

The power of Mother Nature is something to behold, but so is the response of mankind to such disasters. Governments, including our own, have committed resources to help the living and find those trapped in the wreckage. But we as people can also help the Japanese people and we must. Here's two ways that are simple to do:

- Similar to its efforts to help Haiti after the earthquake in 2010, Red Cross is accepting donations either online or via text message. Simply text REDCROSS to 90999 to donate \$10 from your phone. You'll be prompted to confirm with a second text reading YES.

- The Salvation Army, which has had a presence in Japan since 1895, also is accepting donations via text message. Those interested in contributing \$10 to the group can text "japan" or "quake" to 80888.

We urge readers to get involved and make a donation. Ten dollars isn't a lot of money — a few fast food meals at best. We also ask that you remember in your prayers those who have lost loved ones in the disaster and to those who face the arduous task of rebuilding. Recovery will take time, but with the help of the world, we know it will happen.

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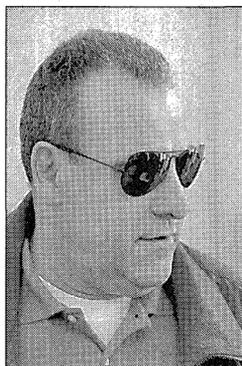
Do you plan to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



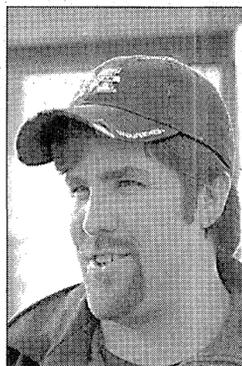
"Probably not, but I used to all of the time."

Judy McKinney
Westland



"No, I'm Austrian and American Indian, so why would I?"

Robert D. Froerich
Westland



"The only way I celebrate is staying home and away from the drunks."

Robert A. Froerich (son)
Westland



"Yes, I'm going to the Friendship Center, they're having a little program there."

Helen Kozleski
Westland

LETTERS

Drug fight starts with us

Citizens in Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Inkster and surrounding cities like to think they are living on islands. The truth is they aren't. People who live and work in these cities flow in and out between them.

Why does this matter you may ask? I'll tell you why. Ask any mayor of any of these cities about drug activity. Then add those statistics together and multiply by the number that goes unreported. Broken into separate cities, it may seem like only a moderate problem. Add them together and you get the true picture.

Look around you. Everyone of us has been or will be in contact with someone we know, love or live near who is being devastated by drugs. Look at their lives and what they have become, what they bring to our communities. Ask yourself, is my community doing enough to keep drugs out of my neighborhood? Could the local police departments and community groups cooperate more?

As citizens, it's time we came out of denial about the realities of drugs in our communities. Perhaps in our own family, maybe someone we care for so much we can't face the truth. Yet to save them, ourselves and our community we must face it. It has to begin with us.

Christine Neal
Garden City

Budget no bargain

Picture yourself a few years ago buying a new car. You bought a midsize sedan, complete with air-conditioning, audio system with CD player, and power seats and windows. Five years later, you are shopping for a new car, expecting to pay about a few dollars more for the same size and equipped auto.

This time, that amount of money might get you a compact model, no air-conditioning, no audio system with CD player, manual windows (remember those window cranks in your 1997 model?) and the cheap upholstery.

That's what Michigan taxpayers can expect, if the state legislature supports the basic elements of Gov. Snyder's proposed budget. Individuals will be paying the same level of state taxes but will have a much smaller state system of support for K-12 schools, universities and local revenue sharing which pays a chunk of the cost of your local police and fire departments.

At the same time, retirees are being asked for the first time to pay income taxes on their private and public pensions.

Doesn't sound like buying a stripped-down econobox for about the same price you paid for a midsize sedan just a few years ago or paying more for a new black-and-white TV (do they make them anymore?) than for the color TV set with all the bells and whistles you priced a year?

It is clear that the governor's proposed budget is no bargain — for retirees, for parents of school children, for college students or for local public employees. The bottom line is that we may be paying more for the state budget and getting less — far less.

Leonard Poger
Westland

Cut officials' benefits

Why is it the Republican governors and tea parties talk about cutting "government," yet they are really talking about cutting the workers who really service the people?

They want to cut pay of teachers who educate our children, the police who protect us, the firefighters who protect our property, the EMTs who rescue us and the snowplow drivers who clear our streets.

Why don't they cut the number of school board members? Why not cut the size of city councils or

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those county commissioners who find more ways to waste money than the federal government. How about cutting THEIR salaries by 10 percent or telling them to contribute to THEIR pension or pay for THEIR health care. Wouldn't it be fiscally responsible if they drove THEIR cars to work, like the rest of us.

No, that would be asking them to really turn into a government BY the people, OF the people and FOR the people.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

School Aid for colleges, too

I wanted to take the time to clear up a couple of misconceptions that certain individuals may have regarding the School Aid Fund and any allocation of its surplus to "other" areas.

When Proposal A passed, it was clear by the overwhelming support behind it that voters wanted to have a steady source of revenue that could be dedicated to education. There has been nothing that has occurred in the past fiscal year that would be contrary to that desire and the governor's current proposed budget does not appear to contradict that either.

The first misconception that people have is that the School Aid Fund is only limited to K-12. There was no language in the ballot proposal or currently in the State Constitution that would indicate this to be the case. The language refers to "school districts" and "higher education." Community colleges should be included in the definition of "higher education." For example, if the governor's proposed budget states that he is going to use a certain amount of money from the School Aid Fund to help community colleges, this would not contradict the State Constitution. Any argument that would exclude community colleges would be quite contradictory to the general purpose of any education funding, that being the necessary education of our young people. To exclude community colleges, which tend to serve a different part of the population than do four-year educational institutions, would greatly restrict access to a public benefit of which the community greatly supports.

The second misconception is that money was directed to "other" areas in FY 2010. During that fiscal year, the School Aid Fund had a \$208 million surplus. The Legislature, with support from the governor, approved a measure to direct those funds toward community colleges. To think those funds went anywhere but education is completely false. As someone who has greatly benefited from a community college, I struggle to understand why certain individuals would express support for all public educational institutions except community colleges. Those institutions are allowed access to the School

Aid Fund just like every other public school.

Alexander Steward
Livonia

Palin is plenty competent

All evidence of leadership has vanished from Washington, so the pretenders are around once more, and liberal minions stepped up a barrage of attacks on Sarah Palin hoping to destroy her. I like and trust Palin much more than many wishy-washy phonies in politics. An outstanding governor, she sought fresh air by offering no courtesy to politicians in jailing members of her own party to set a marker for good governance. Tea Parties surfaced even more of these female merry missionaries to challenge the politically enshrined. Real classy women, totally opposite the petulant and sour women of the left mired in the clinging mud of collectivism. The election of 2010 rejected the lame assumption — if our country is crippled, broke and impotent the world will like America.

Now potential to restart national growth will never happen in creating economic stagnation and expanding more and new collars of entitlement. American progress is linked to fixing all starters on all engines of private interest to stir American resourcefulness and jobs. Still hopeful, left-leaning hucksters hang over scripted megaphones passing out monopoly money waiting and waiting for their elected mystical and mythical savior to awaken.

Women may indeed admire Palin, not for what they lack but for what she has and is. Caring mothers who want their kids to emulate America's best and find it hard to make a selection more recent than Reagan. Despite outstanding character, too many women would reveal a more positive view of Palin if she were frumpy. Carried over from the Victorian era, most women defensively yield to men for top jobs and harshly measure other females. Liberals too have been successful in promoting their big fraud of being always more charitable in declaring feelings more important than function, like a cute car with no engine. Credit Palin, as well, for bringing America's attention to some wholesome American women and to discovering Alaska.

The collectivist seeks to build a society first of dilution, and finally the deletion of the spirit of individualism that would activate competition and innovation. A collectivist wedge of power also relies upon developing an aristocracy of control over information, public services and especially distribution of public funds. His anthem cry is for social justice and greater access to free lunches. All can observe his managed media soaking up liberal governance with sympathetic varnish to suppress evidence of terrible performance. Always attempting to justify an inexcusable debt multiplied by strategic political waste.

Competent Palin's choice may be best to support a candidate she feels suitable to repair the wreckage, there are so many new talents. The replay options are very tiresome personalities seeking the center stage, and like 2008, few pugnacious enough to be useful leaders and should just give it up. Tea Party warriors are assembling soon to retire the wasteful spending left and dump the wimps. America's best replacement must be an honest communicator unafraid of the whining over any effort to save the nation, one with a winning bearing to gain lost respect and unleash free competition to ignite growth and to restore the belief in our Constitution.

Very impressive governors with visible backbones have risen who may heed the serious call to save our nation's children and also retrieve the esteem and confidence of a desperate nation.

Jim Nowka
Northville



Correction

Karen Strauss, president of Masco Cabinetry, was misidentified in a photo published March 10. She is on the left. The others in the photo are Emily Luttenbacher, Jason Adams and April Adams (right).

Security Survey helps keep residents, businesses safe

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery had an experience that he recently shared with the Garden City Council. Officers had received a report of a break-in of a business in town and although there was no evidence to identify the suspect responsible, they were able to assist the business owner by providing an analysis of the building security, also known as a Security Survey.

"The survey offered suggestions to strengthen certain vulnerable areas that were revealed that made the building susceptible to another break-in," Muery said. "The business owner made the changes suggested and when the same business reported an attempted break-in a few months later, the owner pointed out that the suspect was not able to enter the building due to the changes made from the Security Survey suggestions. As a result, there was no property loss or damage."

vided by the Garden City Police Department in promoting crime prevention and community relationships, the Police Department is offering to do Security Surveys for homeowners and businesses in Garden City. There is no cost or obligation and the survey takes 60 minutes to complete, depending on any questions or concerns, said Detective Sgt. Brian Auré.

The survey consists of a check of the interior and exterior of the building and focuses on areas such as landscaping, lighting, doors, locks, windows and alarm systems. The intent of the survey is to provide suggestions to help residents make their homes or businesses more secure and make their family or employees feel safer.

"The results will be given to you to use as you wish," Auré said. "There are no requirements to comply with the Police Department's survey and a follow-up will not be done unless you request one."

He suggested checking window and door security and locks and always locking the doors and securing windows

when leaving, even for a short time.

Also check if all the outside leading doors are solid wood or metal.

"Do you have lock throws that lead at least one inch into the door frame?" he said, adding that door frames should be protected by a sufficient strike plate.

Garage doors also should be locked.

Auré also recommends that people photograph and record valuable items.

Don't forget fire safety. Smoke detectors should be throughout the home and checked monthly to be sure they work. Matches and lighters should be hidden from children, and flammable liquids should be stored in a secure area.

To make an appointment for a security survey or to receive a copy of a Crime Prevention manual, call Auré in at (734) 793-1715 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. He can also be reached by e-mail at aureb@gardencitymi.org.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 18. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinocle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Lenten Fish Fries

The Men's Auxiliary of the Romanowski VFW Post 6866 is holding fish fries on Fridays during Lent.

Hours are 4-7 p.m. Dinners cost \$7 each and include fish (baked or fried), potato (fries or baked) or macaroni and cheese, homemade coleslaw and bread and butter. There will be a cash bar with beverages. Carry-outs also will be available.

The post is at 28945 Joy Road, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

• St. Saint Damian Parish in Westland is holding Lenten fish fry on Fridays now through April 15.

Church members will be serving fish dinners 5-7 p.m. Fridays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1, 8 and 15. There will be no fish fry Good Friday, April 22.

A one-piece fish dinner is \$4.50, two pieces for \$6 and three pieces for \$7. Baked fish or shrimp (five pieces) dinners cost \$7, with a pierogi (five pieces) dinner costing \$6. Dinners included fries, tartar sauce, coleslaw, roll and drink. Side orders include macaroni and cheese, \$2.50, and fries, \$2; desserts also are available.

St. Damian Parish is at 30055 Joy Road, east of Merriman.

Food commodities

The City of Westland has established the day, times and locations that residents may obtain surplus federal food for the month of March.

All residents north of

Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, south of Palmer.

Residents living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of March, apple juice, applesauce, frozen beef roast, black-eyed beans, mashed potatoes, shredded mozzarella cheese, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti pasta and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, please call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734)595-0366.

Dinner-theater

Inspire Theatre will be serving up a heaping helping of Elvis when it presents Graceland, dinner-theatre musical tribute to the King of Rock 'N' Roll, Saturday, April 2.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the one-night-only event. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and includes "C.C. Rider" chicken or "Tupelo" tilapia, "Roustabout" rice, "Viva Las Vegas" vegetables, "Suspicious Minds" salad, an "American Trilogy" of beverages and "Graceland" cake.

Tickets are \$25 for the dinner and show, which will be presented at the theater inside Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are available by calling (734) 751-7057 or online at www.inspirationtheatre.com.

Metro Fibro Group

The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Support Group is hosting a seminar/workshop 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford Road, Garden City.

Dr. Howard Schubiner from Providence Hospital, and author of Unlearn Your Pain, and Dr. James Dowd, rheumatologist, and author of The Vitamin D Cure, will be the speakers. The seminar/workshop costs \$40 per person.

The group has no dues but donations are accepted and appreciated. For more information, visit the website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com or call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519.

Glow skate

Enjoy some glow-in-the-dark fun at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena 8-9:20 p.m. for Friday Glow Skate. The cost is \$3 for kids and \$4 for adults. Skate rental is \$3.

The arena also offers open skating 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for kids, \$5 for adults and \$3 for skate rentals.

The arena is at Wildwood and Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information about ice arena programs, call (734) 729-4560.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:15 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post 251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

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Demonstrators protest public sector cuts, anti-union legislation

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mark Schutte stood in a drizzling rain in front of the Alfred Noble Library on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Schutte and other demonstrators gathered late Tuesday afternoon with members of MoveOn.org and other citizens at a "Defend the Dream" rally to show support for public education, public services and labor unions.

Like many others at the rally, Schutte of Livonia carried a sign that read "We Are Wisconsin."

"I feel the middle class is being taken apart piece by piece," said Schutte, a technician and member of Communications Workers of America, Local 4009. "I'm against tax breaks for the rich when people are barely able to feed themselves."

Schutte also worries about the attempts by state governments to break up public sector unions, pointing to the Wisconsin's governor's efforts to terminate public employee contracts and the legislation allowing for a financial manager in Michigan to terminate collective bargaining agreements in the public sector. "I'm here for state workers and all workers. There's a drive to break up the public sector workers and their unions," Schutte said.

In a related development, state Democratic legislative leaders called for an amendment Wednesday to the state constitution to protect collective bargaining rights.

A CALL TO REJECT CUTS

Organizer Kathy Murphy expected more than 200 at the demonstration. She said supporters were rallying to stop the attacks on the middle class. "We're against the privatization, deregulation and slashing of public services," Murphy said. Murphy urged elected representatives, namely U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Rep.



Larry Lewis of Garden City holds up a sign reading, Cut off the corporate welfare kings!"

Thaddeus McCotter, state Sen. Glenn Anderson and state Reps. Phil Cavanagh and John Walsh to reject privatization, deregulation and public service cuts.

Murphy said Gov. Rick Snyder proposed to increase taxes on individuals by more than \$1.6 billion and will transfer that money dollar-for-dollar in tax breaks to corporations. In addition, the Republicans have proposed legislation mandating that public school districts privatize all non-instructional services, Murphy said. The Republicans in the U.S. House recently proposed more than \$100 billion in cuts to the federal budget, including Pell grants, vocational and adult ed, job training and employment funds, clean and safe water and community development block grants, Murphy said.

"Instead of punishing working Americans, we need to stop these attacks and invest in America by making corporations and millionaires pay their fair share," Murphy said. A request for a comment

from McCotter's office on the rally drew a short response. "I hope they took the opportunity at the library to borrow an economics primer," McCotter said. Walsh could not be reached in Lansing Wednesday for comment on the rally.

Signs reading "Unions Make U.S. Strong" and "We Are Wisconsin" dotted the landscape in front of the library.

Stu Butterfield, a retired firefighter from Dearborn, was protesting legislation that curbs workers' rights to collectively bargain and changes in state Act 312, the law that allows for police and fire unions to go to binding arbitration.

"My concern is the idea that we have to sacrifice has been drilled into people, while we're giving tax breaks to big business," Butterfield said. "The rich continue to get tax breaks, while the middle class bears the brunt of it. We cut our services, and we give up what we earned."

"We're told that the state is broke and the country is broke, and I see record corpo-

rate profits and a small percentage of people controls the wealth in this country. That's not good for our economy, and it's not good for our security. You can't sustain a democracy with that condition."

Pat Van Vuren of Livonia carried a sign that read "Save Our Children, Keep Head Start." She also protested the cuts. "There's so many programs that the Republicans want to cut that hurt our children," Van Vuren said, using funds earmarked for child care as an example.

EXPRESSING FRUSTRATION

Kathy Ventitelli of Southfield felt like she had to "do something to express her frustration."

"To undo the unions is to undo the progress in this country," Ventitelli said. "What are we doing? We have to take a stand."

Laura Mosley of Farmington Hills carried a sign that read "Cut Bonuses, Not Teachers." Mosley worked as a nurse in Detroit Public Schools, and now works at Henry Ford Hospital.



Kathy Ventitelli of Southfield and Jerry Lelito of Farmington protest with signs at the Livonia rally.



Protestors were lined up and down Plymouth Road in front of the Alfred Noble Library in Livonia.

Mosley was concerned about cuts in education, teacher layoffs and cuts in grants for students heading to college, like her son will be next year.

"It's just terrible," she said. "I think they are union busting. I believe workers have a right to organize in this country. That's what it's all about."

Bill Joyner of Livonia encouraged the crowd to take their message to local officials so that they can talk with state and national politicians. "It doesn't do anything if you don't carry that message to local officials," Joyner said. "We don't have the influence that they do. We need to take this message to the city councils and school boards."

Joyner pointed to the cuts in block grants as an example of a federal cut that has a local impact. The U.S. House

recently passed a resolution that cuts the block grants program by 62.5 percent, which is now being discussed by the U.S. Senate.

Jim Inglis, director of the Livonia Housing Commission, told the Livonia City Council that the 2011 Community Development Block Grant budget was cut 7 percent, the same that was proposed by President Barack Obama.

Inglis has proposed \$372,000 for 2011, down \$30,091 from the program total of \$401,211 in 2010. A 62.5-percent reduction would reduce spending by \$250,757, Inglis said.

Inglis later said that the proposal would cut spending and the availability of low-interest deferred loans to homeowners who qualify under HUD's income guidelines.

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SIDING

Jungaleers' delay tactic stalls Spartans' hopes

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson and Detroit Southeastern found themselves locked in a cat-and-mouse game during Monday's Class A regional semifinal at Detroit Cass Tech.

The Spartans, who had befuddled the Public School League boys basketball champs with a match-up zone defense, trailed by only two, 43-41, with only 6:04 left following Jonathan Campbell's three-pointer.

And that's when Southeastern decided to switch tactics, trying to entice Stevenson out of its zone by holding the ball for the next 4 minutes and 22 seconds.

The game's pivotal play occurred with 1:56 remaining when 6-foot-6 Brandon Kearney, a Michigan State signee, found 6-9 Percy

Gibson inside for a layup. Gibson also got fouled on the play and made the subsequent free throw and it propelled the Jungaleers, who made 7-of-12 free throws down the stretch, to a 52-45 victory.

"This is the kind of game we play all the time," Southeastern coach George Ward said. "It's kind of funny. Most inner-city teams are looked at kind of just wanting to get up-and-down the floor, but if you really look at our games we're very disciplined.

"I kind of look at it that there was only three for four teams in the state of Michigan that could have held the ball that long for two or three minutes and get a layup off of it. Our guys are used to it. They do it every day in practice. We were really satisfied with the effort in the second half. That was the main thing," Southeastern, getting a

game-high 24 points from the University of Dayton-bound Gibson, improved to 20-3 overall and advanced to Wednesday's regional final to face Detroit Codi.

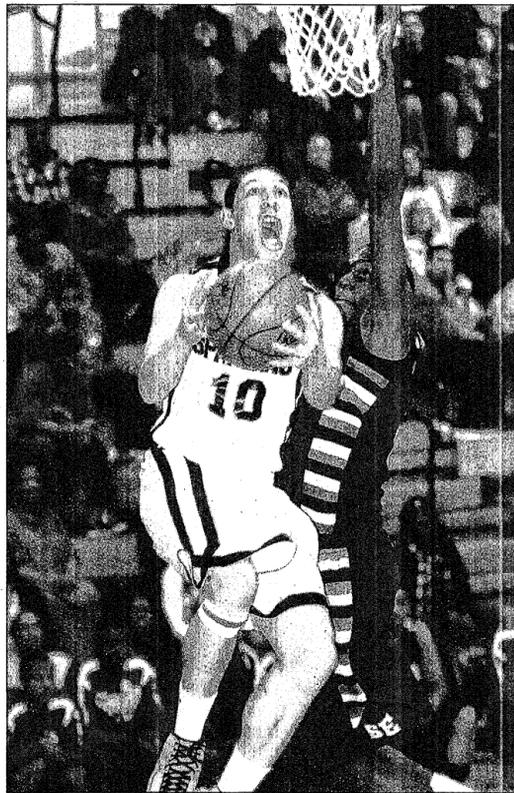
Stevenson, getting a sterling 20-point effort from Campbell, ends his season at 19-4 overall.

The Spartans laid back in their zone and let Southeastern hold the ball. And there was only one interruption.

That came with 3:16 to go when Ward called a timeout after Stevenson briefly came out of its zone to challenge the Jungaleer ball-handlers.

"To be honest, we're only playing six guys, so my whole thing was that we were only down two with six minutes to go," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "I didn't see any-

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Stevenson's Jonathan Campbell (10) goes for a reverse layup over Southeastern's Edward Brown (12) during Monday's Class A regional semifinal contest.

SIDELINES

Berger All-Region

Washington University (Mo.) senior forward Kathryn Berger (Livonia Ladywood) recently earned 2010-11 D3Hoops.com first-team All-Central Region honors in women's basketball.

Berger leads the Lady Bears in scoring and rebounding this season with 13.8 points and 6.5 rebounds per game and has recorded a team-high five double-doubles.



Berger

She also leads the team in three-point shooting with 58 three-pointers and a .397 shooting percentage from beyond the arc and is 78-of-92 from the foul line (84.8 percent).

She has been recognized as the University Athletic Association Athlete of the Week five times so far this season.

Earlier this year, Berger became just the 12th Washington U. player in program history to eclipse 1,000-career points and she currently ranks eighth in school history with 1,105 points and sixth in rebounding with 701 boards.

She is one of only three players in school history to score 1,000 points and pull down at least 700 rebounds during a career.

The No. 12-ranked Lady Bears, 24-5 overall, will face No. 7 Illinois Wesleyan in the NCAA Division III Tournament semifinals 7 p.m. Friday at the Shirk Center in Bloomington, Ill.

MU academic duo

Madonna University's Katie Martin and Tabatha Wydryck were among 219 basketball players named as National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 2011 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

To be selected, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior academically and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The MU duo, both of whom are pre-medicine majors, were also selected to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's (WHAC) all-academic team earlier this month.

Martin, a junior guard from Woodhaven, appeared in 22 games this season, making one start. The Riverview Gabriel Richard grad was named to the WHAC's Champion of Character Team in 2010 and was the 2010 Blue and Gold Awards Female Champion of Character award winner.

Wydryck, a senior forward from Wyandotte, started all 27 games this season, averaging 11.6 points and 7.4 rebounds per game en route to All-WHAC first-team honors for the second straight season.

The Gabriel Richard grad was also named to the WHAC's All-defensive team after posting 27 blocks and 83 steals. During the season, Wydryck became the all-time blocks leader in MU history.

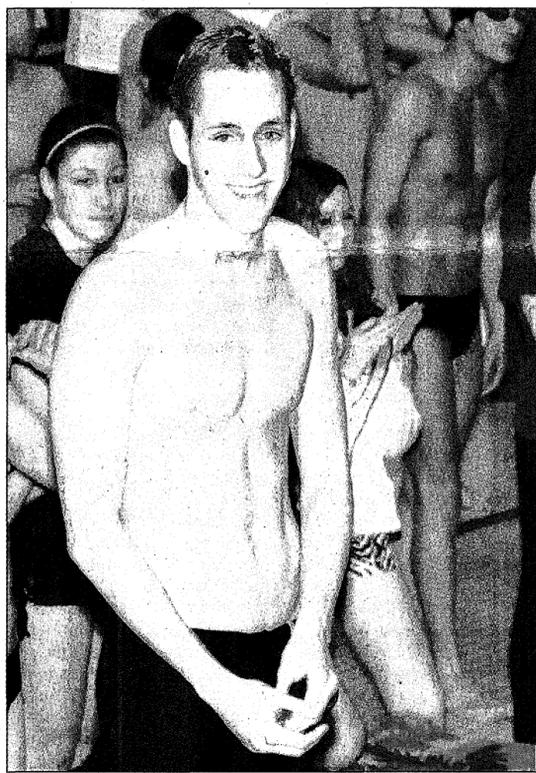
The Crusaders ended the 2010-11 season with a 12-15 overall record and an appearance in the WHAC semifinals.

Youth baseball tryout

Tryouts for the Michigan Bulldogs, a 10-and-under travel baseball team, will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, March 27, at Precision Baseball, 7835 Market Drive, Canton.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. For more information, call Lee Richards at (734) 718-8522.

Schoff propels Spartan swim effort



Stevenson senior Kellen Schoff was happy to post all personal bests during Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 boys swim finals held at Oakland University.

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BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson boys swim coach Jeff Shoemaker admits that Kellen Schoff "will be virtually impossible to replace."

The senior captain certainly will be missed as he figured in 56 of Stevenson's 104 points during Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 Boys Swimming & Diving Championships held last weekend at Oakland University.

Schoff turned in a pair of runner-up performances in both the 100-yard butterfly (51.48) and 100 backstroke (51.65) as the Spartans earned a top 10 finish in the team standings.

He also helped the Spartans to a third place in the 200 medley relay along with sophomore John Ferrara, junior Jake McNamara and junior Brandon Bielicki (school record 1:36.86).

The foursome of Bielicki, John Ferrara, Adam Ferrara and Schoff also took 11th in the 400 freestyle relay (3:15.75).

"He is among a handful of swimmers whose perfor-

mance at the state meet will be remembered," Shoemaker said. "Our 200 medley relay made the All American consideration time standard, while his time in the 100 backstroke set a school record."

More yardage and offseason weight training led to Schoff's improved state meet finishes from a year ago where he was third in the 100 backstroke (52.87) and sixth in the 200 individual medley (1:56.20).

"In the swimming community Kellen Schoff is now a familiar name," Shoemaker said. "He will be a tremendous asset to whichever college program he chooses to swim for."

Schoff will more than likely follow Shoemaker's footsteps to Eastern Michigan University.

"I'm pretty sure I'll sign there," Schoff said. "I knew for a couple of years coach Shoemaker swam there and I think it kind of influenced me." Schoff was the first to join a competitive swim team in his family at age 8.

His three older brothers — Andrew, Brendan and Daniel — all swam for Shoemaker. And when Kellen first

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Chippewas avert upset against MU

The Madonna University baseball team held a 1-0 lead over NCAA Division I member Central Michigan University through 5.1 innings Tuesday, but three unanswered runs in the sixth gave the home standing Chippewas the 3-1 win at Theunissen Stadium.

"We had every opportunity to execute and win a baseball game today," said MU coach Greg Haeger. "If we had gotten some timely hitting it could have made the difference."

Sophomore Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) and freshman Victor Barron led MU (10-8) with a pair of hits each in the loss.

Brendan Emmett was the only Chippewa with two hits.

MU stranded eight runners on base, while CMU (8-9) left six on base in both teams' first games in Michigan this season.

The Crusaders tallied a run in the top of the first inning, taking advantage of a pair of Chippewa errors to gain the early lead.

Junior Drew Adamiec reached on a one-out CMU infield and moved all the way to third when the single by Pelletier was misplayed in the CMU outfield to put runners at second and third with just one out.

MU capitalized on the CMU miscues when sophomore Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) drove in Adamiec from third for a 1-0 lead after half an inning.

The Crusaders looked to add on another run in the third when senior Jeff Bultinck opened the inning by reaching on a CMU error and was at third following a sacrifice bunt from Adamiec.

Central's Jake Sabol was able to get the next two MU hitters to ground out and strike out to end

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MSU's Krug receives accolades despite 'lost season'

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia's Torey Krug is the youngest player ever to wear the 'C' on a Michigan State hockey jersey.

And while some often fall victim to the old adage "sophomore jinx," Krug was the exception to the rule on an MSU squad this season that wound up a disappointing 10th in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association with an 11-15-2 record.

Yet, the 5-foot-9, 175-pound defenseman was a shining light in an otherwise dark season for the Spartans, who finished below .500 with an overall mark of 15-19-4.

Krug, the first solo captain with sophomore status in program history, was recently selected to the first-team by the Central Collegiate Hockey Association after scoring 11 goals and adding 17 assists for



MSU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Livonia native Torey Krug, a Michigan State sophomore defenseman, recently earned first-team All-Central Collegiate Hockey Association honors.

28 points, good for third on the team and tops among all CCHA defensemen.

He is MSU's first All-CCHA first-team selection since Livonia's Jeff Lerg in 2008, and the first defenseman placed on the first team since A.J. Thelen in 2004.

"Individually I was success-

ful, but it was a weird situation," said Krug, who was also voted MSU's MVP and Top Defensive Player recently. "I really have to give my success to my teammates. And even though it doesn't equate to wins and losses, they've given me the support and have always been in my corner, and

have been unbelievable in my development. I give all the credit to them."

MSU's season can only be described as a bad roller coaster ride at Cedar Point.

It culminated in a first-round elimination series setback in the CCHA playoffs to Alaska, 3-2 and 4-3 (in double overtime).

Ironically, the Spartans started out the season promising with a 3-1-3 mark, but then went 3-8 during their next 11 capped by a 5-0 setback on Dec. 11 to rival Michigan in the Big Chill at the Big House.

"I don't know how to categorize it," Krug said. "It was frustrating and there was some excitement early. We started out on a high note, we beat some good teams, then we got swept at Western Michigan and it seemed to spiral down from there. Against the top 10 teams we did pretty well. It was like 360 degrees. As the season came down you want to play as long as you can, but after we got beat (at Alaska) it

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Churchill Hall of Fame

The Livonia Churchill athletic patrons will stage their ninth annual Hall of Fame induction dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at the Italian American Club, located at 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. Among the inductees will be former football and track coach Bob Armstrong, baseball and hockey player Ron Griffin (1976) and the 2005 and 2006 varsity gymnastics teams coached by Christa Hinderliter and Kelly Grodzicki. Tickets are \$40 each. For more information, call Neal Houghan at (734) 634-5524 or e-mail nhoughan@seasons.org.

Girls pom clinic

Livonia Pom will stage a clinic for girls in grades three-eight from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. The cost is \$20 (includes clinic T-shirt). For more information, or to download a registration form, visit www.livoniapom.com.

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LBSA registration

The Livonia Baseball and Softball Association will stage its 2011 summer baseball registration from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 19 and 26, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Two divisions will be formed for both high school age (15-16) and high school-collegiate age (17-19). Within each division, there will be highly competitive select teams, along with nonselect teams. Rosters and teams are limited. Managers and coaches are also needed.

Registration forms are available at the sign-up or online at www.livoniabsa.com (under forms section). For more information, call George Coram at (248) 478-5071 or Curt Kreutzfeld at (734) 522-5413.

Hunter safety class

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer a hunter safety class (ages 10-and-up) from 5-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 18 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at the corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads. Space is limited and advance registration is required. You can sign up at the Parks and Recreation office inside the Livonia Community Recreation Center at 15100 Hubbard. The fee is \$10 and participants must attend both classes. Any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1960 must receive this certification in order to obtain a hunting license. Children ages 11-and-under must be accompanied by an adult. Topics that will be covered also include legal requirements and equipment use. (Bring a bag lunch.) For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

WYAA baseball signup

Baseball registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road and west of Venoy). The WYAA has openings for all age groups, including: Co-ed T-Ball (5-6), Co-Ed Machine Pitch (7-8), Mustang (10-and-under), Bronco (12-and-under), Pony (14-and-under), Colt (16-and-under) and Palomino (18-and-under). Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt and Palomino age divisions involve local travel with interlocking leagues with other cities. For more information, call (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours (or leave a message) or visit www.wyaa.org.

Steelheaders meeting

The Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads. Meetings are free and open to the public. No reservations needed. Captain Jerry Lee will be one of two featured speakers. He has over 30 years of fishing and guiding experience on the Great Lakes. Among the topics include use of lead-core, rotators, cut bait, in-line boards and the latest downrigger savvy. His presentation also includes tips and tactics to consistently boat limits of fish for his customers on a daily basis. Captain Chip Cartwright will also unveil the latest from Wolverine Tackle, which produces the world famous Silver Streak lures. For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790.

Girls slow-pitch signup

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage open registration for 2011 girls 10- and 13-and-under slow-pitch softball until enrollment reaches 160 participants in each division for those living in the Livonia or Clarenceville public school districts. Registration forms are available at local schools or be picked up at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). Late registration for school district residents is from 9 a.m. until noon beginning Saturday, April 9, at the Rec Center. Non-resident signup starts at 9 a.m. Monday, April 11 on a first-come, first-served basis. Open registration fees are \$40 (resident) and \$50 (non-resident), while late registration fees are \$50 (resident) and \$60 (non-resident). For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (option No. 2).

Mission completed

Arizona spring trip yields 10-7 start for Madonna

After only mustering five hits in a loss in Saturday's opener of a double-header, the No. 11-ranked Madonna University baseball team closed its 2011 spring trip by winning Game Two, 7-3, over Dickinson State University (N.D.). The Crusaders fell to Dickinson State 11-2 in the opener at the Snedigar Complex in Chandler, Ariz. The split left MU 10-7 on the year as the squad as it returned home. MU used a 3-run sixth inning to salvage a split in the nightcap. Senior Jeff Bultinck paced the Crusaders' offense with three hits and three RBI. Sophomore Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs, while junior left-hander Tom Hansen earned the win with an inning of work out of the bullpen. Dickinson State scored single runs in the first and third innings to claim a 2-0 lead heading into the bottom of the third. Freshman Victor Barron started the inning with a single to right and moved to second on a sacrifice

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bunt from sophomore Alex Charles (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice) before coming home on a double from Bultinck to cut the deficit in half at 2-1. Junior catcher Drew Adamiec singled and then came home on a double by Pelletier to tie the game at 2-2. MU took the lead in the fourth as senior Matt Kay (Canton) led off with a single. Kay moved to second and third on back-to-back Dickinson State errors and came home on a ground ball off the bat of Spencer Sarel to put the Crusaders in front 3-2. Dickinson State evened the game at 3-3 in the fifth and the game stayed 3-3 until the bottom of the sixth when Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) reached on a one-out triple to center field. Pinch hitter Billy Hardin III (Livonia/Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) singled up the middle to score Lineberry and put MU back on top 4-3. Bultinck then doubled down

the line in left to score both Charles (who Hardin III hit for) and Barron to make it a 6-3 game. Sophomore Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) came in for the seventh and worked out of a two-out jam with runners at first and second by getting the final batter of the game to ground out and give MU the victory. In the first game, MU took a 1-0 lead after half an inning only to see the Blue Hawks respond with nine runs over the next two innings en route to the 11-2 win. The Crusader offense never got in sync in the day's opener and sophomore lefty Erik Wright (Canton) was saddled with his second loss, giving up seven runs in 1.2 innings of work. Sarel and Tim Duffy made their debuts on the mound with Duffy striking out a batter in his two innings of work. Travis Setere led the Blue Hawks (1-6) with two hits and five RBI. Pitcher Roberto Gonzalez went all seven innings, allowing just one walk and striking out four, to earn the victory.

Crusaders' 14-1 start bodes well

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Almost perfect. That was the final ledger on the Arizona spring trip last week for the Madonna University women's softball team. The Crusaders closed their trip to Tucson Invitational Games with a 3-1 victory over the University of Great Falls (Mont.) as part of a triple-header Friday at the Reitan Complex. Garden City's Hallie Minch earned the win, throwing five innings and allowing just one run, while Jess Irwin picked up her second save of the year as MU raised its season record to 14-1 overall. Sophomore Arielle Cox led MU at the plate with a pair of hits. MU got on the board in the bottom of the third, plating a single run as Cox led off with a

double to right center and came home three batters later on a single through the right side by Minch for a 1-0 advantage. The Madonna lead grew to 3-0 in the fourth when Erica Landess connected on her third homer of the season, a 2-run blast to left center to extend the MU cushion. The Argos scored in the fifth when Lindsay Cline belted a homer of her own to trim the deficit to 3-1. Irwin then came in for the sixth and seventh, slamming the door and walking just one. Earlier in the day, MU fell to Robert Morris (Ill.), 4-3, for its first setback of the season as Irwin suffered her first loss when the Eagles rallied for two runs in the top of the seventh.

Ashley Shay (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child) led the MU offense with three hits, while Landess and Jackie Barley added two each. Jennifer Burns scattered 10 hits, walked two and struck out seven in going the distance for the Eagles (9-7). In a battle of nationally-ranked NAIA teams, Madonna bounced back with a 2-1 victory in eight innings over Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) in Game Two, as Irwin (7-1) struck out 12, walked two and allowed just six hits. Shay went 3-for-3 in the win, while Landess knocked in both runs. The loss dropped the Tigers to 14-3 overall. MU returns to action Thursday when it travels to Indiana University-Southeast for a double-header.

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the threat and keep the count 1-0. MU sophomore starter Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child Catholic) worked himself into and out of a jam in the third after a lead off single by Sam Russell. Gooding overthrew first on a pick off attempt and that allowed Russell to get into scoring position at second, but then retired the next two Chips on strikes before getting a pop out to center to end the inning. MU had another potential scoring situation erased in the

top of the sixth when senior Mike Gansser popped up a squeeze bunt and junior Dan Harder — who led the inning off with a single and stole second — was doubled off of third for the double play to end the inning. CMU then took the lead in the bottom of the sixth when Tyler Hall reached on a one-out walk off of junior lefty Tom Hansen. Hall's walk was followed by a single from Emmett and both runners moved up on a passed ball to put runners at second and third with one out. A wild pitch from Hansen allowed Hall to score to tie the game and a Crusader error brought Emmett home to give the Chippewas the lead for keeps, 2-1.

Central also got in RBI single by William Arnold to increase its lead to 3-1 after six innings. MU could not advance a runner past second base the remaining three innings, falling by the 3-1 final. Hansen (2-2) was saddled with the loss as he was charged with all three runs that scored in the sixth and walked two in his two-thirds of an inning of work. Gooding threw the first five, allowing just two hits while striking out eight in taking the no decision. Reliever Jon Weaver earned the win for CMU, throwing two innings while giving up a pair of hits. Matt Faiman came in and worked around a walk in the ninth for the save.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**
Thursday, March 17
Madonna at Goshen (Ind.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 19
Madonna at N'western Ohio (2), 1 p.m.
Sunday, March 20
Madonna at N'western Ohio (2), 1 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**
Thursday, March 17
Madonna at IU-Southeast (2), 3:30 p.m.
Friday, March 18
(Lindsay Wilson, Ky. Classic)
Madonna vs. Union (Ky.), 3 p.m.
Madonna vs. Montreat (N.C.), 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 19
(Lindsay Wilson, Ky. Classic)
Madonna vs. Reinhardt (Ga.), 9:30 a.m.
Madonna vs. Campbellville (Ky.), 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 20
(Lindsay Wilson, Ky. Classic)
Madonna vs. Martin Methodist (Tn.), 10 a.m.
Madonna vs. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), noon.

Whalers hit rough patch

The Plymouth Whalers will try to right the ship before the Ontario Hockey League playoffs start next week. After dropping road games March 6 at Sault Ste. Marie (4-1) and March 11 at Erie (5-1), the Whalers were defeated 4-2 in a Sunday matinee against the Greyhounds. Mitchell Heard and James Livingston scored the Plymouth goals Sunday. With the losses, Plymouth's

record dipped to 35-25-1-4 and sank the Whalers into sixth place in the OHL Western Conference. The Whalers have 65 points, three behind fifth-place Erie, with just three games to play. Plymouth visited Owen Sound Wednesday and will travel to Kitchener for a game set for 7:30 p.m. Friday before closing out the regular season 7 p.m. Saturday against Guelph at Compuware Arena.

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AAU hoop tryouts

The Michigan Celtics will stage AAU basketball tryouts for girls (ages 13-15) from 3-5 p.m. and boys (12-and-under) from 5-6 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at Our Lady of Victory in Northville. The tryout fee is \$15. For more information, e-mail Andrea Gorski at coachgorski@gmail.com.

Livonia Blue duo earns D2 all-state accolades

All-State honors went to a pair of Livonia Blue members at Saturday's MHSAA Individual Division 2 Gymnastics Finals hosted by Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills High School.

Junior Alex Kitz placed fifth on the uneven parallel bars with a score of 9.075 to meet the top eight all-state standard.

She was 21st in the all-around (34.65) which also included a 28th on vault (8.725); 30th on floor exercise (8.825); and 35th on balance beam (8.025).

Livonia Blue teammate

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Haley Olson, also a junior, also tied for fifth on vault (9.275) to become all-state.

Sara Bridges, a junior, tied for 27th on the uneven bars (8.4).

Christine Wilson of Grand Ledge was the Division 2 all-around champion (38.050) after winning both the uneven bars (9.8) and floor exercise (9.6).

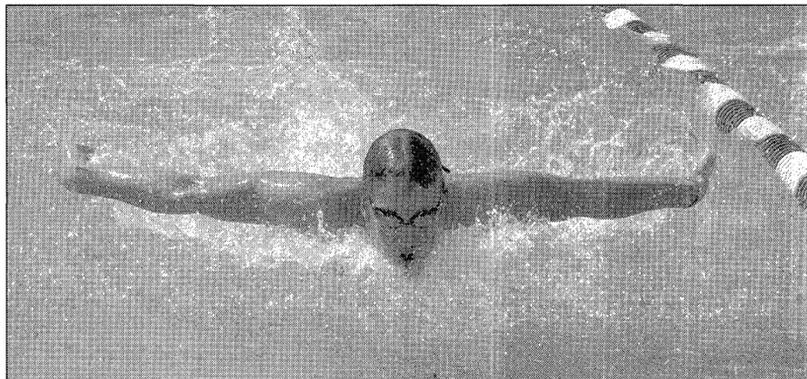
Other Division 2 individual champions included Canton's Ayanna Lewis on vault (9.425) and Presley Allison of

Grand Ledge on beam (9.35). In Division 1, Livonia Red's Meghan Lark, a senior captain, was 18th in the all-around (32.425).

That included a 19th on vault (8.55); 20th, floor (8.55); 21st, uneven bars (8.1); and 23rd, beam (7.225).

Grand Ledge's Alexis Byington was the all-around champ (38.375) after taking firsts on vault (9.8) and floor (9.725).

Other individual winners included Chloe Presley of Milford on the uneven bars (9.675) and Northville's Allison Kemp on beam (9.7).



Stevenson's Kellen Schoff was runner-up in the 100-yard butterfly during Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 boys swim finals held at Oakland University.

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arrived as a 5-foot-5, 130-pound freshman at Stevenson, he admitted he was a little intimidated by the veteran coach's presence.

"I was always scared at the beginning, I was so small in high school and he was a big guy," said Schoff, who now stands 6-foot-1, and weighs almost 180 pounds.

Schoff's only regret was not winning the 100 backstroke where he was edged out by Canton's Victor Zhang by 1-tenth of a second.

"All the other races — other than the backstroke — I was happy with those," Schoff said. "He (Zhang) did not swim that in the (Kensington) conference meet. He swam a different event. I just wanted to get as high as I could at 'state.' My goal was to better my times from last year. All my times did improve and they were all personal bests, so I'm happy."

Schoff, who turns 18 in September, said he will now take a three-week break before resuming training with the Livonia Community Swim Club before joining the EMU swimmers in the summer.

Spartans ninth overall

Not to be overshadowed

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

2011 MHSAA BOYS DIVISION 1 SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS March 11-12 at Oakland University
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 384 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 197; 3. Rockford, 150; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 141; 5. Zeeland East, 126; 6. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 116; 7. Salem, 112; 8. Lake Orion, 110; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 104; 10. Birmingham Brother Rice, 103; 5; 29. Westland John Glenn, 9.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (includes area finishers)
200-yard medley relay: 1. Saline (Josh Ehman, Mike Fisher, David Boland, Andrew Kriebler), 1:34.50; 3. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Kellen Schoff, Brandon Bielicki), 1:36.86 (school record).

200 freestyle: 1. Adam Whitener (Saline), 1:39.29.

200 individual medley: 1. Boland (Saline), 1:51.30; 13. J. Ferrara (Stevenson), 2:00.34.

50 freestyle: 1. Eric Chisholm (Rockford), 21.19.

1-meter diving: 1. Tyler Keelean (Zeeland East), 494.40 points (Division 1 record).

100 butterfly: 1. Boland (Saline), 48.95 (Division 1 record); 2. Schoff (Stevenson), 51.48.

100 freestyle: 1. Whitener (Saline), 45.76.

500 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (Salem), 4:32.90.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Saline (Whitener, Kriebler, Fisher, Brad Frost), 1:25.10 (Division 1 record); 17. Stevenson (Bielicki, Adam Ferrara, Evan Shatter, J. McNamara), 1:31.03; 20. John Glenn (Paul Gutu, Dave Vader, Josh Wakeford, Joey Wakeford), 1:31.33.

100 backstroke: 1. Victor Zhang (Canton), 51.55; 2. Schoff (Stevenson), 51.65 (school record); 3. J. Ferrara (Stevenson), 52.46; 9. Joey Wakeford (John Glenn), 53.66.

100 breaststroke: 1. Fisher (Saline), 56.18 (Division 1 record); 12. J. McNamara (Stevenson), 1:01.10; 16. Grant McNamara (Stevenson), 1:01.81.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Saline (Boland, Frost, Fisher, Whitener), 3:04.83 (Division 1 record); 11. Stevenson (Bielicki, J. Ferrara, A. Ferrara, Schoff), 3:15.75.

by Schoff's big day was the performance of John Ferrara, who took third in the 100 backstroke (52.46) and 13th in the 200 IM (2:00.34).

The McNamara brothers, Jake and Grant, took 12th and 16th, respectively, in the 100 breaststroke with times of 1:01.10 and 1:01.81, respectively.

Stevenson's 200 freestyle relay team of Bielicki, Adam Ferrara, Evan Shatter and Jake McNamara just missed scoring with a 17th in Friday's prelims (1:31.03).

"Each member of our team had lifetime best swims, and because of these young men,

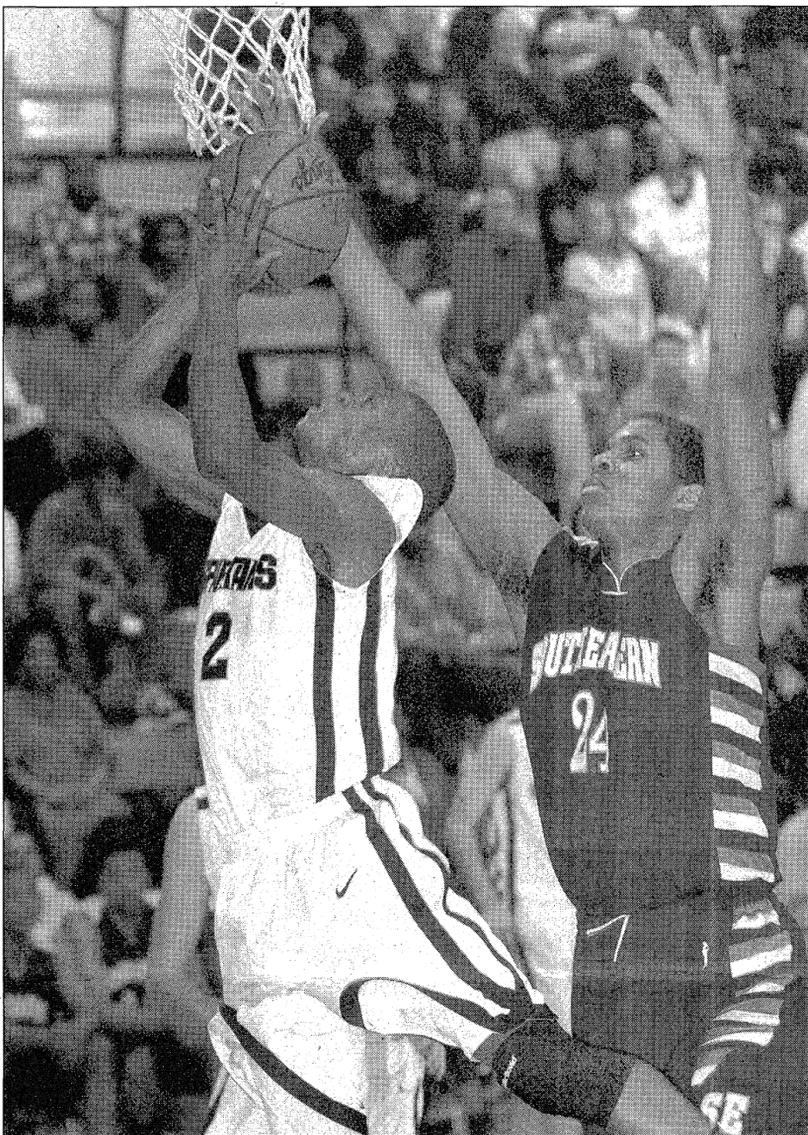
Stevenson swimming continues to be recognized for its success," Shoemaker said.

"The hard work and determination of each of these boys paid off. I am very proud of each one and couldn't ask for a better group of boys to coach."

Meanwhile, junior Joey Wakeford accounted for all nine of Westland John Glenn's points with a ninth place in the 100 backstroke (53.66).

The Rockets' 200 freestyle relay team of Paul Gutu, Dave Vader, Joey and Josh Wakeford wound up 20th in the prelims (1:31.33).

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Stevenson's CJ Mwila (2) gets his shot blocked by Southeastern's 6-foot-9 center Percy Gibson (24) during Monday's Class A regional semifinal at Detroit Cass Tech.

HOOPS

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thing wrong with us catching our breath for a couple of minutes and playing out of that. Unfortunately they did a nice job of working the ball inside at the two-minute mark and got the ball to Percy for an 'and-one' and that really made it tough on us."

Stevenson trailed 11-7 after one quarter, but got a lift off the bench from junior forward Carey Cobb (two triples) and led by as many as six during the second period before Southeastern closed the gap to 23-22 at intermission on a layup just before the horn by Gibson.

"The first half Percy (Gibson) shot six-for-seven, so I don't understand why we took a lot of jump shots," Ward said. "But my guards are pretty much better than other people's guards, so I can trust them with the basketball in their hand. We just had to take our time and relax with the ball, and that's what we did the second half a little bit."

Southeastern outscored the Spartans 17-13 in the third quarter to take a 39-36 advantage.

But Campbell, the 6-foot junior guard, continued his hot shooting on an acrobatic reverse layup with 6:34 remaining followed by his fourth three-pointer of the night to cut the deficit to two, 43-41.

"Campbell grew up tonight," Allie said. "There were a lot of college coaches in the crowd. I think he'd be the first one to get a scholarship tonight. He played very, very well. He

went from a boy to a man in 32 minutes tonight. He really kept us in the game and I thought he played composed all night long."

Campbell, who was an efficient 8-of-10 from the floor, proved to be a major thorn in Southeastern's side.

"We just kept leaving the guy (Campbell)," Ward said. "It wasn't like he was beating us off the dribble. If somebody is beating us off the dribble, then we're going to have to work on things ourselves."

"But when a guy is hitting wide-open jump shots and the defense is not breaking down, that's just somebody missing an assignment. We'll address that, believe me."

Stevenson's leading scorer and rebounder, 6-9 senior Jalen Reynolds, finished with just seven points (3-of-10 shooting) to go along 13 rebounds. The Xavier University-signee was saddled with foul trouble both in the first and second halves before eventually fouling out late.

Senior point-guard CJ Mwila, the team's second leading scorer, also struggled with his shooting (2-of-14) and finished with eight points.

"I thought we were putting our head down too early in the first quarter when we were making mistakes," Allie said. "I just wanted Jalen and CJ to continue to play hard. Both those guys have had excellent seasons for us, so there's no reason for them to put their heads down or walk out here and not be satisfied with what they've accomplished at Stevenson."

Stevenson had a total of 17 turnovers, while Southeastern committed 11.

"We didn't protect the ball as much as we should have down the stretch," Allie said.

"I was trying to explain to the kids during the timeouts — as poorly as I thought we were playing at times, we were still up one, or down two, or up three, we were always right there within a possession one way or another. I just wanted to keep encouraging them to make sure we were going to stay in it until the end, and I thought we did."

Ironically, Southeastern's delay game in the fourth quarter ultimately paid off.

"We just have to be patient at times and know where our strengths are," Ward said. "We had to hit (Brandan) Kearney in the middle of that zone because we knew their would be a lot of attention to Gibson down low. So they did that, and they (Stevenson) kind of face-guarded them a little bit with Jalen, so it played into our hands a little more."

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was almost a sigh of relief."

Unfair as it may seem, Krug shouldered much of the blame early for MSU's woes on himself.

"At the beginning of the season and being a young captain, I put a lot of pressure on myself," said Krug, who will be honored Thursday at the CCHA awards night at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. "But I finally realized I can't take all the blame totally for a team loss."

Krug, who came to the Spartans after helping the Indiana Ice to the USHL's Clark Cup championship, was a member of the CCHA All-Rookie team last year as a freshman, and was one of three finalists for CCHA Rookie of the Year.

This season, Krug's 11 goals tied for the ninth-most in a single season in school history. He is one of five defenseman in NCAA Division I hockey with a hat trick this season.

Going through juniors, Krug always prided himself on being on offensive-minded defenseman, but now he prides himself on being a more well-rounded player.

"If you look at the NHL

they can find those 6-foot-5 defenseman," said Krug, who become draft-eligible this June. "But instead, I'm only 5-9, so I had to bring a more dynamic style, which was to be aggressive offensively and move the puck well. Offense comes natural, but I had to get better in the defensive zone. That's the first part."

A rigorous offseason training schedule also has elevated his status.

"I knew coming into the season I would play bigger role and play more minutes against the top lines," Krug said. "I worked out with my best friend Jeff Petry (recently called up to the Edmonton Oilers). I knew I had to get faster and stronger — get in better shape and work on my defensive game. I think I got one step faster."

"You have to credit the people that you surround yourself with. I've worked with a lot of great people and you have take advantage of the great facilities they have at Michigan State."

Krug's support system also helped him erase any doubts about his ability — even during the trying times.

"I talked to a lot of people and there's a lot of credit to go around," Krug said. "So many people reached out and were helpful including the coaching staff, my par-

ents and my brothers."

His oldest brother Adam, 27, a forward, played professionally this season in the Netherlands, while another brother Matt, 25, also a defenseman, recently got called up from the East Coast Hockey League to the Chicago Wolves of the American Hockey League.

His youngest brother Zack, who will play volleyball on a scholarship this fall at Siena Heights University, is called by Torey "my No. 1 fan since Day One."

Meanwhile, the coach that recruited Krug to MSU, Rick Comley, announced his retirement in January after nine seasons.

Who will be Comley's successor is anybody's guess, but Krug believes the Spartans can rebound in 2011-12.

"We lost only two seniors and a sophomore (Derek Grant) to the (Ottawa) Senators," Krug said. "Coach Comley will be a Spartan forever, but we'll have a new coaching staff and right now we don't have any idea who it will be. They've just talked about the (hiring) process."

One thing, however, is for certain, Krug will continue to provide a glimmer of hope while he anchors the MSU blue line.

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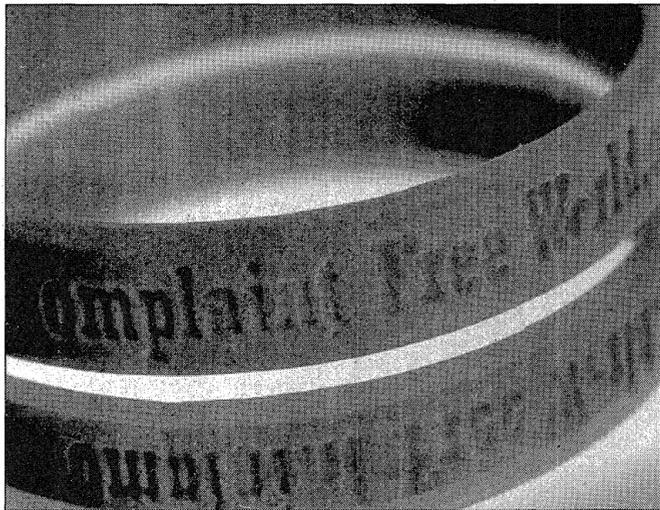
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Members of Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia are wearing these bracelets as a reminder to stop complaining during Lent.



Pastor urges positive attitude for Lent season

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Steven Schafer doesn't want to complain about it, but for Lent he wishes everyone would stop whining.

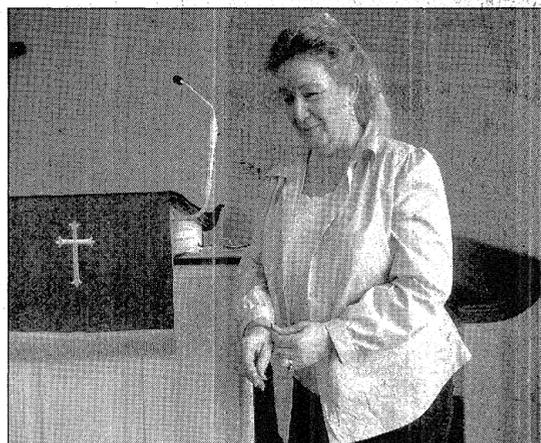
"Anything that makes us more positive people is a good thing for us. I told my wife on Sunday, this may have been the most important sermon I've given in years because it has the power to transform lives."

During his sermon March 13, the first Sunday of Lent, Schafer instructed ushers at Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia to distribute purple bracelets inscribed with the words "A Complaint Free World," while urging worshippers to "give up gossiping" and "give up criticizing" for Lent.

"Change your words and your thoughts and you will change your life," he told the congregation.

The bracelets, which came from an organization called "A Complaint Free World," created by minister and author Will Bowen, are meant to remind church members of their Lenten challenge. When they complain, they move the bracelet from one wrist to the other. Anyone who points out another person's complaining is urged to move their bracelet, too. The goal is to keep it on one wrist as long as possible.

"It was quite well received," Schafer described the congregation's reaction. "People were joking about it after the service. One lady said 'I had to switch it twice during the service.'"



Noreen Panizzoli, office administrator at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, tries on her Lenten "Complaint Free World" bracelet.

A lawyer jokingly told Schafer the challenge could make "filing a complaint" for a client a difficult task.

But Schafer distinguishes between "legitimate" complaints — such as social injustice, grief, pain, and the legal process — and trivial whining.

"Our conversations are peppered with complaints about the weather, bad drivers. If you're in great pain, of course, you should be able to cry out to God and say 'this isn't fair.' But those complaints are fairly rare. It's the tiny complaints that dominate our lives. If you're conscious of not complaining some positive things could happen."

Schafer usually prepares a series of Lenten sermons each year, but said he hasn't done anything as "outlandish" as this year's complaint-free theme or last year's "Plastic Fast," when

he urged congregants to give up credit card use for 40 days.

"I've had people say long after last Lent their buying habits changed. They don't use credit cards as frequently or freely as they used to."

He hopes this year's complaint-free observance will be equally as effective.

To find out more about A Complaint Free World bracelets and books by Will Bowen, visit www.complaintfreeworld.biz.

Mt. Hope Congregational Church holds Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., fellowship hour at 11:30 a.m. and senior high school youth gatherings at 6 p.m., every Sunday.

The church is located at 30330 Schoolcraft; call (734) 425-7280 for additional information.

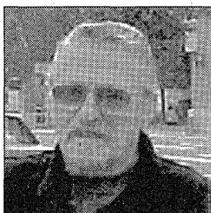
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Age 45, daughter of Robert and Marilyn Prodehl, passed away March 14, 2011 in Toledo, OH. She is survived by the family and friends she loved so much. A memorial service will be held on March 18, 2011 from 2-5pm at Fisher Funeral Home, Redford, MI



RICHARD S. ANGERILLI

Age 74 of Howell, formerly of Farmington Hills, passed away Friday, March 11, 2011. He was born July 29, 1936 in Detroit, the son of Louis and Loretta (Lemon) Angerilli. Beloved husband of Clara (Keeskes) Angerilli whom he married June 4, 1960 in Detroit. Dear father of Lisa (Kevin) Hansen of Howell, Lori (Thomas) Cometto of Idaho and Dawn (Craig) Bright of Howell. Also survived by twelve grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and brother, Louis of Walled Lake. Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, March 16 at 10 a.m. (in-state 9 a.m.) at St. John Catholic Church, 2099 Hacker Road, (at M-59), Howell. Visitation Tuesday 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Burial in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

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Age 87, of Redford, MI passed away March 13, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

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8	9	6	4	9	7	2	3	7
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1	8	2	9	9	2	8	6	7
7	6	8	1	7	2	9	9	8
9	4	9	6	8	8	2	7	1
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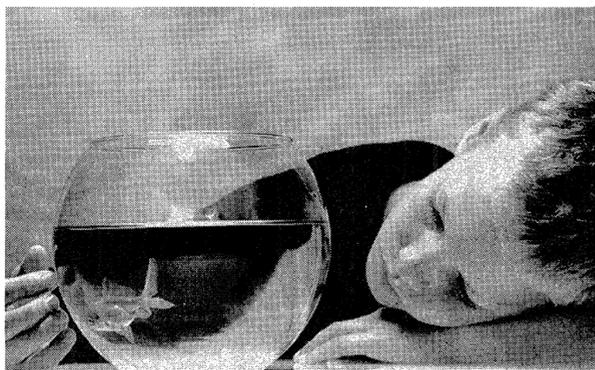
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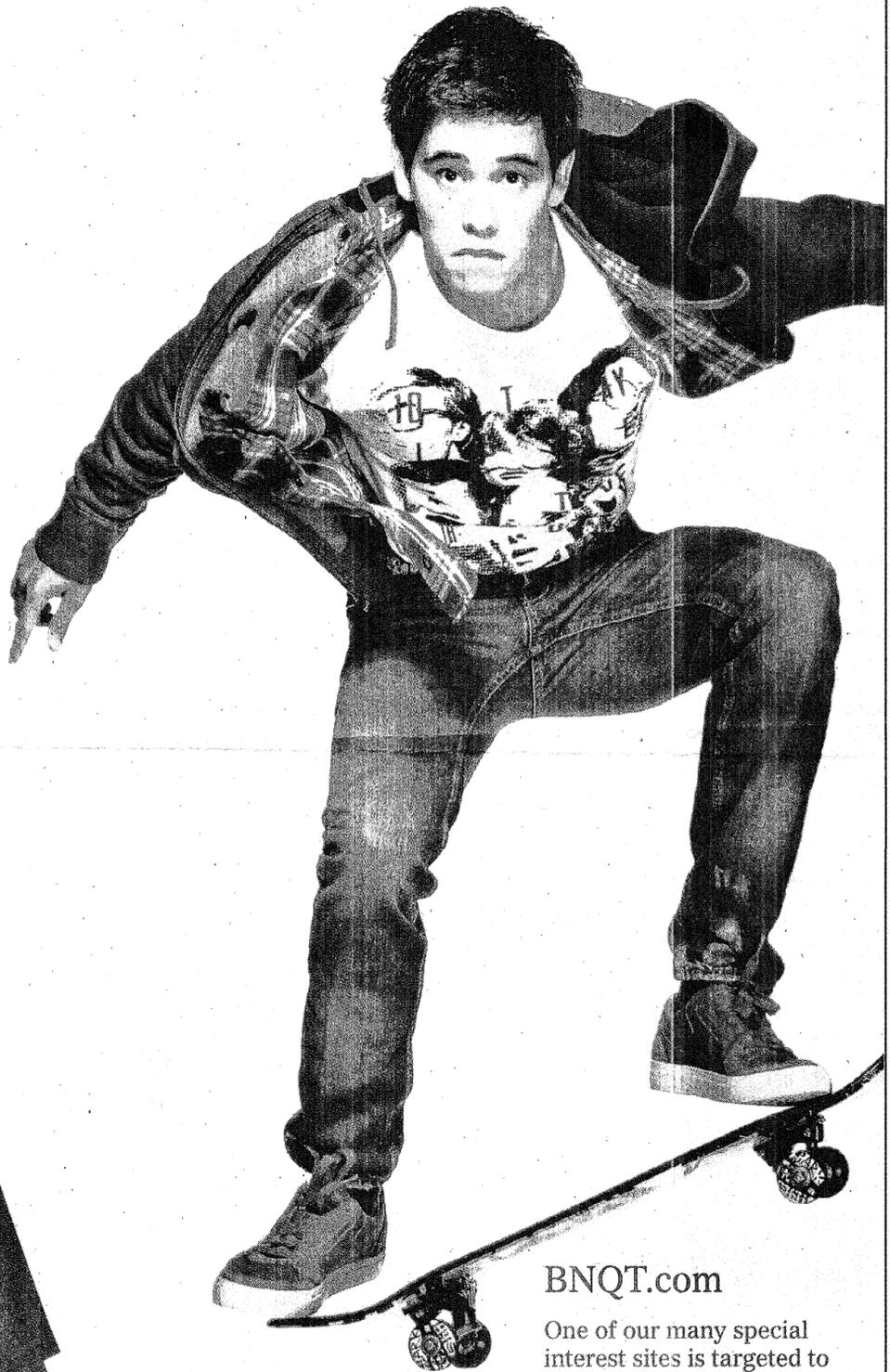
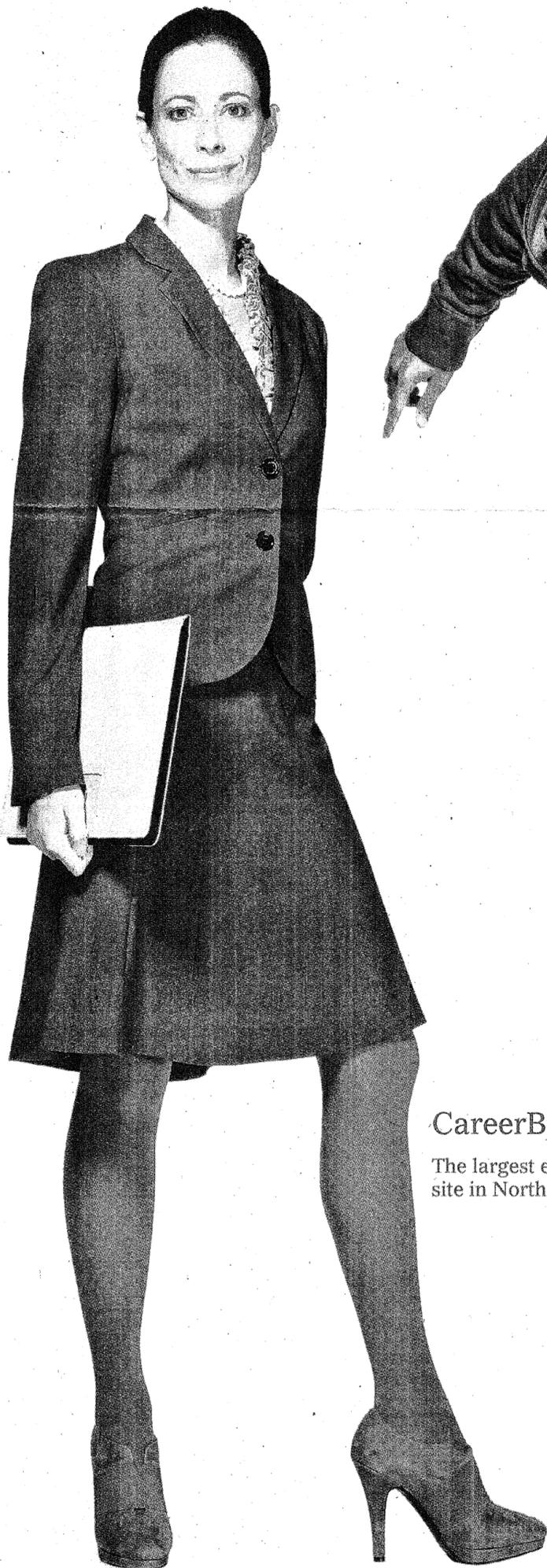
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