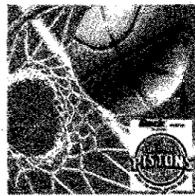


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Pay hikes? Council says yes, no

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A united Westland City Council has rejected election-year pay raises offered to its seven members by a local commission that sets salaries for elected officials.

But, in a split decision, the council chose not to meddle in 1 percent salary increases approved next year for the mayor and city clerk.

In a 7-0 vote Monday night, the council refused to accept pay hikes of 1 percent this year and 1 percent next year. The decision spurned increases approved in February by the Local Officers Compensation Commission.

As such, pay levels will remain at \$12,515 for council members, \$13,760 for the council president and \$13,137 for the president pro tem.

Cheryl Graunstadt, the president pro tem, led the charge against pay raises in a series of motions made during Monday's

council meeting.

Had the council not placed the issue on the agenda, the raises would automatically have taken effect.

"I feel very strongly that pay increases should be decided in public," she said after the meeting. "We should vote them up or down."

Graunstadt also cited financial reasons in opposing the pay raises. This spring, city officials will start budget talks.

Under city rules, five of seven council members have to vote against the LOCC-approved pay raises to block them.

That said, the council fell one vote short of blocking a 1 percent salary increase that will take effect next year for the mayor, whose salary will inch up from \$95,974 to \$96,934.

The mayor's salary will remain unchanged this year. Mayor William Wild had told the *Observer* that he didn't want a pay increase this year, saying city officials needed time to assess the budget.

Graunstadt and council colleagues Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer and Charles Pickering voted against the mayoral salary increase for next Jan. 1. Council members James Godbout, Dewey Reeves and Robert Stottlemeyer chose to let the 1 percent raise stand.

The vote was similar for the city clerk's salary, which will increase 1 percent next January from \$86,989 to \$87,859. The only difference in the vote was that Johnson abstained to avoid a conflict of interest because Clerk Eileen DeHart is his sister.

The pay raise issue came in an election year in which the council seats of Godbout, Johnson, Kehrer and Reeves will be on the ballot.

DeHart also plans to seek re-election this year, and mayoral appointee Wild has said he will seek election. Pickering also has said he is considering a mayoral bid.

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James Ridener, Westland's eighth police chief, sits in the Big Chair as he started his first week on the job.

Ridener: 'Great honor to be chief'

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

James Ridener's climb to the position of Westland police chief started when he was 12 years old.

Sure, he watched television cop shows like *The Rookies*, *Starsky & Hutch* and reruns of *Dragnet*.

But a larger influence came from his Allen Park hockey coach - a police officer who

arrived for practice in a uniform and a patrol car.

"When you're young, all those things look cool - the car, the uniform," Ridener said. "And I could see that being a police officer was a chance to help somebody out. I thought that was pretty neat, too."

Ridener, 43, reflected on his career as he sat in his new office Monday, starting his first week

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Madison Elementary fourth-grader Courtney Hendra tries to hold back the tears at the bucket filling workshop where she made a list of why she loved her stepfather who passed away last year.

Kind words, good deeds that count

Bucket Man teaches students how to be fillers, not dippers

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

By the time Jordan Tumminello left the library of Madison Elementary School Thursday morning, he was closing in on 60 reasons why he loved and respected his mother.

By the end of the day, he was at 100 and still going strong.

"She jokes with, she laughs with me, she's concerned about me," he wrote on his sheet of paper. "She encourages me. She'll do anything for me."

His sentiments reflected the views of fellow fifth-graders who were in the library for an intensive bucket filling

workshop with none other than the Bucket Man, Merrill Lundgren.

The Brighton resident and his daughter, Stacey Lundgren, spent the morning working with fourth- and fifth-graders on his concept bucket filling which fills the pages of Carol McCloud's book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids*.

Closing in on age 88, Lundgren used the dash between his birth year and what will some day be his year of passing to show the students while they can't guarantee how long their dash will be, they "can guarantee it's a happy dash" through good deeds and kind words.

The Lundgrens showed students the difference between a filler and a dipper, using a day at school filled as an example.

The bucket dipper calls the student who fell getting on bus a klutz and doesn't help her gather her books. A bucket dipper won't let a student sit with her at lunch and tells her to go sit by herself. A bucket dipper knocks the student down in the hall and doesn't stop.

The bucket filler, on the other hand, asks if the student is OK, sits with her at lunch and stops to apologize for knocking her down.

PLEASE SEE BUCKET FILLERS, A4

Police ticket 2 men after melee at bar

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Patrons fled a Westland bar after two men - friends of a new owner - sprayed Mace and threatened some customers with a metal baton, police said.

The melee erupted about 1:15 a.m. Sunday inside Farwell & Friends, a popular bar and restaurant on Middlebelt between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail.

The incident resulted in the two men, ages 41 and 42, being arrested and issued misdemeanor tickets for assault and battery and possession of a dangerous weapon, police Sgt. Thad Nelson confirmed.

Westland police officers went to the bar after receiving reports of a large fight. They arrived and found patrons outside suffering the effects of Mace, according to official reports.

Victims and witnesses told police the incident erupted after some patrons became upset that a new owner was making crude jokes on stage.

Two victims and a witness told authorities they were trying to leave Farwell & Friends when one of the suspects began spraying Mace while another produced what was described as a metal, collapsible baton.

One man told police he was

hit by the baton, Nelson said. One woman also claimed that an attacker threatened to hit her in the head with the weapon.

Mark Rhodes, 45, said he was sprayed with Mace and struck with the object. He had gone to the bar with his wife and another couple.

"It was just unbelievable. It was crazy," said Rhodes, a Waterford resident. "I met my wife there six years ago. Now it's a place we can't even go back to."

Rhodes said he found himself crawling after being pushed to the floor. He called it ridiculous that such an incident would erupt simply because the people at his table booed what they considered crude remarks made to a band and patrons.

"I don't want this to happen to anybody else," he said, adding that he is consulting an attorney.

One of the accused attackers denied to police that he swung the metal baton at anyone. He also denied being a bouncer for the bar, police said.

Another accused assailant denied having Mace. He also told police that he was attacked from behind and was on the ground being choked.

An attempt to reach the new owner of Farwell & Friends was unsuccessful.

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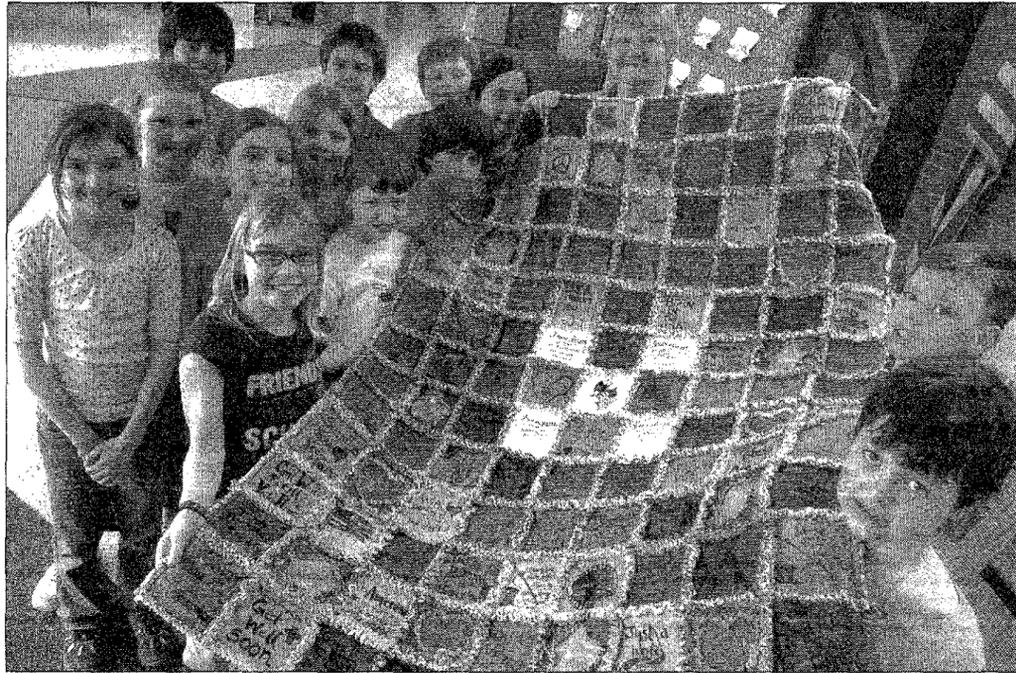
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Coming Sunday in Health



Wellness center offers
proactive approach to health.



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Hoover Elementary School students with school cook Kathy Mendrzycki display a quilt put together with messages from the students that will be sent to injured soldiers.

Pupils patch together a piece of home for injured soldiers

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

The Service Squad students at Hoover Elementary are doing some interesting things with their old blue jeans. They're cutting them up, but not out of any nod to new fashion trends.

The kids are slicing their pants into squares they've decorated with messages for injured soldiers. The squares are sewn into quilts which are then delivered to service people in military hospitals all over the world.

Karen Mendrzycki works in Hoover's kitchens and has a son in the Army. She is a member of the Michigan Military Moms, a parents' support group.

"The kids decorate the squares and I send them off to a woman in Woodhaven who turns them into quilts," she said. "I did three before I started involving the kids."

Elizabeth Casella, 9, is a fourth-grader at Hoover and has done the most squares of any of the kids taking part in the program.

"It took me a day to do a

whole stack," she said. "I gave up about eight pairs of jeans out of my closet. I only kept the pairs that still fit."

Alex Duncan, also 9 years old, said it was about letting wounded soldiers know they were being thought of.

"I want to help them so they didn't feel alone in the hospital," he said. "I wanted them to feel like someone cares. It's like a gift, we're saying thanks."

Mary David of Canton is also a member of the Michigan Military Moms, she has a son in the Marines now. The quilt-making operation is just one of the things they do.

"We also put together care packages for wounded soldiers," she said. "The packages contain small items, toiletries and the like, everything a soldier might need in an environment where everything they wore when they came in the door has been cut off and thrown away."

For more information, visit operationquietcomfort.com or the michiganmilitarymoms.org website or call Chairman Maureen Van Hooser at (313) 673-7896.

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Hoover fourth-grader Elizabeth Casella writes out a message on a piece of denim that will be sewn together with other messages into a quilt that will be sent to injured soldiers.

The kids are slicing their pants into squares they've decorated with messages for injured soldiers. The squares are sewn into quilts which are then delivered to service people in military hospitals all over the world.

Three men are charged in carjackings at The Landings

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Three carjacking defendants face a Westland court hearing today following two incidents within two weeks at The Landings, a sprawling apartment complex near Warren and Central City Parkway.

Willie Antonio Williams, 23, his brother, Willie Jerome Williams, 20, and Donte Lashawn Bailey, 17, face a preliminary hearing today in Westland District Court.

The Williams brothers, both of Detroit, and Bailey, a Westland resident, are accused of taking a man's 2006 Mercedes at gunpoint about 1:45 a.m. Wednesday of last week.

Authorities captured the suspects during a traffic stop by Livonia police on I-96 near Inkster Road.

Further investigation led to charges against the older Williams and Bailey for a similar carjacking that police said happened one week earlier, when a man's Grand Prix was taken at The Landings.

No shots were fired and no one was injured during either of the incidents.

The Williams brothers and Bailey are scheduled to appear before Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos today for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether they should stand trial.

The older Williams and Bailey are charged with two counts each of carjacking, armed robbery and felony firearm. The older Williams also is charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

The younger Williams is charged with carjacking, armed robbery, felony firearm and carrying a concealed weapon, according to a court clerk.

Not-guilty pleas have been entered for all three defendants. They remain jailed on \$300,000 cash bonds set last Thursday by Westland District Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

If convicted, the three defendants could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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Relay for Life organizers rally to build annual event

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

In all, 21 fund-raising teams already have formed for Westland's seventh Relay for Life - an event that helps the American Cancer Society.

Organizers hope to draw 35 teams into the fold, in an effort to top the \$100,000 mark.

"I believe we're right on track to hit our event goals," said Holly Soranno, ACS community representative.

The campaign will begin in earnest during a kickoff party planned for 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman south of Avondale.

"This is a one-hour informational community rally to find out more about how to get involved in Relay for Life and to learn more about the American Cancer Society," Soranno said. "This is the perfect time to come and find out more about the event."

Those who can't attend but want to become involved may contact Soranno by calling her at (248) 483-4359 or e-mailing her at

holly.soranno@cancer.org.

Soranno has offered to help teams develop fund-raising campaigns. Some groups already have started raising money for the 24-hour Relay, which will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9.

Relay for Life will be in Jaycee Park at Wildwood and Hunter. It has been moved from Central City Park, which is fenced off as state environmental workers assess a problem of lead contamination.

"We're excited about this year's event and the new location," Soranno said.

Westland City Councilman Michael Kehrer, involved in helping to publicize the event, said Jaycee Park is located in a more residential area. However, he has said attempts will be made to keep noise and lighting levels as low as possible.

The event will include bands, children's games and numerous activities, including ceremonies honoring cancer survivors and those who lost their battle with the disease.

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Forum tackles immigration issues

BY WAYNE PEAL
STAFF WRITER

Immigration is one of the hottest political issues around, and a March 24 forum in Southfield promises a multidimensional look at the issue.

"We are looking to present all sides of the issue," said Judy Bateman of the League of Women Voters Detroit Metropolitan Area, which will present the two-hour forum

"Immigration Policies and Human Rights in Michigan Before and After Sept. 11" at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Southfield Public Library.

The forum comes after action by the league at the national level.

"It was decided to study the issue for two years," said Bateman, a Huntington Woods resident.

Though the league does not endorse political candidates, it

periodically takes stands on pressing social issues.

Undocumented immigrants from Mexico became a major political issue during the 2006 election, especially as President George W. Bush failed to garner support within his party for a guest worker program which would allow immigrants to continue to work in this country under certain provisions.

The Southfield forum will feature University of Detroit-Mercy

professor David Koelsch, a self-described "conservative humanitarian" and secretary of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, as well as attorney Scott Cooper, the organization's president.

The Southfield Public Library is at 26300 Evergreen, south of I-696.

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Bowling with Bunny

Join the Grange and bowl with the Easter Bunny 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at Town 'N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, just south of Avondale. Each participant will receive one game of bowling, shoe rental, a hot dog and soda. Tickets are \$7 per person. A portion of proceeds will go to charity. To register, call (734) 722-6478 after 6 p.m.

Arts and crafts

Fourth-graders at Hayes Elementary School will hold an arts and crafts fund-raiser 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the school, 30600 Louise, Westland. In addition to several exhibitors, there will be a kids craft table and activities for a fee, door prizes and bake sale. Admission is free.

Dems meet

The Westland Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at the Dorsey Center on Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue. The board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Call Mike Short at (734) 788-1550.

Coffee hour

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, will hold two events in Wayne Monday, March 26: a coffee hour in the morning and a town hall on strengthening education in the evening.

Residents can join Corriveau for a cup of coffee and conversation 8-9 a.m. at Cozy Corner, 35111 W. Michigan Ave., and a town hall meeting on the importance of strengthening education in Michigan at 7 p.m. at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road.

Democratic Dinner

Presidential candidate John Edwards will be the keynote speaker at the Michigan Democratic Party's 2007 Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner Saturday, April 21, at Cobo Center in Detroit. Call the Michigan Democratic Party at (517) 371-5410 or Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard at (313) 224-0902.

Open skating

Residents can enjoy open skating noon-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, noon-1:45 p.m. and 6-6:50 p.m. Friday and 1-2:20 p.m. Saturday at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, just north of Ford. Admission is \$2.50 for children and senior citizens and \$3.50 for adults during the week and \$1 more on Saturday. Skate rental is \$2.50.

A 'Wild' skater

Residents are invited to skate with Mayor William Wild 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the city's Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

Admission is free, but Wild is asking participants to donate money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event, coming this summer.

Wild has organized a team called Wild's Walkers, which has a theme of "Take A Walk On The Wild Side." Anyone who donates to Relay for Life during the skating event will receive a complimentary Wild's Walkers T-shirt.

Retired Westland police chief is county's new undersheriff

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans officially announced Monday that he has named newly retired Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes as his new undersheriff, making Pfannes the second-highest ranking officer in Michigan's second-largest police department.

Pfannes, 47, replaces Harold Cureton, who retired early this year after serving as undersheriff for two years.

"In the four years that I have been sheriff, my office has had no better partner in the law enforcement community than Dan Pfannes," Evans said. "He is bright, experienced and, above all, an excellent administrator. We are very fortunate to have him join our team."

Pfannes officially began his duties this week. As undersheriff, he will oversee all day-to-day police operations of the sheriff's office. That includes court and jail operations and the department's field services section, which includes all land and marine patrol activities, fugitive apprehension, and specialty units such as Internet Crime, Missing & Exploited Children's Task Force, Mounted Unit, Detective Bureau, Deed Fraud, Auto Theft, Special Response Team and more.

Pfannes, who has spent his entire law enforcement career in Westland, worked his way steadily through the ranks, eventually being named chief in 2003. He joined the department in 1982.

Pfannes has served the Westland community as a police officer, evidence technician, detective, special investigations unit commander, SWAT commander and executive level administrator.



Former Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes, with Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, is sworn in as undersheriff.

He has also served on a number of multi-agency task forces that have operated in the region. While working as a police officer, Pfannes obtained a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit.

He is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan and Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

"Mr. Pfannes' prior experience as a suburban police chief will bring an important perspective to my administration as we look toward more regional and collaborative approaches to making Wayne County safer," Evans said.

During his 25 years in Westland, Pfannes received numerous citations and commendations for his role in major crime investigations including homicide, rape and robbery.

Pfannes said he looks forward to playing an important role on Evans' team.

"I always have had a great

deal of respect for Sheriff Evans and his staff," Pfannes said. "As a local police chief, I appreciated his commitment to supporting local agencies and developing data-driven crime reduction strategies. I look forward to being a part of what I believe to be one of the best and brightest law enforcement teams in the nation."

The sheriff's office has an annual operating budget of approximately \$120 million and employs more than 1,300 officers and civilian employees.

In addition to operating three jails and providing court security, the office operates a broad range of street units, including Secondary Road Patrol, Highland Park Patrol, Fugitive Apprehension Service Team, Missing & Exploited Children's Task Force, Narcotics & Morality Enforcement, Detective Bureau, Park Patrol, Marine Patrol, Special Response Team (SRT), Mounted Unit and more.

RIDENER

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as chief of the 102-officer Westland Police Department.

Ridener ended up in law enforcement after first studying accounting at Henry Ford College and Michigan State University.

"I got to the point where I didn't want to crunch another number," he said. "I really wanted to be with the police."

He called his father, Emmitt, a General Motors Cadillac millwright, and his mother, Joy, a Detroit schoolteacher, to tell them his decision. Then, he took \$2,000 he had saved and headed to a Lansing Community College police academy.

Ridener finished his certification in November 1986 and was hired on Feb. 23, 1987, as a rookie Westland police officer.

Since then, he has worked as a patrol officer, an undercover narcotics officer and a sergeant with the multi-city Metro Street Enforcement Team, working to nab fugitives and perform surveillance of crime suspects.

Ridener earned the rank of lieutenant in 2000, took charge of the detective bureau three years later and now sits in what his predecessor, former Chief Daniel Pfannes, calls the Big Chair.

Nicknamed Pugsley, Ridener found a sticky note from Pfannes when he arrived for work Monday. It read, "Enjoy the Big Chair Pugsley. 3/18/07." One for the scrapbooks.

On a shelf in his office, Ridener has such treasures as a model black-and-white police car, a model 1993 Corvette like the real one he owns, a law-enforcement book, and a photo album that charts his career. But, beware the cookie jar that looks like a police officer. It barks threatening orders to step back. Fortunately, it doesn't shoot.

Sitting in the Big Chair, Ridener recalled highlights of his career. He helped raid and shut down the adult Melody Theater, where "lewd and lascivious"

activities resulted in the forfeiture of nearly \$1 million to the communities of Inkster, Westland, Garden City and Wayne.

As a narcotics officer, Ridener had tense moments, such as one drug dealer who held a short-barrel shotgun while asking whether Ridener was a police officer. His answer: No. Definitely not.

He has been chased down streets with sticks and has rounded up leaders of an Ypsilanti motorcycle club that sold drugs. Through it all, he has made it safely home to his wife, Katie, and their 15-year-old daughter, Alexis.

"My wife has always been very supportive," Ridener said.

When he worked busting drug dealers, he sported a braided ponytail and a beard that rivaled rock stars ZZ Top.

He recalled taking his young daughter with him when he got a haircut after leaving the narcotics unit.

"I took her with me so she would know that it was still Dad," he said.

In his spare time, Ridener enjoys playing softball, golf and hockey, and he enjoys spending time Up North, where his parents have a place.

Ridener has become only the eighth police chief in Westland's 41 years as a city. Pfannes called him "undoubtedly the most qualified man to lead this department forward."

Mayor William Wild also has voiced confidence in Ridener's abilities. As Ridener attended his first Westland City Council meeting on Monday as police chief, Wild said, "I think he's going to do a great job leading the police department into the future."

It's not an assignment Ridener takes lightly.

"I think it's a great honor to be the police chief," he said. "It's a big responsibility, and I'm looking forward to the task."

Starys & Hutch couldn't have put it better. Clearly, Ridener is no longer one of the rookies.

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City, DTE unveil plan for streetlight outages

The city of Westland has unveiled a new program with Detroit Edison aimed at expediting the process of reporting streetlight outages, Mayor William Wild's office has announced.

Westland's Department of Public Service (DPS) has been established as the municipal contact for streetlight outages within the City of Westland.

Westland residents should call Westland's Department of Public Service at (734) 728-1770 to relay the specific streetlight location of a non-working light and the streetlight pole number, which can be found on a 2-inch-by-2-inch placard on the light pole at roughly chest height.

Residents also are encouraged to relay any details about the outage, such as whether

the light stays on during the day or flickers at night. DPS will in turn submit each report to Detroit Edison.

"Quality lighting is essential to providing a safe environment in Westland - that is the most important factor," Wild said. "At the same time, we want to accelerate the process of reporting outages and make it easier for our residents."

Barring issues caused by weather conditions, road construction, and underground cable, the target restoration time for streetlight repairs will be five to seven business days.

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BUCKET FILLERS

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'IT'S A CHOICE'

"It's not a secret, it's a choice," said Stacey Lundgren. "Absolutely everything in life you do is a choice, everything you do has a result. You can choose to be a bucket filler or a bucket dipper."

"When you're nice to someone, you feel nice about yourself."

Merrill Lundgren also used examples of kindness - an unknown young woman who paid for dinner for him and his wife and an airplane attendant who responded to his request for a window seat by upgrading him and his wife to first class after he told her she had a beautiful smile - to demonstrate bucket filling.

"I try every day to fill a bucket," Lundgren told the students. "It's not how long your dash is, but how good your dash is."

And to show students how to fill other people's buckets he had them list at least 10 reasons why they respected their mother, father, grandparent or significant person in their lives.

Then they were told to take the lists home and read them to that person "eyeball to eyeball."

Fourth-grader Courtney Hendra's list was for her late stepfather who died last summer while she was with her father.

"I was crying, but this makes me feel better now," said Courtney, holding her list. "I told him I love and respect him because he respected me; he took me places; he was always happy for me. I love him."

For Brittany Johnson, it was her mother, Jenny, who "makes me smile, loves me, respects me, helps me with my homework and listens to me when I talk."

'STILL LOVE ME'

Raquel Lentine directed her list to her father who has taught her how to play baseball and hockey and helped her with her math among other things.

"Even when you're mad, you still love me," she wrote. "You keep your promises."

Likewise Michael Gibson learned basketball and baseball from his father who "always plays with me."

"You never give up on me when I can't do something," he said

While the fourth- and fifth-graders were introduced to bucket filling in the workshops, younger students learned about it from McCloud who read it from her book at an afternoon assembly.

The workshop led some students and staffers to shed tears at the emotions expressed.

"I'm touched by what I heard and I've seen," said teacher Lynn D'Angelo, calling the students' efforts a wonderful gift for their parents. "You make me feel proud and happy. You have love in your heart. You don't always show it, but you have kindness."

Among those to shed tears was Madison Principal Sue Kelly who decided to bring The Bucket Man to Madison after first-grade teacher Shawn Cornelissen brought in a newspaper story about him and hearing about the concept from Marcia Kreger.

Kreger brought bucket filling concept to her parents, staff and students while principal at Hoover Elementary in Livonia and was filled with the response.

"We used the drops and I had parents write messages for students that we hung around the school," said Kreger who came to Madison to see the workshop.

Kelly thought bucket filling "was a good idea."

"I bought copies of the book for each teacher and silver pails for their personal libraries so they could develop the concept of being a bucket filling school," she said.

By the end of the day, the school was well on its way to accomplishing that as students placed their hands on their hearts and pledged to be bucket fillers in their school life and family life.

"You're powerful enough to create an opportunity to be a bucket filler," Lundgren said. "The hardest thing will be remembering to do it."

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The Bucket Man, Merrill Lundgren, talks to Madison Elementary fifth-graders about kindness and caring and how it can make people feel good about themselves and others.

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Madison Elementary fifth-grader Raquel Lentine reads her list of the reasons why she loves her dad as classmates Taylor Kadlec and Rosebella Silvera listen.

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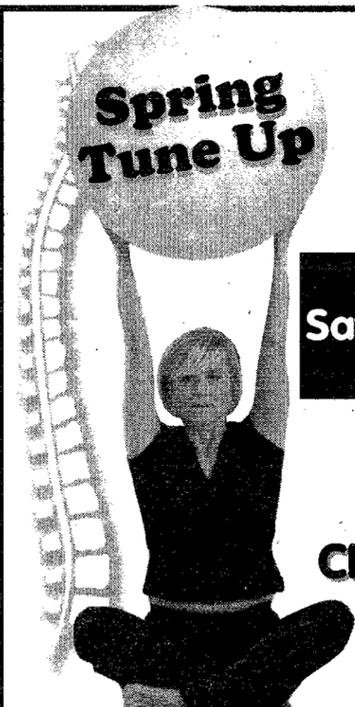
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Authorities crack down on serial drunken drivers

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Police personnel from Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the state police and seven local police departments fanned out across the area recently to haul in serial drunken driving violators before courts and judges on the warrants they've been ignoring.

Operation Last Call, an annual drive to pull the worst drunk drivers off the road around St. Patrick's Day, netted dozens of them last week.

Between Thursday and Saturday, 76 people with outstanding warrants were hauled into jail and the officers nailed another 15 drunk drivers over the weekend, one on his third (felony) arrest. Sheriff Warren Evans said he's satisfied with this year's numbers.

"They're pretty good," he said. "I'm comfortable with 76 for a couple days' work."

He launched the program three years ago after deciding the best way to help local communities deal with drunken drivers was to do more to follow up after their initial arrest.

"There were 7,500 in Wayne County back then," Evans said. "Since we've started we've arrested about 3,000. Due to the age of some of the cases (some have moved away, some have died) that's about half of the original number."

The county's Warrant Enforcement Bureau Commander Chris Clark told participating officers they were doing good works for everyone in the county.

"This is a worthy cause," he said. "Whenever you hear about someone killed by a drunk driver, it's a tragedy. You're involved in a very good operation."

Evans warned that, with St. Patrick's Day around the corner, Operation Last Call was an effort to clear the decks of the worst drunk driv-

ers.

"The singular goal of this operation is a safe St. Patrick's Day for everyone," Evans said. "We hope to achieve that by removing as many known and suspected drunk drivers possible from local roads before they have the chance to hurt themselves or someone else."

Livonia police Sgt. David Studt said all of the people they were going after were people who had been through the system and had still broken the rules.

"These are people who were arrested, posted bond and either didn't show up for court or violated their probation," he said. "You do that and you're screwed."

He added that the targets of the Last Call operation were the worst kind of addicts. The hope is that a jail sentence will force them to dry out and reconsider their lives. In the case of one of the people on the list, a third-time offender who most

recently caused an injury accident while drunk, that didn't work.

"We've got no control over sentencing," Studt said. "Sometime they get right back out on the street. This time, we can go to court and show that the accident and injury was a result of his drinking."

Studt, fellow Livonia Officers Dan Tar and Joe Boitos, and Sheriff's Deputies Corporals Lewis Yokam and Terry Yackley fanned out across Redford and Detroit Thursday afternoon.

It turned out that suspect wasn't at home when officers arrived to arrest him. Later in the day, they struck paydirt in Redford by finding a suspect hiding out in his girlfriend's house.

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Local school chiefs: Alter funding mechanism

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Education has become a big part of the discussion of where Michigan's future is headed.

However, local school superintendents believe those who make the rules in Lansing need to revamp the current system of funding education before changes can be made to accommodate students in the 21st century.

"Our leaders in Lansing, as it pertains to education, have been dismantling education for well over 10 years," said Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland superintendent. "There have been cuts in educational programs, frozen foundation allowances from year to year, as well as other cuts in curriculum and educational programs for our children. We have to look at some very substantial changes to the way we address our educational challenges and needs, and how we are able to sustain those kinds of programs to meet the needs of the new Michigan, as well as the global economy."

Baracy was joined Thursday night by Plymouth-Canton Supt. Jim Ryan and Northville Supt. Leonard Rezmierski at an education forum hosted by newly elected state Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) at the Plymouth District Library.

"We can become a magnet for 21st century jobs for education and economic development," Corriveau said. "But it's going to take some guts and some belief."

However, Ryan has indicated he has little belief — at this time — state lawmakers can make changes in the inequities of the state's per-pupil foundation allowance, as well as reductions in health care and retirement costs, to make Michigan's schools competitive.

"How do we make a budget if we have to adopt it by June 30, but we never know if we're going to get an increase or a cut well past that time?" Ryan asked. "Right now, we're just making our best guess."

"If the two-cent increase in sales tax isn't playing well in the state, what's that cutting-edge thing that's going to put Michigan in front?" he said. "The representative (Corriveau) said nobody is proposing that right now. We're stuck in the Democrat-Republican concepts."

Pauline Koulouberis, principal of Walker-Winter Elementary school in Canton — which is in the Wayne-Westland school district — said the way schools are funded has to be changed — in a big way.

"The competition from China and India is huge, but I don't think people really understand the magnitude of that," Koulouberis said. "The infrastructure of the way education is funded hasn't been working, and our districts are suffering. Something has to change, but it can't be the little things that keep going on."

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Concentrate on what you keep in your pocket

As 2006 tax returns are being prepared, I hear from clients and many others at local seminars about increased tax liability. The general consensus is this is a bad thing. When questioned about the increased tax liability, I don't treat it as a negative but rather a positive. Not that I think the money will be well spent by the government because I don't. The fact they are paying more in taxes is a good thing because it means that they made money.

My focus when it comes to taxes is to concentrate on what ends up in your pocket as opposed to the tax man's pocket. When your primary focus is on taxes, it is on the wrong place.

One question I always ask at seminars is who has as one of their main financial goals to lower their taxes. A substantial number of participants will raise their hand. My next question is why they don't want to win the \$3M lottery. If they win the \$3M lottery, it's going to cost \$1M in taxes. Of course, everyone wants to win the lottery because it's all about what ends up in your pocket. This simple example demonstrates the absurdity of having your primary focus on taxes.

Concentrating on what ends up in your pocket doesn't mean to ignore taxes. The key is to be smart and let the tax law work for you.

For example, if you're saving for a child's college education using a 529 Plan, the Michigan Education Savings Plan makes



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sense. When you use MESP, you can deduct the contribution off your Michigan income tax return. All the income generated by the plan grows tax-free and you have a very good investment with low costs.

Another example of this is to take advantage of the Roth IRA which allows money to grow tax-free, not tax-deferred.

I am always very suspicious when financial salespeople want to discuss the tax savings of an investment as opposed to the economics. Whenever anyone talks taxes first, I generally know that they are putting their emphasis in the wrong place.

There are many strategies that attempt to lower your taxes. As far as I am concerned, the great majority of them make no sense. Yes, they lower your taxes, but they do not increase your wealth.

I see it all the time when people invest in tax-free bonds and think it is a great strategy because it lowers their taxes.

The problem is if they would have invested in a taxable bond and paid the taxes, they would have netted more money. Once again, the concentration should always be what ends up in your pocket.

One strategy I use - which does have the effect of lowering

taxes and at the same time doesn't compromise returns - is the placement of certain investments. When someone has a taxable and a tax-deferred account such as an IRA or a 401(k) plan, I try to put investments that generate ordinary income in the tax-deferred account, while items that will receive capital gains treatment are kept outside of the tax-deferred account.

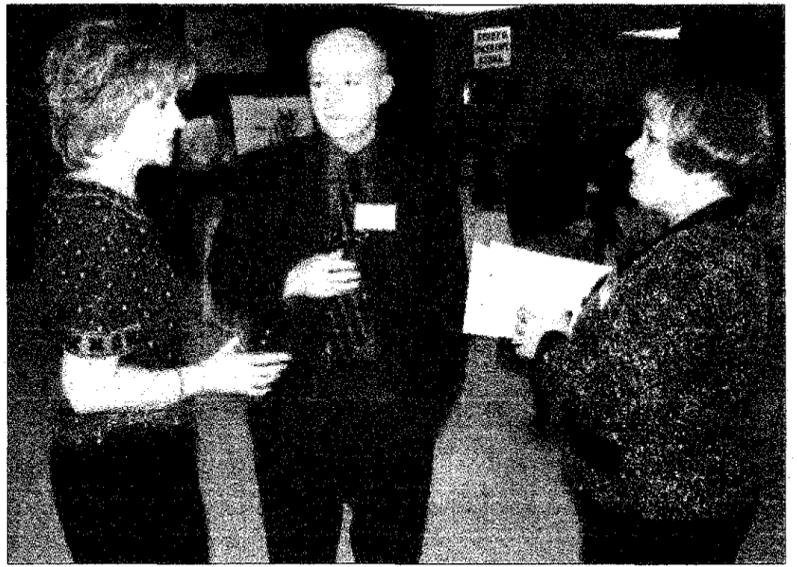
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Our tax laws are complicated and ever-changing. What is a good tax strategy today may not be a good tax strategy next year.

However, no matter what the government does with tax laws, the basic strategy remains the same and that is never let the tax tail wag the dog. Concentrate on what ends up in your pocket and you will make the right decision.

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Board's vote is a step forward

Last week, the Westland Library Board took a step forward in agreeing unanimously to hire a new director.

Its decision to hire Bethel, Pa., library Director Cheryl Napsha hopefully is the first step toward calming the troubled waters that have engulfed the library since the firing of former Director John Patane last May.

Granted, the board must wait for Napsha's formal acceptance of its offer, but all indications are she will take over the job around May 1.

The needs of patrons have been met and that is a testament to the abilities of co-directors Marilyn Kwik and Lisa Hausman to keep the turmoil surrounding the director's position from affecting the employees.

A lot has happened since Patane's firing and, despite the ugliness of a lawsuit and the difficulty in finding a new director, the library has continued to function as it should. The needs of patrons have been met and that is a testament to the abilities of co-directors Marilyn Kwik and Lisa Hausman to keep the turmoil surrounding the director's position from affecting the employees.

Likewise, we are glad to see that the public and elected officials showed enough

interest in the library and what has been happening there to be at the meeting, and while it did not come to fruition, we believe Mayor William Wild's request for an open dialogue was an avenue for the Library Board to show others that it doesn't operate in a vacuum.

We're glad to see the board come together on such an important decision and we hope it is an indication that rifts that may have existed have been erased. Let the unanimity displayed be a prelude to a more settled time for the facility.

Hopefully, with Napsha's arrival, a new era of peace will be ushered in at the library's administrative level. The library can ill afford further conflict without diminishing its prestige in the community and surrounding area.

Schoolcraft makes bold leap to future

As Michigan's beleaguered workforce tries to shift to fit a constantly changing economy, community colleges are playing a key role in that transition.

When Lt. Gov. John Cherry led a commission on post-secondary education it became clear that community colleges were on the cutting edge of training for in demand occupations. Many good occupations didn't require a four-year degree, but they did require the high-quality training that a community college could provide.

Under the leadership of former President Richard McDowell and current President Conway Jeffress, Schoolcraft College has been moving aggressively to fit its curriculum and its physical plant to the job needs of today and tomorrow.

The VisTaTech Center built on the success of the college's renowned culinary arts program to provide a state-of-the-art training facility. In addition, the center keyed into the needs of the business community with high-tech conference facilities and computer labs.

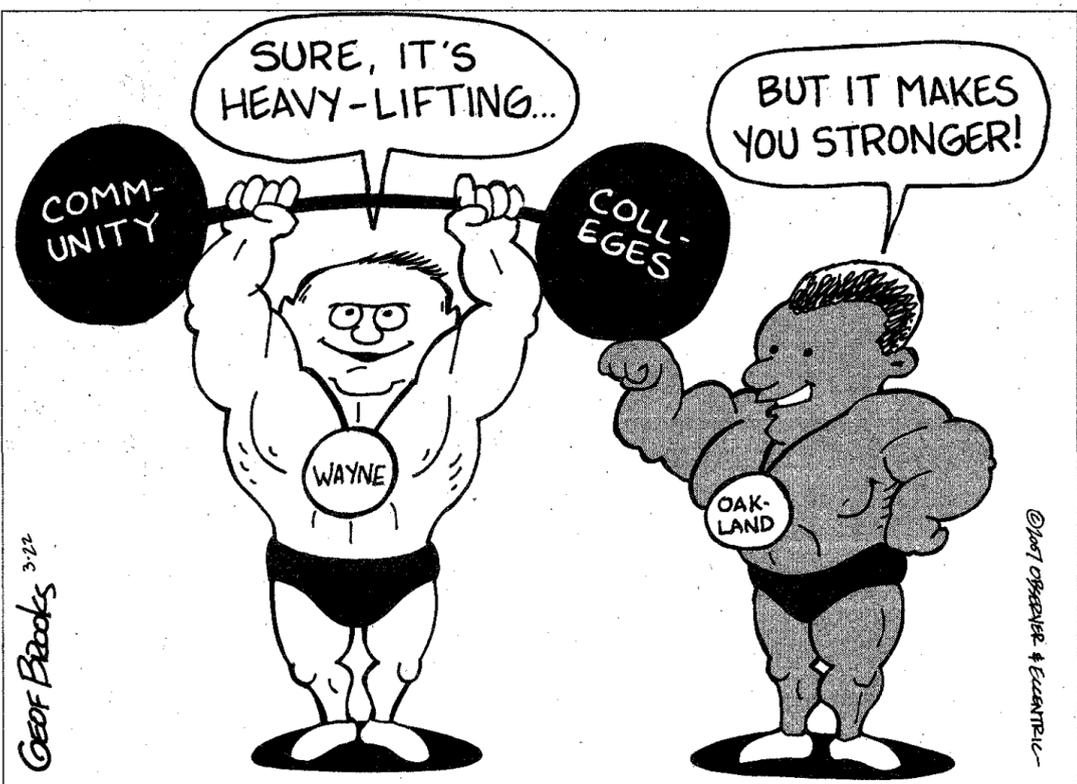
The future is in medicine, science and technology and Schoolcraft is preparing to meet those needs. In fall of 2008, Schoolcraft will open its \$12.5 million Biomedical Technology Center to answer a rising demand for health care and technical workers. The center will coordinate with a recently redesigned nurse training facility.

It will provide a state-of-the-art facility for STEM and GRIN, acronyms for the science-centered curricula that will be offered. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. GRIN stands for genetics, robotics, information and nanotechnology.

Community colleges have always been a good deal. For many, they have been an affordable way to begin a four-year degree program. For others, they have provided valuable, first-rate training toward skilled technical positions.

As the American job market changes to fit new needs, community colleges will be the prime place for training and retraining.

And as post-secondary education becomes a greater necessity than ever before, Schoolcraft's aggressive and enlightened leap into the future will serve this area with a world-class educational facility.



Changing direction

So that's the way the wind blows ... I've been wondering about the driving force behind the efforts to hamstring the operation of the library and last week's story in this newspaper has helped to point up some of the folks I had not identified.

At first, I assumed the impetus for the operation came from Mayor Cicirelli, as she appointed the member(s) of the Library Board who played lead in the firing of our first library director and carried through with the hiring and subsequent firing of our second library director.

However, she has moved on to a judgeship, and things have not gotten appreciably better in the governance of the library. Now according to the story in last week's *Observer*, a prominent member of the city council is also dragging his feet, finding reasons why our new mayor should not try to assist in the operation of a board whose membership is appointed by the mayor and council.

So now I am left wondering if the council is, for reasons to which I am not privy, backing our former mayor, or if perhaps the original efforts to fire the library director resulted from a shared concern of both the mayor and certain council members.

Regardless of how or why this mess was created, it seems to me that our mayor is trying to move in a direction which will bring a degree of order and cooperation to the governance of our library.

I am inclined to believe that the first move would be to inform some of the members of the Library Board that they were appointed, not anointed, and their disappointment is within the realm of possibility.

Jim Cook
Westland

Mayor's request was right

We want to applaud Mayor William Wild for addressing the existing Westland library's turmoil.

The reasons that Mr. Charles Pickering gave for denying such a meeting are really unwarranted, in our opinion. It's been obvious to many that something really needs "fixing." If the library board apparently is unable to rid the library of rather serious problems then, indeed, someone has the responsibility to intervene.

We're very pleased that Mayor Wild is taking the initiative to see what is going on. To wait until budget talks in April, as suggested by Mr. Pickering, is delaying the inevitable. And, more importantly, it appears that the problems concern serious issues beyond the budget. Budget sessions are just that. The other problems need to be addressed.

It takes a lot of leadership on the mayor's part to then go ahead on his own to try to schedule a public meeting with the library board to which he will invite council members and residents.

We find it appalling that former library board President Jim Chuck's and other's pleas to city officials in the past regarding the library problems fell on deaf ears. Is it not the responsibility of city officials to act on such requests?

Mr. Pickering said that the library board is autonomous and responsible for its own actions. That may be. But everyone answers to someone. The library board has to answer to someone. No one is above any law. That really needs "fixing"

Furthermore, the refusal on the request

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for the meeting is terribly disturbing. Everyone is a winner when open meetings are held. And everyone is a loser when these meetings are denied.

The denial of this meeting by Mr. Pickering raises all kinds of red flags. What are people hiding? If nothing, then hold the meeting. Covering up issues is never any solution. This smacks, in our opinion, of a possible cover-up similar to the contaminated park issue.

Also, if the council president can unilaterally schedule or deny a meeting, that seriously needs immediate attention and requires a change. If the president alone disagrees, it should be put to the vote of the city council. The president should not have that kind of power.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for recognizing the need for a dialogue and for pursuing the meeting. Know that many of us support you. Know that many of us believe in dialogue.

Without dialogue, issues get covered up. You really inherited a heaping plate of issues. We feel confident that through your efforts, these problems will be resolved.

We also thank you for really keeping the citizens informed at the regular council meetings. Dialogue is a distinct quality of leaders. We wish you well.

Jim and Mary Murphy
Westland

Woodruff book is great one

On Jan. 29, ABC News anchor Bob Woodruff was severely injured when the vehicle he was riding in was hit by an IED. The injuries were extensive. He spent 36 days in a coma. When he woke from it, he could not remember family member names, couldn't remember how to say broom or hammer, etc., and half of his skull was removed on the left side of his head.

His wife Lee started keeping a journal of the daily experiences while he was in the hospital, and then they co-wrote a book, *In an Instant*. I have read the book twice since it came out last month.

I had the pleasure of meeting Lee and Bob Woodruff on Saturday, March 10, at the Borders in Birmingham. What a day. They sold out every copy of the book. Before they signed the books, they had a little reading and a question-and-answer period.

At one point, someone asked about the Tigers, and he said he was huge fans of them and the Pistons and then he said sorry about the Lions. I was sitting in front of him and I said, "So are we." He, along with everyone else, was laughing.

He has a great sense of humor. He talked about his days as news anchor for ABC. That lasted all of 27 days before the blast.

They have started a program to raise money for TBI (traumatic brain injury). They want to help all the troops coming home that have experienced this. One of our own, local resident Chaim Kozac, a Marine, also had a similar accident.

This is a great thing, that will help many of these returning troops. You can go to www.bobwoodrufffamilyfund.org and donate to help the troops.

I talked to Bob about my son being in Iraq and Chaim getting hurt over there. He asked me in front of the hundreds of people to thank them both for serving, and everyone there applauded both of them.

Bob called all the troops heroes and appreciated all they do, so if you want to check out a great book and help our returning troops, this is the way to do it.

Also if you know a vet, say thanks; if you know a returning soldier or Marine, thank them also. God bless all the troops.

Bud Somerville
Westland

New tax hurts small business

I have been reading many pros and cons regarding the proposed new service tax. I'm against it for many reasons. I believe that only a few service industries are asked to bear the brunt of collecting this new tax, while other industries are ignored.

Nowhere could I find that the advertisement industry, real estate agents, investment/financial consultants, banks fees — to name a few — would be taxed.

I do find, however, that small businesses like construction, service and repair (construction and auto and appliance repairs) and hair stylists, to name a few, would have to carry the burden of collecting this tax for our state.

Like others, I believe this will put a lot of small and/or family-owned businesses out of business. These businesses are already struggling because of the economy. A lot are now operating at losses. A lot are doing more for less money.

It seems that since big businesses are failing or leaving our state, the governor wants to target the remaining businesses, which happen to be small. While each of these businesses may be "small," there are a lot of them that add up to a great number.

I believe this service tax puts undue burdens on the construction and repair industry the most. Most small construction businesses bid on jobs as a whole number and are paid accordingly. To ask them to break down all material (each nail, pipe, part, etc.) for a service tax would create a great hardship. Does the governor believe that these businesses are going to perform these tasks for free? Consequently, prices for these services will go up because of the additional time involved. Don't be fooled, thinking that it's only 2 cents on the dollar. The bottom line will be greater than that.

Also, a lot is said about it only costing \$5 on a \$250 labor charge. Well, I hope you're not going to remodel your kitchen or bathroom, put on a new roof, build a house or garage, etc. as that will amount to more than "small change" in taxes. How does this spur the economy? Lastly, once a new tax is instituted, it will never go away. History shows it will only increase.

Mary Cauzillo
Livonia

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"But, I'm sad about leaving the Westland Police Department. More specifically, I'm sad about leaving the people. I've had the great fortune and pleasure to work with some wonderful people during my career."

Chief Daniel Pfannes about his retirement last Friday from the Westland Police Department.

Board's focus is education, reassessing, moving forward

The LPS Board of Education has finished its third board retreat for this year. I would like to take this opportunity to share with our community the results of these important discussions. The topic of conversation at these open workshops has been how we can further the success of our district through working together and promoting a strong culture within the board. Our board's focus is the education provided every day in our schools and creating a strong future for our students.



Cynthia Markarian

Many important issues are before us that impact student learning. New state-mandated graduation requirements will affect programs for students at all grade levels for years to come. School funding issues, intensified by the struggling Michigan economy, are already influencing planning for next year's budget. Exciting new curriculum and program initiatives, such as our new elementary math program and the proposed high school International Baccalaureate program, are moving forward. All of these topics and more are high priorities on our list.

During our retreats we developed statements that all board members could support which respond to the input we've received this year.

I'd like to share the following:

■ Our Vision Statement and Collective Commitments are the foundations that guide our decisions.

■ Transition will not compromise expectations of continued excellence in student learning.

■ We value all input and perspectives. We want to hear from everyone because we are responsible to make decisions in the best interest of our district.

■ We will continue to monitor and analyze all aspects of our educational program.

You can see that these statements center on a commitment to ensure a strong future for our district. These commitments demand that we assess every aspect of our educational program, which includes the Legacy Initiative. Certainly, when any district goes through closing and consolidating schools — or any signifi-

cant change, that process needs to be monitored. We are assessing this process every step of the way and have made changes.

To improve two-way dialogue with our community, a District Communications Team has been created and we have increased the amount of information on our Web site. In addition, we have modified bus routes to limit the time elementary children are traveling. These are just a few examples of the adjustments made as a result of our monitoring process. We are committed to continuous improvement, every year better than the year before, throughout our entire district's educational program.

We know many viewpoints in the community continue to be discussed and debated. As a board we are concerned there is misleading information about the school district circulating in the community. The district has created a link on its Web site to clarify information about the Legacy Initiative. Go to the district's homepage at www.livonia.k12.mi.us and click on the "Easy Access Link to Legacy Initiative Information." Clear, straightforward information is important to everyone in this community.

The Board of Education continues to provide opportunities for dialogue on important issues and welcomes ongoing discussions in our community. Our next public Community Conversation is from 7-8 p.m. Monday, March 26, in the administration building, 15125 Farmington Road, Conference Room A.

We invite members of the community to attend by calling (734) 744-2510 to RSVP.

We are focused on moving forward. The Board of Education will work together to make every aspect of our school district an outstanding educational experience for all students. By taking all of our ideas and focusing them on moving forward together, we can meet these challenging times and do what's best for our students.

There are many wonderful things happening in our classrooms and schools right now, every day. It's one of our great pleasures as a board to hear about our students' many successes. We invite everyone to join us in working toward our district mission statement of "Teaming together to ensure learning for all."

Cynthia Markarian is the vice president of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education.

Health in the workplace

This letter is in response to your March 11, 2007, article on wellness programs in the workplace ("Reducing health care costs, diseases"). Bravo to Linda Chomin for the comprehensive reporting on employers' ability to affect positive health changes in their employees through worksite wellness programs. The proposed Wellness and Prevention Act of 2007, benefiting employers who offer health screening and disease prevention programs, is a move in the right direction for a healthier Michigan. To truly improve the health and well-being of Michigan residents, we need to meet them where they live, be it the workplace or the marketplace. Working in conjunction with physicians, but not through physicians alone, community-driven wellness initiatives save valuable health care dollars and present an excellent opportunity to catch serious illnesses earlier and, equally important, prevent and manage chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease and depression.

Ewa Matuszewski
CEO, Medical Network One
Rochester

It's a war on terrorism

Regarding Hugh Gallagher's column "If you want to end war, you've got to sing loud," my perspective is that we are in a war against terrorism that is currently being fought in Iraq and not so long ago, was fought in New York City. Perhaps many people support the "Iraq War" because they feel as I do that the bigger concern is terrorism and the only ones "singing loud" are the press and the Democrats in office. Thank you for your opinion.

Mike Norris
Rochester

Which war do they want to end?

I am responding to Hugh Gallagher's article "If you want to end war, you've got to sing loud," *Observer & Eccentric*, March 4, 2007.

The first question, which war? The Iraq war or the war on terror? I am not sure anymore which war the Democrats want to end. I think the Democrats, to follow the mandate of the election, must pass a bill to defund the Iraq war, and override the president's veto. They must stop talking and just do it. Then, the Democrats must define the world situation when the troops come home from Iraq. No matter how the Democrats define it, we are surrendering Iraq to the terrorists, for the terrorists to create another base of operations.

But it will not end there. There will be the question when we bring the troops home from Afghanistan, and then all around the world, from the war on terror. The terrorists will call it surrender. The Democrats will call it improving our world prestige, and making it safer for Americans.

Neil Karl
Livonia

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Firing teachers isn't answer

Regarding the equity of school funding and the 20(j) category — since the passage of Proposal A, suburban taxpayers have been subsidizing rural and poor school districts. For example, in some local school districts, only one-third of each school tax dollar sent to Lansing by taxpayers in suburban districts comes back. The rest of it goes to those less fortunate areas of Michigan in order to diminish the funding gap, and rightfully so.

One of the promises of Proposal A was the funding gap would be narrowed by bringing the bottom up — not the top down — and that's exactly what has happened. However, the 110-percent increase in funding the suburban taxpayers have financed for needy areas over the past decade to promote this goal isn't enough for some. Now, some outstate lawmakers, whose districts have benefited from this tax shift, want to completely close the gap by cutting funding to suburban schools to levels below 1994.

Among the consequences, nearly 600 teachers would need to be fired collectively in our local school districts if these outstate lawmakers have their way. The impact would be to irrevocably harm students as all of us continue to meet the mandates of accountability.

Equity in school funding is something for which all of us should strive. Education is intrinsically valuable, and well-educated students will provide our future political leadership, and fuel the engine that will drive Michigan's economic recovery. But few know that as much as 80 percent of the gap between the richest and poorest school districts is funded by voted local taxes.

Some of that gap is also funded by a "categorical" section of the school aid act (Section 20(j)), which was created in bipartisan fashion to carry out the true intent of Proposal A. Nearly all superintendents agree that no categorical — for at-risk students, declining enrollment, middle school math or 20(j) — should be cut, thus exacerbating the current school funding crisis. We do not support pitting school districts against each other as we address the lack of funding in our state.

Lansing has cut half-a-billion dollars out of the school aid fund in the past decade.

The future of public education in the state is about to be sealed. The real long-term solution is for legislators to prove they are ready to put consistent and stable funding for education as the first priority. It is time for citizens to be heard, to contact legislators and demand fair and equitable funding of public education for all children throughout the state.

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War opposition draws Christians to protest

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Christian Peace Witness taking place in Washington, D.C., last weekend drew the Rev. Bryan Smith and his 15-year-old daughter, Julia, along with a number of others opposed to U.S. involvement in the Iraq war.

The Smiths, Canton residents, flew to the U.S. capital Thursday night, accompanied by fellow Geneva Presbyterian Church members Lindsey Anderson, a student at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, and Adam Delezenne, whose fiancée is enrolled at McCormick. Bryan Smith, pastor at Geneva in Canton, observed Christians across the spectrum of the faith at the protest.

"It was something I felt I needed to do," Smith said. "For me, the Christian faith is one that requires engagement."

The protesters met Friday at the National Cathedral for worship and walked to Lafayette Park across from the White House. Earlier that day, they had training on nonviolent resistance which he found helpful.

As an American, Smith believes the war has made things worse and has not resolved terrorism. More than 3,000 U.S. service personnel have died, and up to half a million Iraqi civilians are dead.

Smith, 46, questions national resources devoted to the war. "People hit by Katrina still can't get their homes rebuilt. The way our nation uses its resources greatly disturbs me."

He's also concerned about the president being identified as Christian and that conveying the idea the war is just, Smith said.

He's also working out his own faith and convictions, not-

ing Jesus didn't condone violence. Smith had known those teachings but is learning to take more seriously how to love enemies and not destroy them.

"That's the obligation Christ lays upon us" to oppose evil without violence.

There was a separate protest in which participants met at the Lincoln Memorial and marched to the Pentagon. In Smith's general group, some were arrested for refusing to disperse while praying.

He found the event organized and planned well, so didn't worry about his daughter's safety. Smith's not sure such protests have a great impact in the political arena.

There's no current U.S. draft, he noted, so average middle class people aren't seeing their sons and daughters impacted. Voters did send a statement in the 2006 election, he said.

His hope is that more

Christians "might be willing to speak out more in their churches. I think there's been a lot of fear used." People worry about being labeled unpatriotic, he said, but he'd like to see peaceful, rational discussions on the war.

Smith also learned more about the methods of slain civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who promoted social change without resorting to violence.

Daughter Julia didn't fear for her safety in D.C.

"I'm glad I got to experience that. It was really exciting," Julia Smith said. "It was interesting to be part of a huge group of people." She could feel the energy.

"It's not a just war," said the younger Smith, a home-schooler who recently wrote a paper on the Iraq war. "We didn't have a just cause for going into Iraq. It's just not just."



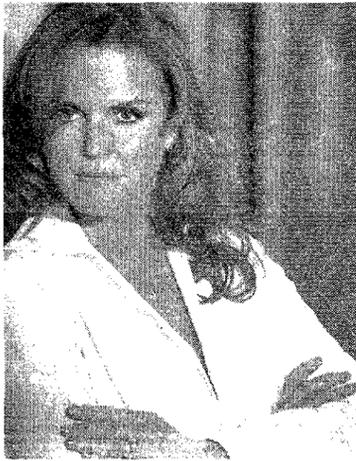
Protesters marched to Lafayette Park across from the White House.

A Republican friend of hers, involvement in the war is also young, agrees U.S. wrong, she added.

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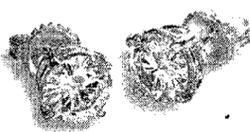
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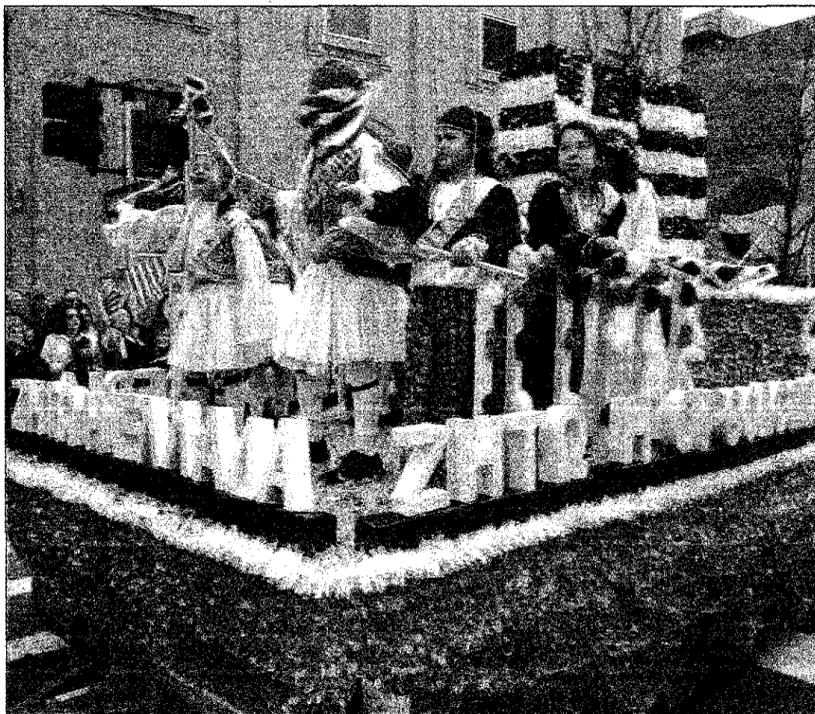
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Parade celebrates Greek heritage

The Greek Community of metropolitan Detroit will celebrate Greek Independence Day on Sunday, March 25, 2007 with a parade in downtown Detroit.

The parade will start at 3 p.m. and will proceed on Monroe Street from Woodward to the heart of Detroit's Greektown. The parade will be led by the Grand Marshall, Philip Christopher, vice president of the World Council of Hellenes Abroad and World Coordinator for Cypriots. His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit; and political dignitaries, including representatives of the Michigan Legislature, Detroit City Council, and Consulate of Greece in Chicago will also lead the parade.

A unit of "Evzones" from Boston who replicate the famous Greek Presidential Guard, will march in full uniform with precision military maneuvers. Participating in the parade will be over 40 marching units representing Greek Orthodox churches, Greek schools, dance groups, university clubs, and cultural organizations from metropolitan Detroit and nearby communities including Windsor, Toledo, Flint, Ann Arbor, and Lansing. Numerous floats will be included in the parade.



A float celebrates Greek history in the 2006 Greek Independence Day Parade in Greektown.

After the parade, a short program will be held near the end of the parade route. A proclamation from the State of Michigan honoring Greek Independence Day will be presented, signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and all four Greek-American members of the Michigan Legislature; State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland), State Senator John Pappageorge (R-Troy), State Representative Fran Amos (R-Waterford), and State Representative Bob Constan (D-DeARBorn Heights).

Senator Carl Levin will present a proclamation on behalf of the US Government. After the program, dancers in colorful ethnic dress will perform a variety of Greek dances representing the various regions of Greece.



Marchers in traditional Greek clothing lead the 2006 Greek Independence Day Parade in Detroit's Greektown.

The Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade was revived in 2002 after an absence of over 30 years. It is

sponsored by the Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee, a non-profit corporation.

Local pet owners worried about food recall

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

On Monday evening Dr. Brad Davis spent two hours returning phone calls from pet owners concerned about the recall of all "cuts and gravy" style dog and cat food produced by Menu Foods Inc. at its Emporia, Kan., facility between Dec. 3 and March 6.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration released information about the recall of Menu Foods pet food packaged in cans and pouches on Saturday, March 17. The products were sold in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

There have been reports of cats and dogs developing kidney failure after eating the recalled food, and more than 14 have died as of the March 20.

For a complete list of the 51 affected dog foods, and 42 cat foods, visit www.menu.com. The plant code number is 4197. For recall information, call 1-866-895-2708.

Davis suggests if pet owners suspect their dog or cat could be ill from eating the recalled pet food to call their veterinarian. Symptoms include increased thirst and urination, lack of appetite, and vomiting or diarrhea.

Davis says he has treated

animals with these symptoms, which are the same as renal failure, at VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City. The question remains is it because of the food. One dog Davis diagnosed in February with renal failure meets all of the criteria, including eating the recalled food.

"Call your veterinarian. He or she can check the blood for kidney function," said Davis, medical director of VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City and a columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"There's a lot of different food recalled. Hills and Science Diet, it's a voluntary recall, but they haven't had a case. I talked with them yesterday. It depends on the type of food. The problem isn't with all the food. Dry is safe right now."

A spokesperson for Roose Veterinary Hospital in Plymouth said calls from worried pet owners were still coming in Tuesday morning. So far, the hospital staff hasn't treated any dogs or cats sickened by the recalled pet food.

Roose Animal Hospital staff is warning pet owners not to feed any of the contaminated food to their animals.

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Ficano hosts 3rd stormwater summit

The Wayne County Departments of Environment and Public Services will hold the third "Stormwater Summit" on Friday at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Fairlane Center, 19000 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn.

The event will update and educate municipal governments, engineers, developers, and environmentalists on the county's Stormwater Ordinance, which was adopted in 2000 and updated late last year.

The ordinance is required by state and federal law, and helps to improve water quality and habitat while controlling

flooding.

County Executive Robert A. Ficano will kick-off the morning event with an explanation of his new "One Stop" permitting process for Wayne County businesses. The goal of the CEO's initiative is to have all county permits approved in 45 to 60 days.

"The County's system of permits is essential to protecting the public health, environment, and safety, and we want to be the leader in making the permitting process fast and fair for our County's job creators," Ficano said.

For program details on the Stormwater Summit, call (734) 326-3936.

Comcast holds youth talent hunt for TV ads

First, there was "American Idol," then "Grease: You're the One That I Want." Now the Comcast Casting Call presents an opportunity for young aspiring actors and actresses to make their debut. Comcast is the latest group to look to the general public to find a new "star." The Comcast Casting Call is a talent search for an 11 to 15-year-old Michigan resident - and the winner will be featured in an upcoming advertising cam-

aign.

"This is a fun and different way to find the next face and voice of Comcast in Michigan," said Luis Casanova, vice president of Communications and Public Affairs for Comcast's Michigan Region. "We're excited to involve the community and looking forward to finding the next local Comcast spokesperson."

In addition to being awarded a contract from Comcast,

the winner will be awarded the ultimate media package: an HDTV, home computer system, digital phone system and a free year of Comcast Cable, Internet and Digital Voice.

Both professionals and amateurs are eligible to enter this talent search, as long as they meet the age and residency requirements.

From the auditions submitted online, 10 finalists will be selected by a panel of eight

judges and the finalists will participate in a live audition on Saturday, March 31, 2007.

To view the rules, regulations and directions of the Comcast Casting Call and to submit an application and audition, visit www.comcast-castingcall.com.

All contestants must be legal residents of Michigan and must have parent or guardian permission to participate in the competition.

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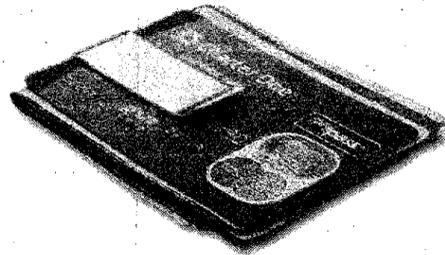
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If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

MARCH

God's amazing grace

Frank Turner, former anchor for Channel 7 News of Detroit, shares how faith in God aided him in being freed from various addictions 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, Activities Center, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Free will offerings appreciated. Refreshments provided.

Bible study

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Lenten concerts

12:35 p.m. Thursday, March 22, 29, follow services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m., at Mariner's Church, 170 East Jefferson, at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on median on Jefferson at Woodward. For information, call (313) 259-2206.

Lifeline screening

Residents living in and around the Bloomfield Hills community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke Thursday, March 22, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's, 165 East Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Pre-registration required. Call 1-800-324-1851.

Lenten services

St. Michael the Archangel Parish would like to invite everyone to attend Lenten services, including Stations of the Cross and Benediction 7 p.m. Fridays during Lent, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The services follow the church's Lenten Fish Fry Dinners and are open to all. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Lenten fish fry

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 23 and 30, pick-ups at St. Peter Claver Catholic Community Parish Rectory, 13305 Grove, one block south of McNichols, one block east of Schaefer, Detroit. Lunch orders call in by 11 a.m. at (313) 342-5292. \$8 for catfish dinner, \$7 white, \$5 catfish sandwich, \$4 white, \$1 for sides of spaghetti, stoleslaw and green beans.

Clothing sale

Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples will hold their annual Spring/Summer Clothing Sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30990 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Over 30 tables of children's items. Bake sale. \$1 admission for adults. Strollers after 10 a.m.

Men's conference

Catholic Conference for Men (Courageous Companions of Christ) sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8 a.m. (doors open at 7 a.m.) to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at University of Detroit Mercy, Calihan Hall, Detroit. Cost is \$40 in advance, \$50 at door, \$25 students, includes box lunch. For more information, call (734) 459-9558 or visit www.mensfellowship.com. Day includes speakers, 2:30 p.m. Mass, confessions available throughout the day.

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Communion breakfast

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church hosts the Presbytery of Detroit's first annual Men's Lenten Communion Breakfast Celebration Saturday, March 24, at the church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia.

The Communion service is at 8 a.m. followed by the breakfast at 8:45 a.m. The Rev. Jack Stewart delivers the keynote address at 9:30 a.m. Stewart recently retired as professor of evangelism at Princeton Theological Seminary. The event is open to all men of the community. Cost is \$10. For reservations, call (313) 345-6550 or (866) 345-6550, or the Rosedale Gardens church office at (734) 422-0494.

Blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at St. Kenneth Church, Five Mile and Haggerty, Plymouth. No appointment necessary.

Lenten Mass

Bethany Suburban West hosts a Lenten Mass 9 a.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Felician Sister Chapel at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft (use Newburgh entrance), Livonia. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Depression recovery

Trapped by depression? Depression Recovery Program began 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Cherry Hill Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. You can be happy again! Call (734) 673-5917 for more information.

Sunday services

Dan Strength, who was installed March 4 as church pastor, is leading services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study takes place 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

A sacred cantata

The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore Dubois with Soprano Mary Bagazinski, tenor Lawrence Wik, baritone Andrew Langlands, violinist Carmela Langley, and the St. Robert Bellarmine Adult Choir under director Mark Newlon 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. No charge. Call (313) 937-1500.

Lenten services

Vesper Services continue 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Lent until March 28 (six part series on the Lord's Prayer), at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 427-1414.

Lenten dinner

Feed your spirit and body 6 p.m. Sunday, March 25 when the church presents a catered dinner followed by a dramatic rendition of the Sermon on the Mount by Randy Colbe, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. Cost is \$6. Tickets available at door.

Jesus Unmasked

A sermon series with the Rev. C. Allen Kannappell 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, March 25 Unafraid: April 1 The Crucified God, and April 8 The Unconquered, at Anglican Church of Livonia in the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road. For more information, visit www.hischurch.us.

Vesper services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent - March 25, at St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church 23300 W. Davison, Detroit, call (313) 533-3430. For more information, contact Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia at (248) 476-3432 or mmatsko@twm.rr.com. Livonia.

Clothing, shoes wanted

New Providence Baptist Church is looking for donations of gently used and new items for its annual Free Clothing and Shoes Giveaway Saturday, March 31, at the church, 1821 Plymouth Road, Detroit. Deadline for donations is Wednesday, March 28. Volunteer meeting is 6 p.m. Thursday, March 22. For more information, call (313) 837-0818.

Midweek Lenten program

6:745 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, includes simple service of sung prayer, meal and mission project, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Alpha sessions

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Alpha is a low-key, friendly, fun and pressure free class. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

Who is he?

The Aerokhans are flying into town. This group of teenage athletes love getting high, not on drugs, but on Acrosport, a combination of acrobatics and gymnastics. Why do they do these

incredible stunts? To get the attention of thousands of kids across Michigan each year and let them know it's better than getting high on drugs or alcohol. They will be performing 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Northville High School gym at 45700 Six Mile, west of Sheldon before Beck, Northville. This very talented team will also be performing a Youth Impact Dramatic Play on the Life of Christ 7:30 p.m. Friday March 30, in the Metropolitan Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 420-4044.

There is no charge for performances but a donation will be taken to help defray travel and expenses.

Choral cantata

A New Creation by Rene Clausen 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge but a free will offering will be taken. A reception follows in the Fellowship Hall. Call (734) 422-0149.

Southern gospel singing

7 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. New pastor Dan Strength invites everyone to enjoy The Journeymen. The only remaining original member of the group, Big John Bledsoe, is lead singer and a native of Livonia. For more information about the church or the concert by the male quartet, call (734) 425-6360.

Bethany together dance

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 31, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road, Redford. Proper attire. \$12 admission. For details, call (586) 264-0284. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Mom to Mom Sale

Tri-City Christian Center in Canton is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Tri-City, 3855 Sheldon Road, North of Michigan Avenue, Canton. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission. Call Pam at (734) 397-0819.

Christ on trial

Drama to uncover Biblical evidence that will be analyzed, eye witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus, continues 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening during Lent, except for Maundy Thursday, April 5, when Simon Peter testified concerning Jesus' disruption of social mores, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6880. Christ on Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is this Jesus...for you?

Lenten services

Noon and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, to March 28; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday April 5, noon Good Friday, April 6, and 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 1, and Easter Sunday, April 8, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. Call (313) 278-5755.

Lent and Easter services

In His Steps, a six-part sermon series during Lent on Sunday's at 10 a.m. to April 1; Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. April 5, communion is around a great table in the shape of a cross to remember the last meal of Jesus with his disciples; Community Good Friday Service noon, April 6; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday April 6, an evening service focusing on the Passion Narrative and Jesus' final moments, and Easter Sunday Son-Rise Service at 8 a.m., Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. for children (childcare for four-year-olds and under at both services) April 8, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860, or visit www.nardinpark.org.

Church members wanted

The solid Reformed Protestant doctrine and the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area. If you're interested in this type of preaching and teaching, write to Reformation Revival, P.O. Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 48170-0156 or send e-mail to www.psalml2verse@yahoo.com for more information.

UPCOMING

Holy Week activities

9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 1 children are invited to a festive Sunday school program (the children will lead the parade of palms for 10:30 a.m. worship which begins with a walk through Jerusalem; Maundy Thursday worship 7 p.m. April 5, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia, call (734) 422-6038; two Good Friday services April 6, 12:30 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh road, Livonia, call (734) 422-0149, and 7:30 p.m. at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, south of Plymouth road, call (313) 937-3170, and Easter Sunday, April 8, 7 a.m. Sunrise worship at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia, and 10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia, call (734) 422-6038.

Easter cantata

Once Upon a Cross by Randy Vader, Jay Rose and Camp Kirkland 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Holy week services

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 5 (Communion); 12:30-2 p.m. Good Friday, April 6 (Service of Words, Music and Meditation, Come when you can, leave when you wish) Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 8 p.m.; Easter Vigil Saturday, April 7, at 8 p.m. (The Service of Light), and 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Festival Services Easter Sunday, April 8, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org

Good Friday drama

1-2 p.m. April 6, during Good Friday services from noon to 3 p.m. in the sanctuary at Wayne-Westland First United Methodist Church, 3 Townsquare (Newberry Street across from the Wayne Post Office). The public is invited. Refreshments follow in the Fellowship Hall. Women of the Cross is about 12 women whose lives were changed by Jesus before his crucifixion.

Women's retreat

Deadline for registration is April 7. Retreat takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 960 Hubbard, Livonia. Cost is \$25, includes continental breakfast and lunch. For information, call (734) 422-0494. Keynote speaker is Rev. Carol Bechtel, professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland. Retreat features workshops, fellowship, Cokesbury Bookstore.

Monthly dance

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road, Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Easter cantata

Riverside Park Church of God invites you to our special Easter Cantata, He Touched Me, 10 a.m. Sunday, April 8, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990. Please join us for this special drama event and celebrate Easter with us. We look forward to welcoming you.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 7-9:30 a.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Peace pilgrimage

On Monday, April 9, a group of religious leaders and people of good will leave metro Detroit headed for the Middle East on an 8-day trip to help bring reconciliation to the children of Abraham. They will be going to support the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), a project of the Universal Peace Federation. The MEPI focuses on bringing peace through the reconciliation of religious leaders. Participants will visit rabbis and imams with the spirit of love, service and dialogue. This is the 20th MEPI pilgrimages to the Middle East in the last four years. If you are a religious leader or person of good will who would like to join the pilgrimage, call Edward Taub at (313) 822-5553 or send e-mail to etaub@provide.net for an information packet.

Wine tasting

Friday, April 13, at the St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. Admission is a dish of food to pass and \$5 at the door. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860. No appointment necessary.

Retreat for widowed

Deadline is April 20 for Opening New Doors, a retreat for widowed only which takes place April 27-29, at St. John's Retreat Center, Plymouth. Speakers and group discussions. Fee is \$140 per person for double, \$160 for single. Call (586) 939-5219, (248) 478-1084, or (586) 566-2557 to register.

Monthly meeting

For Bethany Suburban West Saturday, April 21, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road on the north side of the street, Garden City. All separated, divorce and singles welcomes. For details, call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit office of youth and family, and provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Hidden Secrets film

Debuts 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, a new feature-length movie that explores just how explosive it can be when your past becomes your present, Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia, and Commerce

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HAROLD W. "REX" RECTOR

March 19, 2007, age 88. Loving husband of Florence for 67 years. Dear father of Sandy Champe (Bill) and Heather Jenkins (Bill). Also survived by eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Beckwith. Memorial Service at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Friday 11 AM. Family will receive friends Thursday 5-8 PM. Memorial Tributes Freeman Wilner Foundation, Rose Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile Road, Suite 103, Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MARILYN MADGE CRESSWELL

Age 87 of Charlevoix, Michigan formerly of Rochester Hills. Died Thursday, March 15, 2007 in Placida, Florida. Private family services were held in Florida. Burial will be held at Wildwood Cemetery in Chesaning, Michigan on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 11:30 A.M. A Luncheon will immediately follow the burial at the Bonny Mill Inn in Chesaning, Michigan. Born in Owosso, Michigan on August 7, 1919. Parents: Edward and Lesla (Bailey) J. Miller. Graduated from Chesaning High School in 1937, and Central Michigan Teaching College with a bachelor's degree in education. Married to Hugh "Pat" Elmer Cresswell in Potoskey, Michigan in 1943. Resided most of her life in Rochester Hills, Michigan. She retired in 1987 from Rochester School District, completing her career of 40 years of teaching elementary education. Marilyn was a fun loving, very gracious, elegant lady who had a wonderful sense of humor, a generous spirit, and always had a positive and optimistic outlook on life. Her strength was insurmountable. She and her husband Pat enjoyed spending their winters in Placida, Florida. She loved her career in teaching, and was very devoted to the children she taught. Survived by: Devoted husband of 63 years, whom she loved dearly Hugh "Pat" Cresswell of Placida, Florida. One Son James T. & Candace Cresswell of Harrison Township, Michigan. One Daughter Mary Jane & David "Jack" Brillman of Pittsburgh, PA. Three Grandchildren Jon Cresswell, Alex Brillman, & Laura Brillman whom she loved with all her heart. Predeceased by her parents, and two brothers Bob Miller and Edson Miller. Memorials may be made to Cuna Cresswell Memorial Scholarship Fund at Alma College. Online condolences to: www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, St. Louis Chapel.

MARY ALICE "MICKIE" BEYER

March 17, 2007, Age 79 of Plymouth. Member Plymouth Garden Club and Plymouth Rotary Anns. Beloved wife of the late Robert O. Beyer. Dear mother of Susan (David) Hicks and R. Michael (Nancy) Beyer. Grandmother of Sarah Elizabeth (Daniel) Holliday and the soon to be born Alice. Leaves numerous step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren. Sister of Freda Gale, Carl Schuster, Gretchen Heeren and the late Anne Bakhaus, Alfred Schuster and Betty Moe. Also leaves numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held Wednesday at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth. Contributions suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church or Rotary International Foundation. Share memories at www.schrader-howell.com

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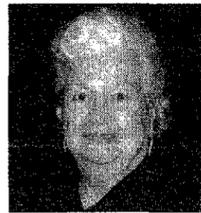


ROBERTA COLE HOLCOMB

Saratoga Springs - Birmingham, MI, died Friday (March 16, 2007) at the home of her daughter in Saratoga Springs. She was 83. Born on July 14, 1923 in Pontiac, MI, she was the daughter of the late Louis H. and Marie Kaufman Cole. Roberta attended Kingswood School Cranbrook and earned her BA degree in Philosophy & Psychology from Michigan State University and her MA degree in Library Science from Wayne State University. While in college she was an active member in Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. In addition to her parents, Roberta is predeceased by her husband, Albert W. Holcomb of Birmingham, MI; her companion of 18 years, Ed Shile of St. Petersburg, FL; one sister, Virginia Cole Newcomb of LaCanada, CA; and one brother, Louis H. Cole, Jr. of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Survivors include one son, Gary S. Holcomb and his wife Jeannette of San Diego, CA; one daughter, Andrea H. Gardner and her partner Tim Shoen of Saratoga Springs, NY; four grandchildren, Scott Holcomb and his wife Melissa of Manhattan Beach, CA; Chad Holcomb of San Luis Obispo, CA; Ashley Gardner and her partner Kevin Wood of Saratoga Springs, NY; and Rachel Gardner of San Francisco, CA. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Alex and Peyton Holcomb of Manhattan Beach, CA. There will be no public calling hours and burial will be private in Michigan at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to Community Hospice of Saratoga, 179 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Arrangements are under the direction of the William J. Burke & Sons/Bussing & Cunniff Funeral Homes, 628 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs (518-584-5373). Online remembrances may be made at www.burkefuneralhomes.com.

MARGUERITE E. WEBSTER

Age 88, formerly of Redford. Loving wife of the late Howard. Beloved mother of Richard (Bethan) of Belfour, WA, Brian (Debbie) of Sterling, CO, and Daniel (Vicki) of Howell; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A farewell service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Redford; gathering 10-11 a.m. at church. Memorials to Aldersgate. Please leave a message of comfort for Marguerite's family at 877-231-7900 or sign her guestbook at borekjennings.com. Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, 517-546-0100.



ELSIE PAULINE (TOLONEN) PRECOBB

February 26, 2007. Beloved wife of the late John E. Precobb. Loving mother of Sue A. (Precobb) Rucker and Carol M. (Precobb) Leurck. Grandmother of six and great-grandmother of nine. She was cremated in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (south of Ann Arbor Trail), on Friday, March 23, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers a donation to Hospice of Chattanooga, Inc. would be welcome.

CHARLES VICTOR BOOTH

Age 83 of Rochester, formerly of Potoskey, March 18, 2007. Loving husband of Mary Ellen for 58 years. Dear father of Charles V. III (Cherry) Booth and Wendy Booth (James) Boyd. Grandfather of James Patrick, Jr. and Charles Matthew (Nikki) Boyd. Brother of I. McAllister Booth. Charles was the owner of H. H. Schultz Company, member of the Orchard Lake Country Club, Walloon Lake Country Club in Potoskey, graduate of University of Michigan and was an Army Air Force WWII veteran. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials to Walloon Lake Trust or American Cancer Society. Arrangements in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

JON LEE BRIMHALL

Age 44, died March 9, 2007. Loving father of Kim and David Brimhall. Survived by loving family members: grandmother, Bessie; father, Leland; sisters, Susan, Marilee, Wanda, Angie and foster sister, Molly; brothers-in-law, Darryn; nieces and nephews, Derek, Lisa, Damion, J.R., Mike, David, Justin, Jessica, Dawn. And Lancy and Jasper.



ELMER (nee BELL) EMOREY

Age 80, March 18, 2007. Beloved wife of Howard. Loving mother of Kathy (Steve Anderson) Emorey, Martha (Ron) Ryan, Lee (Glen) Magyera. Proud Grandmother of Kyle, Jenna, Erin, Neal, Rachel, Rebecca and Roland. Visitation at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak on Thursday 4-8 p.m. Instate Friday at First United Methodist Church, Royal Oak from 10:30 a.m. until time of Service 11:00 a.m. Memorials to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, Rose Hill Foundation or Alzheimer's Association. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.



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CALENDAR

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Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake. Tickets now available at www.FathomEvents.com or at presenting theater box offices for \$9. For a complete list of theaters, visit the Web site.

ONGOING

Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

Tiny Tots Preschool

Open registration began March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 7-8:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, and continues for eight weeks to March 26, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six

Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, it is normal to feel overwhelmed, angry and alone. Advance registration appreciated. For more information, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

Sunday service

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

Bible study series

St. Theodore-Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, and continuing for eight weeks, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-7310.

Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book of Numbers - 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095.

Worship service

All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7

p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160.

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

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Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

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TOPS

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We're on the trail to spring at long last

Ninety degrees, curious coaimundis, foot-stabbing jumping cholla cacti, and extremely grungy new friends. That's what I face today as you read the paper, sip coffee and watch spring flirt and fight with remnants of winter. I find myself sun-soaked and sweaty at GPS coordinates 33 degrees 14.819 minutes north and 111 degrees 8.918 minutes west in the Northeast corner of the USGS 7.5 minute Mineral Mountain map. A knife, Pulaski and a mule hauling water are essential. Almost forgot, a compass and a topographic map are strapped to my pack straps: Anyone who relies solely on GPS, that direction dispersing automated "God in a Box" when they travel off the beaten track is a fool.

Where am I? "Sort of" on the Arizona Trail, near Picketpost Mountain, somewhat southeast of Apache Junction and the Superstition Wilderness. Lots of old mine shafts abound and the ghosts of wars, loves, conquest and shattered dreams of proud peoples seem to flicker behind every giant Saguaro. So does



On Nature
Jonathan Schechter

the occasional elf owl. I better explain what I mean as "sort of" on the Arizona Trail. Every now and then I feel a need to indulge my love of wilderness and adventurous spirit. Guess I am an addict. Wanderlust fever hit. And so I grabbed the back pack and hooked up with a Sierra Club trail stewardship team. When my week is done, so will a small uncompleted section of this wild and wonderful narrow band of earth that stretches all the way from Utah down to the Mexican border. Some thought it a odd, that in my "free time" - and temporarily jobless to boot - I paid Sierra Club for the honor of working on a desert trail thousands of miles from my home. It was almost as if they regarded me as a freakish over-energized human oddity of P.T. Barnum:

"Come and see this wretched beast, forgotten by man and God alike." But I never have been a Myrtle Beach vacation type of guy, rolling over every now and then in salty sunshine like a turkey on a rotisserie waiting for the stuffing.

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Frogs are a sure sign of spring.

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That big trek must wait. But I'm greeting spring stubble-faced, sleeping under stars with the old icon of the west, a moon-howling western coyotes as my songster companions. That's my Five Star living. Just have to remember to shake boots in the morning: Scorpions and western diamondback rattlers don't like being jabbed by toes at sunrise.

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Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way in Oakland County. He can be reached at oaknature@aol.com.

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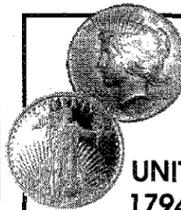


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Churchill: Class A volleyball queens

Krupsky lifts Chargers in finals vs. N. Branch

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

All season long they donned gray T-shirts that read: "Defend the Hill."

On Saturday, the Livonia Churchill girls' volleyball team already snapped up new ones proclaiming "State Champions."

The Chargers capped an incredible weekend in Kalamazoo by capturing their second state championship in school history with a hard-fought 14-25, 25-18, 21-25, 25-18, 15-7 triumph over North Branch before a boisterous crowd at Western Michigan's University Arena.

Kyndra Abron, the 6-foot-2 junior middle hitter, provided the offensive force with game-high 35 kills, second all-time in an individual MHSAA finals match. Senior setter Kelsey McKenzie also set a tournament match record with 61 assists-to-kills, while senior libero Kelly Archer was one of five Chargers in doubles figures in digs with 26.

But it was the play in the fifth and deciding game by senior outside hitter Lauren Krupsky, hampered all week with a sprained right ankle, which proved to be the difference.

The 5-11 senior couldn't have timed it better recording eight of her 28 kills, including the game-winner.

Churchill, which knocked off No. 1 ranked and defending state champion East Kentwood in Friday's thrilling five-game semifinal, ends its season 56-4-1 overall and earned its first Class A crown since 1991.

And somewhere former Churchill coach Mike Hughes must be smiling after the St. Patrick's Day triumph.

"It's been a magical season, a magical year," said Churchill fourth-year coach Mark Grenier, who once served as Hughes' assistant. "It's a talented group of kids and they proved it all year long. It's pretty surreal. It's a privilege and an honor to coach them."

Churchill started slowly, losing the first game convincingly against the Broncos, who came into the match ranked No. 2 to go along with a gaudy 74-3-1 overall record.

North Branch moved the Chargers around the court and kept them off balance thanks to the play of senior Samantha Fish.

"She's a great setter," Grenier said. "She's unorthodox and she pulled us out of what we wanted to do, which is play smash mouth ball."

The Chargers, however, got untracked in Game No. 2 and opened up a 19-10 lead thanks to the thunderous hits from Abron, who registered 12 kills and one block.

North Branch, however, took command again in Game No. 3 led by Rachel Heberd's four kills, putting the Broncos on the brink of their first-ever state title leading two games to one.

But that's when Abron took control again, dominating the action with 11 kills and five all-important blocks to even the count at two games-all, setting the stage for the dramatic finish.

"We played two very good teams, one team (East Kentwood) that likes quick sets, while the other (North Branch) sets the ball higher, jumps up and swings," said Abron, who is committed to Michigan State. "We played both kinds of teams during the season, so we had a lot of experience. This is the state championship and you expect to play your 'A' game

PLEASE SEE CHURCHILL, B3



Churchill's Lauren Krupsky, Kelly Archer, Kyndra Abron and Jaclyn Gribeck celebrate Friday after upsetting East Kentwood in the Class A semifinals.

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Churchill's Kyndra Abron lines up a spike over East Kentwood's Lauren Jones during Friday's Division I semifinal upset at Western Michigan University. The junior had 35 kills in Saturday's championship match win over North Branch.

Setting the table

McKenzie filled role as team leader

It's not only in football.

Every team needs a quarterback, somebody to relay and call the signals.

That's precisely what senior setter Kelsey McKenzie did last weekend in Livonia Churchill's conquest of the state's two top-ranked teams en route to the Class A volleyball state championship at Western Michigan's University Arena.

McKenzie is a prime example when it comes to a battle of wills over skills.

In fact, she did it all season.

Not bad for somebody who was a backup setter as a junior, somebody who occasionally got into the rotation as a server and defensive specialist.

On Friday, McKenzie came up with 36 assist-to-kills. More importantly, she recorded the big block for match point in the fifth and deciding game against Miss Volleyball (Lauren Jones) to upset No. 1-ranked and defending state champion East Kentwood.

On Saturday, McKenzie set an MHSAA finals record with 61 assists in a thrilling five-game victory over North Branch, giving Churchill its first state title since 1991.

On Monday, McKenzie proudly wore her newly made state championship T-shirt with a state medal hanging around her neck, getting congratulations from teachers and students up and down the school's hallways.

On Tuesday, the senior tri-captain and her teammates celebrated their season-long accomplishments at a banquet hosted by the Italian-American Club in Livonia.

And today, the Chargers will be honored in a school-wide assembly.

"I can't believe it's over; I'm still in shock," said the 5-foot-9 senior, who plans to study occupational therapy next fall at Eastern Michigan University. "It (the banquet) was emotional, especially for the seniors. Just amazing. I got choked up. It's sad in a way, but it's exciting in a way to end a sport you love. It's a great feeling because you want to keep playing and stay with the team."



Brad Emons

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Spartans in NCAA

Cousins Bryan (left) and Jeff Lerg, both of Livonia, will lead Michigan State into the NCAA Regional hockey tournament this weekend at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. MSU, which finished third in the CCHA Playoffs last weekend at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena with a 7-6 win over Lake Superior State, will take a 22-13-3 mark into Friday's first-round game against 20-9-9 Boston University. Bryan, a junior forward who was named the Spartans' Outstanding Offensive Player at the team awards banquet Monday night, has 23 goals and 12 assists for a team-high 35 points. Jeff, a sophomore goaltender, was named the Spartans' Team MVP. He's played in all 38 games with a 2.53 goals-against average and a .909 save percentage with four shutouts. The MSU-Boston University winner takes on the semifinal winner of Notre Dame against Alabama-Huntsville in Saturday's regional championship.



Local products Condra, Sciba keep Irish smiling

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

You couldn't have written a better homecoming script last weekend for Erik Condra and Josh Sciba as the area duo helped Notre Dame claim the Central Collegiate Hockey Association championship Saturday night with a 2-1 St. Patrick's Day win over Michigan at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

Condra, a sophomore center from Livonia, notched his 14th goal of the season at 15:58 of the second period to knot the game at 1-1.

And Sciba, senior left winger from Westland, was just glad to be back taking regular shifts after missing nine games this season with a broken bone in his wrist.

Jason Paige's 11th of the season with 11:08 remaining in the final period gave the No. 1-ranked Irish the victory, their



Condra



Sciba

third straight over Michigan this season, and an automatic berth in the NCAA regional, only the second appearance in the school's history.

The top-seeded Irish (31-6-3) start tournament play at 5 p.m. Friday against Alabama-Huntsville (13-19-3) at Van

PLEASE SEE IRISH, B5

Sidelines

Wayne lifters 4th

A team of students from Wayne Memorial High School earned a fourth-place finish out of a field of 40 teams in Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Powerlifting Championships held at Muskegon.

Senior Josh Perusse, headed to Northwood University, led Wayne with a first-place in the 242-pound varsity class.

Other top varsity finishers for Wayne included Vernon Bryan, third (207 pounds); Nate Mosely, third (275); C.J. Kelly, third (242); Donald Ellis, fourth (165); David Freeman, fifth (181); Dwayne Davenport, fifth (207); Mike Davis, eighth (super-heavyweight); and Veto Tate, 11th (275).

In the JV class, Wayne's Renaldo Powell was runner-up at 145 pounds.

Cardinal duo shine

Livonia Stevenson High grads Jason Christopoulos and Tony Pounders have sparked the Concordia University baseball team to its best-ever start at 8-4.

Christopoulos, a senior from Macomb Community College, was named Wolverine-Hoosier Player of the Week and is currently hitting .409 with four homers, four doubles and 20 RBI.

Pounders, a freshman shortstop, has started 11 of 12 games for the Cardinals, hitting .364 with two doubles and 14 RBI. He has also played solid defense committing just one error with a fielding percentage of .971.

Pistons hail Antal

The Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock, along with American Community Mutual Insurance Co., honored Livonia Churchill High senior Hilary Antal as one of its March Student-Athletes of the Month.

Antal and Daniel Olson of LaSalle H.S. each received a \$1,000 college scholarship during a half-time presentation Tuesday during a game at the Palace of Auburn Hills between the Pistons and Philadelphia 76ers.

Antal, who carries a 3.5 grade-point average, is a member of Churchill's varsity basketball, softball and tennis teams. She was also active her sophomore and junior years on the debate team.

She plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn to earn a bachelor's degree in Political Science with aspirations of attending law school.

"Hilary Antal is truly one of the great ones," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "Her character, integrity, morals and values are of the highest ethical fiber."

Football tryouts

Tryouts for the Detroit Diesels, a minor league football team (ages 18 and up), will be from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24 at High Velocity Sports Center, 46245 Michigan Avenue, Canton.

The cost is \$30 per person. For more information, call (313) 294-0890.

Regular season ends with win for Whalers

Tom Sestito's power play goal at 4:45 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Kitchener Rangers, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 3,199 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth finishes the regular season at 49-14-2-3, good for 103 points, second overall in the OHL and the second highest point total in franchise history. The 1998-99 Whalers went 51-13-4 for 106 points.

Kitchener finishes the regular season at 47-17-1-3 for 98 points.

Evan Brophy scored the other two Plymouth goals and has 36 on the season with 71 assists for a team-leading 107 points. Chris Terry added two assists for the Whalers as the game's second star. Nazem Kadri (7) and Kevin Henderson (33) replied for Kitchener. Charles Lavigne stopped 51-of-54 Plymouth shots in goal for Kitchener as the game's third star. Plymouth goaltender

Jeremy Smith stopped 31-of-33 Kitchener shots to pick up the victory.

The teams trade a goal apiece less than one minute apart in the first period. Kadri accepted Steve Downie's cross crease pass and banged home the puck from the right wing goal line at 16:46 to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead. Brophy tied the game at 17:42. Plymouth tied the game at 17:42 when Terry was checked on the left wing side of the Kitchener goal, the puck pinballed into the slot for Brophy, who made no mistake.

Henderson (power play at 5:24) and Brophy (power play at 10:30) traded goals in the second period.

Terry set up Sestito for the game winning goal. On the play, Lavigne challenged Terry, who came in tight on the left wing. As Lavigne got tied up with a Kitchener defenseman, Terry slid the puck in front to Sestito, who put the puck into the empty net.

Plymouth outshot Kitchener, 54-33.

Whalers meet Guelph in opener

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The pivotal moment in the Plymouth Whalers' 2006-07 regular season - the franchise's most-productive in recent memory - unfolded not on a sheet of ice, but in a locker room.

Not long after the Whalers had suffered their fifth-consecutive loss (a 5-2 setback at Kingston) on Nov. 5, head coach Mike Vellucci gathered his skaters for a heart-to-heart discussion on what he expected from them during the final 51 games of the season.

"In so many words, I told them in that team meeting that I knew we were a championship team, even though we weren't playing like one at the time," said Vellucci. "I told them if they played up to their potential, this could turn out to be a very special season because I knew we had a lot of talent on this team."

"Our turnaround started right after that meeting."

Whatever was said during the gathering should be bottled and sold. The Whalers have rolled to an incredible 41-5-5 record since the locker-room doors opened on that cold November afternoon, finishing with a 49-14-2-3 record (103

ROUND OF 'GUELPH'

- **What:** Round 1 best-of-seven series of Ontario Hockey League playoffs.
- **Who:** Plymouth Whalers (49-14-2-3) vs. Guelph Storm (33-23-3-9);
- **When:** Game 1 is Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township; Game 2 is Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Guelph; Game 3 is Tuesday at 7:05 at Compuware; Game 4 will be Thursday, March 29, in Guelph.
- **Beware the 'D':** Led by stellar goaltenders, both teams yielded less than three goals per game.
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points), an Ontario Hockey League West Division title and the second-most points in the entire league (London notched 104).

The Whalers will take aim at the franchise's first league championship since 1995 on Saturday night when they host Guelph in Game 1 of a best-of-seven OHL first-round playoff series. The opening face-off is set for 7:05 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The Storm finished third in the OHL's Midwest Division with a 32-23-3-9 mark.

"Even though we had a great regular season, everyone here knows the job is not done yet," Vellucci said. "The regular sea-

son is over now and the only thing a lot of people remember is how well you did in the playoffs."

"All eight teams that made the playoffs in the Western Conference are dangerous, including Guelph. Their goaltender is very good and they're not far below us in terms of goals-against average. They have a great corps of defensemen and they're a very, very hard-working team."

Statistically, it's hard to find a flaw in the Whalers, who led the OHL in goals against (173) while finishing third in goals scored (299). Their two rotating goalies - Michael Neuvirth and Jeremy Smith - both finished in the top four in the

league in goals-against average while a pair of Plymouth forwards - Evan Brophy (107 points) and Daniel Ryder (92) - earned spots in the league's top 10 points leaders.

The Whalers' offense will be bolstered by the return of talented forward James Neal, who missed the previous two months with an injury.

Vellucci was noncommittal when asked whether he would continue splitting the goaltending chores.

"I'm not sure yet what I'm going to do," he said. "I'm going to play it by ear, see what happens in Game 1, then take it from there."

Storm goaltender Thomas McCollum's season has paralleled Neuvirth and Smith's - at least in terms of goals-against average (2.39) and save percentage (9.18). His record (26-18-3-7) isn't as gaudy as the Whalers' combined numbers, but that's because he doesn't have the backing of the high-powered offense that Plymouth possesses.

Offensively, Guelph has been paced by Drew Doughty (73 points) and Rafael Rotter (63).

Game 2 of the series is set for 6:30 p.m. Sunday in Guelph. The two teams will return Tuesday to Plymouth for Game 3.

Defenseman Bellemore becomes OHL plus

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As the number of "healthy scratches" grew on Brett Bellemore's stat sheet early this season, so did the level of frustration in the Plymouth Whalers' 6-foot-4, 193-pound defenseman.

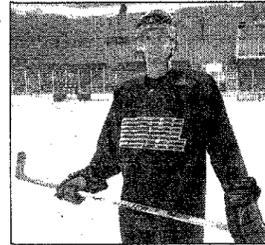
A healthy scratch - as Bellemore can readily explain - means that you're healthy enough to play in a game, but you don't because your coach doesn't think you're one of the top 20 players - or, in his case, one of the top six defensemen - available.

It may be the most humbling stat in hockey and it flattened Bellemore's season faster than a jet-propelled Zamboni.

"The first part of the season was definitely frustrating for me because I wanted to play and contribute," said Bellemore, an 18-year-old native of Windsor. "I just tried to keep working on the little things in practice and when I did get my chance, I was determined to make the best of it."

That chance came Nov. 3 against Ottawa and, boy, did he ever make the best of it.

"One or two of our defensemen got hurt the week before, so I finally got an opportunity to play in Ottawa," he remembered. "On my first shift of the game, they made a suicide pass and I hammered a guy into the boards. I got a penalty for it,



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Plymouth Whalers defenseman Brett Bellemore finished the regular season with an Ontario Hockey League-best plus-48 in the all-important plus/minus category.

but it was worth it because I started playing better and playing more after that."

To make a long story short, Bellemore went from leading the Whalers in healthy scratches to leading the entire Ontario Hockey League in the plus/minus category with an amazing plus-48. That means the Whalers scored 48 more goals when Bellemore was on the ice than they yielded when he was patrolling the blue line.

"Brett has been outstanding for us this season," said Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci. "He started a little slowly this year, but he's been great ever since."

"Brett plays against all the top lines. He's so smart on the ice that it's scary. He anticipates

the play so well and his stick has been great. With the new rules that are in place this year, it's important that defensemen can poke check, and that's something he does very well.

"We wouldn't be where we are right now without Brett."

That's saying something considering the Whalers crafted the second-best record in the OHL over the course of the recently completed 2006-07 regular season. Although he hasn't scored a goal while netting just 12 assists, Bellemore has been a key element in the team's incredible success.

"I'm strictly a defensive defenseman," Bellemore admitted, smiling. "I try to contribute offensively when I can, but the opportunity doesn't come up very often."

He definitely contributed to the Whalers' offense on the night of Feb. 18. Thanks in large part to Bellemore's three assists, Plymouth overcame a 5-0 deficit to defeat Sault Ste. Marie, 8-6, in what may be the most memorable victory to date for the team this season.

"That's probably the highlight of my season so far," he said.

Growing up in Windsor, Bellemore was a huge fan of the OHL Spitfires, who now serve the role as the Whalers' arch-enemies. The proximity to his hometown is ideal for the 2004 12th-round draft pick.

"It's great playing so close to home because my parents, family and friends can get to a lot of my games," he said. "It's especially exciting when we play Windsor because of the rivalry between the Spitfires and the Whalers."

"I was a huge Spits fan growing up. I went to a lot of their games and I always dreamed about someday playing in the 'O'. It was very exciting getting drafted by the Whalers. It's a great group of guys and a great atmosphere to play in, especially now that we're winning like we are."

The modest Bellemore attributes his league-leading plus-minus rating more to his talented teammates than his own skills.

"We have a great group of forwards who can put the puck in the net from anywhere, anytime," he said. "I just try to get them the puck and let them do their thing."



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CHURCHILL

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and give everything you have. It worked out. We just came together and pushed through." It was a roller coaster match, to say the least.

"It's all about momentum and we needed to get that into our hearts," Archer said. "Coach 'G' said, 'You've got to win.' Fish would push the ball to the corners. Both games we lost our heads were not in the game. We weren't picking up the balls we should. That little No. 2 (Olivia Kohler) was a good server and hitter."

The fifth game might have been Krupsky's finest 15 minutes of her career, as she carried the Chargers to victory.

After falling behind 4-2 at the outset, the Central Michigan University signee made it 5-4 and the Chargers went on a 10-3 run to end the match.

"It (the ankle) was hurting really bad, but nothing is more exciting than being in the state tourney," Krupsky said. "That fifth game I just had to focus on the here and now. I was so pumped up that the last thing I thought about was the ankle. I completely forgot about it. I just thought about putting the ball on the floor. This is the best thing that's ever happened to me. It's been a dream of mine since my sophomore year. It's just amazing. It's not



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill supporters cheer the Chargers on to their state semifinals win over East Kentwood Friday night at Western Michigan University.

about two players, it's a whole team effort."

Churchill's defense held up against the scrappy Broncos with Stephanie Bradshaw getting 17 digs followed by Anna-Marie Gatt (13), Jordan Kerr (12) and McKenzie (11).

"Kelsey (McKenzie) is a good-size setter with great timing," Grenier said. "She silently gets the job done. And we like our chances with Kyndra and Lauren being able to swing hard."

Churchill's big advantage in the final statistics was kills (69-41 margin) and blocks (15-6).

After getting an uncharacteristic 11 kills in the semifinals vs. East Kentwood, Krupsky was steady throughout the finals.

"Krupsky's a winner," Grenier said. "She's been three years on the varsity and has

never been a disappointment. After Kyndra went through the first three rotations (of the fifth game), I told Lauren to go in and be a hero. In the fifth game you want Krupsky. She went back to her old self. She forgot about the injury, just go out and play ... as did the entire group."

Jessica Curtis and Heberd recorded 11 and 10 kills, respectively for the Broncos. Lauren Strich had 18 digs, while Katie Carter added 14.

"They (North Branch) gave us fits, but I rely on my two assistants, Amanda Yaklin and Mike Francis for scouting reports," Grenier said. "They're the two people behind the scenes who enabled this to happen. They put together a nice game plan. They're great assistant coaches."

North Branch coach Larry

Fish, meanwhile, said his team performed admirably in defeat.

"We tried the same attack, work the middle and the lines," he said. "We always had two people on Krupsky and sometimes three on Abron. She (Abron) made 13 hitting errors so I think our game plan worked, but you're not going to stop her every time."

"They had 69 kills as a team and we had 41. But we had people 5-6 and 5-2 still getting touches and blocks against 6-3 and 6 feet. That's amazing."

"We also wanted to serve them aggressively and keep them out of their offense. We had 10 aces and they only aced us once."

"I'm not depressed at all. There are no regrets. There was no fear. They showed class and they're a fine team. They competed hard. Give Churchill all the props."

Churchill becomes the first Observerland team in 15 years to win a state volleyball. And ironically, it was the Chargers who last captured a state crown.

"We just had to take it one game at a time and see what happens," Grenier said. "We're fortunate to play in a great conference. Playing teams like Salem and Northville in the district prepared us. It's a win for all the teams in the Western Lakes (Activities Association). We have a good conference and they should feel they get a slice of this as well."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**
Tuesday, March 27
 John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28
 Willow Run at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Summitt at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 29
 Wash. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 30
 Franklin at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 Lathrup at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
 (all doubleheaders)
 John Glenn at Farmington, 11 a.m.
 Wyandotte at Wayne, 11 a.m.
 Churchill at Thurston, noon
 Novi at Stevenson, noon
 Franklin at Allen Park, 1 p.m.
- GIRLS SOFTBALL**
Tuesday, March 27
 Harrison at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28
 A.A. Huron at Franklin (2), 3:30 p.m.
 Willow Run at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Summitt at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
Thursday, March 29
 Stevenson at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Friday, March 30
 Novi at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
 Lathrup at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
 (all doubleheaders)
 Garden City at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
 Redford Union at Franklin, 11 a.m.
 Wyandotte at Wayne, 11 a.m.
 Huron Valley at Lutheran N'west, 11 a.m.
- GIRLS SOCCER**
Monday, March 26
 Crestwood at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Saline, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27
 Divine Child at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at F.H. Harrison, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28
 Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Summitt at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
 Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 29
 Bishop Foley at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, March 30
 Clarenceville at Wayne, 5 p.m.
 Churchill at A.A. Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.
 Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
 Ladywood at Notre Dame Prep, 1 p.m.
- BOYS TRACK & FIELD**
Tuesday, March 27
 John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Thursday, March 29
 Annapolis at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, March 31**
 Patriot Invitational at Franklin, 9 a.m.
 Huron Relays at EMU, 10 a.m.
- GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**
Tuesday, March 27
 John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Thursday, March 29
 Annapolis at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
 Patriot Invitational at Franklin, 9 a.m.
 Huron Relays at EMU, 10 a.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**
Friday, March 30
 Wayne at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**
Tuesday, March 27
 John Glenn vs. Taylor Truman at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.
Thursday, March 29
 Wayne vs. Taylor Truman at Woodlands-Van Buren, 3 p.m.
- GIRLS LACROSSE**
Monday, March 26
 Ladywood at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
 Ladywood Tournament, 9 a.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**
Friday, March 23
 Madonna at Spalding (Ky.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 24
 Madonna at Spalding (2), 1 p.m.
Sunday, March 25
 Madonna at Spalding (Ky.), noon.
Tuesday, March 27
 Madonna vs. Rochester College at Ilich Ballpark, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28
 Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Ilich Ballpark (2), 1 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Ilich Ballpark (2), 1 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**
Friday, March 23
 WHAC-MCC Challenge at Ind. Wesleyan.
 Madonna vs. Grace College (Ind.), 9 a.m.
 Madonna vs. St. Francis (Ind.), 11 a.m.
 Madonna vs. Spring Arbor, 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 24
 Madonna at Ind. Wesleyan, 11 a.m.
 Madonna at Ind. Wesleyan, 3 or 5 p.m.
- ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS**
Saturday, March 24
 Whalers vs. Guelph Storm at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.
Sunday, March 25
 Plymouth at Guelph Storm, 6:30 p.m.
- MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**
Friday, March 23
 Ignition vs. California Cougars at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

EMONS

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Two years ago, Churchill lost in the regional final to Saline. Last year, the Chargers fell to Temperance Bedford in the quarterfinals.

This year, the Chargers broke through to the Final Four and got a shot at East Kentwood in the semifinals. Nobody figured it would last more than four games and East Kentwood would roll into the finals.

But the Kalamazoo crowd got behind the underdog Chargers and it went to the fifth game.

Adrenaline kicked in. Churchill was hanging tooth-and-nail with the Falcons despite the fact that one of the team's top two attackers, senior Lauren Krupsky, was slowed by a sore right ankle.

"We tried to take it game-by-game, but I always dreamed about winning 'state,'" McKenzie said. "And during the semis, I said, 'Wow, this is really happening.' I had a lot of confidence in the team and I was confident we could win. Our defense was amazing. We got touches and we put it down. Lauren's a trooper, she played through pain. And Kyndra (Abron) kept making big hits. Everybody played a great game. It was the best game of our lives. We had so



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Churchill coach Mark Grenier gives instructions to his Churchill players during a timeout in Friday's semifinal victory over East Kentwood.

much heart. Both were great teams — it was a matter of who won it more."

Apparently McKenzie desperately wanted to be the starting setter somewhere along the line, dating back to her freshman year.

The position was considered a question mark going into this season for the Chargers with the loss of Stacy Urbats (now at Schoolcraft College), but McKenzie figured it was her spot despite little varsity playing time.

McKenzie then made a tough decision. She gave up basketball to concentrate on volleyball during the off-season.

"We talked about it after the season and she did everything you could possibly do," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "She busted her butt in summer

camp. She set a lot of balls (in the fall). She went above and beyond, and it was noticed by the team. They rallied around her and she gained a lot of respect. It (volleyball) became the number one priority for her."

McKenzie also had the makeup that fits a quarterback. She knew when to get serious and when it was time to let her hair down.

"Kelsey's the type of person you want to hang out with," Grenier said. "She's got that bubbly personality, knows when to have fun and keeps things light. She's got a great sense of humor."

McKenzie's development was steady throughout Churchill's 56-4-1 season. She also began to realize the coach had her back.

"(Grenier) and I had a special relationship," the setter said. "The quarterback runs the team and we'd talk behind the scenes. He often pulled me aside. He helped me a lot. He's a really good coach."

The early-season question mark turned into a state finals exclamation point.

"Early on, I knew she'd get better with practice and experience," Grenier said. "She was our floor leader. She had quite a drive and it was never more evident than in the North Branch match. During the timeouts she kept people up when things got tight. She delivered some big balls."

"She saved her best for last."



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Chris Marinica (Canton) 57.00

Nick Anthony (Franklin) 57.08
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Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 48.35
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Jon Templeton (Canton) 48.95
Nick Leone (Salem) 49.53
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Salem 3:23.08
Livonia Churchill 3:23.46
Plymouth 3:33.44

Senior men's golf

A general membership meeting for the Livonia Senior Men's Golf League will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21 at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The \$25 registration fee includes a \$15 ticket to the annual awards banquet. Membership is open to all male residents of Livonia who are 62 years of age and older.

League play begins Tuesday, May 1 and is scheduled through Tuesday, July 31. There are five handicapped flights. You must play at least 10 nine-hole rounds during the league year to establish a handicap and be eligible to participate in the flight championship tournament beginning in August.

For more information, call league president Tom Amadori at (734) 261-4718; or league secretary Don Hooper at (734) 464-6975.

Triathlon seminar

An introduction to triathlon seminar will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at the New Balance store, located at 37606 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

A panel of experts will be available to discuss training methods necessary to become a triathlete. Light snacks will be provided.

Among the featured speakers will be Laura Sopheia, a 20-year veteran of the sport and 2006 USA Triathlon National and 2006 Ironman World Champion age group champion; Roman Krzyzanowski, 10-time Ironman finisher and USA Triathlon age-group All-American; and Jon Sherman, owner of Cadence Cycle in Saline.

The seminar is free, but you need to reserve a spot by Friday, March 23 to: depeter@nbdtetroit.com.

For more information, call (248) 324-0506; or visit www.nbdetroit.com.

Colt-Palomino sign up

Registration for Livonia Baseball-Softball Association (ages 15-16) and Palomino (17-18) baseball will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, March 31; and from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Two divisions of play will be formed. It includes a highly competitive select division for those members of their high school baseball teams along with a non-select division for youths currently not playing for their respective high school squad.

Rosters may be limited. Early registration is encouraged and forms are available in the high school business offices. Coaches are also wanted for both divisions.

For more information, call George Coram at (248) 478-5071 or Curt Kreutzfeld at (734) 522-5413.

Girls fastpitch

Registration for the 2007 Westland Lightning girls fastpitch softball program (ages 8-16) is being held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the Westland Youth Athletic Association Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland.

Birth certificates are required.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

The Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball team is seeking more players to fill current and new teams to attend tryouts on Saturday, March 24 (location and time to be determined).

For exact times and locations (based on weather), visit www.livoniastorm.com. For more information, call Ken Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or e-mail kjewell@livoniastorm.com.

AAU volleyball

Tryouts for the Thunderbirds Volleyball Organization (TVO) for girls ages 10-18 will be Saturday and Sunday evenings throughout the month of March.

Space is limited, but new and experienced players are welcome.

To register for tryouts, call TVO club coordinator Gary Smart at (734) 432-5959; or e-mail smart5959@sbcglobal.net.

Soccer sign up

Registration is underway for the Livonia YMCA 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 and fees vary.

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

The Livonia Soccer Club is accepting spring registrations.

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

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 fast-pitch 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.

Martian Races

The seventh annual Martian Invasion of Races, benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Society, will be Sunday, April 1 starting at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus.

The event, which winds through Hines Park in Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Westland, Livonia and Northville, includes the marathon (26.2 miles), half-marathon (13.1 miles), Meteor 10K (6.2 miles) and mini-marathon for kids (26.2 miles over several days).

Athletes will compete for over \$3,200 in prize money.

The Martian Fitness Expo, free to the public, will be from 1-8 p.m. Saturday, March 31 at UM-D. A pre-race pasta party will be from 4-8 p.m. at Dearborn Pizza Papalis also on March 31.

Volunteers are also wanted. For more information, visit www.martianmarathon.com.

Archery class

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer a six-week advanced archery class for ages 10 and up from 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, May 14 through June 25 (no class May 28) at the Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

Registration, which begins Monday, April 2, is at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 12100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The fee is \$30. Equipment will be provided, but it is recommended you bring your own finger tab and arm guard. You may bring your own equipment with instructor approval the first class.

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

Archery range opens

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will open its archery range from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays from April through October and 4 p.m. until dusk Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept.-October.

The range is located on Glendale Avenue off of Farmington Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

Registration for an archery range season pass begins Monday, March 5 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's Parks and Recreation Desk, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Resident season pass fees are \$25 (per individual); \$35 (two members); \$45 (three members); and \$55 (four or more).

Non-resident fees are \$40 (per individual); \$50 (two members); \$60 (three members); and \$70 (non-resident). Daily resident pass fees are \$4 (adult) and \$2 (17-and-under). Non-resident fees are \$6 (adult) and \$4 (17-and-under).

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

Open swimming

Western Wayne County

Therapeutic Recreation will stage open recreational swimming from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays through May 29 at the Dyer Orthopedic Pool, located on Marquette Road (between Wayne and Newburgh roads).

The one night fee is \$2 for Wayne County residents and \$3 for non-Wayne County residents. Five swim cards are \$10 for Wayne County residents and \$15 for non-residents.

For more information, call Margaret Martin at (734) 722-7620; or e-mail mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us.

MU volleyball camps

Madonna University will stage a series of summer volleyball camps including:

Elite - 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; General Players - 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; Setters - 8:30 a.m.-noon, Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Youth - 1-4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Hitters - 8:30 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, July 9-12; and defensive specialist - 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 9-12.

For more information, call MU women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings).

Northville Runners

Runners of all levels are invited to join the Northville (formerly Redford) Road Runners, which meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday - with the exception of the first Tuesday of each month at Running Fit in Northville (Six Mile and Haggerty roads) - and Thursday at Northville's Hillside Recreation Center, located off Center Street just south of Eight Mile.

Runners also meet during the winter months at 9 a.m. Saturdays at the Northville Community Recreation Center, located on Center just west of Sheldon.

Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-to-6 miles.

Visit www.northvilleroadrunners.org for more information.

Baseball Academy

The Bernie Carbo Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be staging individual, small group and team skills session in velocity improvement, power hitting and fielding to showcase at any time.

Former Phillies minor league All-Star Mark Rutherford will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

Ignition soccer 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.

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.

Information regarding purchasing tickets to see the Detroit Ignition at Compuware Sports Arena can be obtained by calling the club at (888) 436-GOAL (4625), on online at www.detroitignition.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
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2139 - Margaret Davanzo - Grill, Desk, End Table
4072 - Catherine Petroff - Shelf, Desk, Misc Items
4035 - Lynda Jordan - 25 Totes, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
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C094 - Delia Farah - Misc Items
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CITY OF LIVONIA
NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED AND REFUSE ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, of the City of Livonia, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Livonia, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, by May 15 of each year and as many times thereafter as may be necessary. If any weeds so ordered to be destroyed by May 15, as aforesaid, have not been removed by the owner or occupant of the premises, then the City of Livonia is hereby authorized to enter upon the land and destroy said weeds at the expense of the owner or occupant of said land. The City may cut weeds as many times as is necessary and charge the costs to the property owner.

In the event the owner or occupant, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land in any subdivision in which buildings have been erected on sixty percent (60%) of the lots included in the subdivision and where such subdivision has a residential zoning classification of R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6 or R-U-F, or the owners or occupants, or any person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, which abuts or is adjacent to the aforementioned subdivisions for a depth of two hundred (200) feet, or the owners or occupants, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation, having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, which abuts or is adjacent to any developed public park or any developed school or college grounds, whether public, private or parochial, for a depth of two hundred (200) feet, or the owners or occupants, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, along all improved streets in common usage for a depth of two hundred (200) feet or the depth of the property, whichever is less, shall fail, refuse or neglected to comply with the above mentioned ordinance, the City shall cause said weeds, grass, brush, deleterious, unhealthy growths, rubbish or debris to be cut down, destroyed or removed. Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the floodplains of any natural streams or watercourses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or watercourses, shall be exempted from the provisions of this ordinance. The expense incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction or removal of same together with a ten percent (10%) administrative charge will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

David M. Woodcox
Director of Inspection,
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IRISH

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Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. The other side of the draw pits Michigan State and Boston University at 8:30 p.m. Friday, with the winners facing off at 8:35 p.m. Saturday.

"It's just amazing, it's been an exciting ride for us," said Condra, who was named to the all-tourney team and leads the Irish in points with 14 goals and 33 assists. "Growing up in Livonia, it's always been a dream of mine playing at Joe Louis Arena and winning the CCHA. I had a whole crew there. My grandpa came up from Florida. It was just awesome."

It was only six weeks ago when Sciba wondered if he was going to finish out the season after suffering the injury late January in a game against Miami (Ohio). He elected surgery instead of going with a cast, which would have put him out for the year.

"It was an unbelievable feeling, especially for the seniors going out, it was something special," said Sciba, who has seven goals and 10 assists after scoring 17 goals and adding 13 assists his junior year.

With the upperclassmen setting a good example, along with passion and single-mindedness of second-year coach Jeff Jackson, it's propelled the Irish to a banner season and just four wins away from a coveted NCAA title.

Even the Irish's current ranking and dominance of the CCHA has been quite a surprise.

"Truthfully, I didn't think so," Condra said of Notre Dame's record. "I knew we'd be better, but nobody saw this coming. A few things come to mind. We have tremendous leadership from our eight seniors. They've brought us into a system and led us through. It was good for us to have Josh back. He's a senior leader who can score at any moment."

"We also have some good, young guys who can put the puck in the net."

"And Coach Jackson just has a passion for the game. He's old-school. Discipline and hard work are his main assets. It's his preparation, too. He's not satisfied. He'll stay up all night just to make sure of every last detail."

Sciba, like Condra, was recruited to Notre Dame by former coach Dave Poulin. Sciba came directly from the Under-18 U.S. National Developmental Team based in Ann Arbor and has been part of the Notre Dame program four years.

As a freshman, he played in 38 of 39 games and was a member of the first and last Irish team to make an NCAA regional (2004), losing to Minnesota in the first-round game in Grand Rapids, 5-2.

"It's a combination of things," Sciba said, alluding to the team's success. "It's his (Jackson's) attention to detail and his passion for the job. He takes everything to heart. It's very precise. It's the way we execute our systems on and off the ice. It's a team-oriented atmosphere. It's been like that all year long. And that's how we approach every weekend."

Playing in Grand Rapids shouldn't hurt. The Irish will have plenty of support again this weekend.

"It's close to home, we'll get a good crowd there and it should feel like a home-ice advantage," said Condra, who was a seventh-round draft pick last summer of the NHL Ottawa Senators.

The Irish, No. 2 seed overall in the 16-team tournament, won't get caught looking ahead to Michigan State, with whom they split during the regular season, or Boston University for that matter.

"We have a lot of respect for Alabama-Huntsville," Sciba said. "As Coach Jackson said, we have to play as we have all season long with that 'underdog mentality.'"

"Our fans have been good all year. We'll get the student support and I'm sure a lot of my friends will be there."

If Notre Dame gets through the Grand Rapids regional, the ultimate destination is the Final Four, April 5 and 7, in St. Louis, Mo.

While Condra, a psychology and pre-med major, has two years of eligibility remaining, this is it for Sciba, who now begins to ponder life after college hockey.

"I want to try and play as long as I can," said Sciba, who will graduate with a major in sociology and computer applications. "But I'd also like

to teach and coach. It would be something special to be a part of the game and be able to stay in the game."

Wolverines in NCAA

Livonia natives Mark Mitera and Brandon Naurato will lead the University of Michigan hockey team into the NCAA West Regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo., against North Dakota.

Michigan, the No. 2 seed, is 26-13-1 overall after finishing runner-up to Notre Dame last weekend in the CCHA tournament.

North Dakota, 22-13-5 overall, is seeded No. 2. The other bracket pits No. 1 seed Minnesota against No. 4 seed Air Force. The regional final is set for Sunday, with the winners advancing the Final Four, April 5 and 7, in St. Louis.

Mitera, a sophomore defenseman and No. 1 draft pick of the NHL Anaheim Ducks, has one goal and 17 assists in 40 games with a plus-23 rating.

Naurato, a sophomore forward from Catholic Central High School, has 12 goals and 11 assists in 39 games.

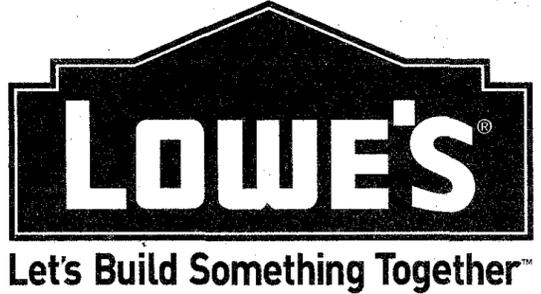
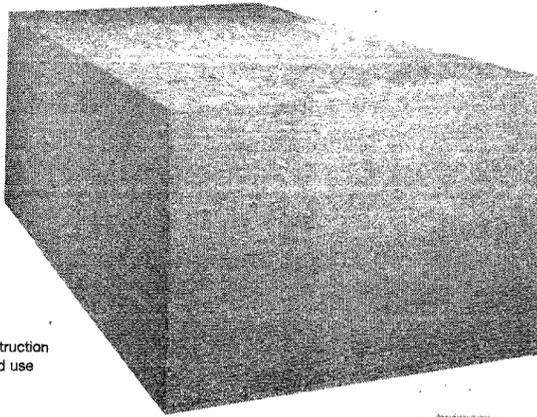


World weightlifter

A recent book signing at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia provided a chance for a reunion between Dr. Bob Suchyta, owner of Doc's, and a former coach and Norbert Schemansky (right). The restaurant hosted a book signing for Schemansky's new biography, "Mr. Weightlifting." Both men were accomplished Olympic lifters, with Schemansky (holder of four Olympic medals) being Suchyta's former coach. More than 120 leatherbound copies of the book, published by Wayne-based Immortal Investment Publishers, were sold and signed at the launch. For information on the book, call (800) 475-2066.

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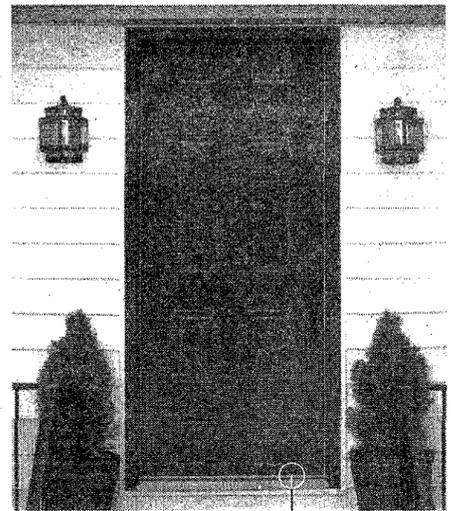
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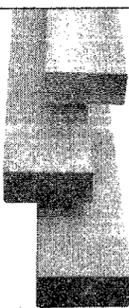
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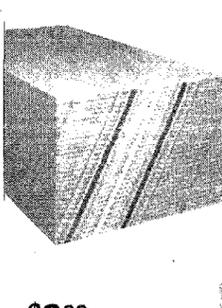
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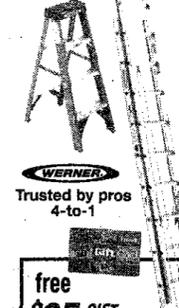
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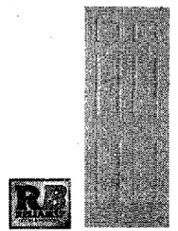
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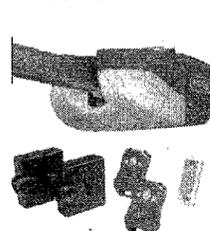
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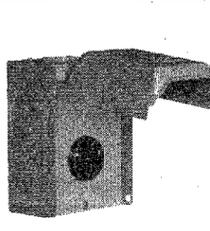
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LET'S BE FRIENDS
SBM, 19, 5'11", average build, likes hip-hop/rap music, movies and dining, seeking a SBF, 22-25, to enjoy good times with. ☎181486

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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. ☎956910

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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

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DWM, 43, 6', blond/green, smoker, with daughter, loves bike riding, reading, classic rock and symphony music. Seeking WF, 30-42, smoker, to share quiet evenings, for LTR. ☎175362

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SBM, 54, 6', 170lbs, D/D-free, affectionate, spontaneous, enjoys movies and quiet evenings, seeks a B/WF, 29-35, for friendship, let's see what happens from there. ☎173402

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SBM, 18, enjoys bowling, walks, movies and bike riding, seeking a B/HF, 18-29, N/S, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and fun. ☎174115

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SBM, 33, 6', average build, enjoys drama/action movies, seeking a W/AF, 24+, for dinner dates, outdoor activities, conversation, or watching a good movie. ☎174557

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SBM, 31, 5'5", 185lbs, enjoys church, movies and hanging out, seeking a B/WF, 27+, to share these activities with and more. Let's get to know each other. ☎174783

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SBM, 36, dark complexion, medium build, 180bs, looking for a sweet, sexy, real lady to chill with and get to know. ☎15071

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SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. ☎116761

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SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5' 8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

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