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Library board: Director should have contract

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Nine months after former library Director John Patane was fired, the Westland Library Board has taken unprecedented steps to hire his successor.

Early in its search, the board had decided to offer a yearly salary as high as \$84,864 - far more than Patane's \$70,000.

Now, a divided board has indicated it may depart from past hiring practices by negotiating a formal, written contract with the next director.

The latest move came Wednesday evening as the board came under new fire from some residents, including ex-board president Jim Chuck, for accusations of hurting the library's image.

A board majority fired two directors within two years. And just this month, a former library administrative assistant filed a lawsuit claiming she was sexually harassed by board President Michael Rintz and wrongfully fired by two acting co-directors after she complained.

"Because of poor decisions and judgments it has tarnished as well as diminished many of the accolades

this library has received," Chuck said. "What is disturbing and disgusting to me is how this situation was elevating over time and nothing was done about it."

Chuck held out hope that newly appointed Mayor William Wild will take steps to "right the ship."

"By no means am I implying the ship is sinking," he said. "However, it is currently sailing off course. I hope the mayor acts wisely and swiftly to restore the image and integrity of our library, which has often been referred to as the jewel of the city."

Wild hasn't yet taken any steps to oust any board members.

Resident Bob Johnson accused the board Wednesday of overstepping its duties and said, "It's atrocious that we don't have a director after all this time."

With the recent resignation of board member Debbie Costello, the remaining trustees voted 3-1 Wednesday to have the option of negotiating a contract with the next director. Rintz cast the lone dissenting vote.

"I don't think we should have a contract for the director," he said, adding later, "I don't wish to hand-

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Ex-Westland Library Board president

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John Glenn ninth-graders Moriah Tate (from left), Michael Johnson, Michael Copeland and Brittany Ivey work on blankets that are being donated to the Family Resource Center at Lincoln Elementary School in Westland.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Under wraps

Students' project brings warmth to resource center families

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's a warm and fuzzy gift for families who use the Family Resource Center and Oakwood Health Clinic at Lincoln Elementary School - 32 handmade fleece blankets made by a group of John Glenn High School students.

The students worked together in a cooperative learning project funded by a \$300 transition grant from Wayne County RESA.

"It was pretty exciting because it gave them the opportunity to think about people and things outside of themselves," said teacher Marcie Rosen. "It was a fun activity and a good socialization activity for them. They had to cooperate with each other."

Rosen had figured that each of her 12 students would be able to make one blanket each, but a good sale at JoAnn Fabrics and Crafts led to more than

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Board selects Hiltz to fill seat

BY DAVE VARGA
STAFF WRITER

John Hiltz, a civil engineer and father of two Stevenson High graduates and a student at Holmes Middle School, was chosen Friday night to fill the vacant seat on the Livonia Board of Education.

He was selected after three polls of school board members following 20-minute interviews of 10 applicants for the open seat. It was vacated when Kevin Whitehead resigned Feb. 5 after a challenge to his residency.

Hiltz took the oath of office and received an ovation after his selection Friday. He'll serve about 90 days, until voters choose from among three candidates to fill the final year of the term on May 8.

"I am honored, I really am, especially given the talent I saw here this evening," Hiltz told the board. "I will work very hard to, I

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New Livonia Board of Education trustee

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During his initial interview Hiltz, who has served as a member of the District School Improvement Team, talked about giving back to the community. He suggested the board and district be willing to listen, to improve, to look at things differently.

Asked about decisions in the past couple years, Hiltz said he didn't have a strong position, believing that the once the decision was made it was time to move on. "That's really where I believe this board and this com-

munity need to be is moving forward," he said.

As an operational vice president of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, a civil engineering firm based in Livonia for 35 years, Hiltz noted he brings to the board good relationships with community officials in Livonia and Westland, and a strong comfort level with infrastructure issues.

One of the 11 original candidates, Laura Sokana gave a statement withdrawing her application.

Of the other 10, board mem-

bers initially selected Dawn Casella, Colleen Burton, Elizabeth Schnell, Lori Ann Parkin, James Nowak and Hiltz in their first poll. Voting again, they chose Burton, Hiltz and Nowak in the final round, before selecting Hiltz.

Board members thanked all the applicants, citing the difficult decision they faced. "We had excellent applicants this evening," Board President Lynda Scheel said. Trustee Tom Bailey cited the "passion and desire" of those 10 who put themselves before the board. "It was an honor to drill you..." Bailey said.

Hiltz and his wife, Debbie, have three children, Danielle, a 2005 graduate of Stevenson, attending the University of Michigan; Christine, a 2006 graduate of Stevenson, at UMDearborn; and Jack, 13.

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Defendant faces new charges in shooting incident

BY DARRELL CLEM
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As a Westland shooting suspect awaited extradition from West Virginia, a co-defendant learned in court Thursday that he will face trial for multiple felony charges.

Jason David Shuford, 24, isn't accused of pulling the trigger during a Feb. 3 robbery that ended with a 29-year-old man being shot in the arm on Belding Court.

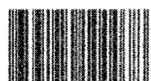
However, he was accused in court Thursday of holding the same gun and threatening a second victim - a 23-year-old woman - during the incident.

Shuford appeared in Westland District Court for a preliminary hearing while shooting defendant Vincent Edward Emery, 25, was awaiting extradition from West Virginia.

The two victims, engaged to be married, had gone to Belding Court to visit Emery when the robbery occurred just after midnight Feb. 3, police Sgt. Michael Harhold has

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Billy Bob Thornton, who stars in *The Astronaut Farmer* which opens Friday, talks about his latest role.



Growth Works provides lifeline for troubled youth

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Growth Works has a proud tradition of serving young people in the Plymouth-Canton community and beyond, helping in such areas as substance abuse and behavior problems. Students, volunteers and others who make it all possible gathered Thursday at Fox Hills Country Club west of Plymouth for the organization's 18th-annual recognition dinner.

When youth David Grassley first came to Growth Works, he didn't think he belonged there. "Growth Works was very beneficial to me," he said at the awards dinner.

Grassley, now enrolled at Northville High School, was earlier expelled from Canton High School. He and his mom appreciate Growth Works and

shared that at the dinner. "I think it'll help me out forever with my decision-making skills," said Grassley, who also thanked his parents. "You guys did a lot for me and I'd really like to thank you."

This year's honorees include:

- Lisa Fikany of Grosse Pointe, Care Management Organization, community, Ennis Center for Children Detroit
- Sarah Kingsley of Grosse Pointe, CMO, community, Ennis Center for Children Detroit
- Marsha Bianconi of Westland, CMO, community, executive director for Conference of Western Wayne-Livonia

"I am truly honored," Bianconi said. "It has been a privilege to work with these people. I can't tell you how dedicated the staff of Growth Works is."

- Garrett Hren, CMO, youth, Dearborn
- Antwon Jackson, CMO, youth, Romulus
- Johnathan Woodrum, CMO, youth, Romulus
- Rob Olson, chemical dependency, youth, Canton
- David Smith, CD, youth, Livonia
- David Grassley, Youth Assistance Program, youth, formerly of Canton
- Orby Huffman, Pioneer Work & Learn GED, formerly of Belleville
- Braeden Wilson, Schoolcraft GED, formerly of Van Buren
- James Cobb, Schoolcraft GED, Northville
- Hannah Rissman, Schoolcraft GED, Dearborn
- Justin Cain, attended Schoolcraft, Dearborn
- Frank Hubert, attended

Schoolcraft, Romulus

- Brad Hickman, attended Schoolcraft, Canton
- Chris Lewis, attended Schoolcraft, formerly of Westland
- Wolverine Human Services, community, Novi - R.E. Wollack, president and CEO of Wolverine Human Services of Vassar, Mich., accepting.

Dale Yagiela, Growth works executive director, gave a brief overview of services, noting the CMO handled some 600 young people court-referred from 17 western Wayne communities. The Conference of Western Wayne is a close partner in that, he said.

There's also a new residential program in chemical dependency for adolescent males. "This is a real step forward," Yagiela said, also noting the ongoing success of adult outpatient

treatment.

There's school support for the South Redford and Inkster districts, as well as space shared with other agencies in the Canton Human Services Center and the Schoolcraft College "Links to Success" which helps young people continue schooling.

Yagiela lauded Growth Works board members, including Stephen Harper, current president, who's served 25 years on the board.

Young people from Growth Works not receiving awards were also invited to the Fox Hills dinner, and Yagiela said he'd like to see them honored next year and beyond.

"That's the challenge that you guys face," he said.

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Teens use training to help mother, infant

BY SUE MASON
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Wendy Bodin can't say enough good things about her daughter, Brianna, and friend Rachel Bartscht who recently helped a mother when her infant son stopped breathing.

"I'm so proud of them," said Wendy Bodin. "Under the circumstances, they stayed calm, got 9-1-1 on the telephone and helped the mother. Some teens might have panicked."

"I guess we were at the right place at the right time," said Brianna Bodin. "I think we did everything right."

The incident happened late last month. The teens had stopped at the home of Brianna Bodin's father. Bartscht was waiting in the car while Brianna Bodin went inside to get a hoodie. That's when the woman, a neighbor, came out of her home,



Brianna Bodin (left) and Rachel Bartscht were glad they were able to help a mom whose infant son had stopped breathing.

screaming.

"She came out, screaming, and I thought, should I ask if something's wrong. Then she looked at me, so I asked," Bartscht said. "She said her son had stopped breathing. At first, I thought she was coming out to yell at me because the music was too loud." The two teens went inside and

helped the mother do CPR while contacting the Westland Fire Department.

"She was hysterical, she couldn't even talk," Brianna Bodin said. "We knew we had to stay calm and help as much as we could."

Both teens know CPR - Brianna Bodin learned it as part of her work at the Wayne Aquatic Center, while Bartscht learned it in a baby-sitting class she took at the Bailey Recreation Center.

According to Brianna Bodin, they were able to establish an airway and started compressions with the help of the child's mother. They remained in contact with the 9-1-1 dispatcher via speaker phone and stayed until paramedics arrived.

Bartscht went outside to flag down paramedics because the teens didn't know the address and provided that of Brianna Bodin's father's house.

"It was scary," said Bartscht. "It didn't think something like that would ever happen, I didn't think I'd ever have to do CPR, especially for an infant because it's so different."

"It was the first time we met them," added Brianna Bodin. "My dad bought the house two years ago. Up until then, we just waved at them."

Apparently the child had gone into convulsions because of a high fever.

Brianna Bodin and Bartscht did go back the next evening to see how the infant was doing, taking him a balloon and stuffed animal.

"He's so cute," said Brianna Bodin.

Even though the mother declined to be interviewed for the story, Wendy Bodin believes the girls "played a significant role in assisting to help save the boy's life."

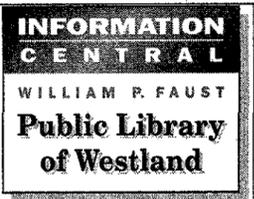
"I'm still very proud of them," she said.

And so is Bartscht's grandparents and aunt who told her: "I'm glad you were there."

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Henry VIII

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Henry VIII is probably one of the most infamous of all the English monarchs, primarily because of the number of times he was married. Henry married six times in his life and sent two of his wives to the chopping block.

After Henry's brother Arthur died, Henry married his widow, Katherine of Aragon. In their first nine years, Katherine bore six children to Henry, but only Princess Mary survived. By 1524, Katherine was beyond her childbearing years. Henry was now faced with having no legitimate male heir to the throne.

Around this time, Henry became enamored with one of Queen Katherine's ladies-in-waiting, Anne Boleyn. Katherine would not quietly step aside and allow him to marry Anne Boleyn. Finally, since the Pope would not grant an annulment, Henry declared himself the head of the Church of England and granted himself one.

Henry married Anne Boleyn and shortly after, Anne gave birth to a daughter, Elizabeth. That was her last live birth. Unable to sire a son with Anne, and his passion towards her cooling, Henry's eye again wandered to a lady-in-waiting, Jane Seymour.

Desperate to be rid of Anne, Henry had her arrested on charges of adultery and incest. She was found guilty and executed in 1536, less than three years after her marriage to Henry.

Henry married Jane Seymour about 10 days after Anne's execution. Jane gave birth to a son, Edward in 1537 but she died days after her son was born.

With only one son in the succession, Henry then married Anne of Cleves. Still, when Henry's eye roved to yet another lady-in-waiting, Katherine Howard, who was a cousin of Anne Boleyn's, he found reason that his marriage to Anne of Cleves was not valid. She agreed to the annulment and stayed on cordial terms with the king, who now referred to her as his "sister."

Less than 20 days later, Henry married Katherine Howard, 31 years his junior.

Henry was delighted with her until she was accused of having been unfaithful to the king. Less than two years after her wedding, Katherine was executed on the same spot as her cousin Anne Boleyn.

From one Katherine to another, Henry took his final wife, Katherine Parr, in 1543. She managed life with Henry reasonably well, and was the only one whose marriage did not end in annulment or beheading. She remained married to Henry until his death in 1547.

Three Katherines, two Annes, and

one Jane later, Henry left his throne to his son Edward. When Edward died, England was ruled by Henry's first child, Mary, and upon her death, Anne Boleyn's daughter Elizabeth took the throne to become one of the greatest monarchs in England's history. In the end, Henry could have stopped at wife number two and been no worse for it.

If the story of Henry VIII is something you would like to learn more about, come to the William P. Faust Public Library. We have books such as *The Six Wives of Henry VIII* by Alison Weir, biographies on Henry and Anne Boleyn, and plenty of videos.

If you like historical fiction, try any of Phillipa Gregory's books, including her latest *The Boleyn Inheritance* about Henry's marriages to Anne of Cleves and Katherine Howard, and *The Other Boleyn Girl* about Henry's marriage to Katherine of Aragon, his affair with Mary Boleyn, and his marriage to Anne Boleyn. And if you're going to read that, you may as well come to the adult book discussion on *The Other Boleyn Girl* on March 20.

For younger readers, Carolyn Meyer has written an entire young adult series on the Tudor royals.

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The City Council of the City of Garden City will hold a public hearing at 7:25 p.m., on March 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 Revenue Bonds (Garden City Hospital Obligated Group) Series 1998A originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$25,040,000 (the "Prior Bonds"), (ii) to fund a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds, and (iii) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. The Bonds are proposed to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty Three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000). 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 refund the \$20,080,000 Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Bonds (Garden City Hospital Obligated Group) Series 1991A (the "Series 1991A 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 and 6255 North Inkster Road, Garden City, Michigan (the "Hospital Facility") and the acquisition of computer and office equipment at the administration facilities of the Borrower located at 6701 Harrison, Garden City, Michigan, (iii) to fund a debt service reserve fund for the Prior Bonds and (iv) to pay the costs of issuing the Prior Bonds.

The proceeds of the Series 1991A Bonds were used, together with other available funds, (i) to finance or refinance renovations and improvements to and equipment for the Hospital Facility, (ii) to pay a portion of the interest on the Series 1991A Bonds, (iii) to fund a debt service reserve fund for the Series 1991A Bonds and (iv) to pay the costs of issuing the Series 1991A 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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LPS scores show gains in reading

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

As the second semester starts this week, Livonia Public Schools will examine students' state test scores for ways to improve writing results and pinpoint what led to students' gains in reading.

Overall, the district's scores were higher than the state averages in each of the five subject matters on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, but district officials said their goal is constant improvement.

"Basically, what we're seeing is a slight improvement in our reading scores and a slight decline in our writing scores," Supt. Randy Liepa said at Monday's school board study session. "These (results) mirror the state."

Students in third-through ninth-grade were tested in October.

The district's reading scores at all grade levels improved since the October 2005 testing. In each of the elementary grades, at least 90 percent of students passed the reading exam.

Fourth-grade writing scores were the lowest of all assessments at the district and state level. In LPS, 46 percent of students passed, compared to 45 percent statewide.

Students were asked to write about people who become leaders.

"That may be an abstract concept for 10-year-olds,"

said Sheila Alles, director of academic services.

But she pointed out that 10 percent more third-graders passed the writing test this year than last.

The district will get an itemized analysis of all test results.

"That will provide direction to the schools on content areas that need extra attention," Alles said. The district started that practice last year.

Results were available two months earlier this year.

"Last year, we got them quite late," Alles said. "We did an analysis as quickly as possible, but had very little time before the end of the school year to make changes to our academic program."

Math scores were a mixed bag. Livonia students fared better on average than their peers in the state, but the district's scores this year fluctuated by a few percentage points compared to last year's. Alles said the district is updating its math curriculum to align with the state's.

Students did not take a separate English Language Arts test.

Those scores are calculated as a ratio of reading and writing scores.

Each school has an improvement plan, and MEAP scores play a part.

Next, the state will use MEAP scores to calculate grades for each district and decide whether schools

MEAP SCORES Comparing Local, State Meap Results

	Livonia	State
Math		
Grade 3	90	88
Grade 4	89	85
Grade 5	80	76
Grade 6	76	69
Grade 7	67	64
Grade 8	82	68
Reading		
Grade 3	92	87
Grade 4	90	85
Grade 5	91	84
Grade 6	92	83
Grade 7	86	80
Grade 8	86	76
Writing		
Grade 3	60	52
Grade 4	46	45
Grade 5	62	57
Grade 6	84	74
Grade 7	72	65
Grade 8	80	67
ELA		
Grade 3	86	79
Grade 4	84	78
Grade 5	85	78
Grade 6	90	78
Grade 7	83	76
Grade 8	84	71
Science		
Grade 5	90	83
Grade 8	88	75
Social Studies		
Grade 6	84	74
Grade 9	82	74

Percentage of students who met or exceeded state standards in the Fall 2006 MEAP testing. Numbers are rounded.

SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

made "adequate yearly progress."

"My goal for us is to show steady improvement even if it is a single percentage point," Alles said.

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Baracy: There's still room for improvement on MEAP tests

BY SUE MASON
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Wayne-Westland school officials are glad to see that years of hard work by the teaching staff are paying off in higher scores on state standardized tests.

But the work is far from finished, according to Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We did pretty well," said Baracy. "We aren't where we want to be, but we're working on it."

Administered last fall, the students in third-eighth-grades were tested in mathematics, reading and writing, while the science test was given to fifth- and ninth-graders and the social studies test to sixth- and eighth-graders.

The district-wide elementary averages were far better than the Wayne County averages and 89 percent of those averages were at or above state scores for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests given to third-fifth graders last fall.

Middle school district averages also were better than Wayne County. Sixth-grade scores were better than the state averages, however, seventh-eighth grade numbers came in lower than the state's figures.

"At the elementary level we had a whole bunch of grade level and schools that did better than the state," Baracy said. "We have some schools that did really, really well. Edison was well above state averages and Graham is doing great things."

Edison and Graham along with Vandenburg in Wayne and Walker-Winter in Canton were shining stars, exceeding state averages in every subject at all grade

MEAP SCORES FALL 2006 Comparing Local, State Meap Results

	Wayne-Westland	State
Grade 3		
Math	89	88
Reading	88	87
Writing	48	52
ELA	79	79
Grade 4		
Math	82	85
Reading	87	85
Writing	42	45
ELA	78	78
Grade 5		
Math	78	76
Reading	84	84
Science	79	83
Writing	57	57
ELA	78	78
Grade 6		
Math	71	69
Reading	85	83
S. Studies	75	74
Writing	78	74
ELA	80	78
Grade 7		
Math	61	64
Reading	78	80
Writing	67	65
ELA	75	76
Grade 8		
Math	62	68
Reading	75	76
Writing	67	67
Science	72	68
ELA	70	71
Grade 9		
S. Studies	67	74

Percentage of students who met or exceeded state standards in the Fall 2006 MEAP testing. Numbers are not rounded.

SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

averages at both the sixth- and seventh-grade levels and was just .1 percent off in mathematics to have a clear sweep at the eighth-grade level.

In science, the district came in below the state average at both the fifth- and eighth-grades. It did better than the state at the sixth-grade level - 75 percent compared to the state's 74 percent - but was seven percentage points below the state's 74 percent at the ninth-grade level.

According to Baracy, schools that are struggling with the tests have been targeted to receive additional resources. The district also will be focusing on writing which took a dip on the 2006 tests. Only sixth- and seventh-graders did better than the state average while fifth- and eighth-graders were at the state average.

While it's too early to determine if it's the test, Baracy pointed out that averages were down around the state, and even though Wayne-Westland scores were consistent with the state, they will be evaluated to see what's taking place.

"From past experience, we can do better on our writing," he said. "We know we have room for improvement and our focus will be on continual improvement. We're far from finished."

The district is now looking ahead to the Michigan Merit Exam which replaces the 11th-grade MEAP tests. Actually five tests - the ACT, Work Keys Test and Michigan Elements tests in mathematics, science and social studies - it will be administered to high school juniors March 13-14.

levels. At the middle school level, Stevenson came in with the best scores in mathematics, reading and English language arts, besting the state

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Wayne, Adams musicians score at district festival

Students Qualify for State Solo/Ensemble Festival

Wayne Memorial High School will be well-represented at the state solo/ensemble festival as the result of performances in the district solo/ensemble festival, held Feb. 3 at Livonia Franklin High School.

Sixty-five students received a one or a two rating and medals for their outstanding performances.

Students, who qualified for the March 26 state competition at Chelsea High School, participated in 30 events. The festival qualifiers were:

Shereen Blair, Deanna Boston, Adam Karson, Alyssa McGeorge, Mike Brady, Jason Brown, Patrick Brown, Brandon Champion, Scott Colannie, Alex McIntosh, Pat McClure, Heather Daniels, Tirrell Davis, Scot Fretwell, Zach Girouard, Yousef Hegazi, Jon Wasinski, Jessica Kay, Jory King, Ann Veloz.

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Matson, Andrew Larson, Josh Lowe, Nkosi Mason, Lynn Mathew, John Mayfield, Alex McIntosh, Patrick O'Neil, Jacob Schofield and Bobbi Turner.

Adams Middle School also had a strong showing at the district festival, walking away with medal for excellent and good performances.

Receiving a Division I blue medal for excellence were:

Eighth grade - Khiry Sparks, flute solo; Kc Shrum, clarinet solo; Morgan Greig, alto sax solo; Brandon Oliverson, trumpet solo; Demetrius Robinson, trumpet solo; Cory Sheldon, tuba solo, and Morgan Greig and Brianna Winn, woodwind duet.

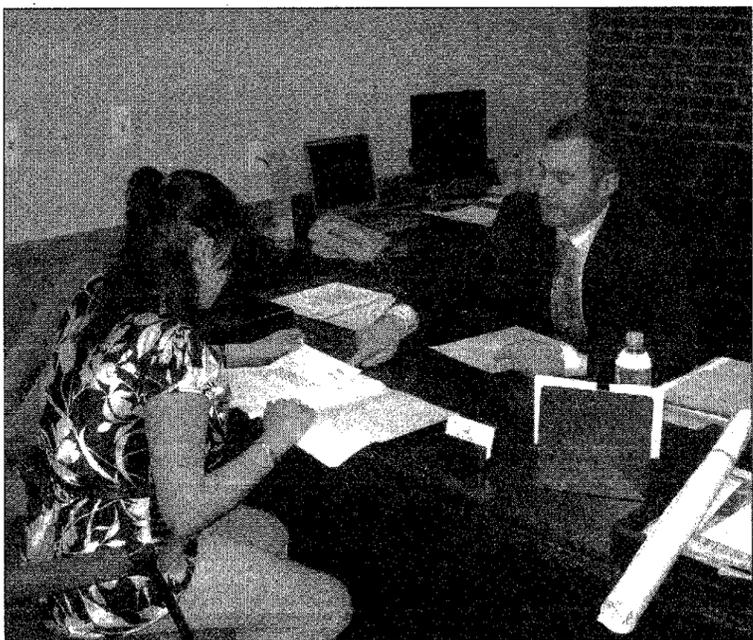
Seventh grade - Ericka Daniels, clarinet solo; Jeremy Mills, clarinet solo; Elliot Arnold, trumpet solo; Adam Kay, trumpet solo; Sean Stewart, trombone solo; Chelsey Roe, violin solo; Ericka Daniels and Jeremy Mills, clarinet duet and Elliot Arnold, Adam Kay and Christopher Schmidt, trumpet trio.

Receiving a Division II red medal for a good performance were:

Eighth grade - Zaundra

Holland, clarinet solo; Joshuwa Hull, clarinet solo; Chantell Nolden, trombone solo; Ryan Bartz, violin solo; Taylor Coleman, viola solo; Margarita Cortes, viola solo; Sam Phillips, viola solo; Silvia Carone, string bass solo; Ericka Boyington and Tawni Kenyon, woodwind duet; Khiry Sparks and Brianna Winn, woodwind duet; Taylor Coleman and Margarita Cortes, viola duet, and Ryan Bartz, Pedro Cortes, Sam Phillips and Cory Sheldon, string quartet.

Seventh grade - Cameron Hanson, alto clarinet solo, Timothy Boyer, alto sax solo; Leo Veloz, alto sax solo; Austin Dykes, trumpet solo; Nick Williams, trombone solo; Zac Pechin, snare drum solo; Jessica Fischer, violin solo; Holland Boertje, viola solo; Timothy Boyer and Anthony Dean, sax duet; Elliot Arnold and Austin Dykes, trumpet duet; Devon Adams and Sean Stewart, trombone duet; Katherine Chuong and Tommy Winklesm, violin duet; Jessica Fischer and Chelsea Roe, violin duet; Meriah Sherek and Jacob Massey, string duet, and Holland Boertje and Matt Phillips, string duet.



Westland Mayor William Wild talks with student Jessica Lawson in his office during a job-shadowing day sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Job shadowing lets students explore jobs

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A group of Wayne-Westland students may now have a better idea of what careers to choose, whether they want to become mayor, bake perfect cakes, run a cable station or snap a bad back into place.

In all, 20 students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center recently spent a day in a job-shadowing program sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Some teens spent time with Westland Mayor William Wild, Police Officer Matt Bobby, Fire Capt. John Adams and city cable sta-

tion WLND Director Craig Welkenbach.

Others went to Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Garden City and St. Mary Mercy hospitals, Ashford Court Senior Residences, Michigan Chiropractic Specialists and Parkside Credit Union.

"This day may very well have a lasting impact on the career choice these students make - that, alone, makes this program special and very worthwhile," Wild said.

The annual event is meant to give high school students an opportunity to visit city employees and local businesses to get a firsthand look at workplaces.

The goal is to help them make smart career choices that are right for them, chamber President Lori Brist said.

Officials say such programs are important because young adults will have less opportunities to follow in the career paths of their parents, due to a changing economy and workforce.

Brist called the job-shadowing event "a complete success" and said, "We are pleased to offer job-training experience to the students of the Wayne-Westland school district."

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SHOOTING

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said. Emery and the female victim knew each other from high school, according to police reports.

Emery is accused of shooting the male victim in the left forearm and then handing the gun to Shuford. In turn, Shuford is accused of threatening the female victim at gunpoint during the robbery.

Both victims identified Shuford during the preliminary hearing, which ended with Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos ordering him to stand trial in Wayne County

Circuit Court.

After Bokos added new charges, Shuford now faces trial for two counts of armed robbery, two counts of felonious assault and single counts of being a felon in possession of a handgun, felony firearm and being a third-time offender.

Emery faces similar charges in a warrant authorized by Bokos, but he also has one count of assault with intent to murder amid accusations he shot the male victim.

If convicted, both Shuford and Emery could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Shuford was arrested here following an investigation, but Harhold said Emery fled Michigan in a Greyhound bus

and was doing work for a Red Roof Inn when he was arrested Feb. 7 near Huntington, W. Va.

Emery has waived his extradition and is waiting for authorities to bring him to Michigan.

On Thursday, Shuford remained jailed on a \$100,000 cash bond set by Bokos, and a not-guilty plea has been entered for him.

After the robbery occurred, police said the two victims were allowed to leave. The woman was driving her fiancé to Garden City Hospital when police in that city stopped her. The man was then taken on to the hospital.

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College admission counseling essential in helping students

The counselor's office was an oasis at high school.

Soft classical music, subdued lighting and a hushed atmosphere were a stage setting for the counselor to do his job - to remind us that it was a tough world out there and we were just not working up to our potential.

It would have been impossible for any of us to emulate the counselor. The word was, no doubt spread by the counselor that he had graduated high school at 12 or 14, had a college degree by 16 and a doctorate by 21. It was just too exhausting for any of us to equal. And in any case, in our neighborhood, only about 25-30 percent of the students would pursue a college degree (at least right out of high school).



Hugh Gallagher

This was a time when there were lots of good, high paying jobs in the auto industry, in construction and in many other fields that didn't require a college degree. Of course, there was also a war going on and a college deferment could keep the draft at bay.

But preparing the students at my school for the college admissions juggernaut was a small part of the counselor's job.

Today it would seem that college admissions would be a primary concern for high school counselors as fewer and fewer jobs are available without some post-high school education. But Patrick O'Connor, director of college counseling at Roper School and past president of the Michigan Association of College Admission Counseling, believes more needs to be done to train high school counselors.

"Many veteran high school counselors came out of their M.A. programs with no formal training in college counseling at all, and some newer counselors were exposed to only three-five hours of training in a variety of courses centered on other topics - only to discover the need for more training in college counseling once they became employed counselors, working with Michigan students," O'Connor wrote in an e-mail.

The association is supporting legislation that would require that all new seventh-12th-grade counselors complete a separate course in the college selection process before they can be hired by a public school district. Freshman state Rep. Chuck Moss, R-Birmingham, is sponsoring the legislation.

O'Connor argues that recent changes in state expectations make it critical that counselors fully understand the college application process. The state has mandated graduation requirements and the MEAP has been replaced for high school students with the ACT.

O'Connor said that with the strong emphasis on students pursuing postsecondary education, it

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is important that high school counselors be able "to hit the ground running" with the careful counseling that makes for a successful college application.

O'Connor said counselors are often overburdened, with a 671-1 ratio of students to counselors, the sixth highest in the country.

"Many high schools are telling representatives from colleges they can come to the schools or visit with students at lunch in the cafeteria," O'Connor said.

But that doesn't help students deal with the complex issues of student financing, preparing a written autobiography, understanding what colleges expect in terms of extracurricular and volunteer activities and receiving a realistic assessment of a college's selectivity and where the student's test scores and grades fall for particular colleges. It also doesn't help a student find just the right kind of college for his/her skills and personality - big state university, small private college, community college.

"Michigan teachers, parents and students deserve better," O'Connor said.

O'Connor isn't critical of high school counselors, he says Michigan has good counselors who can only become better with this crucial part of their training. And, he believes, this is another important piece of the jigsaw puzzle that will make Michigan's schools more competitive and competent in preparing students for higher education.

"Michigan is blessed to have good college counseling occurring at the high school level now, but the time has come to raise the quality to an even higher level," he wrote in his e-mail: "By passing the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the Michigan Merit Exam (including the ACT), the state legislature is helping our students prepare for college. By passing the Michigan Promise, the state legislature is helping our students pay for college. By passing this legislation, the state legislature will be helping our students make the best decisions about college, by providing Michigan students and families with the best prepared college counselors in the nation."

It's a tough world out there and students need all the help they can get to work up to their full potential.

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If Metroparks were lost, would anyone replace them?

Hugh Gallagher's workmanlike article of Jan. 28 on "Metroparks for the People" reminded me of a favorite parlor game I like to play.

Gallagher reported on the history of the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority by Cynthia Furlong Reynolds. It's the story of how a few visionaries, headed by Henry S. Curtis and Harlow O. Whittemore, had the foresight to preserve some of the rivers, forests, meadows and lakes in the Huron and Clinton river valleys.



Tim Richard

Even during the Great Depression of the '30s, they saw that the ecosystem could be befouled and might disappear through the intrusion of development. They put together a five-county authority and a small property tax proposal that today has resulted in 13 metroparks from Mount

Clemens to Pontiac to Ann Arbor to Brownstown. Motorized traffic is kept to a minimum. Fees are low. Nature is as unspoiled as it could be in the 21st century. Fishing is better, I swear, in Kent Lake than in many lakes "up north." On hikes, my late friend Doug Funke kept lists of different kinds of animals and birds he spotted. In middle age, he had a childlike joy about the metroparks.

The game I mentioned is: If it were destroyed, could it be re-created? In it, you discuss various major institutions and whether they could be re-constructed in today's environmental and governmental climate.

Take the Detroit Institute of Arts. If a meteor or a terrorist's bomb hit, the art of a world-class institution would be cinders. It couldn't be restored. In the regime of Mayor Young, the city backed away from funding it, leaving it to the tender mercies of Gov. John Engler and the state.

I doubt that the state would provide the millions to build a new one. More likely, private funds would put up a museum of modern art elsewhere. The DIA and its baroque masterworks would be gone.

On the other hand, if the auditorium housing the Detroit Symphony Orchestra were hit, another symphony could be formed, in time. Another auditorium could be built, and sheet music rented. Again, the locale might be changed, but the region would again have what we uppity types call "good music."

Got the idea? The state Capitol building would be difficult. All sorts of records and research would be gone. When it was restored in the 1980s,

Our state parks are under fearsome attack by a self-styled "think tank" called the Mackinac Center. It would like to sell off a goodly number of parks to private owners and use the proceeds to develop the remaining parks with lodges and many resort amenities.

our leaders re-created a lot of the original glasswork and paneling.

Most importantly, they kept an open atmosphere, where people could visit public servants' offices and committee hearing rooms. You can chat with the governor in the corridor. It's accessible.

I have a hunch that a new capitol building would be full of electronic devices and walls where you have to pass through a metal detector, just like the Oakland courthouse or a Detroit public school. In other words, a functional building would replace it, but the security industry would run amok and spoil it for visitors.

Our state parks are under fearsome attack by a self-styled "think tank" called the Mackinac Center. It would like to sell off a goodly number of parks to private owners and use the proceeds to develop the remaining parks with lodges and many resort amenities. As for the remaining campsites, the more desirable ones and the more popular dates would be auctioned off to the highest bidders. A working-class family looking for a cheap vacation close to nature would have to take the hind spigot, so to speak.

If a tornado two miles wide, like the one that hit on April 1947 from Canadian, Texas, to Woodward, Okla., were to rip at 200 mph up the Clinton and Huron river valleys, it would devastate the 13 metroparks.

Could they be reclaimed? Leaders like Henry Curtis and Harlow Whittemore, if they emerged, would be met with jeers of "job killer" when they promoted a remedial property tax. Private property owners would move in their stakes, the way they often reclaimed abandoned railroad beds to keep hikers and cyclists from using them. Townships would scream for a chance to embellish their tax base.

The visionaries of the 1930s succeeded, but my sad bet is that southeastern Michigan couldn't do it again. Bless the visionaries and the metroparks.

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Senior nets 1,000th point, but Glenn rolls, 68-58

Two milestones were on the line when Livonia Stevenson hosted John Glenn in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys' basketball game Friday night.

Senior guard Luke Knochel was shooting for his 1,000 career point, and the Spartans were trying to secure a spot in the WLAAs playoffs.

Both milestones happened, despite a 68-55 loss to the Rockets, who finished the division with a 10-0 record.

Knochel knocked down his 1,000th point in a 19-point effort, but the Spartans couldn't overcome nine Rocket 3-pointers. Stefan Marken scored 25 points for Glenn in the win.

"Stefan got hot, and we got into a nice little rhythm, and that opened some things

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up for us," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "We've talked all year that, if people are going to play zone against us, we want to be patient, but we also want to look to attack. We're going to go inside-out, penetrate and kick back to open guys."

The Rockets (13-4 overall, 10-0 WLAAs) led just 18-15 after the first quarter, then used a 37-22 run over the middle two periods to pull away.

Keyshawn Martin (13 points) and Austin

Anderson (12) also reached double figures, while Earl Hardison chipped in eight points for John Glenn.

Knochel's 19 led the Spartans, who also got 12 from Derek Severson and 11 from Pat York.

But Stevenson's defense couldn't do much with Glenn's shooting, particularly from outside.

"We tried to zone them, and they hit some shots," Stevenson coach Brad Miller said. "They didn't get a lot of points in transition, but they shot the lights out from the perimeter."

Despite the loss, Stevenson earned the fourth seed in the WLAAs playoffs, which starts Tuesday. The Spartans are at Northville for a 7 p.m. tip.



Stevenson's Luke Knochel, shown here scoring over Franklin's Tyler Canyock during a game last week, scored his 1,000th career point in a 68-55 loss to Westland John Glenn Friday.

Sidelines

Barney signs book

Toarmina's Pizza is hosting a party on Soccer showcase coming to Oakland County

Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Westland Salvation Army with former Detroit Lion defensive back and NFL Hall of Famer Lem Barney.

All coaches will receive a free autographed copy of Barney's book, "The Super Natural." It is a free event, no donations will be accepted. Anybody who works with young people and interested in attending should call Lou Toarmina at (734) 341-6743.

Football signup

Registration for St. Michaels Grade School 2007 Catholic Youth Organization fall football will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 at school's cafeteria, located at 11441 Hubbard (midway between Merriman and Farmington roads, south of Plymouth Road).

Registration is open to boys entering grades 4-8 and is a member of the following parishes or schools: St. Michael, St. Maurice, St. Genevieve, St. Aidan, St. Damian, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Sabina, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, St. Theodore, St. Bernardine and St. John Bosco. Call John Widmer at (248) 471-6767, Ext. 11; or e-mail jwidmer@frohmiller.com.

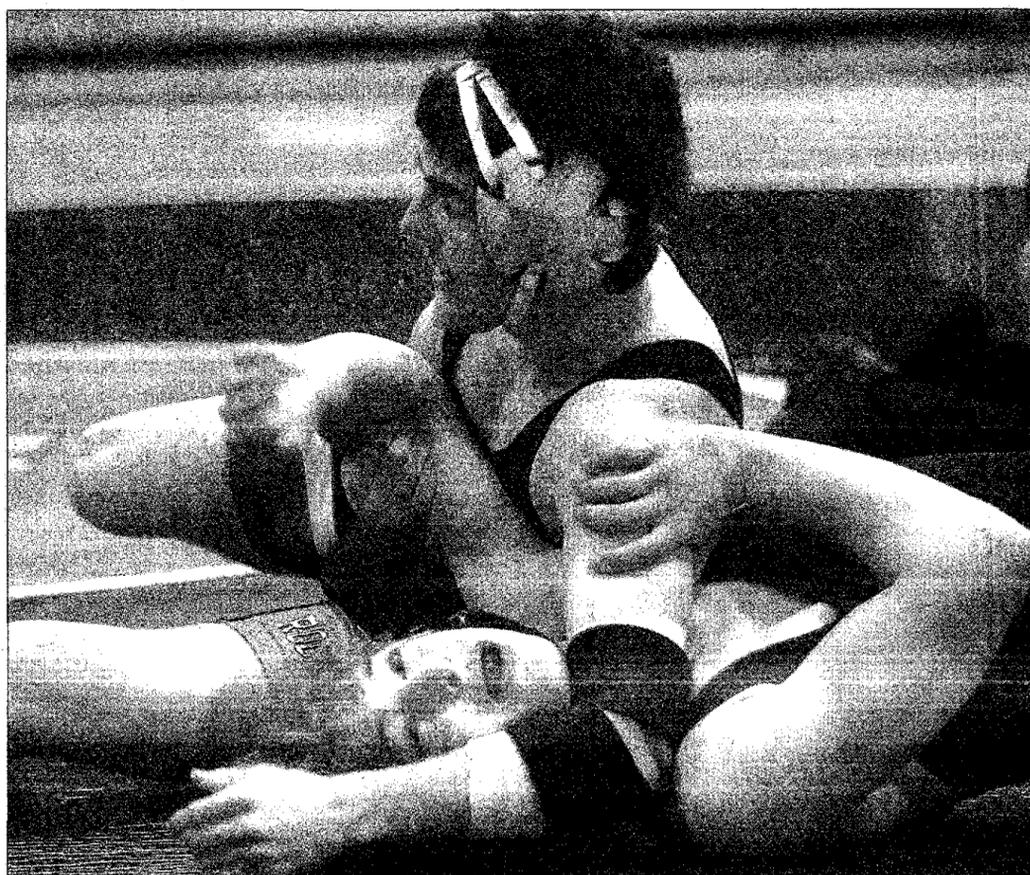
Ignition camp

The Detroit Ignition has announced the 2007 Detroit Ignition Summer Soccer Camp Program. With camp locations to be positioned throughout Metro Detroit, Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp is currently the only Detroit area soccer program that will offer registrants the opportunity to train with professional soccer players and staff.

Designed for children ranging in age from 4-18, the Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp curriculum will offer a broad spectrum of training from basic soccer introduction for younger players to advanced training for older players looking for an edge on technical and tactical training. Camp registrants will be grouped by age and skill level in training and game situations, allowing campers to reach their full soccer potential.

Camp instruction will be led by Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic and Detroit Ignition team members. Instructors will be subject to camp date and availability but may include Jamar Beasley, Jonathan Greenfield, Doug Rice and Danny Waltman.

For Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp locations and schedules, visit www.detroitignition.com or call (888) 436-GOAL (4625). Detroit Ignition Soccer Camp is sponsored by the Hantz Group and Henry Ford Medical Group. For information about tickets to see the Detroit Ignition at Compuware Sports Arena call the club at (888) 436-GOAL (4625), on online at www.detroitignition.com or www.ticketmaster.com



John Glenn's James Zerebiny puts Wayne Memorial's Charlie Malner on his back during their 152-pound match in the district semifinal Thursday. Zerebiny won the match, 19-2.

Franklin takes step toward state berth

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Apparently, the Franklin Patriots have gotten over the sting of a late-season loss to Westland John Glenn.

The Patriots, coming off a win in the Western Lakes tournament last weekend, won 13 of 14 matches and hammered Livonia Churchill, 70-3, to win the D1 district wrestling tournament it hosted Thursday night.

Franklin's only loss of the night came in overtime at 145 pounds as the Patriots set themselves up for the Saline regional Wednesday night. Franklin wrestles Detroit Catholic Central in the semifinal. The winner gets the winner of the Canton-Saline semifinal.

"I thought we wrestled pretty well," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "When I first started (coaching) here, (Churchill) used to just crush us, so this was satisfying to me."

Nine of the Patriots 13 wins came via pinfall, including heavyweight Kyle Brown's pin of Mark Parrish in just 46 seconds. Other Franklin pinners included Jared Pieknik (112 pounds), Josh Billiau (125), Jon Roos (57 seconds at 130), Brandon Smith (135), Jason Zanger (140), Nate Turco (160), Pat Roumayah (189) and Rod Gray (215).

Other winners were Grant Phillips (by technical fall at 103), James Benitez (major decision at 119), Garrett Hay (152) and Dan Woodall (major decision, 171).

Churchill's only win came when Danny Small decisioned Elvin Ferreira, 5-2, in overtime at 152 pounds.

The Patriots (25-3) now turn their attention to the regional, with an eye on their first trip to Battle Creek for the state meet. Standing in their way are two old foes: Detroit Catholic Central and Canton.

"I'm glad the kids were happy (with the district win), but you could tell they know the job isn't finished yet," Chiola said. "Wednesday will be when we need to be sharp and ready to go. The whole season comes down to that one night."

"(Going to Battle Creek) was our main goal coming into the season," he added. "Everything else has been nice, but pales in comparison."

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Rockets pound Belleville for district wrestling title

BY BRAD KADRICH
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If Westland John Glenn had written a script for the Rockets' D1 district wrestling tournament Thursday, it would have gone something like this: Pound semifinal opponent, jump out to a big lead in the championship meet, then cruise to a second consecutive district title.

Polk didn't actually write the script, but his Rockets followed it anyway, hammering Wayne Memorial 68-5 in the first meet, then capturing the crown with a convincing 34-19 win over Belleville.

The win puts Glenn into the Wyandotte regional semifinal against Dearborn Fordson Wednesday.

"It went about how I was hoping it would go," Polk said of Thursday's district victory. "(Belleville) is a good team. There were a lot of pivotal matches, and we won most of them."

The teams split the first four matches, the difference being Andrew Hein's pin of Belleville's Anthony Simmons in 3:50 at 171 pounds, as Glenn took a 9-6 lead.

That's the last time the meet was that close, as the Rockets rattled off wins in five of the next six matches to grab a 31-9

lead. Glenn coasted from there.

Senior Shamir Garcia beat Belleville's Kaore Cigan in an 11-3 major decision, and then Glenn heavyweight Frank Toarmina upset Jacob Sweeney, pinning him in 3:07 to give Glenn a 19-6 lead.

"The heavyweight match was a turning point," said Garcia, a Rocket captain. "(Toarmina) stepped up big time."

Glenn's Jeremiah Austin beat Dustin Zak, 5-3, at 125 pounds to give the Rockets a 31-9 lead. Belleville won three of the last four matches to get a little closer.

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, B4

Win leaves Crusaders with shot at home tourney game

A come-from-behind win Wednesday by Madonna University's women's basketball team moved the Crusaders into fourth place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and gave the team a chance to host a first-round conference tournament game next week.

Madonna got past the team they are battling for fourth place, Siena Heights, 65-54.

The road victory gave the Crusaders a record of 13-16 overall and 8-5 in the conference, entering Saturday's scheduled regular-season finale at Concordia.

Sparking the Crusaders to their fifth consecutive victory was junior forward and

Redford Union alum Martina Franklin, who tallied 16 points and 12 rebounds. Franklin recently earned NAIA Division II Player of the Week honors.

Chipping in with 14 points and six assists was senior guard Lindsay Klemmer (Salem) while freshman Stephanie Piotrowski tallied 12 points. Also having a solid game was sophomore guard Alyssa Guerin (Salem), who scored six points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Madonna trailed 30-29 at halftime, but outscored the host Saints 36-24 en route to the 11-point win.

The Crusaders shot 38-percent (23-of-61) from the field,

including 40-percent (6-of-15) from beyond the arc. Madonna also won the battle of the boards, grabbing 48 rebounds while Siena Heights was limited to just 37.

Leading the Saints (17-11, 7-6) was Laura Panozzo, with 20 points and seven rebounds.

Madonna men prevail

Valentine's Day also proved sweet for Madonna's men's basketball team, as the Crusaders earned an 89-71 victory over visiting Siena Heights.

Scoring 23 points and contributing eight assists was senior guard Adam Kerfoot, while

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, B4



Martina Franklin scored 16 points and had 12 rebounds in Madonna's win over Siena Heights Wednesday. Franklin recently earned NAIA Division II Player of the Week honors.

5th-ranked Churchill spikes WL Central

Kyndra Abron had eight kills and five blocks and Shannon Warner chipped in four aces and five digs as Livonia Churchill swept Walled Lake Central, 25-10, 25-13, 25-11, in a Western Lakes Activities Association match Friday night.

The Chargers, ranked fifth in the state, lifted their record to 45-4-1 overall, 8-0 WLAA.

Kristy Declercq had 12 assists and Jackie Gribeck, Sarah Suppelsa and Sarah Button each contributed three kills.

Warriors sweep

Myrian Storck served 17 points, including 10 aces, and Becca Refenes had four aces among 10 points, four kills, two solo blocks (giving her 96 blocks on the year) and three assists as Lutheran Westland beat Hamtramck, 25-12, 25-11, 25-8 in a Metro Conference girls volleyball match Thursday night.

The win sends the Warriors

(24-3 overall, 7-1 Metro) to the conference tournament, which they host Saturday.

Lauren Gieschen had 11 points, including six aces, and nine assists, giving her 288 for the season, while Kayla Gieschen had six points, five kills and four digs (251 on the year) for the Warriors, who also got five kills and two digs from Lauren Schwecke.

Tuesday: Lutheran Westland 25-25-17-25, Northwest 9-21-25-18: Kayla Gieschen scored 31 points, including 19 straight in the fourth-game victory, had five kills and 13 digs in the Warriors' victory.

Schwecke had nine points, including three aces, six kills and 12 digs, while Refenes scored 11 kills and 11 solo blocks for the Warriors.

Canton tops Franklin

The Franklin Patriots played Canton in a makeup game of a match snowed out earlier, and the Patriots were probably

wishing it had snowed again.

Liz Dempsey had 12 kills, but it wasn't enough to stop the Chiefs, who beat Franklin 25-14, 25-19 and 25-23 Thursday.

"Canton played great defense and served tough," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said.

Kacy Moran had six kills, four aces and 14 assists, Jordan Kiehl had seven kills, Marie Martin added seven blocks and three kills and Hannah Mills chipped in 16 digs for the Chiefs (8-13-6 overall, 5-4 WLAA).

The loss left the Patriots 12-15 overall, but in second place in the WLAA at 5-3.

Rocks rock Glenn

Salem had an easy time with Westland John Glenn in a Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball match Friday, pounding the Rockets 25-14, 25-13, 25-17.

Glenn managed just 22 kills and four service aces in the three-game loss.



District 4 champs

The Livonia Kings captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Midget B District 4 title with a 10-1 triumph over the Canton Freeze at Livonia's Edgar Arena. The Kings, coached by Tim Jason, are headed to the MAHA state finals, March 2-4, in Monroe. Members of the Kings include: Mike Aja, Michael Alonzi, Josh Andalaro, Colin Beck, Mike Campanella, Ryan Edmonds, Nick Gilliland, Kurt Gruska, Wayne Hawkins, Steve Hofmeister, Matt Hope, Ryan Jason, Ryan Lubanski, Mike Padgen, Adam Proctor, Zack Schuit, Kyle Schwarz and Dan Yaquinto. Assist coaches include Don Schwarz and Mark Yaquinto. The team managers are Bill and Dawn Lubanski. Team sponsors include Beck & Boys Custom Apparel and Bell Wether Consulting, Inc.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA registration

Registration for the 39th season for Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball and softball is underway and runs through March 31 at the WYAA's Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

The WYAA offers programs including: T-Ball (ages 5-6), Coach-Pitch with machine (7-8), Mustang (9-10), Bronco (11-12), Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16), Palomino (17-18), along with girls slow-pitch and fastpitch softball.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640 (during normal business hours or 10 a.m. until noon Saturday and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays; leave a message).

You can also visit www.wyaa.org.

St. Edith football

The Livonia St. Edith Catholic Youth Organization football program is seeking players for the 2007 fall season with registration from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at the gym entrance.

The program is open to players entering grades 3-8 in the fall and are members of St. Edith and St. Fabian school or parish. Players are also eligible by attending the following parishes: St. Kenneth, St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Gerald and St. Maurice.

St. Edith offers six football teams. The Eagles are defending 2006 CYO champions and will be unveiling new uniforms for 2007.

Coaches and administrators will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, e-mail football coordinator Jerry Tomasi at jtomasi@twmi.rr.com.

WYAA girls hoops

Roster spots remain available for the Westland Youth Athletic Association girls freshman basketball program (ages 9-11).

Registration is from 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA's Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

For more information, call during regular business hours or leave a voice mail at (734) 421-0640.

Hitting-Fielding Clinic

A hitting and fielding clinic for students currently in grades 3-8, conducted by the Livonia Stevenson baseball coaching staff, will be from 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the high school fieldhouse.

The hitting session involves

proper grip, stance, balance, stride and swing. The field session gives participants the chance to learn proper glove techniques, footwork, positioning, throwing and drills.

The cost is \$35. Enrollment is limited to the first 60 registrants.

For more information, call Stevenson varsity baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.

LJAL fastpitch clinic

The Livonia Junior Athletic League will stage a fastpitch softball skills clinic for ages 7-15 from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 3, at Frost Middle School, located at Stark Road between Lyndon and I-96.

The cost is \$25 per child (includes T-shirt). The registration deadline is Sunday, Feb. 25.

For more information, e-mail Eric Carrier at eric.carrier@ljal.com.

Spring baseball camp

The Livonia Franklin baseball staff, led by Matt Fournier, will stage a spring baseball camp for boys and girls in grades 4-6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10 inside the high school fieldhouse.

Each camper will be assigned to groups according to age and ability.

Session I (9-11:30 a.m.) will feature hitting and base running skills. A break follows from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (bring your own sack lunch). Session II (12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.) will consist of pitching and defense.

The cost is \$25 per session or \$45 for both. For more information, call Fournier at (734) 968-0499; or e-mail mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Young pitchers clinic

The Livonia Stevenson High baseball coaching staff will conduct a clinic to learn the basics of pitching for current grades 3-8 from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10, at the school's fieldhouse.

The two-hour clinic will teach young pitchers proper throwing mechanics, injury prevention, wind-up, stretch, pick-off moves and the mechanics of different pitchers. Parents and coaches are welcome to attend.

The cost is \$35. Enrollment is limited to the first 40 registrants.

For more information, call Stevenson varsity baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.

Baseball signup

The North Redford Central Little League, along with the Redford American Little League, have expanded its borders and now can register children from an area encompassing on the north by Nine Mile Road; on the south by Joy Road; on the east by Telegraph Road; and on the west by I-275.

Little League Baseball consists of the following: Minor B (ages 5-9), Minor A (7-12), Majors (9-12), Juniors (13-14), Seniors (15-16) and Big League (16-18).

The Junior, Senior and Big League divisions will be registering under the new combined Capitol Park Senior Little League. The Minor A and Major divisions will be grouped, where possible, by skill level and not age alone.

Postseason tournaments are scheduled for both inter-league and outside the league.

For more information about registration, call either Michelle Faur at (586) 243-9136; Laurie D'Annunzio at (313) 532-3950; Bill Sullivan at (313) 535-8143; or Tim Smith at (313) 534-3795.

Churchill Hall of Fame

The Livonia Churchill Athletic Patrons will stage their fifth annual Hall of Fame dinner 6 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at Italian-American Club in Livonia.

Among the honorees are former basketball standout Ken Landini, boys basketball coach Pat Montagano and the 1972 undefeated Charger football team coached by Ken Kaestner.

Several members of the '72 football team still need to be located.

For more information, or to reserve a spot at the banquet, call the Churchill Athletic Office at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Soccer signup

The Livonia Soccer Club is accepting spring registrations.

For more information, call (734) 464-8575; or visit www.livoniasoccer.org.

Hoops challenge

The 2007 Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Hoops Challenge, sponsored by the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, will be Friday, Feb. 23 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Registration, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is free.

Awards will be given to the first- and second-place finishers in the following age groups for boys and girls: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15.

Winners advance to one of five area levels of competition with the state championship Sunday, April 15 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

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

Livonia Y leagues

The Livonia Family YMCA is offering a youth basketball league for boys and girls ages 5-14. (League play starts March 3.)

Registration is underway for the Livonia Y spring soccer for boys and girls ages 3-8, along with boys and girls under-9, -10 and -11. (The season runs April 14 through June 2).

Fees vary. For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

SWIM RESULTS

BOYS SWIMMING

Livonia Churchill 96

Walled Lake Central 90

Feb. 15 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: 1. Walled Lake Central (Matt Jannette, Tyler James, Artur Stopanov, Cory Casagrande), 2:03.70; 2. Churchill (Matt Castellini, Ricky Scully, Joey Liberati, Jason Young), 2:04.39; 3. Churchill (Marcus Vega, Seth Klein, Nathan Larsen, Alex Lamerand), 2:28.25.

200-yard freestyle: 1. Drew Randall (LC), 1:51.73; 2. Jake Keeler (LC), 2:03.11; 3. Tory Tedderington (WLC), 2:08.94.

200-yard intermediate: 1. Ben Lamerand (LC), 2:14.72; 2. Brad Nedrow (WLC), 2:23.06; 3. Mike

Wilson (WLC) 2:25.23.

50-yard freestyle: 1. Steve Jones (LC), 23.83; 2. Sean Riley (WLC), 24.30; 3. Ben Baumgarten (WLC), 24.91.

1-meter diving: 1. Matt Hope (LC) 155.75; 2. Travis Holt (LC) 155.05; 3. Tyuler Esmacher (WLC) 151.95.

100-yard fly: 1. Ben Lamerand (LC) 58.56; Brad Nedrow (WLC) 1:00.31; 3. Ryan Micelli (WLC) 1:02.55.

100-yard freestyle: 1. Drew Randall (LC) 50.03; 2. Mark Gordon (LC) 52.92; 3. Sean Riley (WLC) 53.50.

500-yard freestyle: 1. Tory Tedderington (WLC) 5:29.43; 2. Jake Keeler (LC) 5:32.35; 3. Cory Casagrande (WLC) 5:53.44.

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. LC (Ben Lamerand,

Mark Gordon, Steve Jones, Drew Randall) 1:33.44; 2. WLC (Tyler Esmacher, Matt Jannette, Ben Baumgarten, Mike Wilson) 1:42.00; 3. LC (Jake Keeler, Marcus Vega, Joey Liberati, Greg Van Gorp) 1:48.18.

100-yard backstroke: 1. Ryan Miceli (WLC) 1:03.01; 2. Steve Jones (LC) 1:07.47; 3. Matt Jannette (WLC) 1:07.81.

100-yard breast stroke: 1. Mike Wilson (WLC) 1:12.69; 2. Mark Gordon (LC) 1:14.99; 3. John Molnar (WLC) 1:18.05.

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. WLC (Brad Nedrow, Ben Baumgarten, Ryan Miceli, Sean Riley) 3:38.34; 2. LC (Ben Lamerand, Mark Gordon, Steve Jones, Drew Randall) 3:38.47; 3. LC (Jake Keeler, Matt Castellini, Greg Van Gorp, Jacob Young) 4:03.34.

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Chargers rally in overtime thriller

Livonia Churchill dug itself out of an early hole and rallied to post a thrilling 58-56 overtime victory over visiting Salem Friday night.

The Chargers trailed by as many as eight in the opening half before cutting their deficit to 50-47 with seconds to play. That's when guard Andrew Vagnetti buried an NBA-length three-point shot to send the game into the extra session.

Led by the inside play of Ryan Rosenick, Nick Seger and Brad Evans, the Chargers never trailed in the overtime to improve their record to 7-10 overall and 3-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. Salem slipped to 8-9 and 5-5, respectively.

"Salem physically beat us up in the first half," said Churchill coach Jim Solak. "But those three guys — Ryan, Nick and Brad — attacked the glass and rebounded much better in the second half and in the overtime. That was the key for us."

"We played them tough the last time at their place. We hadn't been playing well, so I was extremely happy with the win tonight. Salem is a big, strong team and we were able to muscle up and hang on for the win."

The Rocks rode a red-hot perimeter game to a 28-22 half-time advantage.

"We made several threes in the first half, but that's a tough way to live," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They just out-hustled us in the second half."

Rosenick led the winners with 22 points and 10 boards. Evans added 12 while Vagnetti contributed 10. Juniors Grant Stone and Ross Davis both netted 14 points for the Rocks.

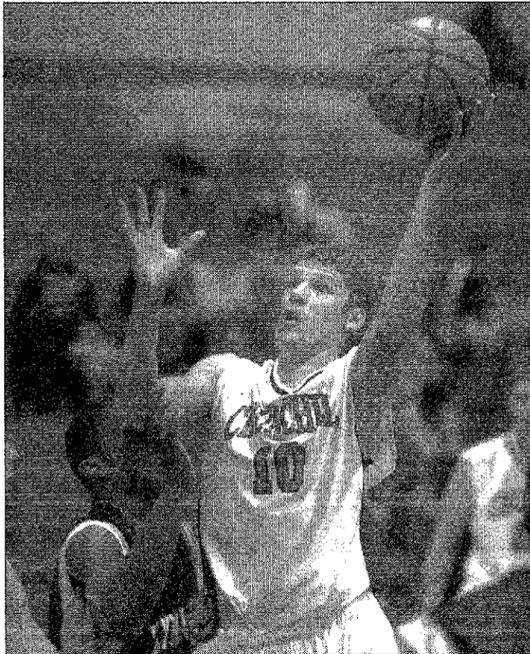
Churchill drained 12-of-18 free throws while Salem went 8-of-12 from the charity stripe.

The Rocks will open the WLAA conference tournament on Tuesday at Canton. Churchill will take on Livonia Franklin in a loser's bracket contest. Both games are set to tip off at 7 p.m.

INTER-CITY BAPTIST 55, PCA 54: On Friday in Allen Park, the Eagles battled the Chargers to wire before falling at the end. Junior guard Trevor Zinn shined for PCA, netting 21 points. Matt Saagman also played well, contributing 13.

Jeff Yunk paced the winners with 16 points. Nick Packwood scored all 12 of his points in the first half.

"This was probably our best game of the year," said PCA coach Dave Yost. "We were trailing most of the fourth quarter, but we made a nice comeback. We had some opportunities down the stretch, but we missed some key free throws."



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Churchill's Bradley Evans, shooting over Plymouth's Austin Barnett in a game earlier this season, scored 12 in the Chargers' win over Salem Friday.

With his team trailing 55-51, PCA's Justin Govan drained a triple with a second left. However, the Eagles could not regain possession of the ball.

PCA netted just 7-of-17 free throws. The Chargers drained 12-of-21 from the charity stripe.

Inter-City led 14-13 after one quarter before the visiting Eagles fought back to knot the game at 26-all at the half. The Chargers carried a 40-35 advantage into the final stanza.

PCA played the final three minutes without Zinn, who fouled out.

"They beat us by 30-something the first time we played them, so this shows how much better we've been playing lately," said Yost.

The Eagles return to action Friday when they take on Canton Agape Christian.

The game will be played at Garden City United Christian Church.

Free throws seal deal in 'Cats win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's cheering section tested Plymouth junior guard Dan Jeong's concentration during the final seconds of Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association contest in the Patriots' gym.

He passed the test with flying colors.

With the game tied at 53-all and 10 ticks left on the clock, Jeong blocked out the fans' noise and drained the decisive free throws in the Wildcats' 55-53 victory.

"Dan's one of those players you like to see at the line in situations like that," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "He's proven to be a pretty clutch shooter when he was on the JV team last year and this season on varsity."

Plymouth improved to 6-11 overall and 3-7 in the WLAA's Western Division, but barely missed qualifying for the conference's post-season tournament. The Wildcats tied Walled Lake Western for fourth place in the division, but lost out in the tie-breaking system, which came down to point differential in the teams' two meetings this season.

Brandon Roberts paced the winners with 17 points. Jeong finished with 12 and junior guard Andy Price contributed six (two

triples) off the bench.

Tyler Canyock led Franklin with 15 points while Ryan Matthey added 12. Sophomore Gary Cobb netted eight points, including a pair of monster slams that electrified the crowd.

Shortly after Jeong's free throws, Matthey was fouled on a drive to the basket. He missed the front end of a one-and-one and a Patriot last-second tip-in also missed the mark.

Plymouth overcame a 13-11 first-quarter deficit by draining five triples in the second stanza to carry a 28-24 lead heading into the third quarter. Franklin inched to within 42-40 with eight minutes to play.

Van Wagoner praised the play of reserves Kulraj Sandhu and Wes Shelton, both of whom gave the Wildcats several productive minutes.

The Wildcats were nearly perfect from the free-throw line, hitting 10-of-11. The Patriots, on the other hand, struggled at the charity stripe, twining just 11-of-22.

Both teams will compete in the WLAA's losers' bracket play beginning Tuesday night when Plymouth travels to Walled Lake Northern and Franklin visits crosstown rival Livonia Churchill. Both games are slated to tip-off at 7 p.m.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 7 p.m.
(WLAA Playoffs-1st Round)
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Walled Lake Central at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
Walled Lake Western at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23

Huron Valley at Washtenaw Christian, 7 p.m.
(WLAA Playoffs-2nd round, 7 p.m.)
Matchups TBD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Feb. 19

Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 20

Huron Valley at Lutheran South, 6 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hazel Park, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Inter-City at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23

Huron Valley at Washtenaw Christian, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
WLAA Tourney at W.L. Northern, 9 a.m.
Metro Conference Tournament at Lutheran Westland, 10 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Feb. 19

Ladywood vs. Port Huron at Arctic Pond, 2:30 p.m.
Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Stevenson vs. Salem at Plymouth Cultural Ctr., 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Franklin vs. Redford Unified at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Ann Arbor at Veterans Arena, TBA.

Friday, Feb. 23

(WLAA Crossovers)
PREP WRESTLING

Wednesday, Feb. 21

(Team Regionals)
Division I at Saline, TBA.
Division IV at Addison, TBA.

Saturday, Feb. 24

(Individual Regionals)
Division I at Novi, TBA.

Division III at Columbia Central, TBA.
Division IV at Riv. Gab. Richard, TBA.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Feb. 22

WLAA Prelims at Salem, 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23

WLAA Diving Prelims at Salem, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

WLAA Finals at Salem, noon.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Feb. 22

WLAA Meet at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

PREP BOWLING REGIONALS

Friday, Feb. 23

(Singles Competition)
Division II at Oak Lanes, 11 a.m.

Division I at Drake's Lanes, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

(Team Competition)
Division I at Drake's Lanes, 10:30 a.m.

Division II at Oak Lanes, 11 a.m.

PREP SKIING

Tuesday, Feb. 20

SEMSL League Championship at Mt. Holly, TBA.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday, Feb. 24

WLAA Meet at Northville, 9 a.m.

Wyandotte Invitational, 11 a.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Feb. 18

Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.

MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Sunday, Feb. 25

Detroit Ignition vs. Philadelphia KIXX at Compuware Sports Arena, 4:35 p.m.

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Teams fill brackets for WLAA hoop tournament

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If it's anything like the just-completed regular season, the 2007 Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball tournament promises to be a dandy.

The brackets were filled Friday night following the completion of league games. Western Division champion Northville and Lakes

Division winner Westland John Glenn — both of whom went 10-0 in the league — secured the two No. 1 seeds.

Tuesday night's opening-round contests will pit the Mustangs against No. 4 seed Livonia Stevenson (3-7) and No. 2 seed Walled Lake Central (7-3) against No. 3 Wayne Memorial (6-4) on one side of the brackets.

The other side will feature No. 3 seed Salem (5-5)

against No. 2 Canton (8-2) and No. 4 Walled Lake Western (3-7) against the top-seeded Rockets.

All first-round games are slated for 7 p.m. at the site of the higher-seeded team.

The semi-final round will be played Friday at 7 p.m. at the schools with the better seeds.

The championship game is slated for Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Plymouth

High School.

The title match-up will be preceded by the third-place game at 5:30 p.m. and the WLAA awards presentation, which will take place just prior to the final game.

Northville is the defending champion.

The Mustangs captured the 2006 title thanks to Alvin Storrs' Plymouth gymnasium record 36 points. Plymouth, Walled Lake

Northern, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin will all participate in a round-robin loser's bracket format.

Each team will play the other three teams once.

Tuesday night's opener will pit Plymouth at Walled Lake Northern and Franklin at Churchill.

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Red Wings alumni game to aid mentor program

On Sunday, March 18, The Detroit Red Wings Alumni will take the ice at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township against the Oakland County Public Safety All-Stars, a team of police, fire officers from across the county and Meltdown "The BIG Unit" from WRIF.

The 4:30 p.m. game is to benefit Mentor Connection, a mentoring program of Jewish Family Service (JFS).

Tickets for the game are \$10 per person in advance, or \$12 at the door. The evening also includes a clinic for children beforehand and a dinner reception with the Red Wings Alumni afterwards.

Tickets for the clinic and dinner are \$10 and \$12, respectively. Space at both events is limited. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Lindsay Leder, 248-592-2309, or email leder@jfs-detroit.org.

The hockey game is a Friend Raiser for Mentor Connection, with a goal of increased awareness of the program while

recruiting new mentors.

Mentor Connection brings together young people from across Oakland County who can benefit from encouragement and attention from caring adults who can provide that support through structured mentoring relationships. In 2006, Mentor Connection served 98 children.

Mentor Connection is a program of JFS that has offices in West Bloomfield and Oak Park.

JFS provides social and mental health services to adults, children and families.

Areas of focus include parent and child concerns, adoption, blended family issues, grief counseling, addiction recovery services, and domestic abuse/dating violence counseling and shelter.

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WRESTLING

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er, but couldn't pull off the win. "Everyone had a job to do, and not everyone did their individual job," Polk said. "But as a team, we came together and got the job done. I was pleased by that."

The Rockets can now turn their attention to the next task at hand: Trying to win a regional wrestling title.

They were denied last year by Temperance Bedford, and the Mules likely await them again, should they get past Fordson.

Polk said his Rockets may have been "content with just being" in the regional final last year, an attitude he doesn't think will reappear this year.

"I think we're more prepared this year," Polk said. "Last year, the kids were just happy to be there, and frankly Bedford was a better team. This year, I don't think that's true."

Senior captain Jim Wood agreed with his coach, both about the wrestlers' attitudes last year and about their determination to take that next step this season.

"This year a lot of us have it in our heads we've got a shot," Wood said. "Once you get there, anything can happen."

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John Glenn's Scott Brown pinned Ryan Nesbitt of Wayne Memorial in the first period of their 160-pound match Thursday evening in the district tournament.

WRESTLING RESULTS

Mat Results
Prep Wrestling Districts
Livonia Franklin 70
Livonia Churchill 3
Feb. 15 at Franklin
285 pounds: Kyle Brown (F) p. Mark Parrish (LC), 4:46; 103: Grant Phillips (F) TF Bryan Boshaw (LC) 23-7; 112: Jared Plekniak (F) p. Bryan Fortney (LC), 2:49; 119: James Benitez (F) md. Keith Roberts, 10-0; 125: Josh Billiau (F) p. Brett Appel (LC), 1:47; 130: Jon Roos (F) p. Adam Rowe (LC), :57; 135: Brandon Smith (F) p. JP Geffke (LC), 1:11; 140: Jason Zanger (F) p. Josh Gustitus (LC) 3:46; 145: Danny

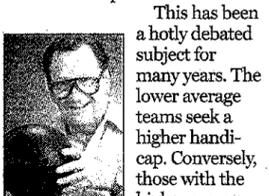
Small (LC) d. Elvin Ferreira (F), 5-3 (OT); 152: Garrett Hay (F) d. Allen Fransten (LC), 9-4; 160: Nate Turco (F) p. Brian Ziembra (LC), 4:51; 175: Dan Woodall (F) md. Curtis Castleberry (LC) 19-7; 189: Pat Roumayah (F) p. JJ Vandembosche (LC), 4:54; 215: Rod Gray (F) p. John Shekell (LC), 1:06.

Westland John Glenn 34
Belleville 19
Feb. 15 at John Glenn
285 pounds: Frank Toarmina (JG) p. Jacob Sweeney (B), 3:07; 103: Anthony Pavlich (JG) void; 112: Justin Fleesen (B) d. Jason Austin

(JG), 11-7; 119: Jared Stephens (JG) d. Tommy Kozak (B), 12-10; 125: Jeremiah Austin (JG) d. Dustin Zak, 5-3; 130: Brian Augsburger (B) md. Nick Shak (JG) 12-1; 135: Jacob Losen (B) d. Zaid Ammari (JG) 7-4; 140: Steve Coak (B) d. Jim Wood (JG) 5-4; 145: Steve Sherman (B) d. Gary Lawrence (JG), 7-3; 152: James Zerebiny (JG) d. Brandon Chappel (B), 11-6; 160: Wassim El Awadi (B) d. Scott Brown (JG), 11-4; 171: Andrew Hein (JG) p. Anthony Simons (B), 3:50; 189: Roger Roper (B) d. Joey Kowtko (JG), 4-2; 215: Shamir Garcia (JG) md. Kaore Cigan (B) 11-3.

No matter the handicap percent, not everyone will be happy

What is your league's handicap? It could be 70, 80, 90 or even 100 percent.



Ten Pin Alley

This has been a hotly debated subject for many years. The lower average teams seek a higher handicap. Conversely, those with the higher averages prefer it to be lower.

There have been many studies made during the past 25 years, and the ABC and WIBC had determined that a league handicap of 100 percent would be the fairest overall.

The studies and field tests showed a range of handicaps from 66, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 and 116 percent. Of the lowest four categories, they showed no championships won by teams with averages below the median

in the league. At 100 percent, 70 out of 100 teams with averages higher than the median averages won. In fact, at 116 percent, the winners were evenly split at 50-50.

Based on these and other studies, the ABC and WIBC decided to recommend a league handicap of 100 percent. It has also been the recommendation of USBC to do likewise.

It is up to the discretion of the individual league to make its own choice based on the makeup of the teams and go along with it.

Many leagues seek a compromise position with a 90 percent handicap, which still seems fair to most bowlers of high or low averages. No matter what the leagues decide for a percentage, you can't make everybody happy.

At any rate under 100 percent, if everyone bowls around his or her average, the high bowlers will usually win the game, because they are better at making clutch shots.

The USBC rulebook (rule 100g) states (1) The percentage

shall be 100 percent unless otherwise provided by league rule.

Leagues also may have the option of setting a cap on the amount of pins to be used by any team to prevent the likelihood of teams being out of any chance to win even if they bowl well.

Jason Maples of Livonia almost had his first 300 game last week in the Friday Night Trio league at Country lanes in Farmington Hills.

After the first 11 strikes, his final shot resulted in a 7-10 split on a pocket hit.

Jason said he was a bit nervous going into the 10th frame, but he felt relieved after the game. He was happy his 298 helped his team to victory.

Jason sports a nice 204 average and is one of the counter persons at Country Lanes.

Dick Bond, a 65 year-old bowler from Belleville, bowled his second 300 game in a span of two weeks in the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. He had accomplished this feat

only two weeks earlier in the Monday Senior Men's League in the same house. His series totals were 772 and 776, respectively. Bond now has six lifetime perfect games to his credit.

Greg Briden, a Livonia resident, rescued an old bowling ball that had been sitting in a friend's garage, just gathering dust.

He took it in to Todd Stuart's pro shop at Cherry Hill Lanes and had it re-drilled, so it would go long and finish strong for him.

It was just a few weeks later that Greg used it in his TBN Sunday Morning League at Skore Lanes.

He opened with a 299 (the nine pin stayed up), followed with 274 and 277 for a grand series total of 850 with 31 out of a possible 36 strikes.

It was Greg's first 800 series, and he is still hoping for his 300.

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BASKETBALL

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senior forward Derrick Mudrick checked in with 12 points and seven boards. Adding six points and three steals was senior forward Doug Creighton (Redford Catholic Central).

Another weapon for Madonna (12-17, 8-5 in the WHAC) was junior forward D. J. Bridges (Canton), who registered 20 points and six rebounds.

Victor Hamilton tallied 14 for Siena Heights (6-23, 3-10) while Sean Nowazyk scored 12.

The Crusaders led 48-32 at halftime and in the second half built their lead to as much as 30 points.

Madonna blistered the nets all night, shooting 53-percent (29-of-55) from the floor,

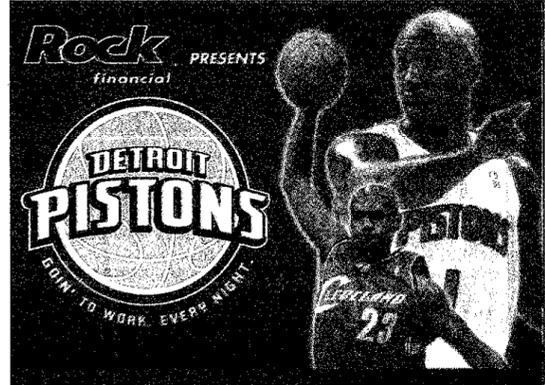
including 45-percent (9-of-20) from behind the three-point line and a season high 92-percent (22-of-24) from the charity stripe.

The Crusaders were set to wrap up the regular season Saturday at Concordia in a pivotal game against the Cardinals.

SC wins makeups

After having their games postponed Wednesday due to the weather, Schoolcraft and Macomb Community College played men's and women's basketball games Thursday night.

The visiting Ocelots prevailed in each contest. The men's team won 99-66 to improve to 17-9 overall and 12-5 in the MCCA-East; the women were victorious by a score of 80-62 and moved to 23-3 overall and 16-1 in the conference.



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Comic books can be beneficial

The only thing that my 8-year-old son will read is comic books. Each week, his father takes him to a store that only sells comic books and he gets new ones. He reads and re-reads them, puts them into plastic baggies and keeps them in a special box. My worry is that when I was a child, my mother told me that it had been proven that comic books lead to psychological problems. My husband thinks that I am completely wrong. What do you know about the link between comic books and psychological problems?

Sue, via e-mail



On Parenting

Terry Wilamowski

The "research" that your mother was referring to was probably from a book in the 1950s called *Seduction of the Innocent* by a psychologist named Fredric Wertham. In this work, the whole comic industry was blamed for the increase in juvenile delinquency and crime. Despite the author's assertions, there had been no actual research or findings that served as the basis for his conclusions. In the time since this book, which caused quite a stir in its day, no connection between comic books and psychological

or social difficulties have been discovered. In fact, it is my opinion that reading comic books can actually be beneficial. Comic books promote the joys of reading, a feat that is not always easy to achieve. Secondly, they often tell fantastical stories with moralities of right and wrong and stimulate the imagination in ways that other mediums may not. Also, they provide an opportunity for children to develop organizational skills and a sense of responsibility (your son's collection seems to be well cared for). Finally, it sounds like the weekly trips to the comic store are a good bonding opportunity for your son and his father.

Of course, like any activity that your children want to undertake, parental guidance is necessary. Comic books, like movies and video games, are rated based on content. While many think of this medium as child focused, certain titles are for mature readers only. If you have any doubts, talk to the store employees, they can help you monitor the books that your son reads. When all is said and done, your son is excited about reading and this will stay with him if and when he loses interest in the "funny books."

My two-and-a-half-year-old daughter is a pack rat. She saves every scrap of paper, every broken toy, every stick and leaf that she finds in the back yard. Whenever I try to get her to throw this trash away, she cries and begs me to let her keep it. I guess that I'm just a big softy because I always seem to give in. Is my daughter Obsessive Compulsive? Why does she want to keep this junk? How can I get her room clean when there is so much clutter? Help!

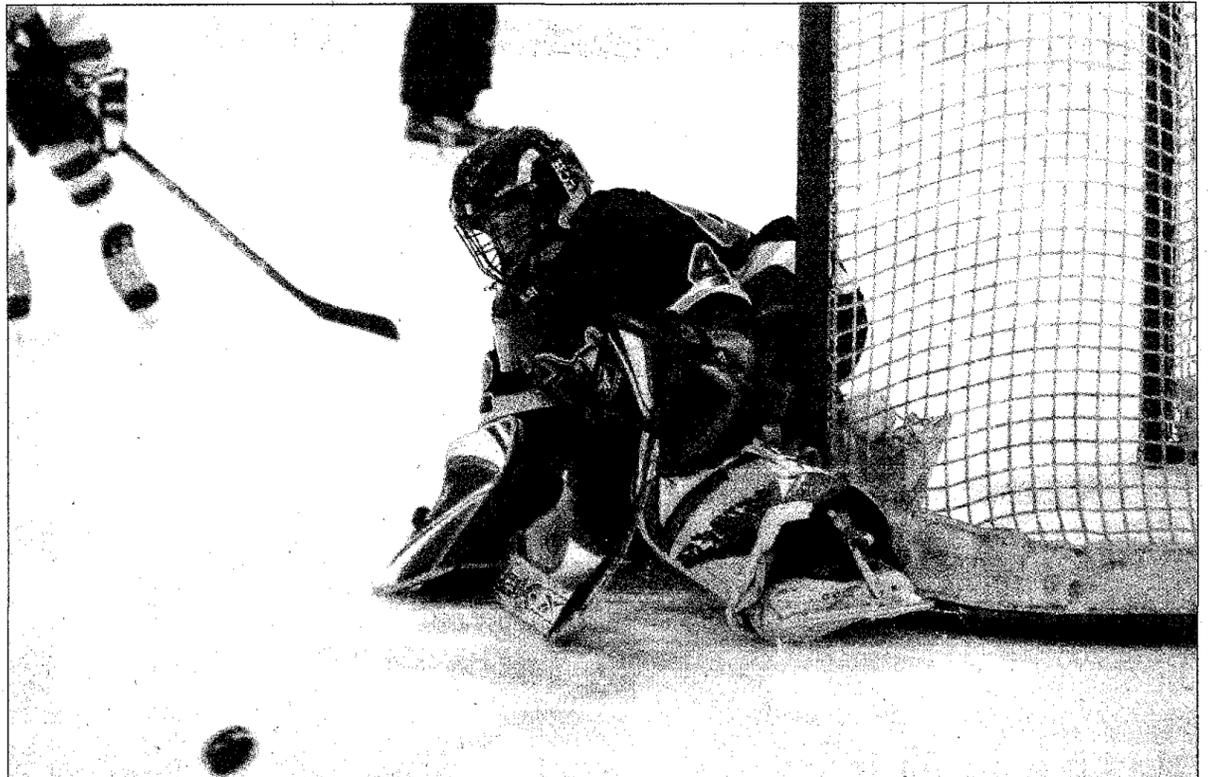
Diane, via e-mail

Well, Diane, the first thing that we need to establish is that the things that you or I might call "trash" and "junk" are "treasures" to your daughter. She has assigned value to these things and as such, they have become part of her. When you suggest (or command or plead or...) that she get rid of them, it causes her emotional distress. Think about how you would respond if someone had asked you to throw away your wedding photos or your prized Beanie Babies. Her distress is real.

Believe it or not, her pack-ratting behavior is not all that uncommon. It is just one of the many ways that children cope with the many stressors of their daily environment. Every child lives in a world that is almost completely beyond their understanding and control. This is a fundamental fact of childhood. As she grows, she will learn new coping devices and leave older ones behind. Most children do this in one form or another. Pacifiers, special blankets, favorite stuffed animals, superhero capes, etc. are all different types of these coping mechanisms. And all of these, like your daughter's pack-ratting, are completely within the normal range and, at this time, do not suggest the presence of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder.

Now, let's see what we can do to reduce the clutter. If you have been a regular reader of this column, you are probably familiar with my fondness for choices. This is another instance that I think will be best served by careful use of options. For example, the next time your daughter wants to bring in several items from the yard (yes, I know that this will probably be months from now, but bear with me), allow her to keep as many items as will fit into a shoebox. If she cannot fit all of the items in, let her decide which items to remove from her collection and which to include. In this way, her collection can change and grow, but the limit will be set by the container. To make this even more special, the shoebox can, and should, be decorated in the style of your daughter's choosing. The key is to not make it a power struggle. Allow her to choose whichever items she wants, as long as they fit into the box. This should help to reduce the overall presence of clutter as well as to convince your daughter that you respect her (and her collection). As time passes, she will move on to other things, but you may find it difficult to get rid of this treasure box.

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Jackson Lytle, Plymouth Killer Sharks goalie, keeps an eye on the puck as it passes the net.

IN THE GAME

Hockey players overcome heart defects

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Birmingham Titans lost the district peeewee hockey game to the Plymouth Killer Sharks in late January, but both of the teams' goalies were winners. Their mothers never thought Patrick Adams and Jackson Lytle would survive open heart surgery let alone play a variety of sports one day. The boys seem less interested in talking about early health problems than their time on the ice.

'Thirty years ago survival was far less. Not enough children have survived to know what to expect. There may be complications they might not be aware of. We need to stay involved.'

Michele Lytle
Mother of Jackson Lytle

goals, he's on a tennis court or baseball diamond.

Lytle is too busy playing hockey, baseball and drums to even think about the congenital heart defect he was born with until a fellow player asks, what's that on your chest? His mother, Michele, thinks the answer that follows is more common



Even though Jackson Lytle (left) and Patrick Adams play for opposing peeewee hockey teams, the boys have a lot in common. They recently met again after a game at Birmingham Ice Arena.

than believed. According to the Congenital Heart Information Network (tchin.org), it's estimated that one in 100 children born in the U.S. every year has a malformed heart. Jackson's scar is from open heart surgery the 12-year-old Plymouth boy underwent at 28 hours old for a rare defect known as Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return. Jackson's older sister Megan was born with the same condition.

"Jackson was 2 or 3 when I wanted to find two children in a family with heart defects. There aren't a lot of children

PLEASE SEE PLAYERS, C3

Catholic nun honored for years of service

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa is all smiles even though she's still fighting jet lag after an 18-hour flight from the Far East. The president of Madonna University returned last Sunday afternoon from a 15-day trip to present master of business administration degrees to 60 students in China as part of the Livonia-based university's international program.

As academic dean, Kujawa was instrumental in paving the way for international studies and the export of Madonna's graduate program to Taiwan in 1989. The accomplishment is one of the reasons Kujawa, a Felician nun, is being honored at the Michigan Business and Professional Association's 11th



Sister Rose Marie Kujawa

annual Women and Leadership in the Workplace Conference and Awards Luncheon, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Kujawa won the award

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Sister Rose Marie Kujawa
Madonna University president

for the education category.

"I was very honored when informed about the award a month ago," said Kujawa, 64. "We've obviously accomplished a great deal at Madonna University, but don't expect to be recognized."

A 1966 graduate and mathematics major of Madonna University, Kujawa became its sixth president in 2001. Some 25 years earlier, she developed and taught the first computer courses there, but considers the

international program one of her greatest achievements. Over the years, she has visited more than 25 countries to build ongoing educational relationships with England, France, Poland, Lithuania, Spain, Mexico, Egypt, Lebanon, Taiwan, China, and Japan.

"In China, we had a reunion of 120 graduates. One had just been elected governor in one of the provinces in southern

PLEASE SEE NUN, C3

Farmer Jack gears up for busy paczki day

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Fat Tuesday isn't just a day but a season at Farmer Jack. Farmer Jack bakery specialist Rob Thomas says that the baking and selling of the doughnuts known as paczkis, traditionally eaten on Fat Tuesday, begins about a month beforehand at the grocery store chain.

"They are baked fresh every day," said Thomas, who was at one of the Troy stores Friday supervising the baking of the fruit-filled pastries. "There's nothing like a good hot paczki."

Activity heats up in the hours leading up to Fat Tuesday, this year on Feb. 20. "Starting Sunday night we'll be baking 24 hours until Tuesday," he said. "Paczki day is our single busiest day after Christmas. We can triple our business in one day. There is no other kind of doughnut like that."

"Fat Tuesday" is when those of the Catholic faith get ready for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

Originally, the doughnuts were made for practical rea-

sons, to use up the lard and eggs that were prohibited during Lent. Now they are more of a last-minute sweets binge before the sacrifice of a favorite food or drink for Lent.

Paczki are pronounced "punch-key" or "poonch-key" or "pooch-key" - all are correct, according to Angie Bournais, who represents Farmer Jack. Thomas was a baker at Farmer Jack when the chain, now based in Livonia, began making them from a traditional Polish recipe over 20 years ago. Now, he supervises baking at all the 66 stores.

Hamtramck is always the biggest spot to buy them, he concedes. But the grocery store's customers will get a traditional taste too. "We even were able to get our recipe from a bakery in Hamtramck."

Farmer Jack's advertising helps Hamtramck's sales too, he said.

"We all celebrate," said Bournais. "We have taken these wonderful offerings and brought them out so many more people can buy them."

The chain sells "hundreds of thousands" annually. "We love our doughnuts here in Detroit.

They don't sell well anywhere else in the country," said Thomas, a Livonia resident.

He says favorite flavors include raspberry apple, Bavarian cream, lemon, strawberry, blueberry and prune, all with a sugar glaze or rolled in powdered sugar.

After paczki day, he said, "you won't see the doughnut again until next January."

That's why Thomas, who is not Catholic, will enjoy some himself - even though he admits they are a rich treat.

"They have 420 calories - I think a Whopper or Big Mac is something like that - and 22 grams of fat.

"The trouble with paczki is they are sinfully good, so it's a nice treat. Think of it as just once a year and it's OK."

And perhaps he'll be working off the calories making them.

"There is lot's of excitement in the business, not just Farmer Jack. It's fun to get a line of people waiting for them. Every single person is working trying to keep up with the demand. Bakeries are traditionally slow, so it's nice to get a spike."

12 to vie for Michigan Junior Miss title

Young women from around the state of Michigan will be gathering in Alpena later this month for the 49th installment of the Michigan Junior Miss Program.

Twelve high school seniors, including two Wayne-Westland teens, will be vying for scholarships and the opportunity to represent the state in the America's Junior Miss Program June 28-30 in Mobile, Ala.



Bower



Baker

Returning to Alpena is 2006 Michigan Junior Miss AmiAnn Bobo. A Plymouth High School honors graduate, she is currently focusing on broadcast communications with interest in Business at Wayne State University.

Competing in this year's program are:

Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Kelsey Baker, the daughter of Brian and Carol Baker. A senior at Wayne Memorial High School, she will attend Wayne State University where she plans to earn a degree in dance education with a K-12 Certification. Her talent piece for the program is a musical theater dance to *My Strongest Suit*.

Westland Junior Miss Natalie Bower, is the daughter of Dana and Suzanne Bower. She is a student at John Glenn High School and plans to attend Michigan State University to earn a degree in medical research. Her talent piece is a flute solo, *Sonata I*.

Canton Junior Miss Kate Peters, the daughter of Richard and Cheryl Peters. She is a student at Canton High School. She plans to attend Western Michigan University and earn a degree in professional dance. Her talent piece is a tap dance to *Zoop!*

Wayne County Junior Miss Samantha Sarnecky, the daughter of John and Marissa Sarnecky. She currently attends Ladywood High School and plans to attend the University of Detroit Mercy and earn a degree in dentistry. Her talent is a musical theater dance to *River Deep, Mountain High*.

Inkster Junior Miss Lauren Allen, the daughter of David Lodge and Francis Allen. A student at Winston Churchill High School, she will attend Marygrove College in the fall in hopes of earning a degree in dance. Her plan is to own her own dance company. She will dance to the music of *If My Friends Could See Me Now*.

Thunder Bay Junior Miss Heather Dzieszinski, the daughter of Greg and Lisa Dzieszinski. A student at Alpena High School, she plans to attend Alpena Community College and earn a degree in elementary education. Her talent is tap dance.

Alpena Junior Miss Leandra Dzieszinski, the daughter of Alan and Sandra Dzieszinski. She currently attends Alpena High School and plans to

attend Alma College to earn a degree in business communication/public relations. Her talent piece is a cello solo, *Sonata in C Major, Op. 40, No. 1, Allegro Jean Baptiste Brevet*.

Dearborn Heights Junior Miss Katelyn Hadyniak, the daughter of Jeffery and Bobbie Hadyniak. She attends Crestwood High School and plans to attend Eastern Michigan University to earn a degree in secondary education. Her talent is a lyrical dance to *Trust Me*.

Dearborn Junior Miss Elissa Hoffman, the daughter of Michael and Lynn Hoffman. A senior at Dearborn High School, she plans to attend Central Michigan University and earn a degree in interior design. Her talent piece is a jazz dance to *Don't Stop*.

Prudenville Junior Miss Courtney Meyer, the daughter of Jerry and Kim Bristol. She attends Houghton Lake High School and plans to attend Northwood University to become a certified public accountant. Her talent piece is a flag routine done to James Brown's *I Feel Good*.

Houghton Lake Junior Miss Terra Muckenthaler, the daughter of Timothy and Tammy Muckenthaler. A student at Houghton High School, she plans to attend Grand Valley State University and earn a degree in business. Her talent is tap dance to *Hi De Ho*.

Grosse Pointe Park Junior Miss Lauren Schultes, the daughter of John and Karen Schultes. She currently attends Grosse Pointe Park High School and plans to attend University of Michigan to earn a degree in vocal performance. She will perform *Varmena* by Lane Wilson (American).

The Michigan Junior Miss Program got its start in 1958 when a franchise was awarded to the Pontiac Jaycees, who ran the program from 1958 to 1978. From 1979 to 1994, the franchise was awarded to Michigan Junior Miss, Inc. and held in Marshall, before moving to Alpena.

Since its inception, the state program has had 1965 Michigan Junior Miss Patrice Gaunter of Stevestonville, selected as American Junior Miss; and had 1995 Michigan Junior Miss Jill Dobson of Quincy, compete for the title of Miss USA in 1999 as Miss Michigan.

Ashlee Baracy, the 2003 Wayne-Westland Junior Miss and the 2003 Michigan Junior Miss finished in the top 10 in the America's Junior Miss program that year. She also was the overall fitness award winner at nationals. She also won the 2005 Miss Washtenaw and in 2006 won Miss Heart of Michigan. She will compete in the Miss Michigan pageant in June.

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month

March 1 marks the beginning of Brain Injury Awareness Month in the United States.

In Michigan, a kick-off rally will be held at our State Capitol Building in Lansing.



Len McCulloch

Michigan is the only known state to hold a kick-off rally and it is more than a little known secret that we have been doing so for eight consecutive years!

This year's rally will be the Eighth Annual conducted by our own Farmington Hills "Therapy Choir." This unique group of men and women are recovering from traumatic brain injuries, which are often accompanied with mental illness and substance abuse problems.

The Therapy Choir has been removing the stigma of these words for all audiences, far and wide, for the past nine years. The choir is headquartered at Broe Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in Farmington Hills which has serviced thousands of brain injured individuals over the past 20 years.

The choir has given over 145

free performances for our community and neighboring communities to increase awareness and break the silence about traumatic brain injuries and the related problems which occur every 21 seconds in America.

This year's rally will be co-sponsored by Farmington Hills State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi and State Sen. Gilda Jacobs. The rally takes place on Wednesday Feb. 28 from noon to 1 p.m. in the beautiful Atrium of our State Capitol. It is free and open to the public. A "Fill the Atrium" campaign may occur with our Farmington First Methodist Church whereby interested folks might share transportation or perhaps a bus. (Call Volunteer Voice Coordinator Terry Mock at (248) 505-3951 for information). The church, you know, donated their choir robes to the choir when it began in 1997.

This year's rally includes invited speakers: Mike Harris, President, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Association, Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone, Michael Dabbs, President Brain Injury Association of Michigan and Dr. Timothy K. Broe, President, Broe Rehabilitation Services Inc. This concert will be filmed by Disability Today for broadcast on PBS TV by Host Roger McCarville.

Word has come to us that 60-80 percent of our wounded mili-

tary returning from Iraq have traumatic brain injuries. The Therapy Choir's new goal is to open its membership to veterans and their families and allow the military to use our choir to raise awareness about this epidemic and need for treatment providers beyond our VA system.

Do think seriously about attending this rally and learning more about traumatic brain injury which is so prevalent in our youth (through sports and abuse), in teens (through violence and drugs and drinking), in adults (through motor vehicle accidents and violence) and in our elderly (through falls and accidents). These are the chief causes. Prevention is the chief cure. Also know that The Therapy Choir has opened its membership to all in our community through its Volunteer Voices Program. Anyone with or without a disability is welcome to join-up with us. We are a therapy choir and no singing ability is required! We are advocating education, awareness, and inspiration on our continuing "Tour of Hope."

Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is the creator and Director of The Therapy Choir. He is credentialed in mental health, brain injury, substance abuse and social work. For information call him at (248) 474-2763 ext. 22.

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Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and field-house 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.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Monthly dance

The Wayne-Westland chapter of Parents Without Partners sponsors a singles dance on the second Saturday of every month at the Dearborn Elks Club at 25000 Michigan Ave. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Disc jockey, cash bar. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers. Public invited. Information, Pat, (248) 478-8977, or Diana, (734) 751-7386.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

- Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101.
- Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
- Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

SINGLETON

Senior groups meet weekly for dinner at local restaurants to discuss current events and future activities. For a monthly newsletter, call (313)563-9362 or write to: P.O. Box 5356 Telford Station, Dearborn, MI 48128.

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College presents female version of The Odd Couple

Michael Fisher of Garden City and Matthew Vortruba of Redford are playing their parts to make the Henry Ford Community College Theater program production of *The Odd Couple* a hit. The curtain rises on the female version of Neil Simon's comedy Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 22-25, and March 1-4, at Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Show times are 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. For information or ticket reservations, call (313) 845-9817.

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Fisher plays Manolo. Vortruba of Redford is production assistant who also is in charge of lighting.

According to Brian Tarasiewicz, the show's director, the female version of *The Odd Couple* follows the same premise as the original with the divorcing, depressed neat-freak Florence moving in with the confident yet messy, beer-drinking, sports-loving Olive and conflict, hilarity and nuttiness ensue.

Woodworkers show off projects

The Michigan Woodworkers Guild holds its 25th annual Showcase of Custom Woodworking Show noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the Livonia Senior Activities Center, 15218 Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft (I-96) and Five Mile, Livonia.

Parking and admission are free.

Woodworkers from Michigan, the midwest and

Canada will exhibit their woodworking projects. This is not a craft show. Wood projects built from various types of wood and depicting furniture from different time periods will be on display.

The wide range of tools that Guild members use such as scroll saws, lathes, routers, table saws, band saws, and high speed hand carving tools help artisans achieve their

ultimate goal.

Established as a nonprofit organization in 1981, the Michigan Woodworkers Guild is comprised of more than 300 men and women woodworkers. Anyone wishing to join the Guild and learn more about woodworking is encouraged to attend the show. For more information, call (313) 278-2150 or send e-mail to sanchezart@aol.com.

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China," Kujawa said. "We have over 400 graduates in mainland China, over 600 students graduated in Taiwan.

"It's very interesting. Once you get to be known in the area, they spread the word (about the program) themselves. In Taiwan, one of the first graduates was a community organizer who was able to get a \$1 million grant. There are many fine things like that that have happened."

A service learning exchange program allowed students to learn practical skills in schools and hospitals in Mexico, as well as observe, understand and appreciate the culture. One of the values of the Felician nuns, who follow the teachings of St. Francis, is to have a respect for all people. Through the Service Learning program, students participate in a variety of ways in the community. The program teaches them that they can make a difference by providing services such as after-school tutoring at All Saints Parish in southwest Detroit.

"I truly believe students should not be educated for the sake of personal development only," Kujawa said. "I hope through the Service Learning program they see the opportunity to be of service in a new way prior to attending Madonna University."

Madonna University is not only growing programs around the world, but on campus in Livonia. In 2009,

the new Science and Media Center opens north of the administration building to accommodate not only recently instituted programs of forensic and environmental science, but *Madonna Magazine*, a cable show that gives media students real life experience, whether behind the camera or on set. It will be one of the first green buildings to be built in Livonia.

"We have our own international world here in Livonia with over 200 students from 43 countries. It makes a difference for students to ask questions of those from Nigeria or Japan," Kujawa said.

"One of the accomplishments is the growth over the 30 years I've been here. It went from a college of barely 1,000 students in the '70s to 4,600 today with 70 undergraduate programs, 25 master level choices and we're giving serious consideration to doctoral programs," said Kujawa, who in 1991 chaired the committee for Madonna to become a university.

"My vision is clearly aligned with Madonna University to continue to be a strong, quality university, not only serving southeast Michigan, but continue to affect people from all countries, wherever we're called to serve."

Along with Kujawa, the event recognizes other women leaders, including Sandra Pierce, president and CEO, Charter One Bank; Terri Lynn Land, Michigan Secretary of State; Cynthia Taueg, vice president of Community Health and Senior Services, St. John

Health System; Desiree Cooper, columnist, *Detroit Free Press*; and Shirley Stancato, president, New Detroit, Inc. Mary Jo Pulte of Uno Chicago Grill in southwest Michigan receives the Small Business Achievement Award.

Tickets for the event are \$75 for MBPA members, \$95 for non-members, and include workshops and luncheon. For information or to register, or for sponsorship and advertising opportunities, call (888) 277-6464, ext. 149, or visit www.michbusiness.org. Group discounts available for the event.

Edward Deeb is especially excited about the theme of this year's event — Taking Care of You, Takes Care of Business. Workshops include yoga, a panel discussion on women taking control of their careers, and maintaining wellness and balance. Last year, about 650 women attended the event.

"People take better care of their cars than themselves," said Deeb, CEO and president of Michigan Business and Professional Association and Michigan Food and Beverage Association, and a Bloomfield Hills resident.

"The whole thing is to be sure the women are healthy and run the gamut. New this year is an interactive session between the workshops on restoring balance — The Yoga Connection. I think the women are going to love to see how they can relax and be better prepared to do their jobs."

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Patrick Adams in action as goalie for the Birmingham Titans.

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PLAYERS

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older than Megan because the technology didn't exist to repair it," said Michele Lytle, who went on the Internet looking for a support group and found Patrick's mother, Maureen Adams. Patrick's Atrial Septal Defect wasn't rare, but the two women connected.

"Patrick's pediatric cardiologist referred us to U of M for a certain procedure that was in Phase 2 of clinical trials," said Maureen Adams. "I couldn't find any information on it that's when I hooked up with the Internet group and learned what questions to ask. We chose not to have the experimental procedure and instead went with regular open heart surgery."

As part of an informal local support group, the two mothers shared their knowledge about congenital heart defects, but hadn't physically seen each other since 2000 when Gov. John Engler signed a proclamation to declare Feb. 14 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day. Then the women learned their sons would be facing each other on the ice.

"We're so fortunate to have two healthy young men," said Michele Lytle.

Both women continue to participate in e-mail discussions on tchin.org. The Children's

Congenital Heart Information Network is a national organization that provides educational information, support, financial assistance, and resources for families of children with congenital heart defects and acquired heart disease, adults with CHD, and the professionals who work with them.

"Thirty years ago survival was far less," said Lytle. "Not enough children have survived to know what to expect. There may be complications they might not be aware of. We need to stay involved."

"We sent letters, e-mails and faxes to include congenital heart defects in a proclamation to declare February American Heart Month by George W. Bush in 2004," added Maureen Adams.

"It's about awareness. After the hockey game one of Patrick's teammates said he had the same surgery. We didn't know that until the hockey game."

"The subject usually doesn't come up unless they're in swimsuits," said Lytle, "yet it is the number one defect."

This spring, Jackson, 12, is joining the track team at West Middle School in Plymouth. He'd like to stay in touch with Patrick who was 3 years old when he underwent open heart surgery.

"It felt kind of weird meeting him," said Jackson. "I didn't know him, but I think I knew him."

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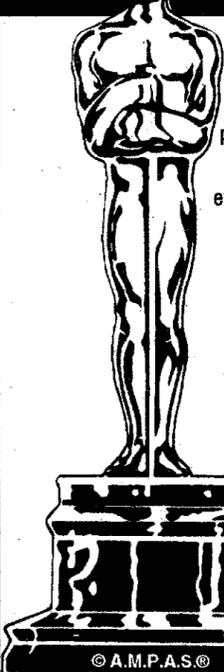
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ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF, 56, BBW, loves jazz, concerts, movies, travel, walks, great conversation. Seeking commitment-minded, mature, loving man with similar interests for possible LTR. ☎140023

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SBF, 34, 5'5", average, likes relaxing at home watching movies, seeking a SBM, 34-50, professional, outgoing and likes to have a lot of fun. ☎162214

HI EVERYONE

SF, 18, seeks nice, easygoing guy who knows how to have fun, and knows how to treat a lady. Friends/fun first. ☎142588

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SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

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WORTH THE CALL

SM, 46, active and fun, enjoys snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, hinting, quiet ties in, movies, drinks more. Looking for an easy-going, fun-loving, open-minded woman to share these. ☎168633

NICE GUY

SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH

SBM, 27, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎960453

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SM, 40s, 5'7", employed, no kids, well-built, sociable, enjoys nights on the town good food, good company, movies, cuddling and romance. Seeking nice, fun-loving, sincere lady to share something special. ☎169894

LET ME LOVE YOU

W/WM, 54, 5'11", 240lbs, retired, homeowner, smoker, very easygoing, likes sculpturing, bike riding, outdoors, traveling, holding hands. Seeking SWF, 40-60, average build, employed, honest, affectionate, for dating, friendship maybe more. ☎161249

HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR

SWM, 6', medium build, independent, N/S, seeks SF, 22-50, N/S, slim-average build, did-free, must be trust-worthy, honest and mature, for companionship, romance and more. ☎148763

SERIOUS-MINDED GENTLEMAN

SBM, 47, N/S, hard-worker, marriage-minded, seeking a woman, 35-55, who's compassionate, down-to-earth, christian a+, and enjoys the simple things in life. No head games. ☎165969

CALL ME

SBM, 41, 6'1", 170lbs, truck driver, looking for a nice, sexy, youthful lady to get to know, chill with, share some fun times in life. ☎170237

JOIN ME?

SBM, 46, enjoys all types of food, relaxing at home, cuddling watching a movie, nice talks. Seeking a special lady to share special times. ☎171013

HARD-WORKING DAD

SM, 35, looking for fun-loving SF, 18-40, N/S, who knows how to enjoy life, to get to know share good times and then who knows. ☎162699

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship/LTR. ☎269646

SEEKING SOMEONE REAL

SM, 21, 5'9", brown complexion, intelligent, independent, seeking B/AF, 24-33, intelligent, who knows what she wants out of life. ☎164113

ALL POSSIBILITIES

SWM, 42, N/S, plays the guitar, looking to meet a W/AF, 30-45, to spend quality time with, watch a movie, go on walks, share fun and more. ☎164517

A VERY SHY...

40 y/o WM, 6', tattoo artist, dark/blue, very strong, funny, would like to meet a woman, 21+, honest, confident and attractive, for friendship, romance, possible LTR. ☎165607

DO YOU LIKE OLDER GUYS?

Handsome BM, 38, N/S, seeking a laid-back SF, 18-25, N/S, petite, 5'5"+, who likes music, jokes and being romanced. ☎163616

MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES

Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of an easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. ☎165436

SINGER SEEKS SINGER

SWM, 52, in shape, sober, enjoys singing karaoke, playing guitar, animals, the simple things. Seeking SF, 30-45, in shape, no kids, and a good country singing voice for friendship, more. ☎168597

WORTH IT

SM, 76, 5'10", 180lbs, dark hair, enjoys boating, travel, a good night out on the town. Seeking like-minded lady to share these. ☎169523

HI LADIES

Sweet, genuine SBM, 38, 6', 320lbs, good-looking, warm smile, enjoys writing, reading, drawing, music and much more. Seeking real, fun, open-minded lady to share the good times. ☎152105

CROTCH ROCKET

Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, going to the gym, crotch rocket motorcycles, bike nights. Seeking SF, 25-40, HW/P, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎822912

GIVE ME A TRY

SM, 44, educated, open-minded, employed hard-working, looking for SF, to get to know, share fun times. I enjoy hanging w/friends, bungee jumping, flying planes, RC plane models, much more. Interested? ☎166071

NEW TO AREA

SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

HOPPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

SHARP

Easygoing SBM, 69, enjoys movies, music, long drives, gourmet tea, live music, much more. Seeking spontaneous SWF, 37-50, for friendship good times, good talks and maybe more. ☎152047

GOT TIME?

SBM, 46, 6'3", average build, seeks down-to-earth, gentle, honest SF, 35-55, for dinner dates, good conversation, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎154257

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE

DWM, 60, 5'11", 180lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lives daily adventures. ☎146279

LOVELY & READY

SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎603005

TAKE A LOOK

DWM, 46, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, occasional drinker, likes movies, music, dining out, bowling and the simple things. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, slender, with similar interests, for phone conversations and more. ☎163964

ARE YOU MY LADY?

SBM, 24, 6'3", N/S, D/D-free, seeks a SWF, 24-33, slender, attractive, honest, easygoing, fun, active, for friendship, romance and exploring life together. ☎165682

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM

47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

WORTH A CALL

SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎959910

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎114846

ANGEL WANTED

SBPM, 32, 5'7", great SOH, enjoys movies and cooking. Seeking female, 4-5'6", for fun times, romance, possible long-term relationship, age/race open. All call returned. ☎171644

CALL ME SOMETIME

Self-employed SM, 51, 5'11", 177lbs, blue eyes, loves enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, travel, cooking, music from modern rock to motown, and much more. ISO, affectionate, honest SF, slim-medium build. Friendship/LTR? ☎148467

READY WITH A SMILE

Cute Italian male, 55, 6'2", 240lbs, N/S, shayed head/glasses, loves photography, comedy shows and making people laugh. Seeking a SWF, 40-55, N/S, to make her smile. ☎165658

TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF

Employed, sincere, respectful SM, 27, well-built, attractive, looking for down-to-earth, shapely, attractive, sweet woman with good attitude and nice smile to share the good times in life. ☎169916

THIS ONE'S FOR YOU

SWM, 52, seeks SWF, 38-54, fun-loving, commitment-minded, happy and sociable, to share concerts, sporting events, travel, nature walks, camping, simple fun. Interested? ☎166300

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE

SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

FRIEND AND CONFIDANT

SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

SERIOUS

SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 8' 8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

THE BASICS

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.

REUNIONS

Berkley High School

Class of 1987
A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kimslasophia@gmail.com. Reunion website is www.BHsreunion1987.com for further information and details.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1987
A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

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 efs67@yahoo.com

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1957
A 50th Reunion is being planned for

Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. 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.

Detroit Cody

Class of 1957
A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5, 2007. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50's graduates. Deadline is June 25. Call 800-859-9502 or email loreto@wideopenwest for details. Cost is \$90.00 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and much more.

Detroit Cooley

Classes of 1967, 1968
Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sep. 29, 2007, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junquist at (810)667-9131, Website www.geocities.com/cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at www.classreport.org/usa/mi/detroit/cooley1967

Detroit Denby

Class of 1957
A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 7, 8, and 9, 2007, at the Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron. Seeking lost graduates, January/June classes. If you are not yet on the mailing list, please email maroonfowl@aol.com or call (248) 642-0249.

Detroit Henry Ford

Class of 1967
A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia.

Seeking January, June and summer graduates from 1967. For information, call Ellen (Neihoff) VanderRoest at (248)684-7705 or email chuckandevan@comcast.net.

Detroit Holy Redeemer

Class of 1957
A 50-year reunion, Oct. 12, 2007, at O'Kelley KofC Council, Dearborn. In interested in attending or know the whereabouts of former classmates, contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol.com or phone (734)261-3346.

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1957
Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734)425-8278.

Detroit Western

Class of 1962
A 45-year reunion will be held in September 2007. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-3832 or Judy Spiro Scranon at jlscranon@yahoo.com

Detroit Southwestern

Class of 1957
A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

Epiphany Grade School

Class of 1966
A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

Ferndale Lincoln High

Class of 1947 January and June
60th class reunion, Aug. 3, 4 and 5 at

The Hilton Hotel on Crooks Road in Troy. For information or details contact: Treva (Powell)Hamill, 248-667-1601, bobtreva9@aol.com or Dick Reising, 248-623-9060, dreising@sbcglobal.net

Fordson High School

Class of 1969
Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@ao.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1987
Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryl (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylor-reunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

Ladywood High School

Class of 1967
A 40-year reunion is planned for June 9-10, 2007. Headquarters at Courtyard by Marriott, Laurel Park, Livonia. Call Liz at (248)681-7768 or email LHS67@comcast.net for further information.

Livonia Bentley High School

Class of 1957
A 50th reunion Saturday, June 9, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100

Merriman Road, Livonia. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30. Cost \$45 per person due May 1. For information, call Janice Sue Fernandez, (734)427-1288.

Livonia Churchill

Classes of 1971-2007
Alumni Summer Bash 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, Nankin Mills Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. No fees but accepting donations. All proceeds over and above costs are being donated to the Western Wayne Skill Center. For more information, call Chris (Don) Nicholson at (734)658-5296 or Chris@ChurchillAlumni.com or Gayle Napolitano Nicholson at (734)728-0393 or Gayle@ChurchillAlumni.com.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@ao.com.

Our Lady of Sorrows

Class of 1966
Aug. 17, 18 and 19. For more information, call Pat Ormsby LaPlante at (248)476-0634.

Redford Thurston High School

Classes of 1957, 1958
A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites, Livonia. For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiraf741@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Mamia@comcast.net

Roseville High School

Class of 1956
A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at all-june1939@scbglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

Royal Oak Dondro High School

Class of June-Jan. of 1959
Seeking classmates for Aug. 4 reunion. Include name, address and e-mail address to: Jean (Elliotte) Palmer 248-435-7875, JPalmer73@aol.com, or Mike Soule 248-853-7483.

Southeastern (Detroit)

Class of 1987
A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313)220-4769 or tntfaison@aol.com

Southfield High School

Class of 1977
A 30th Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007. For further information, contact MDurz@aol.com or lreneSilvermanAbrinSHS1977@comcast.net

St. Anthony Elementary

All classes
Reunion on Oct. 6, 2007 for the Detroit school at 25th and Vernor. Email mrk4yaho.com or call (734)995-9243 for further details and to give your contact information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Brama-Ward

Melissa Brama and Chad Ward were married Nov. 4, 2006, on the beach at sunset at the Sunset Beach Resort in Nassau, Bahamas. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Dianne Coverley.

The bride is the daughter of Cindy Briody of Garden City. She is a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and attended Grand Valley State University. She is an assistant manager at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Kokomo, Ind.

The groom is the son of Sam and Sherry Ward of Rossville, Ind. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is an assistant manager at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in West Lafayette, Ind.

Maid of honor was Chad's sister and Melissa's best friend Renae Ward. Best Man was Matt Toth, Chad's best friend from college. At dinner at Luciano's of Chicago in Nassau immediately followed the wedding attended by family members. The couple will honeymoon at a later date.

They will make their home in Rossville Indiana.



Rutecki-Dainty

William Rutecki of LaVerne, Calif., and Barbara Rutecki of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Geneva Rutecki of East Lansing, to Ryan James Dainty of Mishawaka, Ind.

The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University and is currently teaching in East Lansing.

The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Helen Dainty of Cookerville, Ind. He is a 2004 graduate of the University of Tennessee. He is a master of divinity student at the University of Notre Dame.

An Aug. 4 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth followed by a reception at Plymouth Manor.

The couple will make their home in South Bend, Ind.

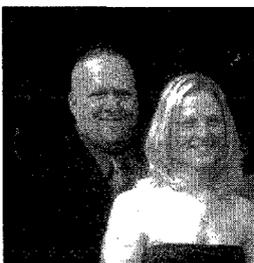
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- Where bride and groom attended (or attend) high school and college and years graduated
- Where bride and groom are employed
- Wedding date
- Wedding location
- Daytime phone number and e-mail address in case we have any questions.
- For wedding announcements, include:
- All of the above, plus
- Clergy's name
- Names and cities of all attendants
- Reception location
- Honeymoon location
- City where couple will reside
- If you have questions regarding your announcement, call (734) 953-2149.



Smith-Rider

Gerrard and Stephanie Smith of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Smith, to Chad Rider of Canton.

The bride-to-be graduated from Plymouth-Canton Schools. She received a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan in 2003. She is employed as a pharmacist at Busch's Pharmacy in Saline.

The prospective groom is the son of Nina Rider of South Lyon. He is a graduate of South Lyon schools. He received master of science degree in information systems management from Lawrence Technological University in 2001. He is employed as an MIS manager for Kalitta Air in Ypsilanti.

A wedding is planned for March 2 at St. Thomas a Becket in Canton.

The couple will make their home in Canton.



Ellen Grace Tomlinson

Jeff and Kelly Tomlinson of Florence, Ky., announce the birth of their daughter, Ellen Grace, on Dec. 4, 2007. The Tomlinsons are former residents of Livonia.

Grandparents are John and Luanne Woodley of Livonia, Len and Cindy Gallagher of Clarkston and Mark and Monica Tomlinson of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are Pat Hope of Livonia, Ilsa deArmas of Redfore and Pat Cardinal of Livonia.



Natalie Irene McCall

Duane and Lynette McCall of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Irene McCall, on Jan. 23, 2007, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Natalie weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces at birth and 21 inches long.

She has a sister, Abby Elizabeth.

Grandparents are Duane and Jill McCall of Dearborn Heights, Emily Clarke of Waterford and Ron and Joanne Clarke of Lake Orion.

Great-grandparents are Emery and Elizabeth Weiss of Mt. Clemens, Myril Lehtinen of Waterford and Bud and Mary Lou Elenbaum of Pigeon.



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JOHN BAFFY

Age 66, February 13, 2007. Beloved husband of Judith for 40 years, loving father of William (Kelly) and Robert (Jennifer), proud grandfather of Christopher. Survived by two sisters and many nieces and nephews. Former youth hockey coach and avid golfer. Private services were held February 16. Memorial donations to Angela Hospice.

CHARLES REED COLLINS

of Livonia died at his home, Friday, February 9, 2007. Charles, beloved son of Dr. Elwood R. and Linda R. Collins, was born November 13, 1970 in Detroit. Charles is survived by his parents, sisters Dr. Janice Collins, Miss Leslie Collins and Dr. Karen Collins-Grady (Dr. Jeff Grady) and nieces and nephews Alexandra, Spencer, Eleanor, Olivia, Bennett and Avery. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth with interment to take place at the family plot in Bad Axe. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion of Livonia, Post 32, 3918 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.



GEORGINA P. CONNELL

Age 88, of Plymouth, passed away February 14, 2007. Born June 28, 1918 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Georgia moved to the Plymouth community in 1979. Retired from the Ford Motor Company as a registered nurse. Served as a flight nurse during WWII in the Army Air Corp. Member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Georgina loved to travel and her travels took her around the world. She also enjoyed the theatre and opera. She was extremely close to and proud of her large, extended family of brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews. She is survived by her sister Phyllis Robinson Feddis; her loving nieces and nephews and their extended families, as well as her sisters-in-law Jessie Brinson and Jean Brinson, brother-in-law Edward David and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband James; her sisters Alma Maher, Lucille David, Theresa Luberto; and her brothers Adolph ("Bus"), Lenwood, Martin, and James Brinson. Funeral service was held Saturday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to The Penickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Rd., Taylor, MI 48180-9990 or to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154-5010. Arrangements were entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth.



EDWARD J. HAHN, JR.

February 13, 2007 Age 95 of Birmingham. Beloved husband of Nora and the late Marion. Brother of the late Eleanor Rich. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Services have been held. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Hospice charity of donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MARGIE ANNE HOEGY

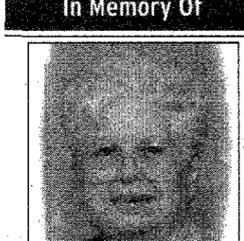
Feb. 15, 2007 (as a result of an auto accident). Age 67, of Grass Lake, formerly of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Louis; Loving mother of Melissa (Dan) Bass; Proud Nana of Abigail; Dear Sister of Beverly (Ted) Regal, Ron (Margo) Traub, Bonnie (Mike) Tyler, and Donna (John) Asher; Loving aunt of seven nieces and five nephews. Visitation Tuesday, 3-9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). In State Wednesday, 10am until 11am. Funeral service at Pa-Ho-Lo Camp and Conference Center Chapel, Grass Lake. To leave a message of condolence, please see:

vermeulenfuneralhome.com

DONALD K. HOFFMAN

Age 90, February 14, 2007. Army veteran of World War II. A resident of Plymouth for over 60 years and member of Newburg United Methodist Church for over 50 years. Survived by his wife of 66 years Mary. Dear father of Sharon (Richard) Waack and Terry Holt and the late Donna Holt. Also leaves five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one sister. Visitation at the Schrader-Howell Funeral home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 2PM from Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

In Memory Of



In Memory of

GRACE A. LAWRENCE

Oct. 25, 1919 - Feb. 19, 1997

The years go by...yet in my heart you shall remain forever young. Somehow...with you the dew and the stars are wondrous things. The dragonflies have fairy wings. Flowers look upon you when you are near and the voice of the turtle rings in my ear.

Loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother
Love, Steve and your entire family

DOROTHY JEAN PHILLIPS

Of Brighton, formerly of Birmingham. Passed away Thursday, February 15, 2007 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was born on March 19, 1929 in Bay City, Michigan, a daughter of John Littlejohn and Bernadine (Sterling) Philip. She moved to Brighton in 2003. Prior to 2003 she had been a resident of Birmingham for 30 years. Miss Phillips was raised in Bay City. Miss Phillips was the owner of the Village Snack Shop in Birmingham for many years. Miss Phillips is survived by her sister; Helen R. Jones of Brighton. Dear aunt of two nieces, two great-nieces and two great-nephews and three great-great-nieces. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Miss Phillips name are suggested to the American Red Cross, Livingston County Chapter, 1372 W. Grand River, Howell, Michigan 48843.

ROBERT POLLOCK

Age 92 and lifelong resident of Birmingham, died on February 13, 2007 at Mercy Bellbrook Assisted Living in Rochester. Mr. Pollock was born on April 23, 1914 to the late Victor M. and Ethel M. (Meraw) Pollock. Mr. Pollock worked for the Detroit Edison Company, retiring in 1979 after 45 years of service. He is a veteran of World War II where he served in the Army. Mr. Pollock was a member of Holy Name Church and was one of the founding parishioners. Mr. Pollock is survived by his daughters, Kathleen Mary (Larry A.) McCurdy and Susan JoAnn (Carl H.) Schmidt; grandchildren, Kimberlee Sue (Timothy J.) Easterday, John Michael McCurdy, Melissa JoAnn (George J.) Zeff, Carl Robert, Elisabeth Anne, and Emily Elisabeth Schmidt; Great-grandchildren, Evelyn R. McCurdy and Gaia Arielle McCurdy. He is preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Virginia (nee Howell) and brother, Phillip M. Pollock. Funeral was held at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, Friday 10:30am. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors.

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March is Brain Injury Author tells kids to set goals for success Awareness Month

BY SHARON DARGAY
COMMUNITY LIFE EDITOR

March 1 marks the beginning of Brain Injury Awareness Month in the United States.

In Michigan, a kick-off rally will be held at our State Capitol Building in Lansing.

Michigan is the only known state to hold a kick-off rally and it is more than a little known secret that we have been doing so for eight consecutive years!

This year's rally will be the Eighth Annual conducted by our own Farmington Hills "Therapy Choir." This unique group of men and women are recovering from traumatic brain injuries, which are often accompanied with mental illness and substance abuse problems.

The Therapy Choir has been removing the stigma of these words for all audiences, far and wide, for the past nine years. The choir is headquartered at Broe Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in Farmington Hills which has serviced thousands of brain injured individuals over the past 20 years.

The choir has given over 145 free performances for our community and neighboring communities to increase awareness and break the silence about traumatic brain injuries and the related problems which occur every 21 seconds in America.

This year's rally will be co-sponsored by Farmington Hills State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi and State Sen. Gilda Jacobs. The rally takes place on Wednesday Feb. 28 from noon to 1 p.m. in the beautiful Atrium of our State Capitol. It is free and open to the public. A "Fill the Atrium" campaign may occur with our Farmington First Methodist Church whereby interested folks might share transportation or perhaps a bus. (Call Volunteer Voice Coordinator Terry Mock at (248) 505-3951 for informa-



Chatroom

Len McCulloch

tion). The church, you know, donated their choir robes to the choir when it began in 1997.

Word has come to us that 60-80 percent of our wounded military returning from Iraq have traumatic brain injuries. The Therapy Choir's new goal is to open its membership to veterans and their families and allow the military to use our choir to raise awareness about this epidemic and need for treatment providers beyond our VA system.

Do think seriously about attending this rally and learning more about traumatic brain injury which is so prevalent in our youth (through sports and abuse), in teens (through violence and drugs and drinking), in adults (through motor vehicle accidents and violence) and in our elderly (through falls and accidents). These are the chief causes. Prevention is the chief cure.

Also know that The Therapy Choir has opened its membership to all in our community through its Volunteer Voices Program. Anyone with or without a disability is welcome to join-up with us. We are a therapy choir and no singing ability is required! We are advocating education, awareness, and inspiration on our continuing "Tour of Hope."

Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is the creator and Director of The Therapy Choir. He is credentialed in mental health, brain injury, substance abuse and social work. For information call him at (248) 474-2763 ext. 22.

Larry Cole, of Farmington, became an author last year to keep kids from falling "through the cracks" and turning into adults on "a fast track to nowhere."

"I thought if I could get to those kids earlier, I could get them on the right track and make their lives better. I'd write a series of short stories, make the print larger and add extra space between the lines. It'd be an easy read." The story portion of his paperback, *Don't Blame Me!*, runs only 100 pages, but packs in concepts about goal-setting, organization, and overcoming obstacles. He also includes pages of motivational quotes ("Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings"), rules for success and a photo gallery of "champions." His "Goal Tender," a score sheet for keeping track of chores and goals, is inserted into every book.

Cole, who coached Little League baseball for many years and works as an airline captain, says he strongly believes in the need for children and teens to set and achieve small, realistic goals that might be stepping stones to larger goals. He taught his son to set goals at an early age. The 26-year-old is finishing his law school degree.

"Put a big goal in front of you and you'll look at it very day. It will be overwhelming and you'll say, 'No way can I do that.' But put the big goal aside and put baby steps in front and you achieve the first one. You're a little closer now and the big goal is possible."

His short stories each illustrate a goal.

There's Rudy, the aspiring actor, who is too shy to audition. The school drama teacher helps him overcome his fears by guiding him through baby steps.

After reading a script out loud to her, he musters the courage to meet new people each day, eventually speaking to small groups and then large groups.

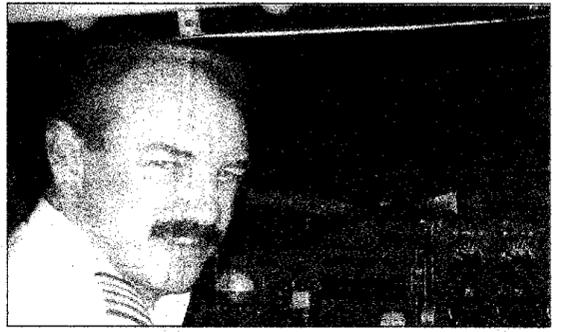
Joey, the aspiring baseball player, needed to improve hitting, catching and throwing before he'd earn a spot on a team at the playground.

"Instead of trying to improve on everything at once, he'd focus on one phase of the game at a time," Cole wrote. The boy watched baseball, read about technique and then practiced until he strengthened all of his skills and eventually made the team.

"The goal has to be written down and there has to be a deadline. Without a deadline a goal is just a wish," Cole said. "A goal is a goal, even if it's a selfish goal, like 'I want a new sweater.' You still have to work to achieve it. Once they become a part of your daily life, goals become routine."

ADULTS NEED GOALS

Cole stresses that goal-setting early in life can lead to a happier, more fulfilling adulthood. Without goals, even adults flounder. He tells the story of a co-pilot, Buzz, who had "settled into a comfortable rut" at his job, not bothering to achieve beyond his



Author and airline pilot Larry Cole of Farmington.

co-pilot rating. Buzz wasn't prepared when his employer offered to test him for the pilot rank. He failed, but the airline gave him a month to study and re-take the test. Cole helped him set goals and eventually Buzz passed the test. They also worked on Buzz's pompous attitude toward other workers, using the same mini-goal method.

"He wouldn't talk to people," Cole said, adding that Buzz didn't know the name of the hangar janitor he saw every day.

"And then I pointed out to him that throughout his career as a captain he would meet many people," Cole wrote. "All are significant. They deserve your attention and kindness, even if all you do is smile and say hello."

Cole has sold his books primarily through craft fairs and through his Web site, www.dontblamelarry.com.

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Pedophiles offer warnings

Psychotherapist talks with sexual offenders

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

No one disputes psychotherapist Dan O'Neil's comment that sex offenders are never cured. Five out of the eight men attending O'Neil's Monday night group therapy session are pedophiles.

These men will be the first to tell you there isn't a day goes by that they don't struggle to overcome their urges. They're here because they were court ordered, but say they want help after realizing the damage they've done to children. Most of them have been in therapy with O'Neil for about one year. Initially, all minimized the harm they caused their victims.

Ted went into his 15-year-old daughter's bedroom one night to fondle her breasts. He received two years probation and a mandate to complete O'Neil's Sex Offenders Treatment Program at the Birmingham Maple Clinic, an outpatient therapeutic resource for individuals and families in Troy. Here, the men pull no punches during the session as they try to expose the reasons for their behaviors.

O'Neil has to eventually put a stop to their interrogation of Bill, a newcomer. The 38-year-old man says he was jailed for a year because of a letter he wrote to his 14-year-old niece, but won't reveal the contents. Ten years earlier, he served time for another sexual assault. The men want to know the details so they can help

him understand that the victims will have to deal with issues of trust, fear, anger and confusion for the rest of their lives. Only then can he begin to change. But do pedophiles really change?

Eric says, it's a lifelong process. He asks is a druggie cured, an alcoholic?

O'Neil says the re-offending rate is low with therapy, but there is no solid method, not even chemical or surgical castration, for changing or stopping pedophiles from fantasizing about children. There are more than 500,000 sexual offenders in the U.S. according to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (www.missingkids.com). O'Neil says about 60 percent of them live in communities under supervision such as probation or parole.

Jack has to remember daily to assess his thoughts and actions. That's why the men feel it's important for parents to listen to their tips so that children don't become victims of a pedophile. When Jack asks Ted what he would tell mothers to keep their children safe, he says to trust their intuition.

When O'Neil began working with disturbed children in 1975, he discovered a high percentage had been sexually assaulted within their family. He says, "incest is underreported. Yet with treatment, the rate of re-offense is only about five percent. If a father assaults his daughter one time, touches her breast and it's not reported, he's going to do it



Psychotherapist Dan O'Neil talks with pedophiles as part of the Sex Offenders Treatment Program at Birmingham Maple Clinic.

again and go farther."

O'Neil sees a number of men who have assaulted a son or daughter. He believes "anyone who has ever touched a child in a sexual manner is a pedophile." About 90 percent are situational offenders — a child care worker, father, stepfather, a father's bowling partner. He says they don't have a healthy adult relationship and are looking for a friend or buddy then sexualize the relationship. Sometimes their judgment is clouded by anger and not having control. Sexually assaulting the child gives them power. O'Neil says these men are the bulk of sexual offenders, not strangers or preferential pedophiles fixated on children.

"My daughter blamed herself, me and her mom," Ted said. "If they suspect something, I would tell them to protect their kids. My wife knew and did very little."

Ted admits he would have denied his actions even if his wife had confronted him, but it might have stopped

him from sexually assaulting his daughter again. Communication is key to preventing and detecting sexual assault in children. Over and over, the men repeated that parents should listen to their kids. Rarely will a child make up a story about a sexual assault, O'Neil said. Moms should at least consider the assault occurred.

When the 11- and 13-year-old daughters of Keith's girlfriend told their mother he'd sexually assaulted them, she didn't believe it even though she'd been molested by her father. O'Neil said denial is not unusual. When a child is sexually assaulted "they can develop a blind spot as an adult and have to be especially vigilant. They may seek out these kind of guys that are predators if not resolved through therapy or by breaking the secret."

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Tips for keeping children safe

Psychotherapist Dan O'Neil says parents have to remain vigilant even though reports of sexual assaults have dropped significantly in the last 10 years. Whether it's due to longer periods of incarceration, treatment, the institution of the sex offender registry, or better education of children, pedophiles are still out there. He estimates about 20 percent of sexual offenders are women.

"You can't spot a pedophile," said O'Neil who runs the Sex Offenders Treatment Program at the Birmingham Maple Clinic in Troy. "They come in all colors. I'd worry when they're taking a kid out to dinner usually alone. They pick timid kids, kids who are needy, some with problems at home."

"I'm always suspicious of males who are always around kids. I used to be an elementary school teacher. I've had predators who were teachers. Pedophiles don't look weird. They can be effeminate or masculine, can act like a pervert or be very religious. Everybody's a suspect."

The Jacob Wetterling Foundation offers tips on keeping your child safe on its Web site www.jwf.org. Here are a few of them:

Talk about family rules. Tell your children not to go with any adult who asks for their help. Adults should ask other adults for help, not children. Most of the people in the world are good, but some are not. Stay away from dangerous situations and behaviors, not certain kinds of people just because they're strangers. A child is most likely to be sexually exploited by someone they know or have seen.

Reassure and regularly communicate with your children at all stages of their lives. Communicating only in times of crisis doesn't encourage children to come forward with needs and concerns in everyday situations.

Tell a child if they're separated from a parent or caregiver in the mall or anywhere else to find a mom who has children and tell her they're lost. Never leave the building with anyone except a parent or caregiver.

Report any unusual activity that you witness related to children or adults. If your intuition tells you something is odd or wrong, it probably is. Trust your instincts and tell your kids to do the same. To prevent risky situations look for these red flags.

■ Adults who want to spend time with your child in isolated situations

■ Children who suddenly withdraw from other children and want to spend more of their time with a particular adult

■ Children who are receiving unexplained gifts, cell phones, event tickets, clothes, etc.

■ Adults who take children to special places where they do not take other children or adults

■ Adults who spend long periods of time alone with a particular child in private place (ex. long trips, overnights, secluded parks/buildings)

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The young girls told a counselor at school. Keith, his girlfriend and her two daughters were all cuddling in bed when he rubbed the inner thigh and kissed the belly of one child then stroked the bottom of the other. O'Neil says it's important to set boundaries. Even the very youngest of children should sleep in their own bed. And all children should be given instructions about good and bad touch.

Mark inappropriately touched the private areas of his 15-year-old stepdaughter. He is one of the men who says he's changed.

"I came here with a 'me' mentality," Mark said. "The sessions opened up my eyes."

"It's putting myself into somebody's shoes, knowing it can cause pain, so I can feel what they feel so my anger isn't channeled the wrong way," said Eric, who blames his mother and childhood bullies for his exhibitionism. He was overweight as a child, so he targeted kids the same age as those who bullied him earlier in life. His mother created a lot of anger in him by constantly beating him up mentally. Through treatment, he "found out a low percentage of sexual crimes are about sex."

Eric says he's not a pedophile and has a relationship with a woman. He was convicted of indecent exposure. Before that, he "had investigated kiddie porn." He tells parents not to let children go into a public bathroom alone.

"I followed him into the bathroom and exposed myself. I didn't believe I was hurting anybody, never touched anybody," Eric said.

Darrin, who raped a woman in Las Vegas, asks if Eric were a father at what age would he let him go to the bathroom by himself. Fifteen was the wrong answer. O'Neil mentioned the case of 15-year-old boy who was raped in a bathroom the week before.

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Too much cardio can be harmful

Jim from Canton e-mails asking for the pluses and minuses of a cardio workout.

Jim, there is no doubt that a good cardio workout is a cornerstone of an effective weight loss program. But, if you are trying to build muscles, don't overdo it!

One of the main culprits in muscle loss can be over-dieting. It suppresses hormones like thyroid and testosterone. But overdoing cardio workouts can be even more damaging than over-dieting when it comes to hormone suppression!

If you do too much cardio, you

are essentially lowering hormone levels that allow you to build muscle and burn fat. That is why too much cardio can be a dead end, causing dramatic loss of muscle mass!

A good rule of thumb is to try to get in four 45-minute cardio sessions a week. If you go over that your muscle building goals might be compromised.

Jill from Warren e-mails and is looking for a new aerobic exercise to improve her workout routine.

Jill, you might want to kickbox your way to better health! A non-contact kickboxing routine is sufficient to improve physical and cardiovascular fitness.

A recent study looked at a group of women weighing an average of

135 pounds. It utilized four kick-boxing routines: Upper body jabs, lower body kicks, a combination of jabs and kicks, plus a conditioning routine. That routine consisted of jumping jacks and simulated rope jumping.

Participants burned the most calories performing a combination of kicks and jabs. Calories were burned at a rate of 6.5 to 8 calories per minute, totaling 450 calories an hour! That is the equivalent to an hour of jogging.

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

FEBRUARY

Workshop

Dealing with Unexpected Loss presented by Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 474-4701. Cost \$10 if your church does not hold a subscription. Focus is how caregivers can provide a sense of hope in the healing relations with care-receivers.

Feldenkrais class

Michele Schoel, physical therapist, begins a six-weeks of Feldenkrais classes 6-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Astarte Yoga Studio, 21894 Farmington, one block south of Nine Mile. Cost is \$55 for series, \$10 prepaid per class, or \$11 per class on walk-in basis. Visit www.feldenkrais.com/method for details on Feldenkrais or call Schoel at (248) 752-0661.

HMR program

Free orientation for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Health Management Resources (HMR) weight management program noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at the Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark. The program includes in-depth lifestyle education, personal coaching and medically supervised treatment. To register, call (734) 655-1783. HMR orientations are also held weekly at the hospital.

Suicide prevention forum

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency will sponsor a suicide prevention forum 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at Youthville Detroit, 7375 Woodward, Detroit. Forum focuses on suicide awareness, intervention, and education for youth ages 13-19 and features a clinical specialist, a young per-

son who attempted suicide and has been in recovery, and activities to help equip youth against suicidal feelings and behaviors. The event is free. Youth under 17 years old must be accompanied by adult to participate. Suicide is responsible for some 200 deaths each year in Wayne County and is the third leading cause of death for 10- to 19-year-olds in Michigan. For suicide intervention, crisis counseling or information about mental health services, call (800) 241-4949.

Half hour to health

Dr. Daniel Laframboise, chiropractor, presents the Half Hour to Health Workshops at 6:15 p.m., in his office at 18444 Farmington Road, Livonia. Feb. 20 topic is How to Make Your Spine Seven Times Stronger, Feb. 27th How to Increase Your Immune System 300-percent, and March 6 The Best Kept Health Secret. Receive new information on health breakthroughs that can change your life, like how to harness three times more of your natural energy and much more. No charge. Seating limited. To register, call (248) 474-5252.

Cultural competency program

Deadline for registration is Feb. 20 for the Oakwood Healthcare System Transcultural Strategic Taskforce seminar on cultural competency 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. The event is open to physicians and health care professionals and features best practices for culturally and linguistically appropriate care. Featured speaker Robert Like, MD, is a leader in delivery of patient centered, culturally competent care from the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Registration fee \$125, \$75 Oakwood

staff and physicians. To register, call (800) 543.WELL.

Thyroid/Adrenal Ailments

6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Dr. Carol Fischer, D.C., presents Fixing Thyroid/Adrenal Ailments Naturally, at the Alfred Noble Library, Livonia. Do you have cold hands/feet, tired all the time, weight issues or depressed? Discover simple, natural solutions. No charge. To register, call (734) 425-8588.

Quilt exhibit

Jacquelyn Johnson-Dawson displays lively, colorful quilts based on stories of life: love, joy, music, art, illness and death, the public is cordially invited to attend an artist's reception 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Nancy Fox Art Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Show continues to April 30. Gallery is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Providence Center for the Healing Arts, located in the Assarian Cancer Center, provides a variety of programs to promote emotional, mental and spiritual well-being for cancer patients, their families and the community. For more information, contact Lori Taylor at (248) 465-5455 or send e-mail to Lorraine.Taylor@providence-stjohnhealth.org.

Body connection classes

Prenatal Yoga, sprinkled with Nutrition, series begins Friday mornings, Feb. 23; Diabetes Connection - Education and Support, Thursday late afternoons beginning March 1, at Body Connection, Royal Oak. For more information, cost or to register, call (248) 390-4150 or visit www.bodyconnection-nia.com.

Tips to prevent frostbite when temperatures drop

Due to recent sub-zero temperatures, the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center has seen an increase in serious cases of frostbite and frostbite-related injuries. Frostbite is damage to the skin and underlying tissues caused by prolonged exposure to extreme cold.

"The most commonly affected areas are ears, nose, cheeks, hands and feet," says Pamela Pucci, a registered nurse educator, U-M Trauma Burn Center. "Children, the elderly and those not dressed for extremely cold temperatures as well as those with poor circulation are at a greater risk."

Pucci urges anyone who must be outside for longer than 20 minutes at a time to exercise extreme caution and offers these simple steps to prevent frostbite.

■ Dress in warm layers with a waterproof outer layer and boots as well as scarves, hats and gloves.

■ Avoid getting wet and remove any wet clothing immediately.

■ Drink plenty of water and

eat regularly.

■ Avoid alcohol, smoking and caffeine as these can lower resistance to frostbite.

■ When traveling, monitor fuel levels closely and always keep blankets, shovels, matches, and other emergency supplies in vehicle.

"Wind chill has been a factor in a number of the frostbite cases we've seen in the past week," said Pucci. "Wind can cause frostbite to set in much more quickly so extra caution should be exercised on windy days."

Frostbite, which can affect the skin in as little as 20 minutes, causes loss of feeling and color to the affected area. If you detect symptoms of frostbite, do not rub or massage the affected area as this may produce further tissue injury. Instead, run warm - not hot - water over affected areas if you suspect you have frostbite. If skin has a white tint and no sensation, seek immediate medical attention.

For more information, call (734) 396-9666 or visit www.traumaburn.org.

Breast cancer patients wanted for acupuncture study

Henry Ford Hospital is conducting a study to test the effectiveness of acupuncture for reducing hot flashes experienced by breast cancer patients receiving hormonal therapy. Researchers hope that the traditional Chinese practice leads to a new treatment option for patients.

"This study has the potential to dramatically decrease the incidence of hot flashes in hormone-treated breast cancer patients," said radiation oncologist Eleanor Walker M.D., the study's lead investigator.

"An alternative form of treatment with minimal or no side effects is needed to improve the quality of life for these patients."

As part of the study, Walker works with acupuncturist Beth Kohn. Patients can choose to participate in the study at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit or the Henry Ford Medical Center, Novi.

'This study has the potential to dramatically decrease the incidence of hot flashes in hormone-treated breast cancer patients.'

Dr. Eleanor Walker
Henry Ford Hospital

Breast cancer patients who are treated with chemotherapy and/or hormonal therapy commonly experience hot flashes and other symptoms of premature menopause. An estimated 65-percent of breast cancer patients experience hot flashes, and in many cases the symptoms are severe.

Hormone replacement therapy - estrogen and progestin - is used to treat hot flashes in many women. However, HRT is not used in breast cancer patients who have hot flashes because of evidence that it

poses a high risk of cancer recurrence.

Walker said, the antidepressant drug Effexor is one of the most common therapies for treating hot flashes in breast cancer patients. Prozac and Paxil also have shown to be effective. These drugs work to control various neurotransmitters in the brain, some of which are believed to be associated with hot flashes, including opioids. Acupuncture releases endorphins in the body that may affect opioid levels. But many breast cancer patients don't take Effexor either because of its side effects - sexual dysfunction and nausea among them - or because they don't want more medication on top of what they're already receiving, Walker said.

Seventy of the 140 patients enrolled in the two-year study will be randomly assigned to receive acupuncture for 12 weeks. The other

half will receive Effexor over the same time period. Data will be collected at quarterly intervals in the first year. Researchers will test the effectiveness of acupuncture for reducing hot flashes and if it has fewer side effects than Effexor.

Eligible participants are pre- or postmenopausal breast cancer patients receiving hormonal therapy with either the anti-estrogen drug tamoxifen or arimidex, patients who experience 14 hot flashes a week, patients who completed chemotherapy, and patients on hormonal therapy for at least four weeks.

Henry Ford researchers Walker, Robert Levine, Ph.D., and Alba Rodriguez, Ph.D. were awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to conduct the study.

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FIBROMYALGIA IN WINTER

Winter compounds the problems of living with fibromyalgia. The cold, limited daylight, the grey landscape, the burden of boots and overcoats, the worry whether the car will start, or the road will turn icy and dangerous, affects all of us.

If you have fibromyalgia, the effect doubles. Winter does more than heighten your concerns and deepens any tendency to becoming depressed. Winter also brings an additional obstacle to your exercise program.

In fibromyalgia, daily exercise is as important as any medication; some physicians rank exercise as the treatment of choice. In winter, you face snow, cold and ice that can make a walk around the block impossible. In Michigan, road conditions can change suddenly for the worse, making the gym or pool dangerous to access. Putting a treadmill in your basement often represents an alternative too bleak to consider.

An escape to Florida, Arizona, California or the Caribbean is ideal but unrealistic. Instead, you are left to make do until mid March. Then Michigan generates sufficient warmth and heat to allow you to return to a regimen of daily exercise and an inviting environment.

One way to prevent a worsening of your condition now is to fill your weekend with as many activities as possible. Put on hold the idea that the weekend is a time you must catch up on chores and responsibilities. If winter is no joy, you need to find joy in winter.

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Elegant competitor

Bloomfield woman preparing to defend her world champion ballroom dance title

BY SHARON DARGAY
COMMUNITY LIFE EDITOR

In rehab nursing, Kay Ford is known as "the velvet hammer" because of her thorough, get-it-done demeanor.

But on the ballroom dance floor, Ford is smooth as silk, whether quick-stepping in 2 1/2-inch heels, gliding to the Viennese waltz or making precise, dramatic tango moves.

"I'm a competitive person with myself and a perfectionist," said Ford, who will be 69 in March, the same month in which she will defend her world championship title in International Standard ballroom dancing. "I'm very dedicated to learning and that's different than just going out and dancing. It's a way of life. I'm serious about it."

"I wanted to be a dancer all my life."

Although she danced ballet on pointe and took a little tap when she was growing up in the Saginaw area, she put her dreams on hold to major in broadcasting at Michigan State, marry her husband, Robert, raise three children, take on a second career in nursing at age 32, attain a master's degree and start her own rehab nursing business, working with patients injured in vehicular accidents, their insurance carriers and doctors.

While still maintaining her nursing caseload, Ford, now a grandmother, started ballroom dancing 15 years ago and has steadily moved through its ranks from bronze to gold level, winning titles along the way. She dances in pro-am competitions with her teachers, Igor Litvinov, Professional International Standard champion, and John Abrams, four-time U.S. American Rhythm dance runner-up.

FOUR STYLES

Ford competes in two of the four ballroom dance styles: International Standard and American Ballroom. American

MICHIGAN DANCE CHALLENGE

What: Kay Ford of Bloomfield Hills will defend her title in the International Standard senior division of this ballroom dance competition

When: Sessions at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29; 9 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 30; 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31.

Where: Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

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Rhythm and International Latin are the other two categories. The international styles came from Europe and are the forerunners of American ballroom.

Litvinov, who lives in New Jersey and competes professionally with Yulia Ivleva, coaches Ford in International Standard, which consists of tango, waltz, foxtrot, Viennese waltz and quickstep. Abrams dances with Lena Sidyelnikova out of the studio he co-owns in Milwaukee, Wis., and teaches Ford American Smooth ballroom, which includes tango, waltz, foxtrot and Viennese waltz. She's also working with him on lifts.

"Oh my God, it's like flying. The first time I did one was last June. I had so much fun. I did little bitty lifts and now I have to do big ones. I have to trust him. I don't have any fear. He's very strong," Ford said.

"John flies here from Milwaukee and that's how I've been able to do American ballroom. He comes in once a month and I take 15 lessons from him. He has a theater production in Wisconsin in June and I'm going to be a stripper. We're trying to get me away from being this sophisti-

cated standard dancer. We're even talking about perhaps doing a rap because we're trying to get me to be very different."

"Igor thinks that John's teachings are getting me to be more theatrical."

LONG-DISTANCE DANCER

Every month, Ford flies to New York and then drives to New Jersey to meet with Litvinov and Ivleva. During her 2 1/2-day stay, she takes 15 lessons. At home, she practices without a partner and studies her homework.

"There are 42 steps to learn in just the waltz alone," Ford says, showing a dance pattern Yulia had drawn for her. "They gave me three like this with the name of the step, the sequence, the alignment. You can see it's a very scientific thing."

They also quiz her about dance, asking questions about weight distribution for particular moves and proper foot placement.

"I was honored when they accepted me," she said. "It's a lot of work to have an out-of-town student. You've got to have resources, motivation and be able to sustain it. Now they are trying to save me money by

meeting me at the airport. It's very expensive to dance with two different men, but I'm able to do 15 lessons, five without stopping, because I'm physically pretty conditioned. The one gift I have is energy."

IN SHAPE

Abrams has encouraged Ford to begin stretching exercises to help with flexibility during lifts. Litvinov wants her to incorporate some ballet into her dance practice.

"If I could, I'd be a walker. I like to walk, especially if I have to think about problems with my patients," she said, adding that discipline, consistency, proper eating and "visualization of being a winner" are essential to success in competitive dance.

"Avoid high-sugar foods, get rest, avoid caffeine and stay steady. You have to have endurance. And if you can't see yourself winning, you're not going to."



Kay Ford, 68, of Bloomfield Hills began ballroom dancing 15 years ago. She won a world title in a pro-am competition, dancing with her teacher, Igor Litvinov.

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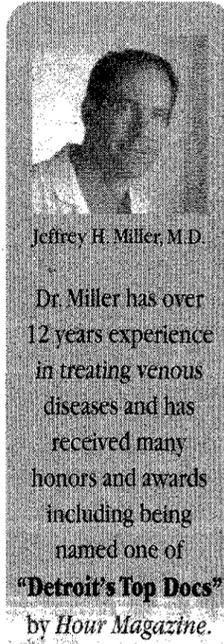


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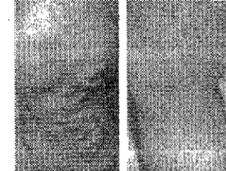
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