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Greenfields: Embezzlement case ends with plea

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Two former top officers of the nonprofit Wayne-Ford Civic League pleaded no contest Friday to charges of embezzling money from an organization that raises money to support youth baseball and senior citizen programs.

bation to five years in prison when they are sentenced Feb. 26 in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Gregory Dean Bill.

Barra is continuing to work with state officials to restore bingo fund-raising to the league.

years in prison. The couple was accused of diverting money from fund-raisers, such as bingo games, to themselves.

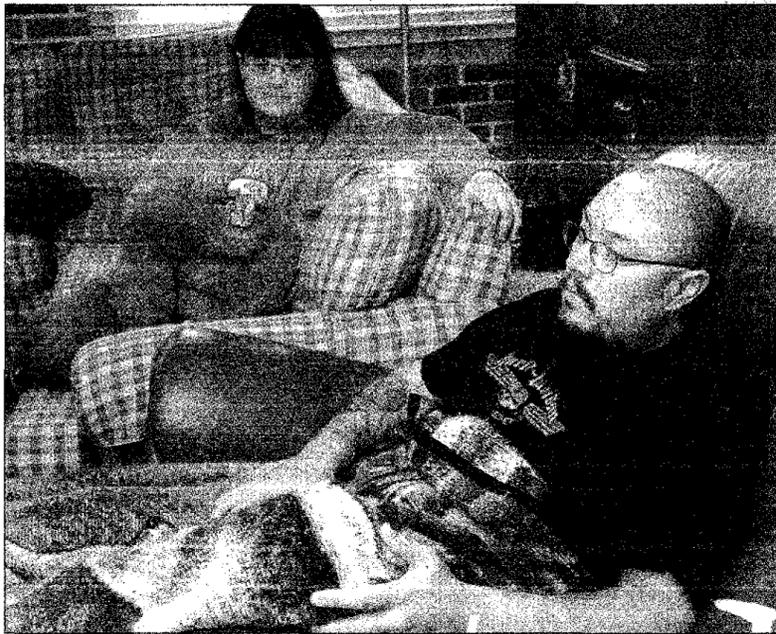
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A test of faith

Family puts son's fate in hands of God

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Not long after Chas and Amy Burley came back from a vacation trip to Florida in the late summer of 2005, Chas began suffering from a lot of pain in his side.



Chas Burley of Westland was diagnosed in September 2005 with leukemia, then relapsed last month.

PLEASE SEE FAITH, A3

Leukemia patient Chas Burley, his wife Amy, and the rest of their family are hoping for a bone marrow donor.

HOPING FOR DONORS

The family of Chas Burley of Westland is hoping a bone marrow drive results in a donor to help him battle leukemia.

- **What:** Bone marrow drive for Chas Burley
- **When:** 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28
- **Where:** Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck in Northville

- **Why:** To help Chas battle Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia
- **How:** Potential donors will be asked to complete a brief health questionnaire and submit to a swab of cheek cells
- **Details:** For more information

call (313) 530-0273 or (734) 751-3465. More information about bone marrow donation can be found on the Web site of the National Marrow Drive Program, www.marrow.org

Pay raise issue stalls as local board falters

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A local commission that sets pay raises for Westland's elected officials was supposed to engage in talks this month to decide what increases, if any, to give.

However, Wild said he won't involve himself in whether the LOCC should approve pay raises for other elected officials, including the city clerk and seven council members.

City Clerk Eileen DeHart's annual salary is \$86,989. Council members are paid \$12,515 a year for their part-time positions except for the two top officers - President Charles Pickering receives \$13,760; President Pro Tem Cheryl Graunstadt, \$13,137.

When contacted on Thursday, Pickering indicated he will not get involved in making recommendations to LOCC members, who meet every other year to decide pay levels.

"They need to seriously consider whether the increases are necessary for the next two years for the elected officials," Pickering said. "To be fair to them, it needs to be up to them to make that decision."

The LOCC will need to examine what elected officials are receiving in communities comparable to Westland, he said.

"Whatever they propose, I would certainly take a look at it and also look at the contracts that have been approved for other employee groups and department heads.

"But the bottom line," Pickering said, "is the city's ability to pay."

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District amends policy to meet new state requirements

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Graduating from high school has gotten a little tougher for in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The new requirements take effect with incoming eighth-graders this fall.

however, 16 are now required credits. Those 16 credits include four in mathematics with one class taken during the final year of high school, four - one per year - in communication arts, three in science and social studies, one in physical education/health and one in visual, performing or applied arts.

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Requests for district reports spiral

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

From the costs of contracted services to Legacy-related layoffs, inquiring minds want more information from Livonia Public Schools.

Human resources director Dorothy Chomicz has been inundated with requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

"Within the past several months, the district has received an increase in the amount of FOIA requests, many seeking multiple documents of an extensive nature," Chomicz said. "We truly are going to comply and be cooperative."

The advocacy group Citizens for Livonia's Future has been submitting requests since last spring, saying they're seeking information on costs and savings associated with the Legacy Initiative reorganization.

"We're also investigating other areas ... to see if there's better ways to save money," said CFLF member Brad Wolkan, who makes a living doing statistical analyses of costs savings for private corporations. "There's been a variety of responses, everything from exorbitant fees to denials to

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information not being provided in the format it was requested."

Wolkan has asked for several documents, about hiring an outside bus company, a lease that fell through for the Dickinson Center, an unused school building, and last year's bus purchases. He still has four requests pending.

CFLF member Holly Burr has requested an electronic record of the district's employees known as a Register of Employee Personnel, or REP report.

"Our goal is to compare last year to this year," Burr said. The district said it would save money through the Legacy Initiative by cutting 42 employees, she said. "It just seems at board meetings that they just kept hiring."

Burr got a paper copy of the report but still wants a spreadsheet version so she can organize information.

"How they're giving it to me isn't really helpful," Burr said. "Obviously they just don't give up certain information."

Chomicz said the district doesn't keep the report on a disk and Burr got the same information, minus employees' personal data, that the district provides to the state.

Freedom of information requests aren't free. Last March, another requester who sought the employee reports for the past five years was told she would have to pay \$1,600 to cover the cost of staff time to compile them.

Chomicz was not the district's FOIA coordinator at the time. She said most of the recent requests have fallen in the \$20 to \$100 range.

In November, CFLF gathered salary worksheets for all the district's top administrators. After a 10-day extension, the district fulfilled the requests and did not charge for the report. However, Wolkan said information about additional compensation including certain benefits was not included.

"The responses have

improved and the fees have dropped," Wolkan said. "They are doing much better, but they are still lacking in providing the information requested and in the format requested."

Chomicz said in many instances the district has gone above and beyond the law, such as responding to verbal requests and seeking out documents that weren't specifically mentioned.

"In some instances, the nature of the requests has been unclear ... which has extended the response time," Chomicz said. "In those cases, the district has attempted to work with the requester."

Lissa Contreras, a retired purchasing agent for LPS, is working with CFLF to help format the requests in an easy-to-follow manner. The group also requests information on behalf of other community members, she said.

"This information is necessary for us to make accurate decisions. ... It's not that we've just decided to be pains," Contreras said. "I don't think these FOIAs would be necessary if they would work with us, let us know what is going on."

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JANUARY 22, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on January 22, 2007 at 7:25 p.m. regarding the proposed DDA/TIFA Development Plan Ordinance:

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY TO ADOPT THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ACT 197 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1975; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, SAVINGS, PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC PURPOSE.

Following the recommendation of the Garden City Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority") from December 12, 2006 and having conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the Second Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (Exhibit "A") on January 22, 2007, the City Council, upon its review, finds that these plans meet the following standards and criteria as set forth in Section 19 (1) of Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended ("Act 197"):

- The Development Plan for the Authority's Development Area meets the requirements set forth in Section 17(2) of Act 197 in that it contains all of the requirements of Act 197 enumerated in the Ordinance as subparagraphs (a)-(p).
- The Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Development Area meets the requirements as set forth in Sections 14 and 15 of Act 197.

(a) This section provides for an explanation of what is required to be included in the Development Plan and what is included in the Tax Increment Financing Plan as well as the obligations of the City Treasurer regarding the transmitting of tax increment revenues. This subsection also includes the requirements of the reporting obligation of the DDA to the City Council and the State Tax Commission as well as publication of the annual report in the City.
- 9. These sections provide for the remainder of the requirements of Act 197 including that the development is reasonable and necessary, the Development Plan is in reasonable accord with the Master Plan, public services will be adequate and the Plans are in the public interest of the Township.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF THE PLANS.

Premised upon the determinations made in Section 1 above and upon further finding that the execution of the Plans appears to be in the best interest of the City of Garden City, the Plan attached as Exhibit "A" is approved and adopted by reference. No amendment to said Plans shall be effective unless it is approved by the City Council in accordance with the procedures established in Act 197 of 1975, as amended.

SECTION 3. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This Section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the City Clerk of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the City Clerk, Garden City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, during regular business hours.

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For the kids, try some of these titles: Sidney Rosen's *Can You Find a Planet?*, Gregory Vogt's *Constellations*, H.A. Rey's *Find the Constellations*, Isaac Asimov's *Stargazer's Guide*, Q.L. Pearce's *Stargazer's Guide to the Galaxy*, Ron Schultz's *Looking Inside Telescopes and the Night Sky*, Linda Bullock's *Looking through a Telescope*, Ben Morgan's *Stargazer*, Bobbie Kalman's *Cosmic Light Shows* and Gary Mechler's *National Audubon Society First Field Guide: Night Sky*.

Adults might find the following titles useful:
Cambridge Pocket Star Finder, *Cambridge Star Atlas, Facts on File Atlas of Stars and Planets, Intimate Look at the Night Sky* by Chet Raymo, *Monthly Sky Guide* by Ian Ridpath, *Night Sky Atlas* by Robin Scagell, *Star-Hopping for Backyard Astronomers* by Alan M. MacRobert, *Stars: Charts for 2003-2006* by Joachim Krutt, *Star Wars: The Amateur Astronomer's Ultimate Guide to*

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Choosing, Buying and Using Telescopes and Accessories by Philip S. Harrington, *Michigan Starwatch* by Mike Lynch, *Backyard Astronomer's Guide* by Terence Dickinson, *Field Guide to the Deep Sky Objects* by Mike Inglis and *Field Guide to the Stars and Planets* by Jay M. Pasachoff.

You can also use the library's Internet computers to use sites like www.kidsastronomy.com and www.astronomy.com for more valuable information. Of course, www.nasa.gov is the ultimate Web site for all space information.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

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CORRECTION

A Jan. 14 Health story on blood conservation inadvertently left out the first name of Dr. Jonathan Hoffberger, a physician who specializes in cardiovascular-thoracic surgery at Oakwood Hospital.

DEATHS

A

Myrtle Marie Adkins (Brown)
Adkins, 89, of Plymouth, died Jan. 16.

Alberta G. Anthony
Anthony, 93, of Plymouth, died Jan. 12.

E

Margaret (Peggy) Edmonds
Edmonds died Jan. 13.

Harold O. (Hal) Erickson Jr.
Erickson, 84, died Dec. 12.

G

Mary Joann Gargaro
Gargaro, 73, of Plymouth, died Jan. 13.

H

Nicholas Hnath
Hnath, 103, of Oak Park, died Jan. 1.

O

Jerome T. O'Connor
O'Connor, 75, formerly of Livonia, died Jan. 13.

Doris R. O'Neill
O'Neill, 81, of Livonia, died Jan. 8.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

FAITH

FROM PAGE A1

a nurse at Providence Hospital. "It was scary at first," admitted Burley, who is on leave from his job at Home Depot. "I put all my faith in God, and I just let it be in His hands."

That seemed to be a good strategy initially, since the cancer went into remission within some six weeks. But the Burleys got more bad news last month when Chas found out it had returned, and with more of a vengeance, getting into his spine and limiting Chas' ability to walk and get around.

"It was freaky to find out it came back," Chas said. "This time, it took my legs out and attacked my nervous system. Through the power of prayer, my legs have come back. I can stand, pivot and sit."

"I don't quite have walking down yet," he added with a slight chuckle. "But I believe that's going to come."

The family is relying heavily on its faith as Chas battles the leukemia. His parents, Bill and Jeri Burley of Plymouth, adopted Chas when he was 13. He is their only child, and the news he had leukemia hit them hard.

"When he was 13, Chas came into our home and filled our lives," said Jeri Burley, a retired state racing commission employee. "When you hear your child is diagnosed with leukemia, it's the worst thing you can hear. You hear it a second time and the wind just gets knocked out of you."

"We decided to listen to God," she added. "We're not going to lose our son."

During treatment the first time



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chas Burley's family - parents Bill and Jeri Burley of Plymouth, mother-in-law Sue Eichstadt of Livonia, and wife Amy Burley - have put their faith in God as Chas battles leukemia.

around, Chas was subjected to some eight spinal taps. When he relapsed last month, doctors put him in Southfield's Providence Hospital. They're treating him through intravenous means, as well as treating the spine through an Omaya reservoir, a device inserted just beneath the scalp.

While those treatments continue, the family has organized a bone marrow drive in hopes of finding an unrelated donor.

The drive takes place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck in Northville, where Jeri Burley now works. Family members say doctors have told them it's the only way to keep the cancer from relapsing.

"If he gets the bone marrow transplant, there's a good chance it won't come back," Amy Burley said.

Chas' dad, Bill Burley, who works for Nissan North America in Farmington Hills, can't be a donor because he's a diabetic on

insulin.

However, he believes the bone marrow drive will help not only his son, but other people, as well.

"As much as I'd like to do that for my son, I can't," Bill Burley said. "We're looking for someone else to do that, and we believe there will be someone. It's a test of faith."

"There are so many potential donors," he added. "We're hoping not just to find a donor for Chas, but for other people who need one. Somebody's going to benefit besides Chas."

Chas Burley knows death is a possibility, but he doesn't believe it'll happen.

"I don't believe God put me on this earth to die at 31," Burley said. "My faith is rooted very deeply. I've been saved by the grace of God and whatever happens is in His hands."

"This thing beating me ... I just don't see it happening."

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Campaign sign was unmasked at craft show

A recycled campaign sign is already causing a stir in advance of the upcoming Livonia Public Schools board of education race.

The elect Robert J. Freeman lawn sign was almost four years old and showed up six months before the upcoming election.

Larry Bernhardt, a member of Citizens for Livonia's Future that tried to recall board members including Freeman last summer, took pictures of the sign at Frost

Middle School on Nov. 4, the morning of the fall craft show. Bernhardt said he also confiscated the sign as evidence and filed a complaint with Livonia's ordinance enforcement officer.

At Monday's Livonia board meeting, Bernhardt said the sign was inappropriate and asked if Freeman was going to be sanctioned.

In response, Freeman said he did not put the sign there.

"This was in no means done by me and had nothing to do

with the election," Freeman said at Monday's school board meeting after Bernhardt complained.

Freeman explained that the sign had been covered on one side with a promotion for the craft show.

"Somebody took advantage of a sign that I was no longer using," he said.

Freeman is running for reelection in May, but said he will get new signs.

by Rebecca Jones

Police look for suspect in stabbing

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland police are investigating a robbery that ended with a woman being stabbed outside a gas station on the city's northwest side.

The 34-year-old victim had merely stopped for cigarettes when a stranger attacked her outside the Marathon station on the southwest corner of Joy and Newburgh roads, according to police reports.

The incident happened around 6:50 a.m. Monday. The woman was treated and released at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia after she was slashed across the front

of her stomach by a silver box cutter, police said.

The victim, a Walled Lake resident, told police she had gotten out of her car when a male assailant approached her and demanded money. Even though she followed his orders, he slashed her stomach and then fled westbound on Joy Road on foot, police said.

The woman told authorities she got back into her car and drove next door to a nursing home where she works. A co-worker drove her to the hospital, where doctors stitched up a six-inch cut.

The victim described her

attacker as a thin, black male, about 6 feet tall, in his late 20s or 30s. She said he had scruffy facial hair and that he wore a black knit cap, black jeans and a dark-colored, hooded sweat shirt.

A police dog was brought to the scene, but authorities weren't able to find the suspect. The investigation was continuing on Friday.

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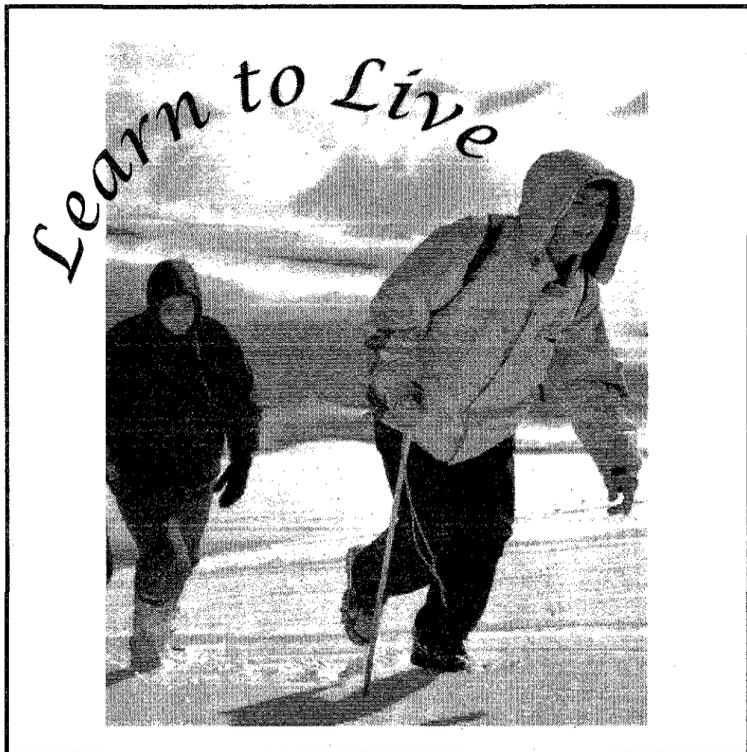
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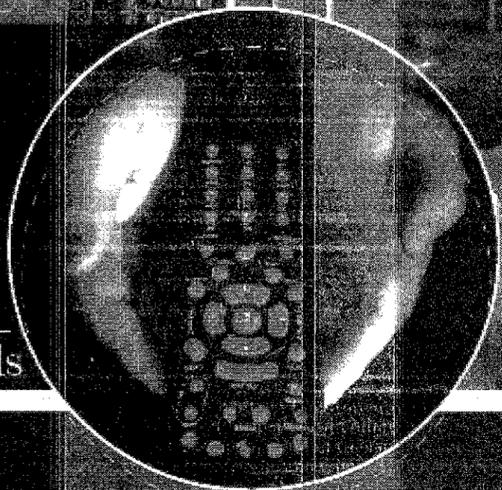
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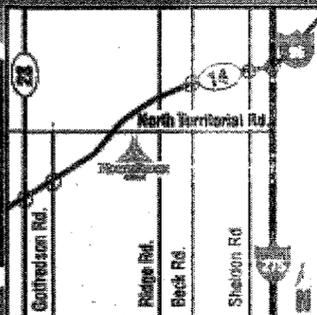
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Dazzling display

The roar of chainsaws can be heard in downtown Plymouth where carvers like Oakland Community College instructors Doug Danhs and Brian Beland are creating frozen masterpieces for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Today's events feature Tajana Raukar, winner of world competitions in Alaska.

Detroit woman faces trial in arson case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Detroit woman is facing trial on charges of trying to kill three people by starting a fire at their Willow Creek apartment, near Newburgh and Ford roads.

Keli Angeliq Coleman, 28, contends that she was desperately trying to get back her 4-year-old daughter from the girl's father.

Coleman mistakenly believed the father had taken the girl to his mother's residence at Willow Creek when the fire was started around 11 a.m. Dec. 26, police have said.

With her daughter still not in her custody, Coleman now is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. She was ordered to stand trial following a preliminary hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

Coleman, accused of starting a fire at the apartment door with three people inside, is charged with three counts of assault with intent to murder and one count of arson of an occupied dwelling. If convicted, she could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

With a not-guilty plea on record for her, she is jailed in

lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond as she awaits her trial.

Coleman is accused of dousing the apartment door area with gasoline and starting a fire, but an arriving police officer and an occupant managed to put out the blaze. No one was injured.

Coleman's defense attorney has argued that she shouldn't face trial because she was only trying to get back a daughter who had been wrongfully taken from her.

Coleman has no criminal history.

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theft of the civic league's funds by the Greenfields would have never been proven.

"It is a shame that the Greenfields took advantage of the trust that had been placed in them by the public," Pfannes said. "I am pleased that the criminal proceedings have brought this matter to its conclusion, and I feel that justice has been served."

During an arraignment in August, special Wayne County Prosecutor Abed Hammoud said Shari Greenfield likely embezzled about \$113,000 and that Neal Greenfield was suspected of taking about \$32,000 during a several-year period ending in 2004.

Authorities have said the

league, on Wayne Road south of Ford, once brought in gross revenues of \$1 million a year yet showed financial losses.

The Greenfields had remained free on bond as they awaited the outcome of their case.

During a court hearing in October, police and bank witnesses testified that Shari Greenfield deposited some league money into her personal account and cashed some checks outright.

Testimony involving Neal Greenfield was less extensive because, unlike his ex-wife, he chose to waive his hearing.

Even before the latest charges surfaced, an earlier larceny charge involving the league had been dropped against Neal Greenfield. In return, he had pleaded to cocaine possession and was

placed on probation.

Police found cocaine in Greenfield's home in Westland when they executed a search warrant during their embezzling investigation.

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POLICY

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requirements. "The credits are laid out and most of the instructional content. In the case of math, there must be Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II."

The math changes forces the district to shelve its integrated math program which incorporates the different elements into each course. The district now must look at how to begin preparing middle school students for the change, Sherman said.

"We'll be bringing new textbook adoptions to the board," said Sherman. "We don't have texts for 100 percent of the students to take the classes."

Becher has been speaking out about the new curriculum since its inception, expressing concern that the requirements take away the options for exploring high school.

Unlike Gov. Jennifer Granholm's belief that the new curriculum "will help give Michigan the best educated workforce in the nation and bring new jobs and new investment to our state," Becher believes students don't need to take Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II.

"A lot of kids didn't take Algebra I, a lot didn't take Geometry and a lot didn't take Algebra II, but they went on to great jobs and great careers," he said. "This is a great mistake the legislature is making, and I believe you'll be seeing them change this in seven-eight years."

Becher's reluctance was echoed by board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger and trustee Ed Turner who took an even stronger position, saying his vote was "forcibly yes." "I took Algebra I and Algebra II and I don't think I've ever done an algebra problem in my life," he said. "Algebra I is OK, but Algebra II is a waste of time."

Trustee Skip Monit also voiced concern, saying the new requirements take away a lot from students.

"It's going to be tough," he said.

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Red Robin gets smoke out

A "No Smoking" policy has gone into effect at Red Robin of Michigan owned and operated restaurants, including the Westland eatery at Central City Parkway and Warren.

The decision, made last week, "is consistent with their high level of commitment" to the communities they serve and chain's continuing effort to provide the utmost in a "family friendly" environment.

"Now, the only smoke you'll find at Red Robin will be coming off the grill," said Victor Ansara, president of Red Robin of Michigan. "Our commitment to the areas we do business in has to begin inside the restaurant itself. How can we

ask kids to choose not to smoke and then invite them to sit down to dinner surrounded by it?"

According to Ansara, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers & Spirits provides a fun environment that both adults and children can enjoy. Each restaurant is uniquely themed with fun, eye-catching décor ranging from movie posters to vintage airplanes.

It now prides itself on quality service, and sees the new "No Smoking" policy as a way to extend this by improving the quality of air that their guests breathe. Team member health is a consideration, too, Ansara said.

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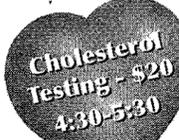
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Treasurer's office will help prevent tax foreclosures

It is the season for foreclosures ...

But it doesn't have to be. Not if you as a homeowner do everything you can to make sure you don't lose your home. In case you didn't know, Wayne County leads the nation in property tax foreclosures. There are many reasons for this troubling distinction, and the decline of the auto industry — which has resulted in the loss of thousands of jobs — is certainly a major contributor to the decline of the local economy. But the loss of jobs related to a once-thriving industry is still only part of the problem. Another equally serious part of the problem is, well, personal responsibility. If you own a home, then you should know that property taxes need to be paid on that home. If you are unable to pay those taxes, or if you believe you will be late, then it is up to you to seek help and/or contact the Wayne County Treasurer's office for assistance with your problem.

Believe it or not, the treasurer's office is not the Grim Reaper and has no interest in snatching your property. Our strong preference is that Wayne County residents keep their homes and not lose them to property tax foreclosure, and our office is doing whatever it can to make this a reality.

But to do this, we need your help. If you're in trouble, we need to hear from you and we need to hear from you soon. You can contact us one of several ways: By mail at The Office of the Wayne County Treasurer, Taxpayer Assistance, 400 Monroe, Suite 530m Detroit, MI 48226; by phone at (313) 224-6105; or online at www.waynecounty.com/treasurer

How to avoid foreclosure

1) Always pay your taxes on time. Property taxes are always due in July and December of each year. Current taxes are payable to your local treasurer's office in the city where your property is located. You need to contact your local treasurer's office for further information on current property tax billing dates.

2) There are different ways to pay your taxes. Your property taxes can be paid in one of three ways: online, in person or by mail. Payment for delinquent taxes can be paid by personal check (current delinquent tax year only), certified funds, cash in-person, or on-line by an electronic debit from your checking or savings account. Our office does not accept credit card payments. If your mortgage company pays your taxes out of an escrow account, be sure to check to make sure that they are making timely payments. Ultimately, you are responsible for timely payments, not your mortgage company.

3) When am I late? Officially, if you did not pay your 2004 property taxes by March 1, 2005, then those property taxes are now recorded as delinquent and a \$15 collection fee was added Oct. 1, 2005, to each delinquent parcel that is listed under your name. Also, it is now the responsibility of the Wayne County Treasurer's office to collect the delinquent taxes and interest immediately kicks in at 1 percent per

month. There is also a 4 percent administration fee.

4) When am I really late? Unpaid property taxes become delinquent March 1 of each year and are forwarded to the county treasurer for collection. State law requires a 4 percent administration fee and 1 percent per month interest. For example: Unpaid 2004 property taxes were forwarded to the county treasurer as delinquent March 1, 2005. On March 1, 2006, unpaid 2004 delinquent taxes were forfeited to the county treasurer. State law requires the addition of a \$175 fee and \$26 in recording fees. Interest is increased from 1 percent per month to 1.5 percent per month retroactive to the date the taxes became delinquent.

5) But seriously, when am I really, really late? If your 2004 property taxes still aren't paid by March 1, 2007 (this year), then circuit court enters a judgment of foreclosure against your property. The only way to retain ownership of your property at this point is to pay all of your delinquent property taxes, including fees and interest, by March 31, 2007. If you don't? You're out of luck. This is your absolute last chance to get your property back. Period. As of April 1, your property will be foreclosed, and you will lose all rights as owner of what used to be your property. Title to your property will be passed to the county treasurer.

So what happens now? During the months of September and October 2007, your property will be sold at auction. Former owners are allowed to register to bid on their property, however they must follow the same rules and regulations as every other bidder. There will be no special privileges or allowances granted to anyone simply because they are the previous owners of a property about to be auctioned.

Options if you are facing foreclosure

1) Hardship extension — except for a verifiable legal challenge proving that you do not owe the amount of delinquent taxes the county says you owe, applying for a hardship extension is just about the only way to hold onto your house while attempting to get caught up on your delinquent property taxes. Important: If you believe you will need to apply for an extension, please keep in mind that this is only an extension, not an exemption. Even if you are granted an extension on the time allowed to pay your taxes, you are really only delaying the inevitable, and you will also be required to continue paying interest charges throughout the duration of the extension.

2) Contact the treasurer's office. If you are facing foreclosure, trying to hide and act like it will all somehow go away is the worst thing you can do. What you need to do is get some help, and quick. One thing you can do is contact the Taxpayer Assistance Section at (313) 224-6105. Taxpayer Assistance is an in-house division at the treasurer's office dedicated solely to assisting taxpayers in any way it can. Once you have sought assistance, you may find out that it's not as bad as you think. But if you decide to ignore the problem, it will most likely turn out much worse than you could have ever imagined.

Raymond J. Wojtowicz is the Wayne County treasurer.

McNamara team vindicated with end of investigations

In 1989, I was thrilled to be given the opportunity to work as a public servant for Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. Since childhood, I considered public service as a way to give back to the country that had adopted me. By working for Edward McNamara, I learned that public service is not a career but an obligation of trust. With his leadership, the majority of us tried and strived to make life better for the people of Wayne County. We tried to serve with integrity and hard work.

We worked long hours and were always cognizant of the public trust in us. To the best of our ability, we tried to be good public servants. Our dynamic team worked tirelessly at the county until Nov. 22, 2002, when the FBI and State Police raided our office accusing us in the media of corruption.

Since the raid, our lives have been challenged, our names have been sullied, our careers took a different route and our integrity has been questioned. Newspapers and the media proclaimed us guilty of corruption. Some politicians tried to put distance between themselves and McNamara and his team for fear of being labeled corrupt. Others used the horrible headlines against McNamara to further their career. The term "innocent until proven guilty" did not apply to McNamara and his staff. We were all guilty until proven innocent. For me, the four years of hell is over. We lived a life of uncertainty and fear. We went to sleep worrying what the headlines might be the next morning. We all wondered if the FBI was going to knock at our doors with a subpoena. We were anxious about our future. Although we knew we did not do anything wrong, we started to think of what if we can't prove our innocence.

Last week, through a small article in the *Detroit News*, we learned that the U.S. District Attorney dropped the charges against former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and his staff. This week we woke to a new reality, a reality without nightmare. This article brought to us a little sense of relief, anger, hope, vindication and a twinge of pain for the now deceased Mr. McNamara and his wife Lucille.

After four years of living with this hell, we no longer have to worry about criminal lawyers, FBI, bad news headlines, the stare of people and constant suspicion. We now can look toward the future without the fear of investigation hovering over our head. Although there are no front page stories

declaring us wrong, we now can rest that there will be no more headline stories declaring us corrupt. We no longer have to have a criminal attorney on retainer. So those of us who were under investigation are thrilled with the outcome. Our life of uncertainty and is over. We now also hope that no one else go through the same trauma as we did.

But with all the jubilation, we cannot help but feel the sadness for our beloved Mr. McNamara and his family about the timing of this declaration. It would have been wonderful had the news come before he died last February. He served this community with honor and distinction yet the cloud of the investigation cast a shadow that followed him until his death. We are sad and, yes, angry that a man of honor who brought vision and selfless public service to this community died before his name was cleared by federal officials.

For over 50 years, Mr. McNamara dedicated his life to public service, building communities and making Livonia and Wayne County a great place to live. His fingerprints on the development of our region can be found all over Wayne County. After saving Wayne County from bankruptcy, he worked on making it economically viable. Through his vision, we now have a great airport, two stadiums in downtown Detroit, a wonderful park system, a state of the art morgue, a juvenile building and a juvenile system that helped children rather than recycle them to the adult correction facilities.

He was a leader who broke through barriers and worked with everyone. Although he was a strong Democratic leader, he extended his hand to work with his Republican rivals to accomplish his goals of building a healthy county. He was the consummate public servant, yet some viewed him as too powerful and went out to destroy him and his reputation. They worked with the media and federal officials to ensure that his power was diminished. Fortunately for us, McNamara's legacy was never and will never be destroyed. His legacy is far reaching and leaves an unsurpassed imprint on Wayne County and the state of Michigan.

As we put this misfortune behind us, we can remember one of the most important lessons we learned from Edward McNamara is the capacity to overcome adversity. Although those who went out of their way to destroy Mr. McNamara and his legacy failed, I dread that one of the long-term effects may be that bright young people will be discouraged from entering public service careers.

Terry Ahwal was an assistant county executive under McNamara. She lives in Canton.

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For many, Roth IRA may be better than a 401(k)

Q: My employer offers a 401(k) plan with no matching contribution. I'm not sure whether it would be better to contribute to my 401(k) plan or a Roth IRA. I cannot afford to do both. What would you recommend? Bob



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: Dear Bob: I am a huge fan of Roth IRAs and I generally recommend that if possible people take advantage of Roth IRAs. When someone does not have an employer match, my general advice is to fully fund the Roth IRA and then if you can save more money for retirement to then use the 401(k) plan. A 401(k) grows tax-deferred while a Roth IRA grows tax-free. In a 401(k), you do receive a double tax benefit in the fact that your contributions are invested pre-tax and all of the income grows tax-deferred. However, always remember that when it grows tax-deferred it means you are eventually subject to taxes. In a Roth IRA,

you never pay income tax on withdrawals after age 59. That is why if someone is eligible for a Roth IRA and if they have a long-term horizon, I lean toward fully funding the Roth IRA first and then going into the 401(k) plan. The one exception to the rule is if your company matches your 401(k) contribution. If your company offers a match, I would contribute up to the match and then invest into the Roth IRA. If I could save more, then I would go back to the 401(k) plan.

Q: I was listening to your radio show and you were discussing equity-indexed annuities. I was

thinking about purchasing one and I want to know what I should look for. Carla

A: Dear Carla: I like equity-indexed annuities, especially for a conservative investor who wants to do better than CDs without taking unnecessary risks. However, not all equity-indexed annuities are the same. Unfortunately, there are many pitfalls that investors have to be concerned with. It is sort of like mutual funds - there are good mutual funds and there are bad mutual funds. The same thing applies to equity-indexed annuities.

To me, some of the issues that you need to concentrate on are fees. In any investment I make, I always concentrate on fees. High fees always equal low returns. The equity-indexed annuities I like are no-load which means 100 percent of your money goes to work for you at all times. Unfortunately, many insurance companies do

a good job of hiding fees, therefore buyers must use caution.

In addition, you need to be concerned with the cap rates. The cap rates determine what rate of return you receive. In an equity-indexed annuity, there are two elements that determine return. The first is the guaranteed return. The second portion is if the stock market does well, you get an additional return. The beauty of the equity-indexed annuity is that if the market performs poorly, at a minimum you still receive a guaranteed return. The higher the cap rate, the better it is for investors. Generally, with equity-indexed annuities, you cannot buy them directly, you must go through an agent. A local agent who I have confidence in, and one who only represents no-load investor friendly equity-indexed annuities is Hutton Financial, (800) 870-4444.

Q: I would like to invest \$10 a week automatically into a gold mining stock as a hedge against inflation. Can you tell me a brokerage firm where I can make this type of investment? Joe

A: Dear Joe: There are a couple of options that you can consider for your investment. First, if you belong to a credit union you should consider contacting the credit union. Most credit unions have programs that allow you to buy individual stocks for very low minimums. In addition, one of the things I like about credit unions is that credit unions have very low fees. As I have always mentioned, low fees equal higher returns. Another company that you can consider is www.sharebuilder.com. Sharebuilder.com also offers a program where you can invest small amounts into stocks on a regular basis.

Another alternative if you would like, is to consider a mutual fund. Some mutual fund companies such as T. Rowe Price offer programs where you can invest as little as \$50 a month if you sign up for their automatic investment program. The beauty of using a mutual fund is the fact that you will get professional management and diversification. Furthermore, using a company like T. Rowe Price, you will have lower transaction fees. One last note and that is, the strategy of investing a set amount on a regular basis, known as dollar cost averaging, is the best way to build up a portfolio. Good luck!

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Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey workshops are available at:

10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 3 - Farmington Hills City Council Chambers, 31555 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 8 - E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills

7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 15 - Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 17 - Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville

■ **How can plants save our river?** Believe it or not, the millions of plants that once graced the banks of the Rouge River played a vital role in keeping the river clean. What can you do to improve water quality? Attend one or more of the below workshops sponsored by Friends of the Rouge and the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center as well as Wayne County DOE, ECT, Inc., the Greening of Detroit, and the City of Farmington Hills.

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Workshop
6:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23, at University of Michigan-Dearborn, EIC

Learn how you can create a habitat at your home or school. Presenters: Schoolyard Habitat: Sharon Oliver-Merchant (Adler Elementary), Sue Erhardt, Greening of Detroit (Neinas Elementary), Rick Plecha (Field Elementary, funding and benchmarks)

Back (front)yard Habitat: Dan Ballnik, Bill Craig
Using your site for nature study: Dorothy McCleer (University of Michigan-Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive Center)

■ **Municipalities/public land owners: Grow Zones Workshop**

8:30-11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13 at University of Michigan-Dearborn, EIC

Learn how to save money and time by creating "Grow Zones." Grow Zones create

wildlife habitat and improve water quality. They have been sprouting up all over the metro Detroit area. Presenters: Matt Best (Hines Park), Bob Belair (Canton), Bob Fox (Birmingham), Dan Ballnik (Ford land), tba.

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Churchill freezes Spartans in Lakes clash, 4-2



Stevenson's Joe Byrne (left) and Churchill's Nate Milam race for the puck behind the goal during first-period action Friday night at Edgar Arena.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

In this era of downsizing, Livonia Churchill's hockey team proved Friday night to be highly efficient unit even when playing short-handed.

The Chargers, despite taking eight penalties, skated away with 4-2 victory over Lakes Division rival Livonia Stevenson at Edgar Arena in an area showdown between state-ranked teams.

Churchill is now 11-1 overall and 4-0 on the Lakes side of the Western Lakes Activities Association, while Stevenson falls to 12-2-1 and 3-1.

The Chargers had a jump in their step from the start, taking a 1-0 advantage while outshooting the Spartans, 11-5, in the opening period.

Senior Dustin Wischmeyer

scored the first of his two goals at 5:54 off a rebound that eluded Stevenson netminder Drew MacEachern. Assists went to Phil Wendecker and Matt Heinzelman.

Wendecker's wrist shot from the point at 4:19 of the second period made it 2-0 for Churchill with Tony Ross and Zac Archer assisting.

After fighting off three penalties in the opening period, the Chargers took four more in the second.

And Stevenson finally capitalized on a four-on-four when Mark Bekkala cut the deficit to 2-1 when. The junior defenseman scored off a steal just outside the Churchill blueline from teammate Marcus Voran, who drew an assist along with Chris Rapp.

The Spartans then evened the score at 2-2 with only 11 seconds left in the second period on R.J.

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Swimmers

Phill saluted

Livonia Stevenson's Greg Phill has been named Zone 3 Coach of the Year by the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association for the 2006 season in girls swimming and diving.

Phill, who has coached the Spartans the past 22 years, will be honored Friday, Sept. 21 at the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek during the annual MISCA Clinic and Awards luncheon.

Stevenson has captured 14 of the past 15 Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim titles, along with a fifth-place finish at this year's Division I state meet.

"The dedication and hard work put forth during this season by Coach Phill has been an inspiration to his fellow colleagues within swimming and MISCA," Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said.

Martial arts benefit

The World Martial Arts College will stage its 37th annual Battle of Detroit and Stars for Charity Z.I.A.D. Health Care for the Underserved, Inc. event on Saturday, March 17, at the World Class Institute of Martial Arts, located at 31839 Eight Mile Road, Livonia.

Celebrities will be on hand for autographs, along with vendor on-site tables during the expo and championship tournament in all styles of martial arts.

Grand Master Dr. Ibrahim Ahmed, promoter and president of the World Martial Arts College, also announced three recipients for the 2007 Martial Arts Leadership Award to be presented at the event. Among the recipients will be Duane Pitcher and Kyo Sa Valerie Watson, both of the World Class Institute of Martial Arts in Livonia, and Master Ali Koubessi of Koubessi's Tae Kwon Do School in Dearborn.

A moment of silence will honor two Michigan martial arts pioneers that died his year - grand masters Jae Joon Kim and Marshal Johnson.

To join the event as a spectator or sponsor, call Dr. Ahmed at (313) 815-8767; or e-mail him at ibrahimahmed@aol.com.

For more information, visit www.starsforcharity-expo.com.

Youth over experience

Upstart Marlin spikers upset Ladywood in 5

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The future appears to be now for the Farmington Hills Mercy girls volleyball team.

The Marlins, boasting only two seniors and 11 underclassmen, walked out of Livonia Ladywood's gym Thursday night with a hard-fought 25-15, 13-25, 25-23, 24-26, 15-13 Catholic League win over the state's third-ranked team in Class B.

"We're young, but we've been getting better all the time," said Mercy coach Ed Moeller, whose team improved to 9-5-4 overall and 1-1 in the A-B Division. "We're making weekly progress. In our four tournaments so far we've gone from not qualifying to making the finals. Our goal is to peak sometime between now and February."

Outside hitter Colleen Loftus, who had 25 kills and 18 digs, was the catalyst for the Marlins.

The 5-foot-11 junior was able to offset Ladywood's hard-swinging senior outside Lauren Boehmer, who finished the night with 28 kills.

After the teams split the opening two games, Mercy rallied from a 16-12 deficit to take the third game.

But Ladywood answered in the fourth after trailing 21-18.

"We had them at times where we could have shut them down, but we can fix those problems," Moeller said. "But you also have to realize that Lauren Boehmer is a fantastic hitter when she's in the front."

Mercy scored the final three points of the deciding fifth game to close out the match, which ended on a missed serve.

Sophomore Morgan McParlin added 12 kills for the victorious Marlins, while sophomore setter Bridget Hickey had seven kills and three blocks.

Sophomore Stephanie Bodien recorded a team-high 19 assists, while senior defensive specialist Ari Beers contributed 13. Senior middle hitter Chelsea Sloan contributed five blocks and six kills.

Junior libero Kelsey Doyle, meanwhile, sparked Mercy's defense with 30 digs.

"We have two setters - Bodien and Hickey - who have never set a ball before," Moeller said. "And Beers has been doing very well. She's serving off the charts."

The 6-foot Boehmer, who has signed with Eastern Michigan University, got support up front from seniors Megan Olind (10 kills, three blocks) and Erin Henneberger (nine kills).

"We always seem to start out slow, so to jump-start us I always put Lauren (Boehmer) in the front row to start us off offensively," said Ladywood coach Erin Craggs, whose team fell to 18-6-1 overall

and 1-1 in the league "But we always seem to dig a hole.

"They (Mercy) have two strong hitters in Loftus and Sloan. We tried to disrupt that by serving aggressive and win those points, but we did not do that enough."

Senior libero Laura Schroeter had 23 digs, while senior setter Megan Hodges contributed 46 assist-to-kills for the senior-laden Blazers.

"We need to step up at the end and be tougher in those situations, find somebody who wants the ball and put it on your shoulders - show some tenacity," Craggs said. "Mercy stepped up and we did not match that."

"I was hoping we wouldn't win in three (game) and have a tough match, have that experience to go five (games). It's good to have that experience."

Moeller, meanwhile, was nothing but smiles after grinding out the five-game match.

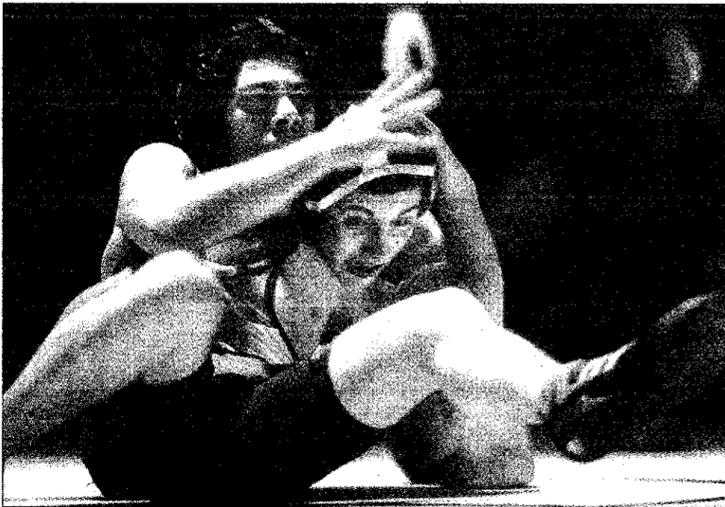
"We're playing hard and working our butts off," he said. "I push the heck out of them in practice and I've gotten a tremendous response. As a group they listen and they're very supportive of each other. And that's huge when things don't go so well. I love defensive, scrappy teams, and that's what we are."

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ladywood's Catherine Phillips makes the attack in Thursday's five-game match against rival Mercy.



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Franklin's James Benitez (top) earned a victory at 119 pounds over Canton's Phil Rollinger.

Patriot grapplers roar back for divisional win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's wrestling team spent most of the first half of Thursday night's dual meet against Canton on its collective back, starting up into the spotlight that illuminated the mat in the Chiefs' Phase III gymnasium.

But in the second half, it was the Patriots who cast the larger, more ominous shadow.

In a match that pitted two of the top programs in the state and arguably the two deepest lineups in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Franklin reversed an early 20-6 deficit and escaped with a stirring 35-26 victory before an energetic crowd at Canton.

The victory improved the Patriots' dual-meet record to 18-1 overall and 3-0 in the WLAAs Western Division. The setback dropped Canton to 14-2 and 1-1, respectively.

Led by its young and talented group of lower-weight performers, Canton stormed out of the gate to capture five of the first seven matches.

However, following a 10-minute half-time break, the Patriots regrouped and won six of the final seven contests to put them in the driver's seat for another Western Division title.

"The 10-minute break actually helped us a little because we were able to go back into the locker room and refocus," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola. "We

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Dempsey lifts Franklin girls past Western

It felt like a marathon Wednesday for Livonia Franklin's volleyball team. The Patriots, getting 26 kills from senior Liz Dempsey, took five games to beat host Walled Lake Western in the divisional opener for both teams, 25-15, 26-28, 25-21, 17-25, 15-12. Franklin is now 4-10-3 overall and 1-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "The winner was going to be the team that could 'grind it out' the best," Franklin first-year coach Linda Jimenez said. "Fortunately, we were able to 'grind it out' three points more than them. It was a great battle and a test of our character."

Dempsey also had four ace serves and nine digs in the victory. As a team, the Patriots recorded 12 aces and served a season-best 90 percent. Franklin also had a season-high 66 kills (.244 hitting percentage). "This was a thrilling match to participate in and watch as a spectator," Jimenez said. "Western played outstanding defense, passing everything we spiked. Once we adapted to their style of play, all strategy was thrown out."

Other Franklin standouts included Jenna Boettcher, 14 kills, seven digs; Ashley Price, 13 kills; and Laura Marshall, eight kills and six digs.

Rockets soar in 4

After dropping the opening game, Westland John Glenn stormed back Wednesday to down visiting Walled Lake Central in the WLAA-Lakes Division opener, 23-25, 25-23, 25-9, 25-19.

Glenn (8-6-3, 1-0) was led by sophomore Brittany Holbrook, who finished with 15 kills, five blocks, 11 digs and one ace.

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Kirstin Kirk contributed 22 digs, eight kills and three aces, while setter Katie Tratar had 36 assist-to-kills, 12 digs and two aces.

Contributions also came from Gallaher, Kija Colts, Virginia Butler and Amber Sportsman, who combined for 42 digs and 14 kills.

Stevenson tops Zebras

Hannah Diebel registered nine kills and setter Jill Flaughner added 19 assists to pace Livonia Stevenson to a 25-15, 25-20, 25-15 WLAA crossover victory at Wayne Memorial.

Other standouts for the Spartans, now 10-4-1 overall, included: Jamie Pounders, six kills; Kelly Snitchler, five kills and six aces; Jordan Pilut, 16-of-20 serve receive; and Laura Khalil, eight digs.

The loss drops Wayne to 1-14-2 overall.

Trojans fall in 3

Livonia Clarenceville put up a struggle Thursday, but visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills came away with a 25-22, 25-19, 25-15 non-conference triumph.

"It's the best three games we've played this year," Clarenceville coach Wendy Roy said. "We have the talent, but we have to learn to play as a team."

Junior Amanda Moody led the Trojans with 16 assists, five aces and three kills. Senior Shannon McNeilly added six kills and two blocks, while senior Chelsea Gregg finished with five kills.

Carly Topper had 16 kills and

10 digs for the Gryphons (6-4-4), while Lauren McIntosh finished with five digs and seven assists.

Spartans bumped

In a WLAA-Lakes Division opener Wednesday, host Salem cruised to a 25-12, 25-13, 25-12 triumph over Livonia Stevenson.

Salem is 18-1-1 overall, while Stevenson falls to 9-4-1.

"Salem's got a lot of height and very good athletes," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "We're struggling right now. There are peaks and valleys. We're working hard, but this is probably the worst match we played this year."

Setter Jill Flaughner went 6-for-6 serving and had 10 assists for the Spartans. Laura Khalil and Hannah Diebel contributed seven and six kills, respectively.

On Jan. 14, Stevenson won five of six matches on the day and captured the Silver Division in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational with a 25-21, 25-16 triumph over Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Macomb Lutheran North handed Stevenson its only setback, 25-13, 25-20.

The Spartans also defeated Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 25-17, 25-19; Windsor (Ontario) Herman, 25-11, 25-22; Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 25-15, 25-17; and Farmington Hills Harrison, 25-11, 25-23.

Top attackers for Stevenson included Khalil (24 kills), Diebel (17 kills and nine blocks) and Jamie Pounders (14 kills and 10 blocks).

Flaughner finished with 50 assists and eight aces. Jordan Pilut was 36-for-38 on serve receive (95 percent) and had six aces.

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Kierdorf's power-play goal from Dan Darrow and John Vella.

"I thought we played well the first period, but we were extremely undisciplined in the second period," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team is ranked No. 2 in Division I. "It's the most penalties we've taken this year. I think part of it was that we got caught up in the emotions of the game."

Churchill, however, regained the lead for good on Garrett Miencier's game-winning goal at 4:42 of the final period from Wendecker and Nate Milam.

Wischmeyer then put it away with just 7:01 to go when he broke in all alone, making a couple of nifty stick-handling moves along the way, to score unassisted. "Dustin (Wischmeyer) has unbelievable hands," Mazzoni said. "He's not that fast, but he

can skate. He's very deceptive. That was certainly a highlight reel goal.

"Overall I thought we did a nice job with our forecheck and created chances with it."

The insurance goal came after crushing check into the Churchill bench of a Stevenson puck-handler by defenseman Andrew LaBerge.

"I thought we did a great job of regrouping in the third period," Mazzoni said. "We came together and were able to finish strong."

"It was pretty spirited in there (the locker room after two periods). I think they were more upset with themselves. We felt it was a lack of discipline that put us in that situation."

Churchill goaltender Scott Lewan stopped 14 of 16 shots on the night, while MacEachern faced a total of 28 shots.

"Too many times guys got too fancy instead of making the simple play," said Stevenson coach

Mike Humitz, whose team is ranked No. 10 in Division I. "Against an aggressive team, you've got to make the safe play."

"I have to call it like it is. Churchill is a very good team. It's the hardest working team we've played so far this year. We would have had to have our A-plus game, but when you make turnovers in your own end, they capitalize. We had too many turnovers to try and play over."

Stevenson took only three penalties on the night, but couldn't cash in on its numerous man-advantage opportunities.

"Our power play has been OK this year," Humitz said. "But give them (Churchill) credit for their penalty killing more than our power play. They were very aggressive, more so than any of the teams we played this year. It was frustrating for us at times, but it was good for us."

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Gosselin and Mike Gibbons at 2:59 followed by R.J. Kierdorf's power-play goal from Dan Darrow and John Vella at 7:25.

Voran added an unassisted goal at 3:51 of the final period.

Stevenson goaltender Drew MacEachern made 18 saves, while South Lyon's Anthony Johnson stopped 24 shots.

"Overall, we played a pretty solid game," Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said. "South Lyon came at us hard early in the game and we were able to handle the pressure. This was a good win against a good, aggressive team."

Sean Lerg scored a short-handed goal and Marcus Voran chipped in with a goal and two assists as Livonia Stevenson improved to 12-1-1 overall with a 5-1 boys hockey win Wednesday over host South Lyon at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Stevenson led 2-0 after one period on Lerg's goal from Voran at 7:51 followed by Mike Jahn's unassisted effort at 10:57.

In the second period, South Lyon (3-9) cut the deficit to 2-1 on Matt Soulliere's goal from Ryan Carusi and Tyler Korpi at 2:17.

Stevenson answered with two more scores before the period ended - Joe Byrne from T.J.

PLYMOUTH 5, FRANKLIN 0: Five different players scored Wednesday as the Wildcats (10-5-2, 2-1) defeated host Livonia Franklin (3-10, 1-2) in a WLAA-Western Division matchup at Edgar Arena.

Connor Dresser had a power-play goal and one assist in the win.

Kyle Rockob, Charlie Webb, Rick Cigle (short-handed) and Brandon Patterson tallied the other Plymouth goals. Franklin was shutout, 34-24.

Plymouth goalie Justin Desilets made 34 saves, while Franklin's Austin Mesler turned away 19.

"We played very poor hockey," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "We're not playing as a team. Too much individual play and running around. We also took too many penalties (seven). We're playing almost playing a period short-handed."

Free throws ignite Chargers' win; Hardison's 30 fuels Glenn victory

Free throws were the deciding factor Friday as Livonia Churchill earned a hard-fought 61-59 boys basketball victory over host Livonia Stevenson.

Churchill is now 5-4 overall and 1-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Junior center Ryan Rosenick led the victorious Chargers with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Junior guard Ryan Whittum added 13 points, while senior forward Brad Evans had nine points and six rebounds.

Evans drilled six straight free throws during the final four minutes of play to preserve the win. The Chargers made 23-of-32 free throws on the night, including 10-of-13 in the decisive final period.

Luke Knochel, a senior guard, scored 21 for the Spartans, who were 7-of-9 from the foul line. Senior forward Chris Mulcahy contributed 15.

"One of the keys to the win was that Ryan Whittum guarded Luke for 30 minutes and made him work hard," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "Luke's a great player and Ryan made him give up the ball a little more than he wanted in the fourth quarter."

"I also thought in the second half we attacked the boards and attacked the basket. We got to the free throw line. It

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was a good win for us."

Stevenson, which hit a late three-pointer to pull to within two points, falls to 1-8 and 0-2.

"They (Churchill) muscled us around and hurt us on the boards," Stevenson first-year coach Brad Miller said. "They got hustle points. They just wanted it more and played with a little more heart."

JOHN GLENN 60, W.L. NORTHERN 44: Junior forward Earl "The Pearl" Hardison scored 19 of his game-high 30 points in the opening half Friday to spark host Westland John Glenn (5-4, 2-0) to a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph over Walled Lake Northern (4-5, 1-1).

The 6-foot-3 Hardison scored 10 in the opening period as the Rockets sprinted to a 21-6 advantage. He added nine in the second quarter and 11 in the second half.

Junior Stefan Marken chipped in with 11 points, while Rob Jones finished with six.

Ryan Bahnmler paced the Knights with 18 points, including three triples. Steve Knurick contributed 10.

Northern was 9-of-11 from the foul line, while Glenn was 4-of-6.

CANTON 50, WAYNE 49: Coming off a double-screen, junior forward Neil Sharma buried a three-point basket as the clock expired Friday to give the host Chiefs (5-4, 2-0) a WLAA-Western Division win over Wayne Memorial (4-5, 0-2).

"One of my assistants, Dan Colligan, drew up the play and the guys executed it to perfection," said

Canton coach Charlie Paye. "We set a double screen for Neil, he caught it and shot it just behind the three-point line."

"To be honest, I think Wayne outplayed us tonight in every part of the game, but we came up big in the end. Our division is so well-balanced this year that I think there are going to be a lot of games like this that come right down to the last shot."

Sharma came off the bench to lead the Chiefs with a career-high 22 points. Senior center Ryan Waidmann added eight points and 10 boards.

Junior guard Mike Lee paced the Zebras with 20 points.

Canton led 15-8 after one quarter and 33-28 at the half. Wayne narrowed grabbed a 40-39 lead with eight minutes to play and held a 49-47 advantage before Sharma's buzzer-beater.

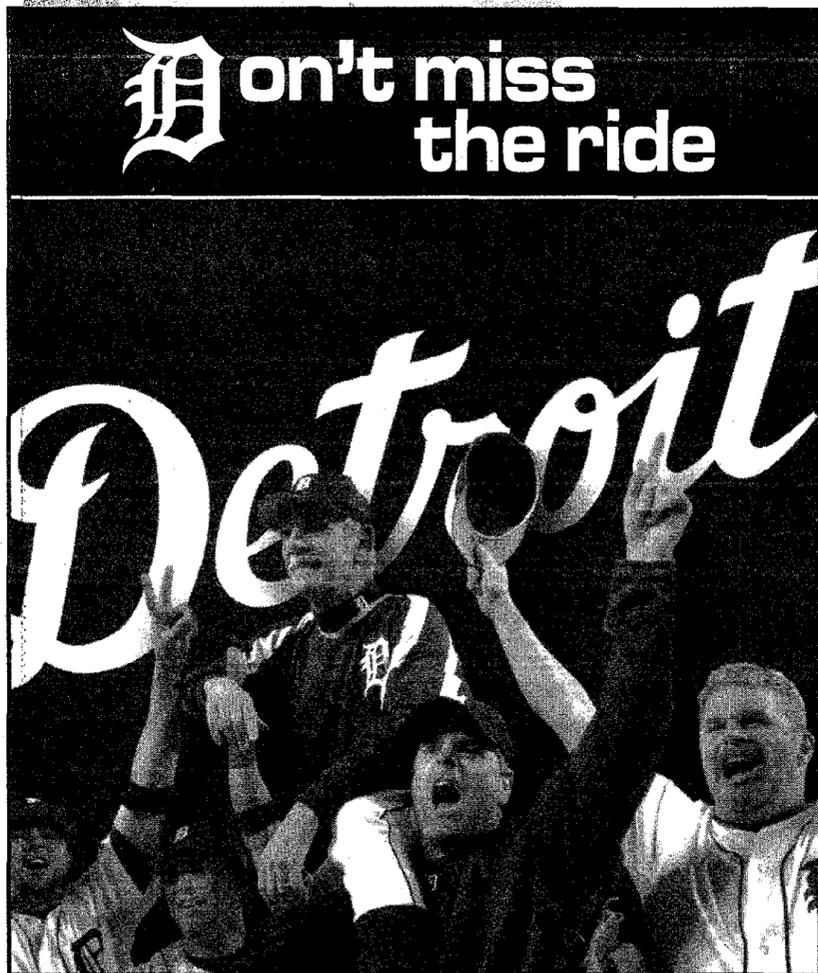
NORTHVILLE 56, FRANKLIN 33: In a WLAA-Western Division game Friday, the host Mustangs (9-1, 2-0) pulled away in the second half to beat visiting Livonia Franklin (2-7, 0-2).

Northville led 27-24 at intermission, but pulled away with a 19-4 third-quarter run.

Franklin limited the Mustangs' top scorer Alvin Storrs, who got into foul trouble, to 13 points. Greg Hasse helped pick up the slack with 11 points.

Tyler Canyock and Andy Ring each tallied 11 for the Patriots.

"We executed offensively, but they changed our shots going in for layups," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said. "They're big up front. They rebounded over the top. We did everything we wanted. I thought we out-executed them, but we got outscored."



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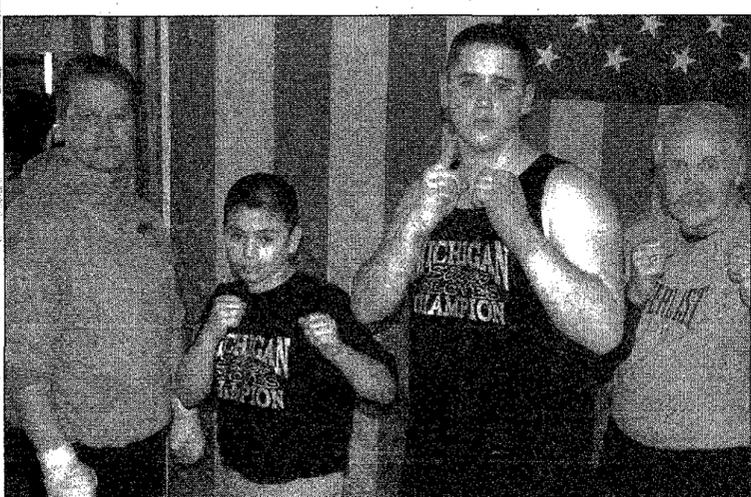


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Promising boxers

The Dynamic Boxing Club of Westland sent two representatives to Silver Gloves Regional Tournament, Jan. 12-13, at Harrow Garden Gym in Philadelphia, Pa. Heavyweight Dan Smith (second from right), of Garden City, won a hard-earned decision over Justin Novaria of Columbus, Ohio, ranked second nationally by USA Boxing, to earn a trip to the National Silver Gloves, Jan. 31 through Feb. 4, in Independence, Mo. Teammate Gabriel Garza (second from left), of Livonia, lost a close decision in the 110-pound class to De'Lonte Anderson of Cleveland, Ohio. The boxers are flanked by Dynamic owner Chuck Phillips (far left) and trainer Paul Soucy (far right).

Cornerstone 2nd-half rally sinks MU

Red-hot shooting in the second half by visiting Cornerstone did in Madonna University Wednesday, earning a comeback 88-76 victory.

The Golden Eagles trailed 41-32 at halftime of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball game. But they then hit 18-of-29 field goal attempts during the final 20 minutes (62 percent) to win going away.

Conversely, Madonna made just 11-of-29 from the floor in the second half.

Leading Cornerstone (13-7 overall, 4-1 in the WHAC) were forward Andy Bronkema (8-13 in field goals, 22 points) and center John Jonker (6-for-8 in

field goals, 15 points, along with 10 rebounds).

Madonna (6-15, 2-3 in the WHAC) had four players in double figures, with junior guard Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) pacing the attack with 19 points.

Junior forward D.J. Bridges (Canton) tallied 16 points and eight rebounds while junior forward and Wayne Memorial alum Mike Rashad chipped in with 15 points (7-for-8 from the floor).

Contributing 11 points was senior guard Adam Kerfoot.

MU women lose

Despite 18 points by sophomore forward Christie Carrico,

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the Madonna University's women's basketball team couldn't stop host Cornerstone on Wednesday night, suffering a 70-58 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference setback.

Madonna (7-13, 2-3 in the WHAC) also received 11 points by guard Cali Crawford and nine each from junior forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) and freshman guard Stephanie Piotrowski.

Center Sarah Bussis and guard Jenna Plewes scored 15 and 14 points, respectively, for the Golden Eagles (13-7, 4-1 in the WHAC).

Little League expands territory into Livonia

Little League Baseball, the world's largest youth sports program with approximately 2.7 million players and 1 million volunteers in all 50 U.S. states, is expanding into Livonia.

The Redford American Little League, which has served southern Redford Township and eastern Livonia for 51 years, was granted expansion earlier this month by Little League Baseball's District 5 headquarters.

Boundaries now encompass north and south from Six Mile to Joy roads, and east and west from Telegraph Road to the edge of I-275.

The season runs from April through June (July for all-star teams). Players are drafted on their ability rather than age or grade. (R.A.L.L. is ability specific, not age specific).

The end of the season includes playoffs and championship day (including T-ball all-inclusive all-star game).

Eight different all-star teams will be selected at the end of the season to represent the R.A.L.L. in the District 5 tournament with a chance to advance to the Little League World Series.

Registration info

Registration for the Redford American Little League (2007 season) will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the R.A.L.L. Clubhouse, located at 25944 Plymouth Road (between Beech Daly and Inkster roads).

Additional registrations will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Redford Township Community Center, 12121 Hemingway

Avenue, (between Schoolcraft and Plymouth roads); and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the R.A.L.L. Clubhouse.

Registration is for boys and girl ages 5-18 whose parents or guardians reside within boundaries of R.A.L.L. District 5.

Parents should bring a photocopy of player birth certificates to registration as well as insurance cards and a check for \$115 (made out to Redford American Little League. Included in the cost is Major League Baseball hat, jersey, pants, socks, participation trophy or plaque (no fund-raisers involved).

For more information, call R.A.L.L. officer Mike Pawlowski at (586) 759-2405. You can also e-mail him at mpawloski@sbcglobal.net.

Purdue transfer Minnoy stars in win

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The get-out-of-my-way style of basketball displayed Wednesday night by new Schoolcraft College men's basketball player Nate Minnoy made the kind of statement that could reverberate for the rest of the season.

Minnoy, built like a truck (6-5, 270) but moving like a sleek SUV, scored 30 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and tallied four steals to spark the Ocelots to a 96-86 victory over the Raiders.

"He's a stud," said Schoolcraft first-year head coach Mike Brown, who added the Purdue University transfer to the roster following the holiday break. "He's really a wing player who can play in the post. . . . He's going to give us a lot, but we've got to get some momentum and see if we can get this thing rolling in the right direction."

The victory Wednesday helped immensely in that regard, as the Ocelots improved to 10-7 overall and 5-3 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

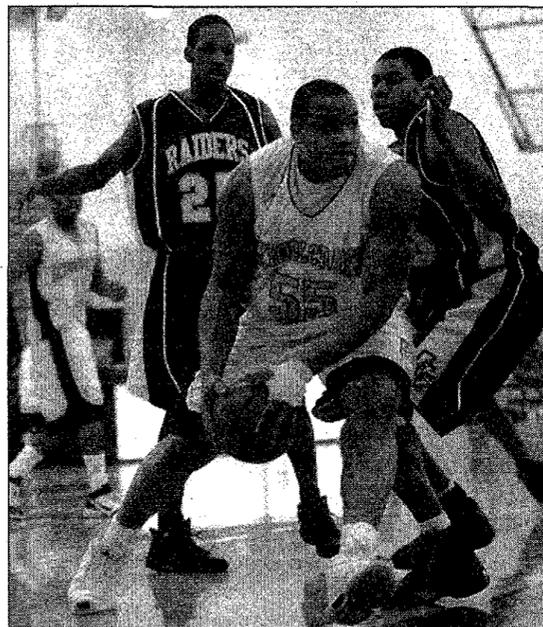
Examples of Minnoy's versatility abounded, just in the first half alone.

When called upon to jumpstart the Ocelots, the Chicago native did so with a three-ball in the first 30 seconds of action. Also in the opening 20 minutes, Minnoy scored with a nifty finger-roll, a power move through the lane and an offensive board-putback.

But he also showed other skills, grabbing a long rebound in his own end with two minutes left in the first half, dribbling down the floor and launching a trey from the left flank - to give his team a 41-31 margin.

The urgency displayed by Minnoy rubbed off on his teammates, who wanted no part of a possible repeat from Jan. 10, when the Ocelots let a near-certain victory slip away against Macomb Community College.

Schoolcraft took a 44-37 lead into the intermission, parlaying the work of Minnoy



RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft College's Nate Minnoy (55) led the Ocelots to Wednesday's victory over Oakland Community College.

along with timely plays by other Ocelots into that seven-point spread.

Sophomore guard Jon Yeazel (18 points, seven boards) connected on a trey, as did freshman guard and Belleville alum Joshua Samarco (nine points).

Sophomore guard Corey Spates (15 points, five steals, four assists) dashed through the lane for a lay-up and later converted a putback.

In the second half, Schoolcraft held off the Raiders thanks to excellent shooting from the floor (17-for-31, 55 percent).

The closest OCC (1-15, 1-8 in the MCCA) would get was 46-42 following a basket by freshman guard Lawrence Hicks (24 points).

Leading OCC in scoring was sophomore forward Odgra Bobo with 33 points, along with 12 rebounds.

OCC hung around, usually trailing by seven or nine points for much of the half.

Whenever the Raiders seemed ready to make their move, however, Schoolcraft

had an answer.

For example: sophomore center Gabriel Garcia's power drive with 7:30 left gave the home team a 69-59 lead; Spates' assertive lay-up made it 77-68 with less than five minutes to go; a three-point conversion by Yeazel with 2:16 left gave the Ocelots an 85-77 cushion.

Brown's eyes lit up for a moment when asked about what kind of tandem Minnoy and 7-0 Garcia could be as the Ocelots look to gain steam heading into the stretch run.

"Very dangerous, both are very skilled players," Brown said. "But we've just got to get everybody playing together and clicking on all cylinders and that takes time."

"We've got 10 guys that never played together before, it's their first year here, it's my first year here. We're just in a transition period."

The coach did call the victory "a good step," something to move forward from.

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BOYS SWIM RESULTS

PREP BOYS SWIMMING

DOUBLE-DUAL MEET

Jan. 18 at Livonia Stevenson

TEAM SCORES: Stevenson 145, Livonia Churchill 41; Monroe 134, Churchill 52; Stevenson 97, Monroe 89.

FINAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Robert Luke, Joey Wingett, Travis Hatt, Kyle Hermann), 1:42.9; 2. Monroe, 1:47.89; 3. Stevenson (Bryan Bielecki, John Loria, Sam Loria, Ryan Scott), 1:52.52.

200 freestyle: 1. Mark Schramm (M), 1:46.03; 2. Jeff Pauza (LS), 1:46.3; 3. Drew Randall (LC), 1:53.99.

200 individual medley: 1. Ben Savonen (M), 1:56.59; 2. Hatt (LS), 2:01.55; 3. John Ledda (M), 2:04.08.

50 freestyle: 1. Hermann (LS), 23.57; 2. Jason Schultz (M), 23.74; 3. Mark Gordon (LC), 24.32.

1-meter diving: 1. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 202.50 points; 2. Matt Hope (LC), 147.70; 3. Travis Holt (LC), 140.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Luke (LS), 56.16; 2. Ledda (M), 56.18; 3. Michael Cruce (LS), 58.36.

100 freestyle: 1. Pauza (LS), 49.47; 2. Schultz (M), 51.4; 3. Hermann (LS), 51.47.

500 freestyle: 1. Nathan Fieshman (M), 5:06.49; 2. Cruce (LS), 5:10.75; 3. Randall (LC), 5:10.84.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Monroe (Savonen, Clint Wehner, Nicholas Adrian, Jason Schulttz), 1:34.15; 2. Stevenson (Pauza, Scott, Charles Turlo, Hermann), 1:34.19; 3. Monroe, 1:38.17.

100 backstroke: 1. Luke (LS), 56.88; 2. Schramm (M), 57.4; 3. Bielecki (LS), 1:02.41.

100 breaststroke: 1. Savonen (M), 1:02.14; 2. Hatt (LS), 1:02.51; 3. Wingett (LS), 1:05.71.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Monroe (Ledda, Schramm, Schultz, Savonen), 3:19.52; 2. Stevenson (Pauza, Cruce, Luke, Hatt), 3:27.16; 3. Churchill (Ben Lamerand, Steve Jones, Jake Keeler, Steve Jones), 3:39.14.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 5-1 overall and 1-0 WLAALakes Division; Churchill, 3-3 overall, 0-1 WLAALakes Division.

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Jan. 18 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Nick Hoffmeyer, Stan Chen, Nick Leone, Matt Underhill), 1:51.78; 2. Salem (Jim Crabbill, Nate Spala, Kory Dondzila, John Babb), 2:00.7; 3.

John Glenn (Lara, Jon Whitt, Dan Fabrey, S. Long), 2:02.39.

200 freestyle: 1. Dan Olson (S), 2:02.13; 2. Matt Espy (WJG), 2:03.84; 3. John Burgess (WJG), 2:11.42.

200 IM: 1. Leone (S), 2:11.10; 2. Joe DeTassari (S), 2:30.51; 3. Kevin Chappelle (WJG), 2:32.40.

50 freestyle: 1. Chen (S), 24.64; 2. Babb (S), 24.72; 3. Casey Olson (S), 26.97.

1-meter diving: 1. Whitt (WJG), 243.05 points; 2. Andrew Thorne (WJG), 134.90.

100 butterfly: 1. David Olson (S), 1:01.38; 2. Fabrey (JG), 1:09.12; 3. Chappelle (WJG), 1:13.50.

100 freestyle: 1. Underhill (S), 52.19; 2. (tie) Espy (WJG) and Jason Williams (S), 56.62 each.

500 freestyle: 1. Chen (S), 5:32.54; 2. Doug Fransioil (S), 5:54.44; 3. Burgess (WJG), 6:01.36.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Underhill, Williams, D. Olson, Leone), 1:37.09; 2. John Glenn (Chappelle, Long, Thorne, Espy), 1:41.08; 3. Salem (Babb, Fransioil, Spala, C. Olson), 1:45.35.

100 backstroke: 1. Crabbill (S), 1:06.83; 2. Hoffmeyer (S), 1:08.59; 3. Fabrey (WJG), 1:12.50.

100 breaststroke: 1. Whitt (WJG), 1:11.41; 2. Spala (S), 1:13.20; 3. Kory Dondzila (S), 1:18.88.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Leone, Chen, Underhill, D.Olson), 3:32.87; 2. Salem (Babb, C. Olson, Fransioil, Williams), 3:56.85; 3. John Glenn (Burgess, Chappelle, Long, Espy), 4:02.12.

Dual-meet records: Salem, 2-1 overall; 1-0 WLAALakes Division; John Glenn, 0-4 overall, 0-1 in WLAALakes Division.

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Jan. 18 at Canton H.S.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Kyle Dull, Jack Distel, Peter Nolan), 1:54.50; 200 freestyle: Chris Wilson (P), 2:03.26; 200 individual medley: Steven Ogg (WM), 2:23.38; 50 freestyle: Conger (P), 24.26; 1-meter diving: Dylan Thomas (WM), 140.05 points; 100 butterfly: Conger (P), 1:00.94; 100 freestyle: Jordan Holland (WM), 55.76; 500 freestyle: Jason Oldani (P), 5:40.47; 200 freestyle relay: Plymouth (Dull, Distel, Ben Ambrose, Nolan), 1:41.96; 100 backstroke: Ethan Weiner (P), 1:09.79; 100 breaststroke: Tony McLaughlin (P), 1:13.30; 400 freestyle

relay: Plymouth (Wilson, Oldani, Ethan Weiner, Joe Eudy), 3:50.81.

Wayne 2nds: 400 freestyle relay (Jacob Barnes, Jordan Holland, Nick Martin, Steven Ogg), 3:55.24; 3rds: Danny Shirley, 100 breaststroke (1:18.82); 200 freestyle relay (Holland, Jacob Barnes, Ogg, Nick Martin), 1:43.76.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-2 overall; 1-2 overall.

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Jan. 16 at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: 1. Redford Union (John Webster, Jason Matties, Ronson Webster, John Matties), 1:59.82; 2. Franklin (Scott Ansteth, Andy Rossiter, Tim Tyler, Ken Wood), 2:05.92.

200 freestyle: 1. Nick Anthony (LF), 1:58.22; 2. Bryan Mandeville (LF), 2:38.19; 3. Trayron Houze (RU), 2:40.08.

200 individual medley: 1. Shane Shelton (LF), 2:19.44; 2. Harry Santti (RU), 2:38.21; 3. Rossiter (LF), 2:41.32.

50 freestyle: 1. Jason Matties (RU), 25.08; 2. T. Tyler (LF), 25.99; 3. Don Schuffler (RU), 26.47.

1-meter diving: 1. Sean Lanstra (RU), 115.65 points; 2. Kyle Peltier (RU), 114.75; 3. Charles Strouse (RU), 60.60.

100 butterfly: 1. Shelton (LF), 1:06.95; 2. Jason Matties (RU), 1:10.8; 3. Ansteth (LF), 1:12.72.

100 freestyle: 1. Joe Michniewicz (LF), 1:01.45; 2. Matthew Riley (RU), 1:04.91; 3. Santti (RU), 1:05.39.

500 freestyle: 1. Anthony (LF), 5:28.09; 2. Ansteth (RU), 6:35.25; 3. Rossiter (LF), 6:44.32.

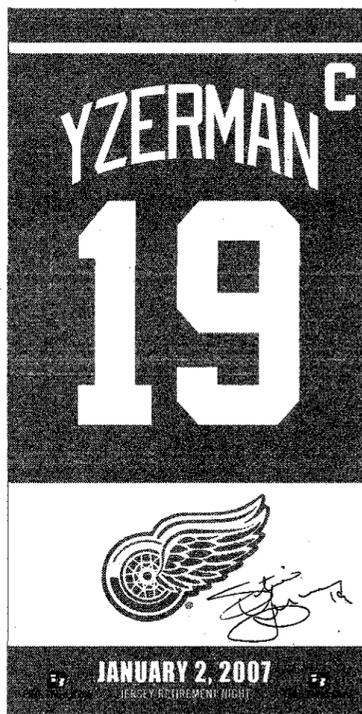
200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Shelton, Anthony, T. Tyler, Michniewicz), 1:44.68; 2. Redford Union (J. Webster, R. Webster, Jason Matties, John Matties), 1:45.12; 3. Redford Union (Riley, Schuffler, Strouse, Santti), 1:52.83.

100 backstroke: 1. Ken Wood (LF), 1:15.55; 2. Lanstra (RU), 1:17.88; 3. Michniewicz (LF), 1:19.73.

100 breaststroke: 1. J. Webster (RU), 1:14.08; 2. R. Webster (RU), 1:14.54; 3. T. Tyler (LF), 1:16.09.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Shelton, Anthony, Michniewicz, Rossiter), 4:08.13; 2. Franklin (Bryan Mandeville, K. Wood, Tyler Lee, Eric Madaj), 4:52.86; 3. Redford Union (Santti, Lanstra, Strouse, J. Webster), 4:53.98.

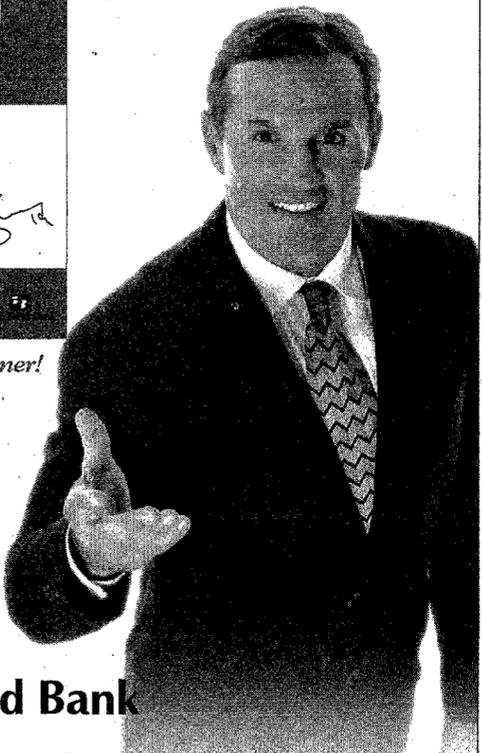
Franklin's dual meet record: 1-1 overall.



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Tell friend to level with parent

My friend is pregnant and she doesn't want to tell her parents. What should I do?

Concerned Garden City

Your friend is going to need all the love and support she can get. The best place to get this is from her family! Her parents will probably be disappointed,



Monica Fulton

maybe even angry. But, parents love their children and want to help them, no matter what. Talk to your friend and help her understand that her parents will be her best source of support, no matter what her decision about the baby is. Ask her to really think about what the

worse case scenario is if she tells her parents ... are they going to yell at her? Will they "ground" her? Will they disown her? Will they kick her out of the house? Most likely, your friend's parents will yell at her and maybe even ground her, but they probably won't disown her or kick her out of the house. By law, parents cannot force a child out of the house until the age of 18, when you become an adult in the eyes of the law. But, if your friend seriously believes one of these things is possible, help her make a plan for the worst-case scenario. Can she stay with friends until her parents come around? Is she involved in a church where the congregation could help? The most important thing you can do for your friend is encourage her to tell her family - the sooner the better! You might want to offer moral support by volunteering to be with her when she tells her parents.

I have a girlfriend that I have been dating for 8 months and I love her to death but I hate her sister and have to deal with her almost every day. How do I deal with this?

Fed Up Garden City

Well, there's no easy answer to this age-old dilemma ... love your mate, hate the "in-laws"! It's important to remember that even though you can't stand your girlfriend's sister, she is very important to your girlfriend. Tread lightly and be careful not to hurt anyone's feelings. That being said, it's also important for you to discuss the situation with your girlfriend. The longer this goes on, the more likely it is that you will begin to resent your girlfriend. This might cause you to start avoiding her, breaking dates, or expressing anger toward her unnecessarily. This definitely is not fair to your girlfriend. I suggest you talk with your girlfriend and let her know that you're having a hard time being around her sister so much. Let her know, gently, that her sister is not someone you enjoy being around as much and suggest doing things that don't involve being with her sister. Make sure you let her know that you're aware of how much her sister means to her, but you need a break from her sister every once in a while. Other than that, you're probably going to have to grin and bear it. If you really feel that you can't do this, and if you're willing to let her sister get in the way of your relationship, you will seriously have to consider breaking up with your girlfriend. Is that what you really want?

I wanted to know how I should act toward my ex-boyfriend. I'm still in love with him, but I'm not sure if he still feels the same way. He says he does, but sometimes he doesn't act like it. He said it's because he doesn't know how to act around me anymore because he's hurting too bad. But I'm just not sure what to do or how to act. Any suggestions?

All Messed Up Garden City

First, if you both still love each other, why are you apart? I'm thinking your ex-boyfriend is playing games with your heart. If he really still loved you, he'd be with you - right? Forget about how you should act around him ... start figuring out what you want and be who you want to be. Your ex-boyfriend may be hurting, but that's no excuse for him to hold your heart hostage.

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Everyone's Reading

'Arc of Justice' opens discussion of area's race history

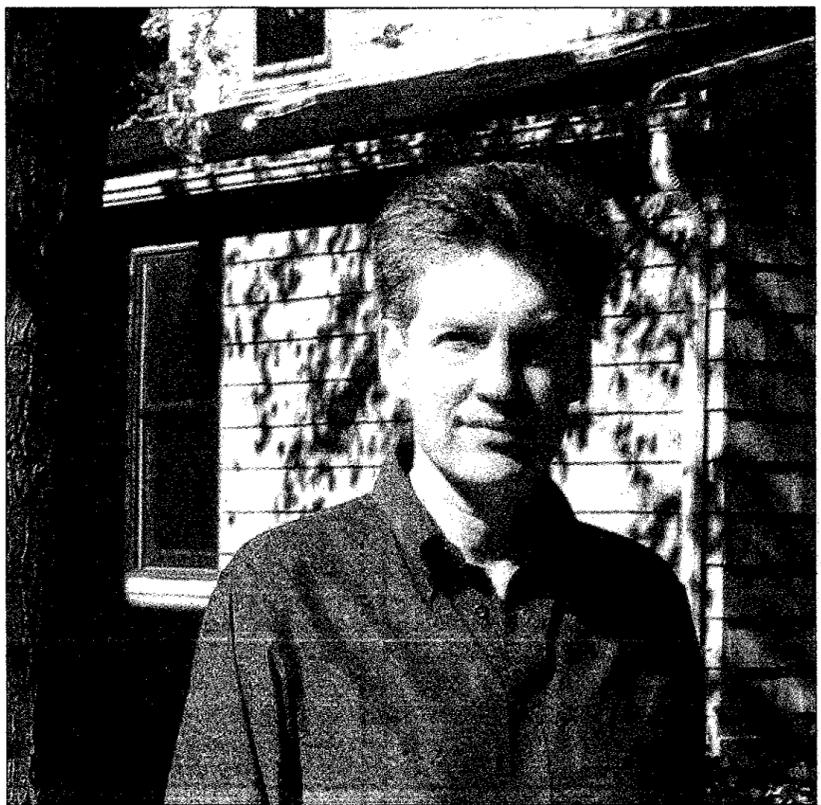
BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Kevin Boyle says he's always been drawn to stories about working people, the labor movement and immigrants.

"I like being in the street," he said.

In 2004, Boyle's dramatic history of a pivotal event in civil rights history vividly took readers to the violent streets of 1920s Detroit. Boyle's *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age* is now the centerpiece for the Detroit area's sixth annual Everyone's Reading program. Libraries throughout the area are focusing on Boyle's book and the still relevant issues it raises about race relations in Detroit and the nation.

The National Book Award winner for non-fiction in 2004 tells the story of Ossian Sweet, a black doctor who moved his family from Detroit's Black Bottom to a bungalow in a working-class white section



Kevin Boyle grew up in the Detroit area. His book *Arc of Justice* won the National Book Award.

PLEASE SEE HISTORY, C5

Events explore the themes of 'Arc of Justice'

Twenty public libraries from the tri-county area are participating in this year's Everyone's Reading including - for the first time - the Detroit Public Library.

Numerous events are planned concerning the issues raised by Kevin Boyle's *Arc of Justice*, a history of the Ossian Sweet murder case of 1925.

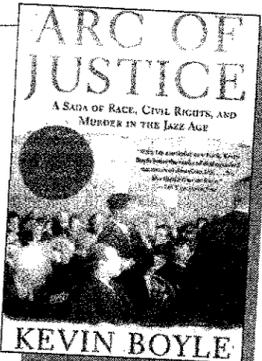
Boyle, an Ohio State University professor, with a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Detroit and a doctorate from the University of Michigan, will visit local libraries in February and April.

His appearances in *Observer & Eccentric* communities are:

- 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
- 7 p.m. Monday, April 16, at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill St., Birmingham
- 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton

Events will include book discussion groups, movie screenings, a theatrical production about 1925 Detroit

PLEASE SEE THEMES, C5



Kevin Boyle's *Arc of Justice* won the 2004 National Book Award.

How an idea went from column to community

Sarah Ormond, adult services librarian at the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, knew that choosing a book for Everyone's Reading in 2007 would be a big task.

The 2006 selection, a non-fiction book about diving, had drawn more participants than expected into the annual adult reading program offered by many libraries in the tri-county area.

"Who'd think you'd get a bunch of women to read about scuba diving and World War II wrecks?" Ormond said, adding that last year's book, *Shadow Divers*, was unexpectedly "very popular."

"We thought we'd have large shoes to fill here."

Luckily, Ormond had read a column by *Observer* managing editor Hugh Gallagher in December 2005 and immediately e-mailed the other Everyone's Reading committee members. The group, made up of librarians from participating libraries in the tri-county area, annually chooses one book for the program.

In his column about community-wide reading programs, Gallagher proposed *Arc of Justice*, by Kevin Boyle, as a "high school read for the metro Detroit area."

The nonfiction work tells the story

of a black doctor who moved his family to a working class white section of Detroit in 1925. Gallagher pointed out that Boyle "describes the elements that have helped create our sadly divided and antagonistic metro area."

"It is a book that every high school student should read, discuss, understand, to appreciate why the place they call home is what it is," Gallagher wrote. "It's a good read and an important one as well."

That's all Ormond and her committee needed to know.

They contacted Boyle, told him about Gallagher's column and the author agreed to participate in Everyone's Reading 2007.

"I really think that Hugh Gallagher's column was so important ... it convinced a group of librarians and it convinced the author," Ormond said.

She said the committee members all knew of Boyle's book, but hadn't necessarily read it when they contacted the author.

"I recommended it without having read it," Ormond said.

They're glad they began planning the 2007 program more than a year ahead of time, given the popularity of last year's book.

- Sharon Dargay

Dance the night away while helping domestic violence victims

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Brian Duggan is a hero to the women and children of First Step. Last year, his charity dance raised \$42,000 to help provide shelter and services for domestic violence victims. Frequently, they leave home abruptly to escape the battering.

"What would we say to families at police stations in the middle of the night if First Step's shelter beds went away," asks Theresa Bizoe, the non-profit organization's associate director. "It's important we're here even if the family just needs us for a couple of nights."

Bizoe is uncertain about the reason for the 25-percent increase in women seeking shelter last year, but says tough economic times generally

lead to more violence. The 17th annual Charity Dance and Casino Night is 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster, Livonia. The evening begins with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres followed by dessert and pizza. There's always plenty of dancing to the music of Steve King & The Ditties. For those who like to gamble, the casino portion of the dance runs from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

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Specifications and bid forms are available at the Business Office of the Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI.

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FOR THE BENEFIT OF
GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL, OSTEOPATHIC**

The City Council of the City of Garden City will hold a public hearing at 7:25 p.m., on February 5, 2007, in the Garden City City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, on the proposed issuance by the Garden City Hospital Finance Authority of bonds (the "Bonds") for the benefit of Garden City Hospital, Osteopathic (the "Borrower").

The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrower and used by the Borrower, together with other available funds, for any one or more of the following purposes (i) to refund the Garden City Hospital Finance Authority Hospital Revenue Bonds (Garden City Hospital Obligated Group) Series 1996A originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$11,150,000 (the "Prior Bonds"), (ii) to finance, the acquisition and installation of various items of equipment for and renovations and improvements to the physical facilities of the Borrower located at 6245, 6255 and 6265 Inkster Road, Garden City, Michigan (the "Hospital Campus") including the replacement of surgical facilities on the Hospital Campus, and the acquisition of medical, computer and office equipment at the facilities of the Borrower located at 8701 Harrison, Garden City, Michigan, 2936 John Daly, Inkster, Michigan, 27285 West Warren, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, 2200 Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan, 30150 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan, 30730 Ford Road, Garden City, Michigan, 8012-A Middlebelt Road, Westland, Michigan, 23850 Van Born Road, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, 8040 Middlebelt Road, Westland, Michigan, 36550 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan, and 26400 Plymouth Road, Redford, Michigan, (iii) to pay capitalized interest on the Bonds, (iv) to fund a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds, and (v) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. The Bonds are proposed to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Thirty Nine Million Dollars (\$39,000,000). Additional detail with respect to the items being financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds is available upon request.

The proceeds of the Prior Bonds were used, together with other available funds, (i) to finance or refinance interim indebtedness relating to the remodeling and expansion of the Borrower's facility at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City, Michigan and (ii) to pay the costs of issuing the Prior Bonds.

The Bonds will be limited obligations of the Authority payable only from loan repayments to be made to the Authority, and certain funds and accounts established by the bond indenture of the Authority for the Bonds. The Bonds will not be a general obligation of the Authority and will not be a debt of the City of Garden City, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision of the State of Michigan. The Authority has no taxing power and the issuance of the Bonds will not obligate the City of Garden City, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision of the State of Michigan to levy or pledge any form of taxation for the Bonds or to make an appropriation for the payment of the Bonds.

The hearing will provide a reasonable opportunity for expression of opinion, argument on the merits, and introduction of documentary evidence pertaining to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Written comments will be accepted by the City Council but must be received on or before the date of hearing.

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Show spotlights old toys and trains

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Ray Nikolai fell in love with model trains when he came across a layout in a hardware store in 1948. Today, he shares the hobby with kids of all ages. As president of Lincoln Park Train Club, Nikolai annually organizes the St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club Old Toy and Train Show which this year takes place 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27101 West Chicago at Inkster road, Redford.

Admission is \$3 per person, \$6 per family. Early bird admission at 9 a.m. is \$10. This is the 21st year that proceeds from the show will help fund St. Robert's school children sports and school programs.

"We get all the guys together and everybody's buying and swapping trains," said Ray Nikolai, a Dearborn Heights resident who owns quite a few trains. "Every once in a while I find a nice enough diamond to buy."

More than 150 dealer tables of trains and toys will have items available for purchase or swapping. One lucky winner will win a Lionel train set when it's raffled off at the end of the show.

As in years past, visitors will be able to have their trains tested by the Lincoln Park Train Club as well as see four



Ray Nikolai shares his love of model trains with grandsons Duke (left) and Butchie.

trains operating on the same layout. The show also spotlights two other operating layouts, the second of which is the Clance Train Travel layout from the Detroit Historical Museum with double main lines, switching operations and all radio controlled. The third layout is an American Flyer set amidst the country side and small town scenery. It was cre-

ated by Bob Pardington of the Lincoln Park Train Club.

The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society will sell videos of their train trip on a 1225 steam locomotive. Members will be showing videos of trains around the country and presenting their 2007 train trip plans.

The Norfolk Southern Police will be on hand to show train safety videos, give away free coloring books to the kids, and explain train safety and what to watch for at railroad crossings.

If train enthusiasts miss the show, Nikolai says not to

worry. The Lincoln Park Train Club take their layouts to schools in the area.

To set up a visit or for more information about the Jan. 28 show, call Nikolai at (313) 277-2419.

"We set up tracks, show how trains run and how much fun it is, and talk about how to safely cross a track," said Nikolai, "or they can come down any Saturday to watch the trains run when the club is at the John Kennedy Memorial Building, east off Fort Street on London in Lincoln Park near the band shelter."

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Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2007 at the Board of Education, Business Office, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Specifications and bid forms are available at the Business Office of the Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Todd Dickson, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 744-2154 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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Author to present Michigan Shadow Towns lecture

Multimedia presentations, based on the book Michigan Shadow Towns, continue in Livonia 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan.

21, before moving on to other venues in the metro Detroit area and outstate.

Presented by the Friends of Livonia Public Library, the show features a lecture by Michigan Shadow Towns author Gene Scott. Admission is free.

The 45-minute show is based on the book which tells of the decline and survival stories of 128 smaller Michigan communities in 64 counties. Michigan Shadow Towns was selected as a Library of Michigan Notable Book of 2006. Livonia is one of nearly 400 libraries in the state which received copies of the book under a Michigan Humanities Council grant. The book project was co-sponsored by the Livonia and Redford historical societies.

For more information on the Jan. 21 show, call the Friends of Livonia Library at (248) 474-7213. For information on the book or to obtain a copy, call (734) 523-7844.

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Comic book, non-sports card show returns

The X-Trava Con Comic Book, Toy, and Non-Sport Card Show returns 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Farmington Hills.

Admission is \$3. The show features a large selection of action figures, non-sport cards, anime, toys and collectibles, collectible statues, and hero clix. There will be more than 100,000 comics for sale or trade. For more information, call (248) 426-8059 or visit www.motorcityconventions.com.



Youth invited to enter photos for kids-only exhibit

A new photographic exhibit capturing the essence of work in America - from New York to California, from the assembly line to the mine - opens at the Michigan Historical Museum Feb. 1. Working America: Photographs from the Ewing Galloway Agency, 1910-1950, presented in conjunction with Kresge Art Museum as part of a two-venue exhibition looking at work and workers, features more than 50 photographs depicting the culture of work in rural and urban settings during the first half of the 20th century. The exhibit runs to June 17.

Drawn from Kresge's extensive collection of photographs from the Ewing Galloway photographic agency, these images were reproduced in Life magazine and other publications. The exhibit will also feature related artifacts from the Michigan Historical Museum collection.

"These photos provide a glimpse inside the American workplace of our parents' and grandparents' generation - telling the story of workers on the assembly line in diverse industries, dockside, in mines, offices, labs, shops and many other places," said Phillip Kwiatkowski, director of the Michigan Historical Museum System. "We're also asking Michigan's young people to share their ideas about what work means to them through a special youth photo exhibit."

Michigan youth ages 10-18 are invited to submit a photograph and essay illustrating their definition of work for an exhibit called "What is Work?" Selected entries will be displayed in the rotunda of the Michigan Library and Historical Center April 23 to

May 4. Entries must be post-marked or delivered by March 15.

For rules and an application form, visit www.michigan.gov/museum.

Kresge Art Museum presents "The Workers' Landscape: American Images, 1900-1950" through March 18. This joint exhibition is part of a yearlong project of the Greater Lansing Museum Collaborative to explore work and workers' culture. The project also includes exhibits at the Michigan State University Museum and Impression 5 Science Center. "Working America" is made possible in part by a grant to Kresge Art Museum from the Arts Council of Greater Lansing/Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The Michigan Historical Museum is located inside the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo St., two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing. The main entrance and visitor parking are located north of Kalamazoo Street, just east of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission and weekend parking are free.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559, TDD (517) 373-1592.

The Kresge Art Museum is located on the Michigan State University campus in the Kresge Art Center at Auditorium and Physics Roads, near Alumni Chapel. For more information, call (517) 355-7631 or visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

DANCE

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victims of domestic violence, said Bizoe. Last summer, First Step residents had to sleep on cots in the living room at times.

"We generally house 42 people," said Bizoe. "Women are having a harder time finding a job that would allow them to find an apartment and leave."

First Step's nearly \$2.4 million budget covers services not only for victims of domestic violence, but sexual assault in 36 Wayne County cities through its offices in Plymouth, Redford, Taylor, and Downriver. In addition to a community response program with staff following up on every domestic violence police report, First Step provides advocates in district courts in Westland, Dearborn and other areas to assist women and advise about personal protection orders.

In 2005, about 12 percent of their funding came from donations, about 8 percent from Plymouth United Way and United Way of Southeast Michigan, more than 7 percent from foundations, 5.1 percent from state and other revenue, 58 percent from federal programs to eliminate homelessness and block grants, and 9 percent from volunteer services.

"Having a shelter and a 24-hour helpline gives families an opportunity to leave their situations and sometimes that saves their lives," said Bizoe. "By going to court we're holding batterers accountable legally. We work really hard with women to meet children's needs, provide counseling, teach them appropriate anger techniques and how to handle their emotions, and just telling children domestic violence is not right. It is not the norm for families. We believe there is a better life."

NIGHT OUT

Every time this year, Duggan says he gets nervous about selling tickets to the benefit that supports women and children in search of a life without

abuse. Still, the Livonia resident is excited about this year's night out. Before the event, raffle tickets are being sold to win a two-year lease on a 2007 Ford Freestyle from Bill Brown Ford, a 2007 Pontiac G6 from Sellers Buick, Pontiac, GMC, or \$5,000 cash. Tickets are \$20 and as an extra incentive DOC's Sport Retreat and Giulio's Cucina Italiana are offering a buy one dinner, receive one free (a \$30 value) with some restrictions.

"We still have 30-35 tables left," said Duggan. "We have fewer tables this year to make it easier for people to get around. Last year, we had about 1,800 people and we're hoping for the same this year. I'm excited. It's fun seeing how people of all ages have fun dancing and those who don't like to dance have fun at the casino. This year we have Elvis, not the real Elvis, and Burton Manor is doing their delicious food."

Art Cole admits he mostly

watches the dancers. His enjoyment comes from seeing people in the community. His company, Cole, Newton & Duran, CPAs of Livonia, is one of the sponsors. The longtime Livonia resident first attended the dance 13 years ago.

"It's a great cause and they helped a family member of mine at one time," said Cole. "It gives us the chance to give out a number of tickets to staff and clients because we get six tables (of tickets as a sponsor). The majority of my staffers go and bring their spouse so it's kind of a nice break during tax season to see each other out of the office."

Scott LaRiche attended his first charity dance nine years ago after moving back from Ohio where he was president of the board for a domestic violence shelter.

For several years, he's bought tables of tickets for his staff at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth.

"Not only is it a good cause,

but Brian knows how to throw a party," said LaRiche, dealership executive manager and vice president. "He not only makes it fun but makes people aware of First Step's services."

First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis can't say enough about Duggan.

"Brian has been instrumental in the foundation of building community support for First Step in western Wayne County," said Ellis.

"I hope people realize the amount of work, time and energy it takes for a volunteer to put an event like this together. The amount of money it raises is phenomenal especially in these tough economic times. People like Brian are worth more than their weight in gold."

If you are a battered woman in need of help, call the First Step hotline at (734) 459-5900 or (888) 453-5900 (toll free).

For information about First Step, visit www.firststep-mi.org or call (734) 416-1111.

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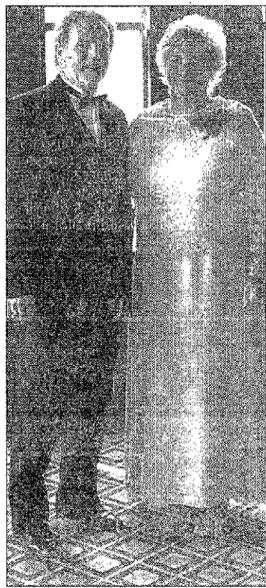
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ANNIVERSARY

Kucharczyks celebrate 40th anniversary

Jack and Mary Ann Kucharczyk, of Livonia will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Jan. 21. They were married at St. John Cantius Church in Detroit on Jan. 21, 1967. They celebrated at their reception with over 1,000 of their family and friends. They are much loved by their two children, Keith and Kimberlyn (Cihangir), two grandchildren, Lauren and Seth, and their four-legged friends Maggie, Charlie, Riggins, Puck, and Lulu. Jack retired from Chrysler in 2001 after 35 years of service, and Mary Ann continues to be a full-time homemaker. They plan to celebrate their anniversary at a dinner hosted by their children.



Wyzywaný-Swingle

Lisa Wyzywaný of Livonia and Blake Swingle of Milan were married Oct. 13, 2006, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with the Rev. Edmond L. Ertzbischoff officiating. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Karen Wyzywaný of Livonia. She is a 1998 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. She is teaching in Plymouth-Canton and Romulus schools. The groom is the son of Carol Swingle and Jim Swingle of Ann Arbor. He is a 1993 graduate of Milan High School. He is currently working as a chef at Thee Irish Pub Restaurant at Metro Airport. The bride was attended by maid of honor Cheryl Wyzywaný and bridesmaids, Kim Walker, Barb Faltisco,

WEDDING



Kristen Simor and Lindsay Hyland. The groom was attended by best man Ryan Pietruk and groomsmen Scott Swingle, Matt Snyder, Michael Wyzywaný and Jack Swingle. A reception was held at Weber's Inn of Ann Arbor. The couple honeymooned at the Dreams Resort in Puerto Vallarta, They are making their home in Belleville.

ENGAGEMENTS

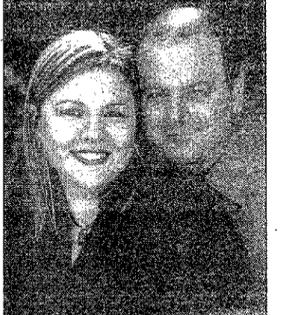
Taube-Murray

James and Mary Ann Taube of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynn Taube, to Kevin John Murray of Ypsilanti. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as a social worker. The prospective groom is the son of John and Ann Murray of Ypsilanti. He is studying criminology at Eastern Michigan University and is employed at Domino's Farms. A July 28, 2007, wedding is planned for St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City



Seifert-Rea

Kurt and Joanne Seifert of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Karrie Lynn Seifert of Livonia, to Jack Joseph Rea of Ann Arbor, the son of Jack and Pamela Rea of Canton. The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Michigan State University in 2000, her teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University in 2002 and a master's degree in teaching from Madonna University in 2006. She is a science teacher at Northville High School. The prospective groom is an Aquinas High School graduate who attended Ferris State. He is self-employed in Michigan Truck Parts, a family business. A June 23, 2007 wedding is planned at St. Mary's in Wayne, with a reception to follow at the Dearborn Inn.



SINGLES

Moondusters
Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style clothes, gentlemen - jackets and ties. For more information, call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197.

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Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members.
Volleyball
Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

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Dearborn Fordson Class of 1977
A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.
Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1967
A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efn67@yahoo.com
Detroit Chadsey Class of 1957
A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

REUNIONS

Ahwal-Sleeper
Adib and Rosanne Ahwal of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Marie Ahwal, to Michael James Sleeper of Livonia. The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Divine Child High School and has a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She works for Masco in Taylor. The prospective groom is the son of James Sleeper of Redford and Patricia Bono of Garden City. He is a 1995 graduate of Redford Union High School. He is employed by Best Buy in Novi. A May 2007 wedding is planned for St. Raphael Church



in Garden City followed by a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The couple will reside in Livonia.

REUNIONS

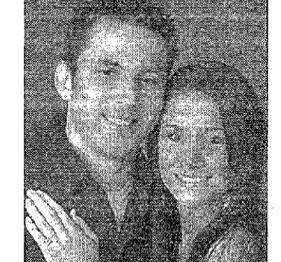
Hooker-Lampen
Lesley Hooker and Tim Lampen announce their engagement and are planning a March 10 wedding. Their parents are Harry and Rebecca Hooker of Livonia, and Jim and Donna Lampen of Zeeland. The bride-elect is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and is the assistant manager at Staples in Grand Haven. The groom-elect is a graduate of Davenport University



and is contracted through Tek Systems at Spectrum Health Hospital in Grand Rapids.

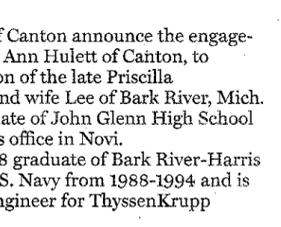
REUNIONS

Monk-Stankewich
Robert Monk of Spring Hill, Fla. and Brenda Monk of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Suzanne Monk, to Shawn Michael Stankewich, son of John and Christine Stankewich of Farmington Hills. A December 2007 wedding in Bloomfield Hills is planned.



REUNIONS

Hulett-Henderson
Patrick and Catherine Hulett of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Hulett of Canton, to Michael Alexander Henderson, son of the late Priscilla Henderson, Robert Henderson, and wife Lee of Bark River, Mich. The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School and is a receptionist for a dentist's office in Novi. The prospective groom is a 1988 graduate of Bark River-Harris High School. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1988-1994 and is currently working as a controls engineer for ThyssenKrupp Krause, Inc. in Auburn Hills.



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ROBERT ANDERSON
Age 85, Toolmaker, Business Owner, died January 7th 2007 at PontiacOsteopathic Hospital. Mr. Anderson is survived by two loving sisters Mary Lane Zell and Patricia Rzemien, four children: Jeanine Anderson, Dennis (Debbie) Anderson, Mark (Sharon) Anderson, & Kenneth Anderson. Seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service, mass and lunch will be held at St. Regis Catholic Church w/ Father Peter Fennessy and Father Norman Norocki presiding on Wednesday Jan. 31st. Memorial Service will be at 10:00 a.m., mass at 11:00 and lunch immediately after. St Regis is located on Lasher Rd. at Lincoln in Bloomfield MI. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Angela Hospice, Sobriety House, Manresa Capital Campaign or St. Regis Catholic Capital campaign.

EVLYN A. JONES
of Troy, Michigan died on January 16, 2007 at Evergreen Health and Living Center. She was a graduate of Highland Park High School, the Highland Park Junior College and the University of Michigan, where she earned a Baccalaureate and a Master's Degree. She served as a Wave Officer in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946 at the Naval Air Station at Anacostia, Washington D.C. Miss Jones was employed by the Highland Park Board of Education for 41 years as a teacher and administrator. She was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, the University Of Michigan Alumni Association and the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Miss Jones has no immediate family, but is survived by many dear friends. No services are planned at her request.

ANDREW THOMAS SURBER
We will forever celebrate the life of Andrew Thomas Surber. He was the loving son of Susan and William and brother of Will and David. Andrew died suddenly while teaching English to middle school students in Yiwu, in the Zhejiang Province of China. After graduating from Seaholm High School, Andrew continued his education at Northern Arizona University and pursued international studies at Czech Technical University, Prague and Robert Schumann University, Strasbourg, France. His unbridled curiosity, extraordinary wanderlust and boundless energy impacted all of those who knew him. Andrew's family and friends from around the world miss him, his unflinching kindness and keen sense of humor. He lived his life to the fullest: doing the things he loved - skating, snowboarding, rock climbing, gardening, and making friends while traveling. The service celebrating Andrew's life was held at New River Gorge, West Virginia, overlooking the cliffs where he spent his youth rock-climbing. Remembrances may be made to the Andrew Thomas Surber Memorial Fund at The Wellness Center, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323 or Common Ground/Sanctuary, 1410 South Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

FLORENCE M. MURRAY
Age 71, January 18, 2007. Loving mother of Karen, Terrie, Gerry, Mark, David, Denise and Gloria. Cherished grandmother of 17; great-grandmother of one. Dear sister of Mary and Gloria. Funeral Mass Tuesday 11 AM (In-state 10:30 AM) at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington. Visitation Monday, 3-9 PM, Rosary 7 PM at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Avenue, downtown Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

JAMES A.V.F. ALDRIDGE
Of Bloomfield Hills, MI; passed away at 88 years of age January 15, 2007. Loving husband of 60 years. Father of three sons and grandfather of four. Enlisted combat veteran of WWII. Retired as an Air Force Major. He retired from Ford Motor Co. as an engineer at 70 years of age. A private family service will be held at his home town in Mississippi.

JEROME T. O'CONNOR
Age 75, of Howell, former 25 year resident of Livonia. Mr. O'Connor passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at his home in Howell following an extended illness. He was born June 3, 1931 in Detroit, the son of Daniel and Hanna O'Connor. On October 13, 1951 he was married to Marie Mayotte in Detroit and they moved from Livonia to Brighton in 1995. Mrs. O'Connor preceded him in death on September 12, 1995. Surviving are two children: Diane (Mark) Walters of Howell and Danny (Rachel Culp-O'Connor) O'Connor of Howell; grandsons Eric Walters of Huntington Beach, California, Ryan Walters of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, and Brett Walters, Elliott O'Connor and Elmo O'Connor, all of Howell; and three sisters: Rita Rom, Josephine DeMarois, and Patsy Hildebrand. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service and Irish wake will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2007 at the home of Diane Walters, 3343 Brighton Rd., Howell, Michigan, 48843. Memorial contributions in Jerry's name are requested to Mother Waddles Mission in Detroit and please contact them at 313-393-0045 for donation instructions. The family was served by Kechn Funeral Home in Brighton.

DR. GEORGE BRECKENRIDGE BEARD
Professor Emeritus of Physics at Wayne State University, resident of Howell, Michigan since 2005 (formerly of Southfield, MI) passed away Jan. 15, 2007 at the age of 82. Born in Marblehead, Massachusetts on Feb. 22, 1924. He graduated from Fairport (N.Y.) High School in 1941. He served in the US Army Air Corps during WWII and graduated from Harvard University in 1947. He earned his Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics from the University of Michigan. He married Eveline Roehling on Jan. 29, 1955 in Ann Arbor. He was a professor of Physics at Michigan State University until 1960. He was preceded in death by both his wife and his daughter Louisa Ann in 1998. He is survived by his brother Richard PhD (Marilyn), sons Kevin PhD (Loretta), William (Jean), Glenn, Randall (Kathleen), son-in-law Keith McDonald, and grandchildren Kaitlin, Daniel, Sarah McDonald, Jessica, Katherine, Michael, Nicholas, and Tessa Marie. Services were held Saturday, January 20, 2007 at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak. A donation may be made in his memory to any college scholarship fund.

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Who passed away peacefully on January 13, 2007 after a long illness. Beloved wife of 61 years to Ted (Edwin). Loving mother to Leslyann (Don) Wisch, Cheryl Brevik, Michael (Deb), and Gary (Kustine). Caring grandmother to Kim (Doug) Maer, Todd Brevik, Craig Brevik, Scott Brevik, Valerie (Doug) Lohse, Nathan (Jamie) Wisch, Darold Edmonds, Andrew Edmonds, Brad Edmonds, Ryan Edmonds, Tyler Edmonds, and the late Eric Wisch. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Newburg United Methodist Church with Rev. Marcia Wooley officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Cemetery. "May you rest in peace and have a perfect forever".

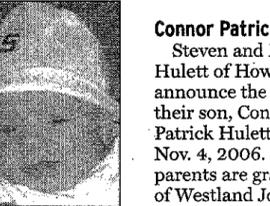


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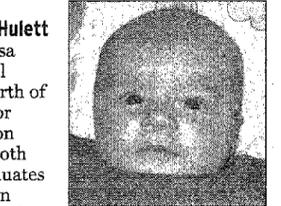
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BIRTHS

Alexander Douglas Pollard
Patrick and Beth Ann (Tofil) Pollard announce the birth of their son, Alexander Douglas Pollard, on Nov. 6, 2006, in Burnsville, Minn. Both parents are graduates of Michigan State University. Alexander is their first child. Grandparents are Dr. Charlie and Janet Pollard of Ludington and Jerry and Barbara Tofil of Canton. Great grandparents are Eileen and Harvey Pollard of Wilmington, N.C., Kathryn Richardson of Ludington and Catherine Tofil of Livonia.



Connor Patrick Hulett
Steven and Lisa Hulett of Howell announce the birth of their son, Connor Patrick Hulett, on Nov. 4, 2006. Both parents are graduates of Westland John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University. Connor was born at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce Twp. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long at birth. Connor's grandparents are Dennis and Laurie Brown of Gladwin, previously from Westland, and Patrick and Catherine Hulett of Canton.



HISTORY

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of Detroit in 1925.

Sweet realized he would be faced by hostility, as had others before him in other white sections of the city. He, his wife and friends were armed when a white mob formed outside and began throwing rocks. A shot was fired from inside the house and a man was killed. Sweet, his wife, Gladys, and nine others were charged with murder.

The NAACP took on the case as a cause celebre, as it was already pursuing a case for fair housing to the Supreme Court. It hired famous trial lawyer Clarence Darrow to head the defense.

Boyle, an Ohio State University history professor, had written books on labor history.

"I had started teaching courses in civil rights history, enjoyed doing it so much I decided I wanted to write something on civil rights history," he said. "But I didn't want to write about Alabama in the '50s. There were others who had written about that."

GREW UP IN DETROIT

Boyle grew up on the east side of Detroit and was aware of the Sweet case and of Detroit's long history of racial tension.

"I grew up in an all-white neighborhood," he said. "As I was becoming a teenager, it began to change. I saw racial tensions played out at the neighborhood level."

Boyle began his research with the NAACP papers, but he soon became drawn to the personal history of Sweet and his attempt to rise to respectability and a middle-class lifestyle.

"I visited Barstow, Fla., where he was from, went to Wilberforce University, went to the house on Garland where this took place. I was following Dr. Sweet's path," Boyle said.

Boyle's history reads with the emotional and dramatic detail of a novel. He begins with the deadly confrontation of Sept. 8, 1925, and then goes back to tell the story of Sweet that mirrors the story of other hard-working, striving African Americans to make their place in America.

Sweet was representative of a group of African Americans that NAACP leader W.E.B. DuBois called the Talented Tenth.

DuBois exhorted this group to take up leadership for others.

"Think of the burden it places on you," Boyle said. "He came from a humble black background. He pushes himself up. The Talented Tenth places an extraordinary burden. You're a representative of your race, a leader of your race. It's not something whites feel — 'Oh, now I'm a doctor so I'm a leader of my race.'"

Sweet was also a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The AME church put an emphasis on achievement.

"What that culture is is the classic American dream. If you work hard, get an education, you can rise as far as your talents take you," Boyle said. "It dovetails with the Talented Tenth — as you climb, you have the responsibility of having others follow in your footsteps."

Boyle said one of the reasons the NAACP took on the case was because the Sweets were respectable, educated people. He said the case was important for the NAACP's black leadership, under James Weldon Johnson, to assert itself.

KU KLUX KLAN

White residents in the city of Detroit were already moving into white-only neighborhoods. A major force in the city's politics was the Ku Klux Klan.

"In the '20s, the Klan had a greater influence in the North than in the South," Boyle said.

The city had 35,000 Klan members and many more that were sympathetic to the cause.

"It wasn't just anti-black. It was anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic and anti-immigrant. It was a way of slashing out at all sorts of people," Boyle said.

On the other hand, the city also had a group of progressive white politicians and activists, many from the Catholic and Jewish communities. A young jurist, Frank Murphy, was the judge for the Sweet trial. Murphy went on to become mayor of Detroit, governor of Michigan and a U.S. Supreme Court justice.

But the news media of the day reflected the general prejudices of the white majority. Boyle said the News was staunchly conservative and business-oriented, the *Free Press* was "arch conservative and race baiting" and the Hearst-owned *Times* was "a scan-

dal sheet."

"None of the papers took a progressive line," he said.

This spilled over into news coverage. Boyle writes of a *Detroit News* reporter who witnessed the events on Garland Street and returned to the office and filed an accurate account. The editors at *The News* spiked his story in favor of the biased police account being run in the other two papers.

A MASTER OF CONTROVERSY

The most famous figure in these events was Darrow, an often contradictory and baffling character who was probably the most famous trial lawyer in American history.

"The book takes an upturn when Clarence Darrow enters the stage," Boyle said. "He was the greatest criminal lawyer of his time or ever. He was a master of controversy."

It was Darrow's fame that led the NAACP to seek him out as a lawyer. It is Darrow's eloquence that puts into perspective the events on Garland Street.

"Darrow didn't know much law, he admits as much himself," Boyle said. "He was a propagandist, a manipulator. This wasn't about legal technicalities."

Boyle's book presents excellent portraits of Johnson, the president of the NAACP and a poet, who Boyle said "reshaped the NAACP" and Walter White, Johnson's right-hand man and successor, who was an African American with white skin and blue eyes, which he used as an entree into white society.

The saddest figure is Sweet, himself.

"He accomplished extraordinary things," Boyle said. "Were he white, he would be a representative of the American dream. But he was deeply scarred."

Boyle said his book is a tragedy, not a victory. He said the Sweet case didn't end segregation, which continues today.

"Any author would love to think readers would have a different attitude," he said. "But the best you could hope is that the book would raise questions about segregation."

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THEMES

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and a traveling "Sweet Project" exhibit.

In February, the University of Detroit-Mercy Theatre Company will present *Malice Aforethought: The Sweet Trials*, a play that dramatizes the Sweet story. Several guest speakers will also discuss related topics. Among those slated to speak is former Detroit Police Chief Dr. Isaiah McKinnon, who will discuss the life and trial of Ossian Sweet. Other topics to be presented will include:

- The History of African Americans in Detroit
- How Race is Portrayed in Movies
- The Role of Race in the Courtroom
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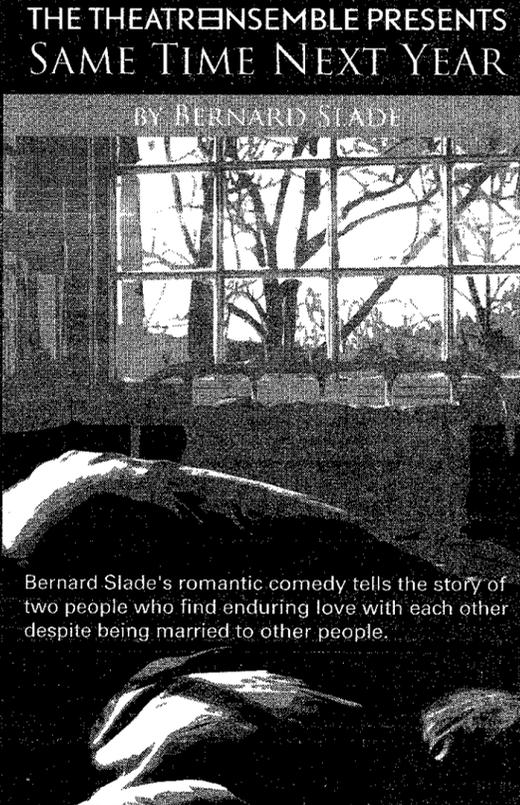
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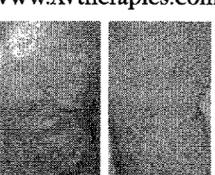


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Our bodies

Exhibit nudges visitors toward healthier lifestyle

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

A smoker's lung was a "huge attraction" when the Our Body exhibit opened at the Detroit Science Center on Jan. 13, according to Lynn Simmons, a Pi Society docent.

Simmons relied on her science background as a former elementary school teacher not only to answer questions about the blackened organ but the 20 human specimens and 135 anatomical displays of bones and body systems in the exhibit. The science center requires Pi Society docents to have a background in a related professional field. During her years as a volunteer, Simmons spent many hours explaining the digestive system on an anatomical model permanently displayed on the first floor of the science center.

She carries a 25-foot long piece of twine in her pocket to demonstrate for visitors the length of intestines in the human body. An audio tour available with the Our Body exhibit supplements the presentations with facts about the intestines processing about 2.5 gallons of food, liquids and bodily waste every day.

"I'm so excited this exhibit is here," said Simmons of Clarkston. "I've always been fascinated about how the pieces of the body go together. People want to know how parts of their bodies work.

They don't know how we breathe or how our heart works or the digestive system. Seeing it in a book isn't the same as seeing how it all goes together.

"The smoker's lung was a point of discussion for families, children telling their parents why they need to quit smoking, parents telling children why not to start smoking."

WAY TO LEARN

The science center spent nearly \$5.8 million to present Our Body: The Universe Within in 12,500 square feet on the fourth and second levels. Simmons thinks the exhibit is an easy way for parents to talk with their children about the body. Exhibit organizers recommend that parents planning to bring their children determine if the material is age appropriate as the specimens not only reveal muscles, blood vessels, tendons and organs, but genitals. They suggest reviewing the content on the Web site first (www.ourbodytheuniversewithin.com) then discussing the visit with children to prepare them. The Prenatal Gallery underscores the term Miracle of Life as it features human fetuses in different stages of development.

"When you're trying to open discussion between parents and children or grandchildren, the body is a very sensitive thing to talk about," said Simmons. "A little girl was there with her grandmother and her mother was pregnant. After visiting the Prenatal Gallery the little girl now knows how big the baby is and what her mother is doing to take

care of the baby."

Dressed in white lab coats, docents are available to answer questions about the human specimens preserved through a polymer impregnation process that removes all fluids and fats from a cadaver and replaces it with plastic. All of the bodies were donated to a Chinese foundation to promote educational and medical research of the human body.

After 40 years as a medical examiner, Dr. Walter Hoffman thought he understood the complexities of the human body, but found himself taking photographs.

"It's the way the bodies were dissected," said Hoffman. "One is sectioned longitudinally. You can see the organs like I've never seen before. On another where the muscles are flayed out, you see how all the muscles relate to one another, triceps, abs, how when you pull on something and the muscle contracts you see what bone is moving with that."

LIFESTYLE CHANGES

Hoffman hopes the exhibit nudges visitors toward a healthier lifestyle. As medical and anatomical consultant for the exhibit, he oversaw the placement of specimens including the examples of liver cancer and an artery with atherosclerosis. In several instances, a diseased specimen such as the gray liver is positioned next to a healthy pink organ.

"You can see what happens if you smoke, drink, if you really don't take care of yourself. Once you do major damage to your body we can help, but can't restore it," said Hoffman, who began his career as a medical examiner in Wayne County. "People have to begin to take responsibility for themselves. They can't start at age 60. Hopefully the exhibit will educate people to take care of their bodies."

Through the fourth floor exhibit and audio tour, visitors learn about the muscular, skeletal, circulatory, digestive, respiratory, nervous, and reproductive systems before heading for MicroWorld two levels down. Pi Society docents such as Rita Sol invite visitors to view dozens of slides of cells in the body and pick up informational material including Web sites that make learning about the body fun.

"On Sunday, kids as young as 6 wanted to know how the slides get made," said Sol, a Bloomfield Hills resident who recently completed a master's degree in computer science at Wayne State University.

Tickets for the Our Body exhibit (produced by the Universe Within Touring Company) are \$24.95 adults, \$22.95 seniors, and \$19.95 children, and include science center admission. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

In conjunction with the exhibit, *The Human Body* film is being shown for an additional charge (\$3, \$2 children and seniors with purchase of exhibit ticket) in the IMAX Dome Theatre at the Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R. For more information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

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Divorce support group

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, legal aspects of divorce with Laura Reyes Kopack, attorney, who presents an overview of the process of divorce including information on property settlements, custody, child support, visitation, spousal support, etc., in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 462-4443.

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Short walks better than long walks



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

four short walks a day could be even more beneficial than a long workout.

Researchers compared two groups of people with high blood pressure. One group took four 10-minute walks a day, the other group took one 40-minute walk. They found the blood pressure in both groups dropped the same amount, but the benefits of the short walks lasted longer. The benefits lasted 11 hours for those who took the short walks compared to just seven hours for one long walk. The excuse of "I don't have time to exercise," just won't cut it anymore! It is as easy as parking farther away from the supermarket or office, or taking the stairs instead of the elevator. Some simple steps to good health!

Sharon from Taylor suffers from migraines and e-mails asking for the latest information on the painful condition.

Brad from Sterling Heights says he has high blood pressure and knows that he needs to exercise. He does not have long stretches of time available though and he is wondering what he can do?

Well Brad, I have good news for you! Taking

Sharon, science is still trying to figure out some of the things that can trigger a migraine attack, but there are some interesting clues that they have come up with so far: For instance, kids who have parents that are migraine sufferers are 50 percent more likely to get the headaches themselves.

The various causes behind migraines are known as Triggers. They include things like alcohol, lack of sleep, missed meals, food preservatives like MSG, and especially too much stress! Women get migraines more than men and usually during their peak reproductive years. That's why some doctors are focusing on hormones as a key factor, but with so many of the triggers I mentioned, pinning down an exact cause can be tricky.

A great way to track your triggers is by keeping a diary of the symptoms. Note things like when you get the headaches and keep track of what you think may have caused the migraine. Knowing what to avoid can be a great way to cut the frequency of the painful headaches.

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

Organ donation campaign urges all to 'show your heart'

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is reminding residents that the state's new organ donation campaign has begun and everyone adding their name to the donor registry receives a heart sticker for their driver's license or state identification card.

The heart sticker is placed on the front where it's easily visible to law enforcement, emergency responders and hospital personnel of the person's wish to be a donor. Michigan law supports residents rights to make their own donation decisions. No further consent is required once enrolled on the registry.

"Organ donation can be a tough subject

to talk about, but its benefits are literally lifesaving," said Terri Lynn Land. "That is why we're eliminating any barriers to enrolling and making the process as simple as possible. A single donor can save or enhance the lives of up to 50 people."

The Michigan Organ Donor Registry is a confidential database of residents who wish to be organ donors and is maintained by the Department of State. Anyone wishing to add their name may do so online at www.Michigan.gov/sos or at any Secretary of State office.

Public Acts 140-143 of 2005 authorize the department to place a heart insignia

on the front of the driver's license or state I.D. card.

Land explained that it is important for anyone who has added his or her name to the registry in the past to re-enroll. This will ensure that their donor registration is current and that they receive the heart sticker.

Gift of Life Michigan, the state's authorized organ recovery organization, accesses the donor registry to assist hospitals in the recovery and transplantation of organs and tissue. For more information about donation, visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

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ONE PERSON, TWO JOINT PROBLEMS

Physicians like to make a single diagnosis to explain all the pain. In arthritis, it is possible, even likely, that understanding the problem requires the doctor to identify that two different conditions are present.

That point comes up when you have two or even three joints in pain. Your physician keeps in mind that you may have more than one joint problem. In my practice, the most frequent combination occurs in a person with rheumatoid arthritis who has a flare of that arthritis in the wrist, but has a knee problem secondary to osteoarthritis.

Making a distinction of which arthritis causes the joint pain is important. If only one joint, say the wrist, reflects a flare of rheumatoid arthritis, then a joint injection rather than a change in medication is likely the treatment of choice. Treating the osteoarthritis of the knee would take a non-steroidal medication for pain, with drainage of the knees and an injection of cortisone if the knee is fluid filled.

Another frequent combination is a painful knee and an associated anserine bursitis. These two conditions occur because a strain on the bursa can lead to osteoarthritis of the knee, and/or the knee osteoarthritis can cause strain on the leg precipitating the bursitis.

Each condition needs to receive its own treatment. Resolving either the arthritis or the bursitis will not make the other problem disappear. In such cases, your doctor must have double vision.

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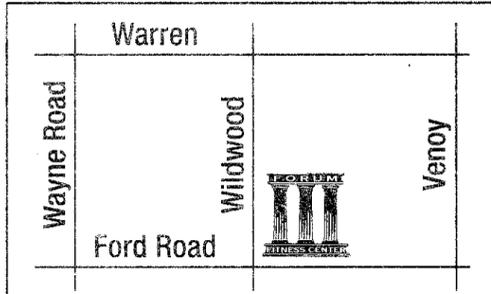
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