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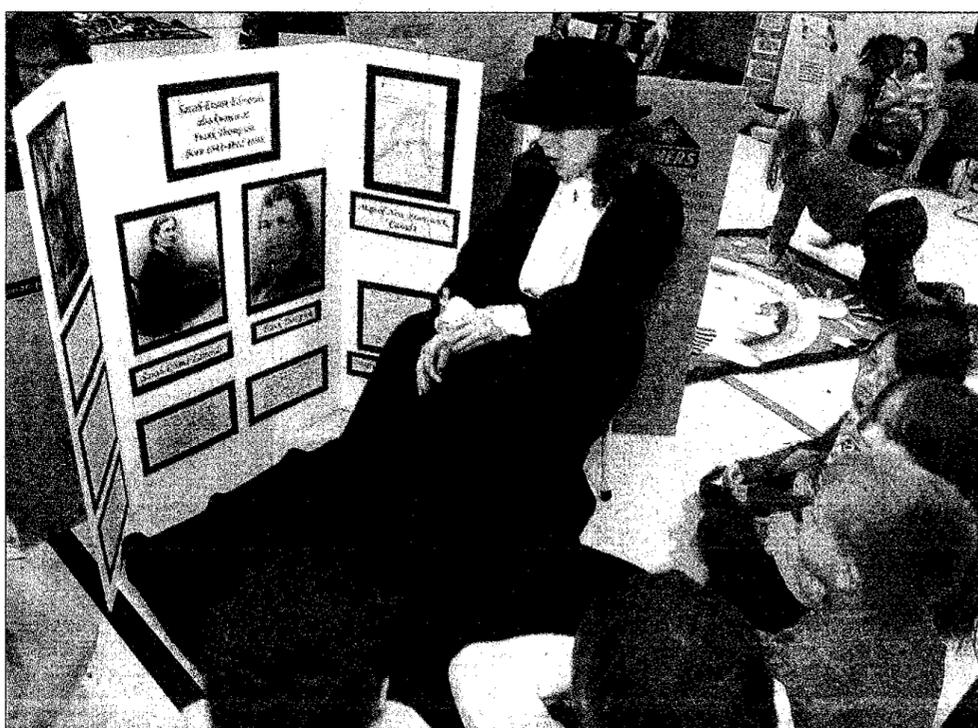
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teacher Tim Sullivan



Samantha Harper tells first- and second-graders about Sarah Emma Edmonds as part of the Michigan History Museum fourth-graders set up at Edison Elementary School in Westland.

Students bring history to life at museum

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

What do Joe Louis, Sarah Emma Edmonds and Robert La Salle have in common?

Ask fourth-graders at Edison Elementary School in Westland and they'll give you a one-word answer - Michigan.

The trio was among a cadre of historical figures that came to life when students presented their Michigan Historical Museum earlier this month.

They lined the walls of the gymnasium, posters announcing who they were, while they provided the historical facts about the characters they portrayed.

"She was the only female member of the George B. McClellan veterans post," said Samantha Harper of Sarah Emma Edmonds, one of 400 women who succeeded in enlisting in the military during the Civil War. Wearing a black jacket and match-

ing long black skirt and hat, the 10-year-old retold the story of Edmonds who cut her hair, bought a man's suit and changed her name to Frank Thompson in order to enlist in the Michigan Infantry Volunteers. It took four tries, but once in, she worked as a nurse and as a spy.

"I thought she would be a cool topic," said Samantha. "Mrs. (Judith) Muller pulled sticks and we got to pick a topic. I chose her from the story and her photograph."

Students had about a month to put together their projects as part of their study of Michigan history, said teacher Tim Sullivan.

The textbook gives a cursory introduction to events and persons important in the state's past, but the historical museum let students gain more knowledge about important Michigan figures and events and "puts an expert in the classroom," according to Sullivan.

"We try to incorporate a lot of what we talk about in the classroom," he

said. "They have to do some research to put in context with what they read in the books."

The assignment wasn't big, according to Muller, also a fourth-grade teacher at Edison. Students had to show what was important to Michigan either in a picture, map, dress or some form of information. They had access to packages of information on their topics, and if that wasn't enough, they could use the Internet. And considering the scope of the project, parental involvement was expected, she said.

"At this age they need the parents to help and you can see that parents did help," she added. "It's a sign they care."

This is the sixth year the fourth-graders have done the projects which culminate in the historical museum which is open to kindergartners through fifth-graders.

DeAndre Bathwell chose a person

PLEASE SEE MUSEUM, A6

DEQ identifies 65 sites in park for soil boring

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Testing for contaminants in Westland's Central City Park will enter a new phase Monday when the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Geological Services Unit begins boring to obtain soil and groundwater samples.

The soil borings will be done at 65 locations in and around the park. They were ordered after surface-level tests done in March found underground wastes.

"Sixty-five is the base number for getting an idea of what's going on out there," said DEQ project manager Beth Vens. "This will give a better picture of what the city and county are dealing with."

Vens said the locations of the borings was determined from the geophysical map of the 100-acre park, files and aerial photographs that "show where the disturbances are." A majority of them will be in the areas of the baseball diamonds, soccer field and playground.

Several borings also are "deliberately being done" outside the park to confirm that the contamination has not gone beyond the site.

"The aerials show where the contamination stopped, the geophysical showed it stopping there,

this will confirm that," she said. The samples will be analyzed for select metals, including arsenic, lead and mercury. Groundwater samples will be collected at about eight feet below ground level at each location.

Vens said the work should take about two weeks. Analysis of the samples will take up to eight weeks. The laboratory will have an additional 30 days to do a report on its findings.

"Once we get the results, we'll know what the contaminants are and will give the information to the city to determine what their response will be," she said.

The park was partially closed last November after it became known that city and county officials had been aware of a lead contamination problem at the site for several years.

The park, owned by the county and leased to the city, was once used as a dump.

Mayor William Wild took the closing one step further, ordering it fenced off after he became mayor in January.

"This initiates the next phase of environmental testing at Central City Park," he said. "We look forward to cooperating with both DEQ and Wayne County officials as this phase of testing begins."

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Pitsenbarger: Board needs experience

Editor's note: Five candidates - Bhagwan Dashairya, Skip Monit, Brian Mulligan, Martha Pitsenbarger and T. Cortez Spann Jr. - are campaigning for two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in the Tuesday, May 8, election. This is the fourth of five stories profiling the candidates based on their responses to questions submitted to them by the Observer.



Pitsenbarger



Election 2007

A 12-year member of the Wayne-Westland school board, Martha Pitsenbarger believes it is the knowledge and experience that she has amassed that is needed now.

She is hoping voters agree. "As a school board, we have faced many difficult challenges, but by working together we have been successful

in dealing with the difficulties that our school district faces," she said.

A Wayne resident, Pitsenbarger has a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University and a master of social work degree from the University of Michigan. She is a clinical social worker with Value Options in Livonia.

She currently is a voluntary probation officer with 29th District Court and is serving on the city of Wayne's Save Our Streets ballot question committee. She also has served on committees for a new police station and a community pool in Wayne.

Married, she and husband Jack have three children - Sue, Patty and Anthony - and two grandchildren.

According to Pitsenbarger, the role of the school board in public education is to set the policy which will provide an education for students.

"Our policies have to reflect state mandates," she stated. "It is

PLEASE SEE PITSENBARGER, A5

Judge orders probation in embezzlement case

A Westland woman has been sentenced to probation after pleading no contest to a charge of embezzling \$1,000 in her job overseeing a city-based family assistance program.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Carole Youngblood Thursday sentenced Tonya Cramier-Oncza, 39, to three years' probation and ordered to pay fees and court costs totaling \$1,080. According to court records, restitution was set at zero because the money in question had been returned.

She had been accused of using a check to embezzle the money that a struggling mother needed to buy a car.

Cramier-Oncza, who oversaw the federal Family Self-Sufficiency Program at Westland's Dorsey Community Center, had earlier denied any wrongdoing.

However, testimony in a February court hearing indicated that she deposited \$2,000 in FSS funds into her personal bank account and then turned over just \$1,000 to client Yolanda Parker.

Parker testified her name had been forged on the \$2,000 check. A bank teller also testified that Cramier-Oncza came to the bank and claimed that Parker couldn't accompany her because she was disabled, which she isn't. Parker learned about the \$2,000

check after she received a \$1,000 check from Cramier-Oncza and coincidentally went to the same bank teller the following day to cash it.

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Cramier-Oncza's plea was accepted under a statute that says she took advantage of a vulnerable adult.

She wasn't offered a sentence agreement in return for the plea and faced a sentence of probation up to 14 years in prison.

She will have three years in which to pay the \$1,080, which includes \$600 in court costs and \$360 in supervision fees.

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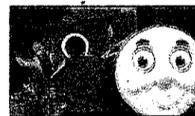
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Coming Thursday
in Filter



All aboard!
Thomas the Tank Engine wows kids at Greenfield Village. Read more in Thursday's issue of Filter

Hoover jumps to help diabetes research

Students at Hoover Elementary did their part to help find a cure for juvenile diabetes last week — in addition to jumping rope, shooting baskets and bouncing tennis balls.

Physical education teacher Charles O'Laughlin decided to use this year's weeklong Jump Rope for Heart campaign to teach students about the disease.

Two Hoover students have diabetes, but O'Laughlin said he was surprised by how many students knew about disease from their own family members.

"Doctors and scientists are working hard to try to fix it," O'Laughlin told students after reading them a story, "Taking Diabetes to School."

Third-grader Kimmy Flannigan has a special pump that delivers insulin her body needs. First-grader Megan Lord gets four shots a day.

Jump Rope for Heart usually benefits the American Heart Association.

Kimmy's mom, Chris Flannigan, said when she found out that Hoover was

Hoover Elementary School third-grader Kimmy Flannigan takes a turn at the end of a jump rope during Jump Rope For Heart activities at the school.

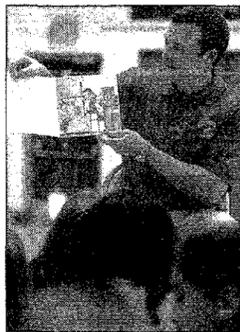


supporting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation this year instead, "I started to cry. I was so touched."

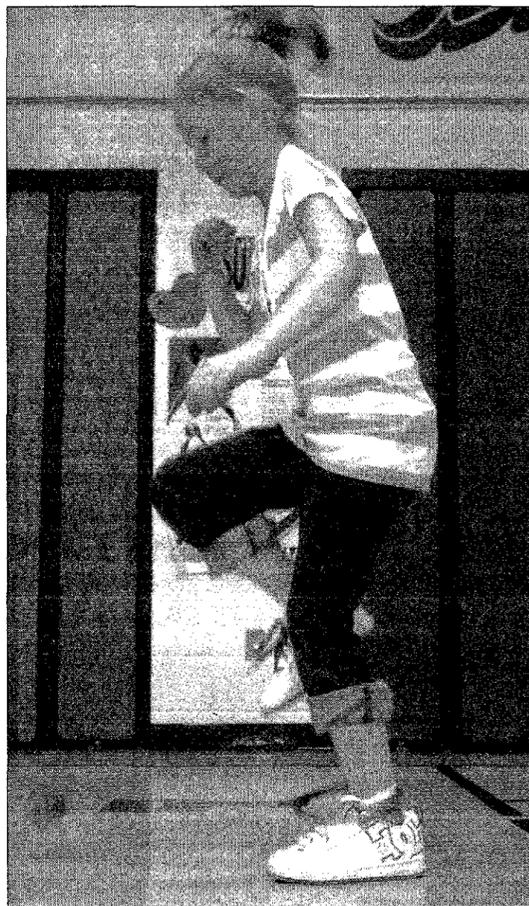
It's important "to help find a cure," said Kimmy Flannigan, whose older brother also has diabetes. They both developed an unexplained fever six weeks before being diagnosed, but have no family history of the disease.

Some students collected pledges, and O'Laughlin will add up the funds next week.

A photo slide show and sound clips from the event are available on the Observer's Web site, www.hometownlife.com.



Hoover Elementary School physical education teacher Charles O'Laughlin reads "Taking Diabetes to School" to students before they begin their Jump Rope for Heart activities.



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Hoover Elementary third-grader Jaime Roderick works the "Skip It" station during Jump Rope for Heart activities in gym class.

INFORMATION CENTRAL

The same old radio programs and utter lack of variety on music stations are enough to cause an even greater amount of stress when facing the morning commute.

Take a stand and stop listening to those three tired songs. Instead, stop by the library and take a few minutes to browse the audio book section.

The new Janet Evanovich novel, *Lean, Mean Thirteen* will be made available on CD almost as readily as the book is released.

In addition to popular fiction, revisit the classics such as Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* or *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway and experience the story from a different point of view by listening in audio book format.

Sometimes it is the author who lends his/her voice talents for the recording, enabling the reader to understand the book as the author had originally intended. The library's resources are not limited solely to fiction materials; non-fiction is also well-represented. Also in CD and cassette format, subjects in this area range anywhere from David McCullough's *1776* for someone in a historical mood or for those lovers of timeless comedy and tragedy, browse through our shelf of Shakespearean plays on audio.

For some inspiration while exercising, try listening to the popular *You: The Owner's Manual*, read by the authors Roizen and Oz.

Audio books are a very helpful tool when attempting to learn a language. Setting up your own language lesson with *French: The Short Course*, or similar titles for a number of different languages, can be very effective when used in conjunction with reading materials.

If you have any questions, please see the Reference Desk or call (734) 326-6123. The librarians will be happy to show you where the audio book section is located and how the titles are arranged.

Highlighted Activities Independent Movie Night: 7 p.m. April 24.

Join us as we show the Independent Film *Blue Vinyl* (approx. 98 min. Not Rated), in honor of Earth Day.

Made in 2002, the hazards of bio-accumulation, pollution and the makeup of what we commonly hope are benign plastics are tackled in this documentary, a Sundance Film Festival winner.

All are welcome (children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Science Fiction and Fantasy Discussion Group: 7 p.m. April 25.

Guy Gavriel Kay is a Canadian author whose work has been translated into 20 languages and who first achieved world-wide attention when he was chosen by Christopher Tolkien to assist in completing *The Silmarillion*.

Our book for this month, *The Lions of Al-Rassan*, is set in a world based on Moorish Spain, at the time of the fall of Islamic rule. If you can't make the group, you can still participate through the blog; check it out at <http://sfwestlandlibmius.blogspot.com>.

Parenting Young Children During Divorce with Susan McKenna: 1 p.m. April 28.

Children's author Susan McKenna (*Feelings Only I Know: Mom and Dad Are Getting Divorced*) will present a 30-minute workshop on parenting young children during divorce, followed by a question and answer period and a book signing.

Her book is aimed toward reassuring children about the changes that may be coming to their families.

Information Central is compiled by Mary Beth Fixler of the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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Country breakfast

AMVETS Post 171 and its auxiliary is holding its country breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon today (Sunday) at the hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland.

The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for kids up to age 12 for hash browns, pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, coffee and tea. Milk and juice will be available for an extra 50-cent charge.

Annual ice show
 The Westland Figure Skating Club will present its annual ice show, Tropical Paradise, Friday-Sunday, May 4-6, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, Westland.

Showtimes at 7 p.m. May 4, 6 p.m. May 5 and 1 p.m. May 6. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children and senior citizens. For more information, call the arena at (734) 729-4560 or visit the club's Web site at www.WestlandFSC.com.

Chili cook-off

The Westland Democratic Club will have its second-annual chili cook-off Tuesday, April 24, at the Dorsey Community Center, on Dorsey south of Palmer and east of Venoy.

Cooks will be there at 5:30 p.m.; tasters at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for tasters, who will vote for their favorite chili. Cooks also will pay a \$5 entry fee.

There will be two categories, one for candidates/elected officials and another for political activists.

Beverages and desserts will be included in the cost. Extra votes for the best chili may be cast for \$1. All proceeds will benefit the Westland Democratic Club.

For more information call Mike at (734) 788-1550 or Nan at (734) 674-7327.

Poppy sales

American Legion Post 251 will hold its annual poppy sale

AROUND WESTLAND

Friday-Sunday, May 4-6. Look for Legion members selling the red poppies be at the corner of Ford and Wayne Road. Money raised will help veterans.

Members of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 also will hold a poppy sale Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12. Look for members at various intersections throughout the city.

Cruise nights

Got a muscle car, street rod, pro street or classic car just waiting for cruise season? Well, it arrives Monday, May 7, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 in Westland.

The Motor City Muscle Car Club has moved its Monday Nite Crusin' to the post at 1055 S. Wayne Road and Avondale. Hours are 6-9 p.m., and there will be door prizes, trophies and music by DJ Dave Holloway.

For more information, call (734) 721-9876.

Dining to Donate

People who eat at Applebee's can help a variety of Westland organizations through its Dining to Donate program.

Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road will donate 20 percent of the bill to the Westland Community Foundation on April 26, Wild's Walkers for Relay for Life on May 24, Kicks 4 Kids on June 21, Westland therapeutic Recreation program on July 26, Westland Historical Village Park on Aug. 23 and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27.

Coupons are required to indicate which organization will receive the donation.

What's your bid

St. Damian will hold its ninth annual auction Saturday, April 28. This year's theme is Hawaiian Luau. There will be a live auction, featuring a trip to Maui.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple and include a full dinner, dancing, entertainment, live and silent auctions, raffles and more.

St. Damian is at 29891 Joy, Westland. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 421-6130.

Hazardous waste

The Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in Garden City Park at Merriman and Cherry Hill.

For the first time, items such as cell phones and computers will be accepted. The drop-off program is open to residents of CWCSEA communities which include Garden City, Westland, Wayne, Inkster and Dearborn Heights.

Flea market

Spaces are available for a flea market, hosted by the Harris Kehrer VFW Post 3323 Saturday, May 5, at the post at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking spaces are available at \$25 each, with \$10 extra for tables.

To reserve a spot send your name, address and telephone number and the number of spaces and tables needed to VFW 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186, attention Flea Marke, along with a check, payable to VFW Post 3323.

For more information, call Richard Eberhart at (734) 812-7978.

Card Party

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a Blossom Time luncheon and card party 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy in Westland.

Bring a friend and play cards or games of your choice. Tickets are \$6. For reservations, call (734) 722-1343. Tickets also will be available at the door.

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Churchill's alive with 'Sound of Music'

To find members of the von Trapp family for Churchill High School's upcoming all-school musical, organizers looked beyond the halls.

More than 100 local elementary students auditioned for four spots in the stage version of the popular story, which has more serious undertones than the movie adaptation.

"It's emotional. It's funny too in some parts," said Christina Walrad, a Johnson Elementary School student, who plays Marta.

"If (people) love the movie, they'll love this one even more," added Walrad, who also played Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* last year at her school.

The Tony award-winning musical *The Sound of Music* will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26, Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 in Churchill's auditorium.

It will be the final curtain call for director Patricia Hutchinson, who retired in January, but agreed to direct the spring show.

In addition to popular song-and-dance numbers, the Churchill production develops the subplots, including the Nazi takeover in Austria.

"We're trying to make people understand that loss of freedom," Hutchinson said.

"While it's a happy show, people have to understand it is a really meaningful story," said Churchill senior Ethan Hedeon, a student in the Creative and Performing Arts program who plays Captain von Trapp.

People may be offended at some parts, including high school actors portraying Nazis, Hedeon said. "We're portraying them as evil."

Churchill senior Rachel Lambert, who plays Maria, describes youngsters as "brilliant" in their roles. "They really filled their characters out well."

Working with the high



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Churchill's Rachel Lambert as Maria, left, rehearses a scene with students from various different Livonia lower schools as the VonTrapp family children for the school's production of *The Sound of Music*.



Churchill students Rachel Lambert as Maria, left, and Ethan Hedeon as Capt. VonTrapp, right, rehearse a scene from the school's production of *The Sound of Music*.

schoolers is fun, said Austin Hovermale, a home-schooled fifth-grader from Westland and a fan of the movie.

"They're all really silly," Walrad added. "It's funny. Sometimes we know their lines and they don't."

Other principal roles include Michael Hool, Lauren Mancewicz, Kayla Adams, Julia

Schewendenhenn, Madeline Crile, Kirsten Renas, Taylor Alfano, Robert Loit, Brandon Wesenberg, Rachel Bhagwat, Katlin Parzuchowski, Katie Lee and Katie DiBiase.

A chorus of 40, an orchestra of 20, a crew of 10 and an adult staff of 15 help to put on the show.

Ticket prices for the evening shows are \$10 for

adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for students.

Tickets can be purchased by calling (734) 744-2650 x70177 or e-mailing bhagwat-gay@yahoo.com.

A senior citizen group matinee show is at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 25. Tickets are \$5.

By Rebecca Jones

LPS budget at least \$4.5 million short

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Facing a deficit of at least \$4.5 million, Livonia Public Schools is looking at cutting 13 jobs, increasing class sizes at the elementary schools and finding ways to raise more money next year, school officials said Monday.

That's under the best case of three scenarios presented to school board members. The deficit could reach as high as \$7.5 million, if the school district gets no funding increase from Lansing.

Supt. Randy Liepa suggested \$1.8 million in cuts and fee increases. He recommends taking another \$2.2 million from the district's fund balance and investigating other ways to raise - or save - \$500,000.

Enrollment is expected to fall by 357 students, resulting in \$3 million less revenue.

LPS also has to budget for \$5 million more in expenses. Costs will actually increase by more than \$10 million, but the district will save \$4.9 million in payroll and retirement costs through an early retirement incentive offered to teachers, principals and other administrators.

Budget talks will continue over the next two months.

School board trustees have until June 18 to approve a budget, but because the state budget is uncertain, LPS officials could only proffer guesses for now about how much money the district will actually have.

"We have to pick a point to have a conversation," Liepa said. "That's the best we can do."

LPS officials presented three scenarios to board members Monday. In one, LPS gets the \$178 per pupil increase that Gov. Jennifer Granholm proposed in her budget, which has not been approved.

That would result in \$3 million more funding for LPS. However, that is the same amount that the district expects

to lose due to a drop in enrollment.

In another scenario, if the district received \$100 more per student next year, which matches a recent proposal by Democrats in the House of Representatives, LPS would have a shortfall of \$5.8 million.

With no funding increase, LPS would have a \$7.5 million deficit. Up to 30 positions would have to be cut.

In any case, LPS will dip into its fund balance to cover part of the shortfall. The district has about \$8 million in that account.

A public hearing is set for Tuesday, April 24.

If any teachers will be laid off, notices must go out in early June.

However, Liepa said he hoped most of the staffing cuts could be made through attrition.

Of 90 retiring staff members who are paid through the general fund, LPS plans to replace 76, Liepa said.

Recommended staffing cuts include six administrators, five elementary teachers and 2.5 student services personnel, such as social workers and psychologists.

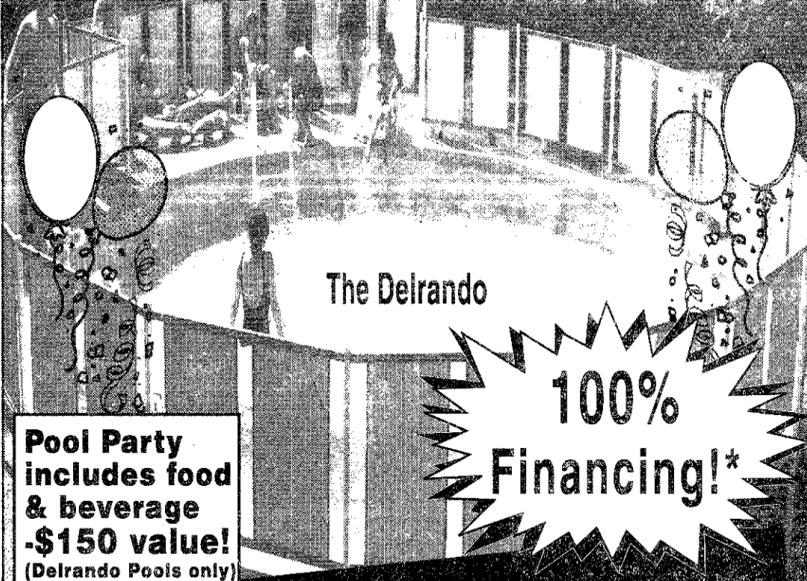
To increase revenue, the district may double the amount that athletes are charged to participate in high school and middle school sports. Advertising on buses and at athletic events will also be explored, Liepa said.

Other suggestions include cutting the amount of money spent on professional development by half, moving the gymnastics program to the Dickinson Center to save on rent and offering one-way only rides to Saturday athletic events (riders would have to find a return ride), to cut down on transportation costs.

A PowerPoint presentation of the budget highlights is available on the district's Web site, www.livonia.k12.mi.us.

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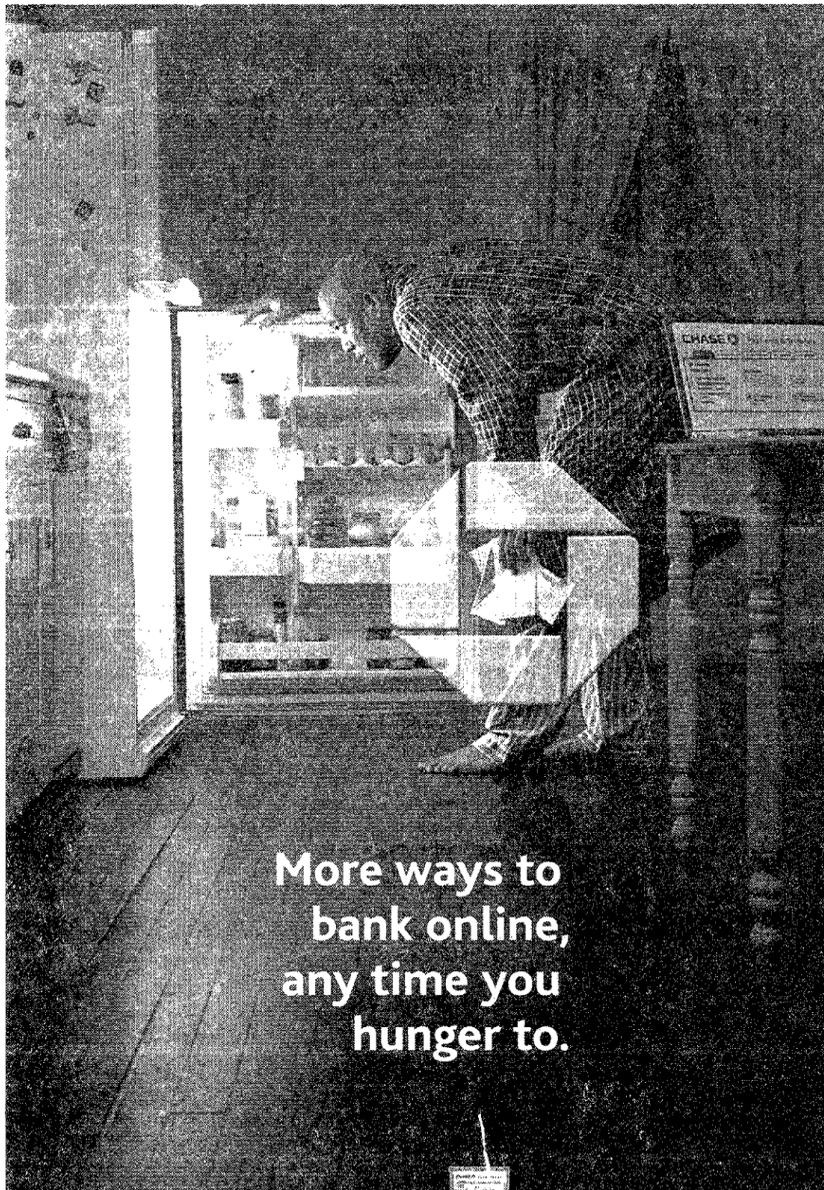
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CITY OF WESTLAND

Notice of Public Hearing for Review of a Housing and Community Development Annual Consolidated Plan Action Plan for Fiscal 2007/2008 Including Proposed Housing and Community Development Goals, Strategies and Proposed Use of Funds for Program Year XXXIII (7-01-2007/6-30-2008)

BACKGROUND

As required by U.S. Congressional Statutes, the City of Westland prepared a Five-Year Consolidated Plan Strategy for the period July 1, 2005-June 30, 2010 as a prerequisite to receiving funds from a variety of federal and state sources including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Homeless Assistance Programs, the HOME Program, and certain other federal programs, including Section 8 housing assistance. In addition, the city prepared an annual Consolidated Plan Action Plan with funding requests for project and programs for the upcoming fiscal period.

2005/2010 CONSOLIDATED PLAN ACTION PLAN NARRATIVE

The 2005/2010 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will provide information regarding the financial resources which are expected to be available during the next five years for community development and affordable housing programs including new construction, rehabilitations, rental assistance, home purchase assistance programs, etc. The Five Year Consolidated Plan reviews various federal, state, county, and local resources as well as those of the private and nonprofit sector.

The Consolidated Plan Action Plan and One Year Action Plan also discuss implementation for the city fiscal year 2007/2008 (7/1/2007-6/30/2008) in terms of the number of households to be assisted by federal, state or local programs and to which family types the assistance will be provided. For fiscal 2007/2008, the city anticipates programs and projects which were already projected under the 2005/10 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. The 2005/10 Consolidated Plan Action Plan provided a mixture of housing programs to serve very low and lower income families; owners and renters; elderly, small family and large family commensurate to the amount of federal and state assistance provided to the city. Housing rehabilitation for owners; rehabilitation of rental property in the Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions; and the provision of Section 8 rent subsidies to all family types will continue at levels provided during the five-year period 2000-2005. The city has an established home buyer program in both the Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions to encourage a greater interest in homeownership amongst families who currently rent. The Westland Housing Commission (WHC) will continue to operate its Family Self-Sufficiency Program for up to as many as (37) interested families who are currently receiving Section 8 Housing Assistance benefits. The program encourages families to either work or obtain an education and become independent of government assistance. In April of 1999, the Commission began to administer 212 Housing Preservation Vouchers at the Pointe West Apartment complex in Westland. This contract was awarded to WHC by HUD when the owners opted out of their long-term contract with HUD. WHC has also aggressively pursued scarce housing vouchers by taking over administration of the City of Wayne Housing Commission's 27 voucher program, and participating in a senior citizen housing conversion action in Royal Oak Township which provided the WHC with an additional 200 housing vouchers under its administration. The WHC is now the third largest housing commission located in Wayne County.

The city will continue with the implementation of its Carver Subdivision Revitalization Plan and has designated a nonprofit housing provider, Peoples' Community Hope for Homes, to continue affordable housing initiatives including in-fill housing on vacant lots and an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program for vacant homes. PCHFH may also undertake some demolition activities to remove long term, vacant, substandard housing. In its place, PCHFH will build new construction, single-family homes. PCHFH has an approved Neighborhood Preservation Program with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Housing construction is well underway at Westshire Place, a new subdivision in the city, abutting Carver Subdivision. Currier Street has been built, and storm and sanitary sewers have been installed. An existing watermain has been upgraded to current standards. A total of (34) new homes will be constructed of which (17) have been completed to date and another (17) are underway or in the planning stages. PCHFH has been chosen by the city as the Designated Developer for the Currier Street project. PCHFH had a competitive proposal process to select three qualified builders to construct the new homes. A total of (14) or 41% of the new homes, at a minimum, will be available for moderate-income families only.

Homeless shelter programs will continue as is, with Wayne County and local governments needing to plan for transitional and permanent housing for the homeless. Supportive housing programs for special needs individuals will continue to be provided by countryside nonprofit organizations who may possibly be subject to budget cutbacks. It is assumed that Wayne County will continue to support the operation of the Wayne County Family Center which provides (23-25) units of emergency shelter. The shelter is operated through a contract with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

The Westland Department Housing and Community Development will monitor the progress and implementation of the Consolidated Plan and provide reports to various commissions, HUD, and the local legislative body on a regular basis.

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - YEAR XXXIII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM

The City of Westland anticipates receiving approximately \$1,085,438 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Year XXXIII Program which begins July 1, 2007, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is proposed to utilize \$100,000 in program income returned to the city from loan and grant repayments from the CDBG funded Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide an increased level of capital improvements and public service activities in the Year XXX Program. The total expected HOME funding is \$329,318. The city also anticipates receiving approximately \$10,000 in program income from the HOME Program.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The CDBG program was enacted by Congress in 1974 to address the problem of deteriorating cities and neighborhoods. In order to achieve this goal of revitalizing the nation's communities, the federal government established three broad national objectives to which the City of Westland has certified it will give maximum feasible priority. These objectives include:

1. Activities which benefit low and moderate income families.
2. Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
3. Activities which address an urgent threat to the health or safety of the community.

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

1. Preserve and/or expand the existing housing stock through housing rehabilitation, rental rehabilitation, and code enforcement programs.
2. Conserve and upgrade the neighborhoods of low/moderate income families through capital improvements and the installation of a new public infrastructure.
3. Improve and expand the recreational facilities for low/moderate income families, including senior citizens and the disabled.
4. Provide for, and expansion of, a varied program of social and community services to low/moderate income persons including senior citizens.
5. Provide for the expansion of job opportunities for low/moderate income persons.
6. Alleviate conditions which are detrimental to the health and safety of the residents.
7. Undertake planning studies for the future provision of capital improvements and expansion of social and community services.
8. Barrier-free accessibility projects for physically disabled and disabled persons.
9. Expand housing opportunities for low income families with special initiatives including new construction single family homes; multi-family or a senior citizen residential rental projects; homebuyer program with financial incentives for low/moderate income families who are renting and wish to purchase new and existing housing; in-fill housing for vacant lots in existing neighborhoods; and, an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program.

2007/2008 PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Consistent with the abovestated objectives, the Administration is proposing the following list of projects/programs for the city's Year XXX Community Development Block Grant Program.

Project	Funding Level	Classification	Objectives National	Local	Location
CD Administration (08-01)	\$235,179	Program Admin.	1	1-9	A, C
Administer Community Development Block Grant program, federal regulations, subgrantee monitoring, housing assistance and state housing grant programs, operate Dorsey Community Center.					
Rehab. Admin. (08-02)	\$187,124	Low/Mod. Rehab. Admin.	1	1	A, C
Administer General Rehabilitation Program, Emergency Repair, BarrierFree and HOME Rental Rehabilitation Programs. Repair substandard units to meet city codes and eliminate health and safety hazards.					
Housing Rehab. (08-03)	\$108,150	Low/Mod. Rehab. Single Unit Resid.	1	1	A
Fund loans, grants, and deferred loans to provide financing to complete programs listed under Item 05-02. Proposed funding could be used to assist (3) homeowners for General Rehabilitations and assist (10) homeowners with emergency repairs or barrier-free access improvements.					
Senior Programs (08-04)	\$175,000	Low/Mod. Public Service/Seniors	1	3,4	A, B
Operate Senior Center on Newburgh Road. Provide services including telecare, homebound meals, congregate site lunch, emergency transportation, home chores, etc. (funding for Operation Breadbasket is \$21,600 included in the amount above). The Senior Resources Department may utilize grant funding and resources from other county, state, and federal sources in addition to block grant funds.					
Hegira Programs (08-05)	\$5,000	Low/Mod. Public Service/Substance Abuse	1	4,6	A, E
Provide substance abuse counseling services to individuals and groups and prescribe treatment programs.					
First Step (08-06)	\$5,000	Low/Mod. Public Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention	1	4,6	A, G
A program to reduce incidences of spouse abuse and sexual assault, counseling, education, outreach, transportation, and emergency shelter.					
Youth Assistance Program (08-07)	\$30,000	Low/Mod. Public Service/Youth	1	4	A, Q
Partially fund Youth Assistance Program, a juvenile counseling and mentoring program for disturbed delinquent youths, 716 years of age.					
Friendship Center Building Expansion, Section Improvement/Senior Centers (08-08)	\$32,916	Low/Mod Public	1	2	B
Construct additional space at the Westland Friendship Center due to the increasing number of seniors participating in daily activities at the Center. A total of 4,620 sq.ft. addition was constructed on the east side of the existing assembly hall. The addition houses (4) new activity rooms with folding partition walls. The total project cost was \$363,487(excluding architectural fees and interest on the project financing). A primary loan was obtained from HUD via the Section 108 loan program in the amount of \$530,000 and \$100,000 was budgeted for the project in the fiscal 1997/98 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. Repayment will be made in five years for the first loan. The difference between the revised project cost and the allocated funding was met by the city obtaining a second, concurrent 108 loan in the amount of \$300,000 with a term of ten (10) years. The \$39,000 in funding represents scheduled loan repayments of both principal and interest for both loans.					
Outreach Ordinance/91,000 Code Compliance Officer (08-09)		Low/Mod Public Improvement	1	6	K
The Building Department will locate a licensed building official at the Dorsey Community Center. This would provide daily access for residents and landlords to resolve health, safety and code compliance issues including securing and maintaining abandoned buildings. This position would also monitor senior and family apartment complexes, as well as group homes for code compliance; also, commercial structures located in distressed areas. This position reports directly to the Building Director.					
Carver Sub. Fire Station No. 5, Section 108 Loan Payment (08-10)	\$87,650	Low/Mod Public Improvement	1	2	M
Engineer and construct a 4,823 sq.ft. fire station, No. 5, in the Carver Subdivision (CT 5690) at the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene Roads. The facility is built on city-owned property and is manned full-time to provide emergency medical, advanced life-support, and fire response. An office has been constructed for Community Policing and this will be manned on a part-time basis. The total cost of the project, which is still to be completed, is estimated to be \$1,180,000 which includes the architectural/engineering, sitework, building, furnishings, and equipment to make the station operational. Funding consisted of \$539,393 in CDBG funds and \$700,000 section 108 loan which will be repaid in annual increments over a ten-year period. The city pledged its full faith and credit to collateralize this loan. Surplus funds will be used to construct a 19,584 sq.ft. children's playground adjacent to the fire facility including site preparation, play surface materials, equipment, furnishings, and landscaping, etc. The \$107,605 in funding represents a scheduled payment of principal and interest for the \$700,000 section 108 loan.					
Neighborhood Resource/Code Compliance Officer (08-11)	\$70,000		1	6	K
This position in the Police Department will handle 50% code enforcement to remove illegal and junk vehicles as well as hazardous materials both individually and in support of an ordinance officer and a fire code inspector working with potentially violent situations in CDBG targeted neighborhoods. Areas focused upon will be schools, senior centers, commercial strips and high-density lower income housing units. The other 50% of the assigned duties will be to perform community policing in CDBG target areas, and work as a school liaison officer for schools also located in CDBG target areas (\$35,000 code enforcement and \$35,000 public service).					
Reconstruction of Dorsey Road-Merriman to Venoy (08-12)	\$185,813	Low/Mod Public Improvement	1	2	D
Reconstruct 5,280 l.f. of existing paved Dorsey Road from Merriman Road to Venoy. Current Road is in unsafe condition and has become a danger to the health and safety of the Neighborhood Strategy Area. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$538,232 with the balance of the funds coming from other state and local sources. Remove existing pavement and replace with 7" concrete pavement with curb and remove and replace 3,600 s.f. of 4" concrete sidewalk.					
Salvation Army (08-13)	\$4,000	Low/Mod. Public Service/After School Program	1	4,6	A, E
Increase existing after school program for low and moderate income youth from 35 daily to 45 daily. Program is designed to help "At Risk" youth academically and to go on to college or employment.					
Subtotal Year XXX CDBG Program	\$1,216,832				
REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS:	Decrease:	Increase:			
05-18 Firefighter's Park	\$750				
06-11 Dorsey Center Rooftop Heating Unit	\$20,000				
06-13 Carver Subdivision Mass Grading	\$9,089				
06-19 Cayley Park East Phase I	\$1,555				
SUBTOTAL:	\$31,394				
TOTAL REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS:	\$31,394				
2007/2008 PROPOSED USE OF HOME FUNDS					
HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program (Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions) (08-HM01)	\$110,6850	Rehab. Multi-Unit Residential	1	1,9	D, H, J
Funding to be used to continue existing HOME Rental Rehabilitation in targeted neighborhoods. Anticipate (5) projects with (14) dwelling units for renters at 60% of median income. Must bring entire unit up to the currently adopted 2000 Michigan Residential Code, both interior and exterior. Program provides 50% of total project cost up to a maximum of \$14,999 per unit. Lead-based paint affected items which need to be repaired or replaced will have a 75% program participation. Owner provides the remaining project funds from non-government sources. Rents are restricted for a five-year period. No displacement of families permitted under program. Due to new HUD regulations for lead-based paint inspection and abatement in all federally assisted housing projects, anticipate a significant reduction of units participating and units completed; and an increased cost and time factor to complete all units beginning in fiscal 2007/2008. (CT 5685 and CT 5690)					

HOME Funds	\$32,479	Administration/ Planning	1	1	A, C
(08-HM02)					
In conformance with Federal HOME Program regulations, utilize 10% of allocated HOME funds for reimbursement to the city for eligible administrative and planning costs. No new personnel will be hired. Use to offset the cost of staff time to administer HOME programs as well as consultant fees, contractor costs, and other anticipated fees and expenses (i.e. appraisal, legal, engineering, environmental, title work, planning, banking, architectural) necessary to implement and administer the various City of Westland HOME programs.					
Set-Aside to Non-Profit Housing Organization (Peoples' Community Hope for Homes, Inc.) (PCHFH) (08-HM03)	\$137,309	Homeownership Assistance (Special Subrecipient)	1	9	J
Existing non-profit housing organization has been designated by the City of Westland to conduct affordable housing projects and programs to initiate a revitalization of the Carver Subdivision, a distressed residential neighborhood. Planned activities include in-fill housing on existing lots. Another program includes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of homes that are currently vacant. No displacement of low income families will be permitted. PCHFH will use a 100% recapture of grant funds provision for properties sold before the end of the HOME affordability period. PCHFH has an approved Neighborhood Preservation Plan through the State of Michigan which will provide additional funding for the Carver Subdivision Revitalization for (2-3) new homes at Westshire Place. Administrative/operating costs will be allocated at \$18,350 and the remaining funds, \$140,527 must be used for project costs.					
Liberty Hill Scattered Site Housing Project (05-HM04)	\$58,845	Rehabilitation/ Special Housing Needs	1	1	U
Liberty Hill Housing Corporation is a non-profit, 501(C)(3) charitable corporation that leases homes to persons with developmental disabilities. The \$58,845 in funding will be used to rehabilitate to code (10) single family homes located in the City of Westland and leased to people with special needs. This scattered site project involves major and minor rehabilitation including roof replacements, furnace replacements, upgraded bathrooms and kitchens, replacement of windows, walkways and driveways. The average age of each home is 39 years. If these structures are not rehabilitated in the near future, the health and safety of residents may be jeopardized. This money will be matched with other funding from both public and private sources.					

Subtotal HOME Funds 339,318

TOTAL PROPOSED CDBG BUDGET \$1,216,832

Regular Block Grant Allocation: \$1,085,438
 CDBG Program Income: \$100,000
 Reprogrammed Funds \$31,394

TOTAL PROPOSED HOME BUDGET \$339,318

U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development \$329,318
 HOME Program Income: \$10,000

- LOCATIONS:**
- A. Citywide impact for low/moderate income persons
 - B. 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland, MI 48185
 - C. 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186
 - D. Census Tract 5685, Norwayne, (Wildwood, Palmer, Glenwood, and Merriman)
 - E. 8623 N. Wayne Road, Suite 156, Westland, MI 48185
 - F. Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland, MI 48185
 - G. 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170
 - H. Census Tract 5690 (Annapolis, Inkster, Van Born, and Middlebelt)
 - I. Census Tract 5689 (Annapolis, Van Born, Middlebelt and Henry Ruff)
 - J. Census Tract 5690, Carver Subdivision (Annapolis, Harrison, Van Born, and Middlebelt)
 - K. CDBG target areas citywide
 - L. Stottlemeyer Park, Census Tract 5689, Dancy south of Annapolis, Westland, MI 48186
 - M. Fire Station #5, 28801 Annapolis Road, Westland, MI 48186
 - N. St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, Westland, MI 48186
 - O. Wayne Road (museum property south of Wayne & Marquette)
 - P. Fire Station #1, 36435 Ford Road, Westland MI 48185
 - Q. Youth Assistance Office, Westland Police Department, 36701 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185
 - R. Area bounded by Wildwood, Palmer, Glenwood and Chesapeake and Ohio road right-of-way
 - S. Area west of CSX Railroad, north of Cherry Hill, east of Hix Rd and south of Marquette
 - T. Area east of CSX Railroad, north of Cherry Hill

ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL 2007/2008 (07/01/04 - 6/30/05)

Listed below is the total anticipated funding to be received by the City of Westland from federal and state sources:

1. Community Development Block Grant - Estimated funding to be received by City of Westland from HUD	
Time Period for Expenditures (12 Months).	\$1,085,438
2. Program income allocated to new CDBG projects and programs.	
Time period for expenditure(12) months.	\$ 100,000
1. Program income allocated to new HOME projects and programs.	
Time period for expenditures - (12) months.	\$10,000
4. Participating Jurisdiction HOME funds received directly from HUD.	
Time period for expenditures - (24) Months.	\$329,318
5. Annual contract authority from HUD for 827 Section 8 housing choice vouchers for participating families or those on the official waiting list at 50% of median income or below.	
Time period for expenditure (12) Months.	\$6,477,780
6. Annual contract authority from HUD for Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator. Wages and salary only. Contracted out; no new permanent staffing.	
Time period for expenditure (12) Months.	\$ 32,472
Total Anticipated Funding:	\$8,035,008

DISPLACEMENT:

No displacement is anticipated for any Year XXXIII proposed project or program. Consistent with the historical use of CDBG funds and the proposed projects listed above, the City of Westland will not allocate monies where it would result in the involuntary and permanent displacement of residents. However, if displacement should unexpectedly occur, the city is prepared to assist residents so displaced in any of the following ways:

1. Payment for replacement housing;
2. Payment of reasonable moving expenses;
3. Payment of reasonable cost of rental housing;
4. Referrals to housing agencies;
5. Benefits and procedures for displacement will be carried out in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Act.

A complete statement of the city's Displacement Plan is on file in the Community Development Department at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, for citizen review during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

Citizen review and comments shall be taken at the May 17, 2007 meeting of the Westland Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC), and the May 15, 2007 meeting of the Westland Housing Commission. Anyone who is unable to attend the official public hearings and wishes to comment or make suggestions can do so by submitting their comments in writing to the Department of Housing and Community Development at 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186. Technical assistance will be provided on a limited, as needed basis to low, very low and extremely low income resident groups that require assistance in developing proposals for eligible projects, approved by the city under the consolidated submission. A full copy of the revised Citizen Participation Plan is on file in the Housing and Community Development Department during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

WILLIAM R. WILD, Mayor
 City of Westland

MHS offers 'Pawsitive Start' seminars

Make a "pawsitive" step in the right direction at the Michigan Humane Society Pet Education Center by attending a free monthly seminar, dubbed "Pawsitive Start."

Open for all dog guardians, the seminars will be held 7-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland. No pre-registration is needed.

"With the many different training theories and methods available, it can be very confusing for canine guardians to select the right training program for their dogs," said CJ Bentley, behavior consultant for the Michigan Humane Society.

Pet Education Center. "The free Pawsitive Start seminars offer a 'taste' of our program, without the commitment."

Pawsitive Start seminars are for humans only. Although developed for new dog guardians, everyone who would like to improve his or her dog's house manners is welcome to attend.

In addition to the free monthly seminars, the Pet Education Center offers a wide variety of classes, using humane methods for dogs of all ages, accompanied by the new PEC Promise. The PEC Promise grants anyone who has registered and paid for any PEC group class to take the same class again, for the lifetime of the dog.

"We know for some dogs,

the reality of life sets in once a class is completed," Bentley said. "There may come a time when either the guardian or their dog needs a training refresher. The key to the PEC Promise, combined with the proven results our training is known for, is simple: once your dog is a member of the PEC family, they are a member for life."

The Michigan Humane Society Pet Education Center (PEC) is dedicated to keeping animals in loving homes through education, training and socialization. The PEC offers dog training classes in Rochester Hills, Oak Park, Waterford and at the Berman Center, 900 N. Newburgh north of Cherry Hill, Westland. Private training

and behavior consultations also are available in select locations.

All PEC programs are committed to strengthening the human-animal bond and utilize effective, humane, positive reinforcement training and behavior modification techniques. A 20 percent discount on group training classes is available for dogs adopted from any shelter or rescue group.

The PEC's Behavior Help Line is a free service designed to assist animal guardians with companion animal behavior questions. For more information or a class schedule, call the Pet Education Center at (248) 650-1059 or go online to www.goodindog.org.

PITSENBERGER

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our role to ensure education to all of our students."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is asking school districts to find ways to share services and save money, but, according to Pitsenbarger, the district has "multiple areas where regionalized services exist."

"We regionalize special education, we have agreements with other school districts to utilize our excellent career tech center," she stated. "We also are involved in an energy cooperative with other school districts which saves money for the people."

When asked about the state's new high school curriculum, Pitsenbarger stated that she sup-

ports it.

"It's comprehensive and rigorous, but I feel money should have been provided for the training and implementation of the new school curriculum," she stated. "As a school board, we want to provide our students with a quality education."

When asked what one thing she would change about public education, if she could, Pitsenbarger focused on financing.

"I would have a consistent and equitable funding system," she stated. "It is a difficult challenge not knowing if funding from the state will be cut. It is very difficult to balance the budget when we don't know what the legislators are doing to deal with school funding."

GOLF OUTINGS

Westland Rotary Charities
The outing will be at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton and feature an 11 a.m. shotgun start to 18 holes of golf, lunch and beverages on the turn, balls, tees and goodies, door prizes, dinner and dessert.

There also will be a skins game, and prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive for men and women, a hole-in-one contest and other tests of skill.

The cost is \$125 for individual golfers, \$450 for a foursome and \$500 for the "eagle" - a foursome and the "birdie" hole sponsorship of a sign on the course and recognition in the program.

Other sponsorships available include community champion for \$1,000 and classic premium at \$300. Banquet only tickets are \$50.

Registration can be completed by sending forms to Westland Rotary Golf Outing, 5854 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48185 or by fax to Mary at (734) 729-5436.

For more information, call Mary Gregosky at (734) 729-5401, Jade Smith at (734) 261-5451, Dr. Kim Shunkwiler at (734) 728-5533, Mark McConnell at (734) 421-5510, Hugh Doody at (734) 710-0380 or Andrea Holmes at (734) 261-2161.

Bookstock: An all-week sale of used books, DVDs

Bookstock - an annual used book and media sale - will be held Sunday, April 29, through Sunday, May 6, at Livonia's Laurel Park Place.

Tens of thousands of donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records are on sale at discount prices.

Paperbacks are \$1. Hardcover books are \$3-\$4. CDs and DVDs sell for \$4.

All proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

Bargain shoppers and collectors can get first crack at the

Bookstock pre-sale from 8:45-11:45 a.m. April 29. Admission to the early sale is \$10; otherwise it is free.

The sale will continue from noon to 6 p.m. both Sundays and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Items will be sold for half-price on May 6, the last day of the sale.

Bookstock has generated more than \$200,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit in its first four years, organizers said.

People donate books and

media items at collection sites throughout the year. More than 700 volunteers collect and sort donations and organize and staff the week-long sale.

Sponsors include the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy, the Oakland Literacy Council, the Detroit Jewish News, Schostak Brothers and Company and a consortium of Jewish communal non-profit organizations.

For more information, call the Bookstock hotline at (248) 645-7840, ext. 365 or visit www.bookstock.info.

Westland Chamber

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will hold its 27th annual golf classic Tuesday, June 26, at the Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

The classic will start with registration and a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. It will have a scramble format with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Each participant will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, free range balls, beer and pop on the course, continental breakfast, lunch on the turn, contests, prizes and goodie bags and dinner at Marvaso's Italian Grille, 6569 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

A single golf package cost \$130 while dinner only is \$30. An early bird special package - golf for foursome, hole sponsorship and recognition in the program - is available at \$570 before June 1 and \$620 after.

For more information, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Shooting competition aids Veterans Haven

Veterans Haven is teaming up with the Firing Line to help homeless veterans by sponsoring a shooting competition to help homeless veterans May 14-18 at the Firing Line, 38427 Webb Drive off of Hix Road, just north of Ford.

Participants will compete 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. throughout the week. The cost is a \$15 donation for every time a participant shoots.

Participants can shoot more than once with the highest score being recorded.

There will be two divisions -- military or non-military -- however, people who don't need to compete can come out and shoot for fun.

A sponsorship program is available for businesses and individuals with three levels -- Sharpshooter, Marksman and

Sniper. All money raised will go to Veteran's Haven to help fight homelessness with our veterans. For more information, call Don at the Firing Line at (734) 326-7320 or Scott at Veterans Haven at (734) 478-0822.

All awards and prizes will be presented at an Armed Forces Day Dinner 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 19, at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The cost of the dinner is \$30 per person and includes a buffet dinner, open bar and entertainment by the Christy Howard Band. Tickets are available at the Veterans Haven Outreach Center, 4924 Wayne Road, Wayne, or by calling Scott Romp at (734) 478-0822.

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Westland woman gets scholarship

Rola Francis of Westland is getting a little help with her education after being selected as recipient of the Wayne Business and Professional Club's career development scholarship.

Francis received \$1,000 to further her education at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. A divorced mother of two, she is studying office specialist at the college. Her ultimate goal is to earn an associate's degree in office management.

The award was available to mature women living or working in Wayne or Westland who due to circumstances are returning to school to get an education that will lead to financial independence. Fifteen women applied for this year's scholarship.

The money for the scholarship as well as for a female high school senior and the Reality Stores at John Glenn, Wayne Memorial and Tinkham High schools comes from the Wayne BPW's annual fashion show.



Amy Allen (right), Wayne BPW scholarship, and Paulette Medvecky, BPW president (right) congratulate this year's career development scholarship winner Rola Francis of Westland.

This year's show will be Thursday, May 17, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per

person and \$20 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available from BPW members or by calling (248) 305-8264.



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Emanuel Hill donned an Indian headdress to present his report on the French and Indian War to first-graders Brooke Gajowiak and Madison Lago.

MUSEUM

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he already knew something about — boxer Joe Louis. "It wasn't that hard to do," said DeAndre, adding that the famous boxer "was very giving to people, a lot of people liked him."

"He was a good person, he wasn't cocky," he said. "He was a good role model."

Jennafer Bizek donned a bonnet and long skirt for her presentation on Michigan pioneers who brought what they could fit in a wagon to the territory.

"They grew wheat and corn and most importantly, they made their home here and made a lot of stuff to help Michigan," she said.

Like Samantha, she thought it would be "cool" to be a pioneer, especially since they had to do chores and "I like to do chores."

Andrea Macek may have gotten one of the harder historical figures to present — Laura Haviland, a pioneer



Fourth-grader Jennafer Bizek explains her report on Michigan pioneers to her teacher Timothy Sullivan.

social activist who co-founded with her husband one of the first schools in the United States to admit black students and organized one of the first stations on the Underground Railroad in Michigan.

"I'm glad it wasn't a big project because there was very little information on her — only two little packs," said Andrea.

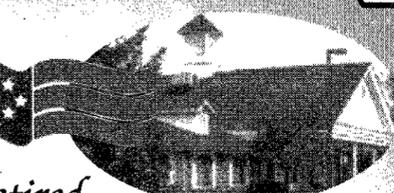
Muller believes this year's crop of fourth-graders may

be have been the best group yet in doing the historical museum. They dressed up and created dioramas like one of a copper mine to augment their written reports.

"It broadens and makes what they've learned richer," added Muller. "It lays the foundation for other projects they will have to do."

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Jaime L. Radford of Westland has been recognized by the Michigan State University's Board of Trustees for academic achievements.

Radford, an education major in the College of Education, was among 23 students, to receive a Board of Trustees Award at the board's April 13 meeting. The students all achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average. The awards are granted at each commencement to students having the highest grade point average at the close of their last semester in attendance.

Radford is the daughter of James and Vicki Radford. She is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School.

Ashley Holland, Samantha Huckabee, Laura Lambert, Terri Mack, Jamie Roberson, Luke Samson, Asheana Staley, Amanda Sweet, Markeisha Thurman and Vanessa Wilson have been named to the honor roll for the fourth marking period at Tinkham Alternative High School in Westland.



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Self-interest, altruism could help end racism and sexism

Looking at the Imus furor, one wonders whether racism and sexism are increasing or declining. I am a "glass half full" kind of person. It's clear to me that forcing him off the air, defining the double standards of language that the broadcast industry perpetuates and achieving real clarity about how necessary self-interest is in eliminating racism and sexism — all are signs of progress.



Rev. Daniel Krichbaum

Imus' filthy, sexist language is present among men (and increasingly women) of all cultural backgrounds in fitness centers, country clubs and construction sites; likewise, overt racism rears its ugly head among many whites toward all people of color, and members of various racial groups also use racist comments in negative epithets toward groups of different racial background.

Why did Imus' comments receive a much different reaction than he would have received 25 years ago? Today, anti-racist and anti-sexist attitudes and behavior are working in business, leisure and educational settings. Many executives, teachers, politicians and day laborers know offensive language as well as prejudiced behavior mimicking ignorant and disrespectful stereotypes is contrary to basic American values and institutional success. Where that language or behavior is tolerated, the "isms" flourish, and where raw bigotry undermines the self-interest of the organizational setting, the "isms" diminish.

So the large companies that threatened to stop advertising played the trump card, their self-interest. That happened because more executives and managers are women, people of color and whites trained to understand the stupidity of racism and sexism. It happened also because buying and selling anything is less effective when anger and conflict are prominent. Ultimately, the weapons available to diminish racism and sexism along with self-interest are dialogue and persuasion. These are powerful tools leading to understanding and respect for those who are different and unfamiliar to us.

This journey is a long, but exciting one. Racial and gender equality do not happen by way of lightning bolts, an hour's classroom discussion, or a single news article. To heal from the illness of racism and sexism takes time and a willingness to understand their roots and present manifestations. We are fortunate, though, to have many people on that journey and others willing to get started; would it not be ironic but powerful if Imus' insults convinced all media outlets to provide some serious inclusion training around racism, sexism and the other "isms"?

For this type of work, we see four essential conditions to make the journey meaningful and successful. First, diversity work leads to inclusion within organizations and communities when it emphasizes a wide spectrum of groups and cultural characteristics — certainly race, but also religion, ethnicity, gender, age and other cultural

attributes. This creates allies rather than groups wondering why "my diversity" wasn't included or setting up needless competition about which group has suffered most.

Second, learning occurs through interactive, real life experiences that teach how inclusion works. This reflects reality and results in pragmatic changes in organizational and community behavior. Too many diversity programs come off as hypothetical discussions or altruistic appeals instead of real life situations.

Third, dialogue is the primary process through which progress occurs. Too many discussions around race, gender, sexual orientation and other characteristics are confrontational and cause even greater defensiveness. Those conversations leave some people momentarily feeling better, with others vowing never to publicly discuss the issue again. Dialogue is both an honest sharing and empathetic listening that leads to participants more able to trade places. Dialogue results in trust, an essential ingredient to move on to the next step of the journey, challenging those of us responsible for perpetuating the "ism" and rallying those dehumanized by the "ism."

Fourth, change occurs through the intersection of self-interest and altruism. The hardest work in intergroup relations is recruiting people to engage in the change process. That's the major reason that so many organizations promise an easy fix — a "one-day experience;" a television special, a "let's just talk and be friends." Usually, the easy fix is clothed in altruisms around religious values or the American Dream. For some people, those can be real incentives, but for most of us engaging our self-interest is a more likely incentive. With our work in hospitals, for-profit businesses, educational settings, enlightened self-interest is the key to organizational change.

What we can learn from the Imus incident is that race and gender remain as two major fault lines in American society. The Michigan ballot vote last fall to ban affirmative action for government and schools emphasized that same result. We must change the negative ways that groups relate to each other, or we will never overcome the region's economic and social malaise. Appreciating and using the talents and celebrating the heritages of all cultural groups are the only way for the region to come out of its precarious situation.

Last year, more than 4,000 people went through one or more of our inclusion initiatives. The positive results in schools, workplaces, congregations and community settings demonstrate how people can overcome racial, gender and other "fault lines."

But like my coaches from long ago said, "You have to pay the price." That includes a commitment of time spent on inclusion issues, a willingness to trust those who are different and creating a plan to advance our mutual self-interest. Thanks to Imus for reminding us where we don't want to go.

The Rev. Daniel Krichbaum is president and CEO of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

Random tragedy plagues a strange new America

You from Chicago? I love the Cubs," said the barefoot, tuxedo-clad young man, stealing a Saturday night smoke outside the hotel where my wife and I had stopped on our way back from Florida.



Wayne Peal

"Nah, Michigan," said I, casting a glance at both my rental car's license plates and the gaggle of pretty, well-coiffed young women and gangly, well-groomed young men which parted for us as we made our way toward the lobby.

Cameras clicked as the girls, arm-in-arm, grinned, giggled and blew kisses at their anxious young dates oblivious to the drizzle which fogged lenses and dampened curls.

"Wedding?" I asked.

"No," another young man said. "It's our fraternity formal. We've been whitewater rafting all day and now's our big dance."

"Where are you from?" I asked almost as an afterthought.

"Virginia Tech," he said.

By now, everyone knows of the tragic events which transpired just two days later on that western Virginia campus. How a gunman strolled the campus leaving more than 30 people dead and some 15 others wounded in his bloody wake.

That any one of those happy, care-free young people could have been among the victims shocks and sickens me.

It was the worst mass shooting in our nation's history.

Bigger than Columbine, screamed Monday's headlines as reporters scrambled for answers.

"I'll stay," one student told a radio reporter. "I hope this is just an isolated incident."

The early morning slayings of a man and woman in a dorm room weren't initially seen as a link to

what followed.

"We thought it was an isolated incident," the campus chief of police said.

A few days before, a man opened fire inside a Troy office building, killing one and wounding two more. That shooting took place less than 12 miles from our Michigan home, but we heard about it on a beach 1,200 miles away.

Just an isolated incident.

There's something seriously wrong with our country, seriously wrong with our society, when we can categorize the horrific by scale.

Columbine has now been eclipsed. The Troy shooting will soon fade from our collective memory because, after all, it was only one person who died, not 33.

Wasn't there anything which could have stopped either shooter from committing their horrible acts?

Wasn't there any sense of decency, compassion, or community that could have stayed their hand?

America feels like a strange and different place to me today and it probably feels that way to a lot of people, from Chicago to Miami to Blacksburg, Va. It's a strange land in which we all can be so connected as to learn within seconds of tragedies transpiring half a world away, yet some of us can be so disconnected, so isolated, both from reality and from others as to bring those tragedies into being.

It's a strange land where "isolated incidents" of unspeakable horror can now occur with every day regularity — with most forgotten, for all but the victims, as yesterday's rainstorm.

It's a strange land in which murder can be as casual as a brief exchange between a middle-aged couple and a group of college students on a damp spring night a long way from home.

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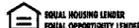
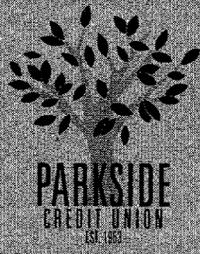
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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

There is a procedure that the Internal Revenue Service has that allows taxpayers to settle their liability, sometimes at substantial discounts. This procedure, known as offer and compromise, allows taxpayers who do not have substantial assets or ability to pay the full amount of their debt to reach a compromise. My experience has been that taxpayers who are legitimately having difficulty with their

taxes can reach an agreement with the IRS. However, over the last year this type of settlement has gotten more difficult because the IRS now requires you to pay 20 percent of your proposed settlement when you submit your offer. My recommendation is if you owe money to the IRS, hire a

professional to do the offer and compromise settlement. You can use either an enrolled agent with the IRS, a CPA or a tax attorney. You have a better chance for success by dealing with a professional. The IRS also has other means of settling with taxpayers who cannot pay, and one of those is an installment plan. The IRS has been much more lenient in establishing installment agreements, particularly for those taxpayers who owe less than \$25,000. Whenever you run into tax issues, the most important thing is to not ignore the situation. My experience has been the IRS and the State of Michigan are much easier to deal with if you approach them voluntarily as opposed to them having to track you down.

Congratulations on your new grandchild. I also congratulate you on beginning to think about a college education. I have mentioned many times in my column and on my radio show the importance of beginning to save for a college education as soon as one can. I would not consider U.S. Savings Bonds, although a patriotic investment, a conservative investment. U.S. Savings Bonds currently pay a fixed rate of return of 3.6 percent. Any bond purchased before April 30, 2007, will pay 3.6 percent for the next 20 years. The way savings bonds work today is different than in the past in that the rate that you receive when you purchase the bond is the fixed rate for the first 20 years. After 20 years the rate can adjust. Although I anticipate that after April 30 the rate will go up, I only anticipate a slight increase. That being said, the reason I do not believe it is a

conservative investment is the fact that college costs are going up faster than 3.6 percent. Therefore by purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds, your purchasing power of your dollar is actually decreasing when it relates to college as opposed to increasing. Although, U.S. Savings Bonds have many benefits (including the fact that they grow tax deferred and in some cases tax free, exempt from state income taxes and interest rate is guaranteed) they don't offset the disadvantage that college costs continue to rise at a higher rate than anything in our economy other than health care. I believe an alternative is necessary. In your situation, I would recommend the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) which allows you to invest money that will grow tax-free for your grandchild's college education. In addition, the money, when withdrawn, can be used for basically any

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Don't Sit On The Fence: Buy A New Home Now

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Sometimes a bargain actually is a bargain! That's surely true in the new home market, where various factors make now an ideal time to buy. Builders have reduced prices, interest rates are low and buyers have negotiating power.

Still, news about the real estate market keeps some prospective buyers on the sidelines. That could be a costly misstep that brings regret when prices and mortgage costs rise. Trying to time the housing market is as slippery as trying to predict Wall Street peaks and valleys, a risky exercise that experts strongly discourage.

Sitting on the fence to await an absolute best deal could waste years. During that time, if you had purchased a first home or traded up to a new one, you would earn lifestyle benefits, tax benefits and likely appreciation

in value. An instructive lesson can be learned from the last big economic and housing downturn during the early 1990s, an opportune time to buy homes that created big winners.

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- Chicken Club Wrap...Crispy chicken, ham, bacon, Swiss cheese, American cheese, lettuce, tomato and our homemade ranch dressing. Served with coleslaw and steak or seasoned fries.
- Salmon Alfredo...Fettuccine noodles with our homemade Alfredo sauce topped with grilled salmon. Served with your choice of soup or salad.
- Albert's Cajun Mama...8oz. Angus beef burger served Quesadilla style with two tortillas, pepper jack cheese, grilled onions and mixed peppers. Served with Cajun mayo on the side, homemade chips and salsa. WOW!
- Sweet and Sour Wild Wings...Two pork wild wings with sweet and sour sauce served atop a bed of rice and served with your choice of soup or salad.

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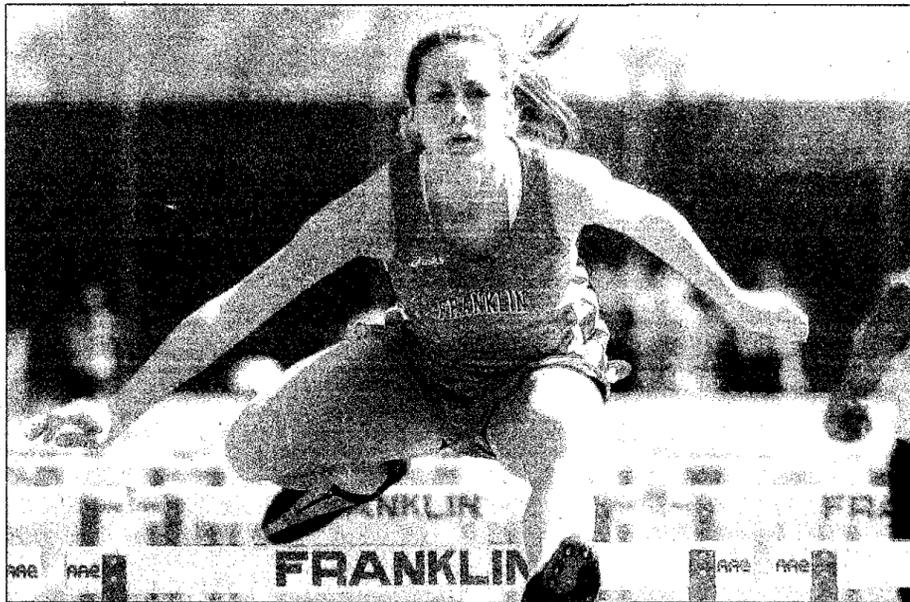
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Walking on air

Franklin's Casey Lynett (top) clears a hurdle on her way to a first place finish in the 110-meter high hurdles during Thursday's meet against Wayne Memorial. Meanwhile, Franklin's Mike Sylvester (right) takes off on his way to a 19 feet, 5.75 inches in the long jump. See boys and girls track results on page B2.



Sidelines

Lerg hailed

Michigan State University sophomore goaltender Jeff Lerg (Livonia), who led the Spartans to the 2007 NCAA hockey championship, was named CSTV/Hockey Association National Division I Player of the Month.

Misiak saluted

Former Wayne State University softball standout Meghan Misiak-Hall, currently the varsity girls coach at Livonia Churchill High School, was inducted Wednesday into WSU's David Mackenzie Honor Society.

Misiak-Hall was a three-time All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection as a pitcher and three-time Academic All-GLIAC honoree.

She concluded her career first in appearances (122) and starts (102) by any WSU pitcher; second in complete games (78), wins (64), saves (6) and strikeouts (444); third in innings (653.1); and eighth in winning percentage (.610). She also had 21 career shutouts, most of any WSU pitcher during the last 12 years.

The Mackenzie Honor Society honors outstanding students and fosters continued interest in the growth and development of its Alma Mater.

Hulett honored

Canton native Erin Hulett (Livonia Ladywood) was named one of the three recipients of Bud Cooper Coaches Award presented recently at the Lake Superior State University All-Sports banquet at the Cisler Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Hulett, an infielder who was just barely cleared to play this season after shoulder-surgery, is an enthusiastic member of the softball team where she has appeared in 30 of 32 games hitting .138 for the 6-28 Lakers. She helped lead the Lakers to first-place during the Spirit Week competition and is also member of the SAAC.

Hulett was a member of Ladywood's 2004 Division II state quarterfinal softball team.

Pats alumni game

Livonia Franklin High will stage an alumni baseball game for all former varsity players from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at the school's diamond.

The fund-raiser for the Patriot baseball program requires a \$10 donation per player.

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

Football camp

The Future Patriots Football Camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (grades 1-4) and 12:30-3 p.m. (grades 5-8) Saturday, May 19, at Livonia Franklin High School.

The cost is \$15. To obtain a camp brochure, visit franklinfootball.googlepages.com.

Grateful

Ex-Schoolcraft coach Grenan out of coma

I always enjoy and read the famous quotations that Westland John Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart sends out with his weekly schedules via e-mail.

And his latest couldn't have come at a better time.

Paraphrasing Earl Nightingale, the noted author and speaker, who once wrote:

"Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored."

The other day I received a call out of the blue from former Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Jack Grenan, who counts his blessings each and every day.

Grenan got out of coaching in 1994 and headed to the Grand Haven on the west side of the state where he served as a teacher and assistant principal. His most recent job was working for the Job Corps in Grand Rapids.

During the spring of 2006, Grenan went into the hospital for a gall bladder procedure and got more than he bargained for.

Doctors discovered he also had colon cancer.

"It was an operation that went bad, I got what they call *peritonitis*," said Grenan. "I went into an induced coma at the end of March (2006) and I came out of it the end of June."

Grenan drew from the experiences as a coach to pull himself through.

"If I was going to get out of the hospital, I had to learn how to walk," he said. "There was an 80-year-old man (in the hospital) who I saw walk, and I remembered what some of my (injured) players

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Livonia Ladywood third baseman Gina Sykes makes a throw to first over pitcher Lauren Taylor during the first game of Friday's doubleheader against Farmington Hills Mercy.

Mercy's day

Marlins sweep rival Ladywood in Central Division encounter

Call it a clean sweep Friday for the Farmington Hills Mercy girls softball team.

Kathleen Howard, bouncing back from an injury last year, struck out 14 and allowed just three hits in the first game of doubleheader as the Marlins took the Catholic League Central Division opener over host Livonia Ladywood, 9-1.

Howard walked only one in going all seven innings.

Missy Chomin and Katherine Garry had two hits each for the Marlins, who are 2-0 in the Central and 4-0 overall. Brittany Stallworth and Chomin chipped in one RBI apiece.

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Senior Lauren Taylor pitched a complete game for the Blazers (1-3, 1-4), giving up eight hits and six walks while striking out nine.

Erin McLaughlin collected two hits, while Taylor had an RBI single.

Stallworth had a single, a double, a walk and two RBI in the second game en route to a 4-1 Mercy triumph. She also had an assist on the final out, throwing a runner out at the plate from right field.

Allison Allen was 2-for-4 and Garry contributed an RBI single.

Amanda Hall pitched five innings and left with a 4-0 lead. She struck out eight, gave up three hits and didn't walk a batter.

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Canton frosh pitcher no-hits John Glenn

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Was Canton freshman pitcher Amy Dunleavy nervous during her first-ever varsity start Thursday afternoon?

Judging by the final results: no-no.

Dunleavy hurled a no-hitter and came within an error of tossing a perfect game in the Chiefs' 5-0 victory over Westland John Glenn.

It was the first time in his long tenure at Canton that coach Jim Arnold can remember one of his pitchers throwing a no-hitter in their first varsity start.

"Amy had very good command and

she showed a lot of poise for a freshman," Arnold said. "When we lined up after the game, I told her congratulations, and she said, 'For what?' I don't even think she realized she had thrown a no-hitter."

Dunleavy's own defensive gem helped preserve the "0" in the Rockets' hit column, Arnold said.

"With one out in the seventh, one of their batters hit a line drive right back to the circle and it hit her in the shin," he said. "She hustled over, picked up the ball and threw the runner out, otherwise they would have had a hit. When I went out to check on her, she said,

"Please don't take me out. I want to get one more out.' And she did."

The Chiefs, who improved to 3-0 with the win, scored one run in the first and fourth innings, two in the third and one in the sixth.

Senior shortstop Lauren Delapaz contributed two doubles and two RBI while senior first baseman Mary Kate McWhirter blasted a long solo homer.

Dunleavy struck out 12 without walking a batter.

The WLAA crossover loss dropped Glenn to 0-5 overall.

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White's a happy camper as MU dominates Rochester

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Talent, and lots of it, has Al White smiling quite a bit these days.

And the Madonna University softball coach had good reason for a cheerful mood on Friday, as his Crusaders pounded non-conference opponent Rochester College 8-0 and 7-1 at University Field in Livonia.

"We kind of knew Rochester isn't quite what we expect in our league, that's for sure," White said. "But this team is just unbelievable."

The Crusaders, 22-11, parlayed good performances from regulars and second-string players into the doubleheader dominance.

But White doesn't really consider his

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bench players inferior by any means. "We're two-deep at every position."

But in a spring where bad weather has canceled 15 games (including many against tougher opponents), White is more than happy to watch his team play any games - including the Warriors, who fell to 2-18 with their two losses Friday.

"That's the reason we like to throw a game like this in," he added. "Some of these kids we have to make a decision on, to see where we're at for next year, with recruiting and everything like that."

Two reserves who showed their stuff in Friday's opener were freshman catcher

Alyssa Bertrand and freshman second baseman Samantha Bell.

Bertrand did not get a hit in her lone at bat after she came in for starting catcher Stephanie Day (2-for-2). But in the top of the fifth, with runners on first and third and one out, Bertrand cut down would-be base stealer Hannah Caullay to keep the Warriors from getting on the scoreboard against Shannon Noder.

And Bell smoked a run-scoring triple to right-center to make it 7-0.

"She's not afraid to swing the bat, that's for sure," said White about Bell. "Her problem is she broke her left thumb about three weeks ago."

As for Bertrand, the coach intended to give her plenty of playing time during

March junkets to Arizona and Ohio. But illness and injury kept her on the sidelines.

"It's just tough getting her in there," White said. "She's got the ability."

Doubling up

Meanwhile, there was little doubt how either of Friday's games would turn out.

Madonna took a 3-0 lead in the first inning of the opener, with freshman first baseman Caitlyn Sidor (Livonia Churchill) hitting the first of her two run-scoring doubles in the contest.

Also driving in a run in the frame was sophomore catcher Alison Grant, who singled to center.

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Shot put: 1. Becca Bartek (LS), 31 feet, 2 inches; 2. Maame Adomako (LS), 30-0; 3. Sierra Richardson (WJG), 27-5. Discus: 1. Colette Fodera (LS), 93-4; 2. Ryan Anderson (WJG); 83-0; 3. Bartek (LS), 82-7. High jump: 1. Kija Coits (WJG), 4-8; 2. (tie) Kara Piorowski (LS), Laura Nomura (LS) and Emily Schifano (LS), 4-6 each. Long jump: 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 15-7; 2. Allie Pliisko (LS), 14-10; 3. Chelsea Pashnick (LS), 14-5. Pole vault: 1. Maria Winkler (LS), 10-0; 2. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 9-0; 3. Jessica Sroka (LS), 6-6. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Christine Armstrong (LS), 18.1; 2. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 18.3; 3. Amanda Femat (WJG), 18.8. 300 hurdles: 1. Adamcheck (LS), 50.4; 2. Brittany Gentile (LS), 52.8; 3. Armstrong (LS), 53.0. 100 dash: 1. Payne (WJG), 12.09; 2. Ashley Parker (WJG), 12.69; 3. Lakeysa Smith (WJG), 13.07. 200: 1. Parker (WJG), 26.65; 2. Smith (WJG), 27.3; 3. Brittany Mrozek (LS), 28.4. 400: 1. Mrozek (LS), 1:02.7; 2. Brooke Knochel (LS), 1:04.8; 3. Denee Meier (LS), 1:05.7. 800: 1. Kristen Frey (LS), 2:32.0; 2. Katie Glynn (LS), 2:33.0; 3. Sarah Opyk (LS), 2:40.0. 1,600: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 5:20.0; 2. Stephanie Perez (LS), 5:53.0; 3. Molly Serge (LS), 6:13.0. 3,200: 1. Calka (LS), 11:50.0; 2. Perez (LS), 13:04.0; 3. Samantha Kay (LS), 13:22.0. 400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Payne, Ashley Montgomery, Smith, Parker), 52.5; 2. Stevenson, 54.9; 800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Payne, Montgomery, Jamie Mellas, Parker), 1:51.9; 2. Stevenson, 1:55.6; 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Glynn, Knochel, Amber Cicala, Armstrong), 4:29.0; 2. John Glenn, 4:55.0; 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Mrozek, Calka, Glynn, Frey), 10:15.2; 2. John Glenn, no time available. Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-0 overall, 2-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 0-2 overall, 0-1 WLAA-Lakes Division.

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Shot put: 1. Robyn Whalen (LF), 39 feet, 2 inches (second on all-time list); 2. Ashley Price (LF), 30-6; 3. Kathy Hansen (WM), 27-3. Discus: 1. Whalen (LF), 127-4 (breaks own school record of 119-4 from 2006); 2. Hansen (WM), 90-2.5; 3. Kara Giunmo (LF), 82-9. High jump: 1. Liz Holloway (LF), 5-1; 2. (tie) Ashley Sawyer (LF) and Ashley Butkowski (LF), 4-6 each. Long jump: 1. Megan Wilson (LF), 15-11.5; 2. Nastassia Goines (WM), 14-3; 3. Candace Williams (WM), 13-5.75. Pole vault: 1. Meghan Powers (LF), 8-6; 2. Kelly Tapella (LF), 7-0; 3. Krystal Nichols (WM), 6-6. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Casey Lynett (LF), 17.92; 2. Carolanne Cucci (LF), 19.05; 3. Goines (WM), 19.41. 300 hurdles: 1. Lynett (LF), 51.43; 2. Goines (WM), 56.06; 3. Sarah Woods (LF), 13.38; 2. Williams (WM), 13.89; 3. Monica Hardy (LF), 14.14. 200: 1. Goines (WM), 28.47; 2. Wilson (LF), 28.62; 3. Hardy (LF), 29.47. 400: 1. Senneca Scott (LF), 1:03.54; 2. Butkowski (LF), 1:03.9; 3. Holloway (LF), 1:10.33. 800: 1. Laura Marshall (LF), 2:42.97; 2. Devan Walley (LF), 2:47.26; 3. Dominique Jordan (LF), 2:49.49. 1,600: 1. Kari Saarela (LF), 5:39.48; 2. Allison Milican (LF), 6:03.97; 3. Claire Moro (WM), 6:19.27. 3,200: 1. Saarela (LF), 12:10.18 (third on all-time list); 2. Victoria Church (LF), 13:34.55; 3. Tiffany VanOrden, 14:30.69. 400 relay: 1. Franklin (Lynett, Powers, Hardy, Wilson), 53.99; 2. Wayne, 56.02; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Jasmine Smith, Megan Priebe, Meaghan Brownlee, Hardy), 2:01.67; 1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Lynett, Butkowski, Marshall, Scott), 4:39.44; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Marshall, Milican,

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Shot put: 1. Bryan Henley (WJG), 50 feet, 4 inches; 2. Matt Broome (LS), 42-11; 3. Brad Doak (LS), 41-1. Discus: 1. Henley (WJG), 140-8; 2. Zach Bozigan (WJG), 129-8; 3. Broome (LS), 126-0. High jump: 1. Mitchell White (LS), 6-4; 2. Ian Thornton (WJG), 6-2; 3. Pat York (LS), 5-10. Long jump: 1. Myles White (LS), 20-0; 2. Dave Simor (LS), 18-10.5; 3. Nate Sergison (LS), 18-5. Pole vault: 1. Brad Dow (LS), 10-0; 2. Shawn Long (WJG), 9-6; 3. Danny Martinelli (LS), 9-0. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 15.0; 2. Dennis Swift (LS), 16.24; 3. Hammed Ajetunmobi (WJG), 16.25. 300 hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 40.1; 2. Ajtunmobi (WJG), 43.7; 3. Swift (LS), 44.36. 100 dash: 1. Thornton (WJG), 10.53 (wind aided; broke school record of 10.7 set in 1997 by Hadden James); 2. Steve Eideh (LS), 10.8; 3. JaJuan Marks (WJG), 11.0. 200: 1. Larry Dawkins (WJG), 22.8; 2. Sergison (LS), 23.0; 3. Eideh (LS), 23.6. 400: 1. Derek Buskey (LS), 51.6; 2. Dan Cragel (LS), 51.75; 3. Curtis Jackson (WJG), 52.5. 800: 1. Mike Gibbons (LS), 2:08.0; 2. Jim Wood (WJG), 2:11.7; 3. Steve Reschke (LS), 2:11.8. 1,600: 1. Matt Rzepka (LS), 4:41.0; 2. Dave McIntyre (LS), 4:50.0; 3. Reschke (LS), 4:51.0. 3,200: 1. McIntyre (LS), 10:35.0; 2. Mike Green (LS), 10:35.9; 3. Shawn Howe (LS), 10:39.0. 400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Eideh, Mitchell White, Simor, Austin White), 44.5; 2. John Glenn, 45.5; 800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Cragel, Sergison, Mitchell and Myles White), 1:31.57; 2. John Glenn (Dawkins, Thornton, Chiwalie Covington-Williams, Jackson), 1:33.8; 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Buskey, Kyle Osborne, Sergison, Cragel), 3:37.1; 2. John Glenn, 3:45.8; 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Gibbons, Brian Fenech, Reschke, Rzepka), 8:55.0; 2. John Glenn, 9:30.0. Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-0 overall, 2-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 0-2 overall, 0-1 WLAA-Lakes Division.

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Shot put: 1. Mike Wood (LF), 43 feet, 5 inches; 2. Kevin Wengert (LF), 42-7; 3. Vernon Bryan (WM), 39-8. Discus: 1. Wood (LF), 128-11; 2. Austin Hassen (WM), 121-11; 3. Cecile (LF), 108-2. High jump: 1. (tie) Kevin Beadle (LF) and Tony Lawson (LF), 5-6; 2. Charles Pinnace (LF), 5-6. Long jump: 1. Mike Sylvester (LF), 20-2.25; 2. Alan Freeman (WM), 19-2.75; 3. Renaldo Powell (WM), 19-0.5. Pole vault: 1. Sylvester (LF), 12-0; 2. Nick Fenner (LF), 10-0; 3. Chris Berata (LF), 9-6. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Powell (WM), 15.9; 2. Beadle (LF), 18.6; 3. Eric Green (LF), 19.7. 300 hurdles: 1. Powell (WM), 43.7; 2. Green (LF), 46.1; 3. Indrit Molla (LF), 48.5. 100 dash: 1. David Freeman (WM), 11.5; 2. Darrell Myree (LF), 11.8; 3. Gerard Mincey (LF), 11.9. 200: 1. D. Freeman (WM), 23.9; 2. Myree (LF), 24.2; 3. Keith Bartlett (LF), 24.6. 400: 1. A. Freeman (WM), 53.8; 2. Stuart Gregory (LF), 54.7; 3. Lawson (LF), 56.5. 800: 1. Kevin Lewis (WM), 2:08.6; 2. Matt Mills (WM), 2:21.0; 3. Dylan Taylor (LF), 2:21.8. 1,600: 1. James Holbrook (WM), 5:01.2; 2. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 5:01.9; 3. Joe Morris (LF), 5:04.1. 3,200: 1. Evan Sirena (LF), 11:03.0; 2. Holbrook (WM), 11:08.0; 3. Doug Cole (LF), 11:29.3. 400 relay: 1. Franklin (Brandon Straub, Alvin Duncan, Bartlett, Mincey), 45.8; 2. Wayne, 46.1; 800 relay: 1. Wayne (Jonathan Vanderloop, A. Freeman, Anthony Baskin, Antwan Powell), 1:36.0; 2. Franklin, 1:39.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Wayne (Cowell, Lewis, A. Freeman, Calloway), 3:38.7; 2. Franklin, no time available; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Elliott Smith, Krcatovich, John Church, Sirena), 8:53.4; 2. Wayne, 9:11.9. Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 WLAA-Western

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Shot put: Jon Robinson (LC), 45 feet, 4 inches; discus: Duane Najarian (LC), 123-7.5; high jump: Jace Beardon (S), 6-2; long jump: Beardon (S), 18-5; pole vault: Derik Peterman (LC), 13-6; 110-meter hurdles: Baze Efremov (S), 15.0; 300 hurdles: Jacob McDonald (LC), 41.4; 100 dash: Daran Carey (LC), 11.1; 200: David St. Amant (LC), 22.9; 400: Kevin Cope (S), 53.5; 800: James Waterbury (LC), 2:08.0; 1,600: Brian Robertson (LC), 4:45.3; 3,200: Craig Cowing (S), 10:43.5; 400 relay: Churchill (Carey, Kyle Snider, Michael Berger, Emmanuel Dixon), 45.1; 800 relay: Churchill (William Gutowski, Dixon, Daniel Widmayer, St. Amant), 1:32.8; 1,600 relay: Churchill (Patrick Moran, St. Amant, Gutowski, McDonald), 3:32.3; 3,200 relay: Churchill (Brad Evans, Brandon Grysko, Mark Waterbury, Eric Puroll), 8:47.9. Churchill 2nds: Mark Zehner, 110 hurdles (15.9); 300 hurdles (43.1); Josh Andrejewski, 400 (54.9); Najarian, shot put (42-11); McDonald, high jump (6-0); Joseph Tessner, pole vault (12-0); Robinson, discus (118-7.5); 3rds: McDonald, 110 hurdles (16.1); Dixon, 100 (11.6); Joe Varitone, 1,600 (4:47.4); Moran, 400 (55.4); Ryan Fianarty, 300 hurdles (43.6); Widmayer, 200 (24.1); Paul Folk, 3,200 (10:50.0); Zehner, long jump (17-9.5); Thomas Myers, discus (112-9). Churchill's dual meet record: 2-0 overall, 2-0 WLAA-Lakes Division.

NON-CONFERENCE MEET April 19 at Lutheran Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 276 points; 2. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 117; 3. Birmingham Roper, 54; 4. Allen Park Cabrini, 49; 5. Newport Lutheran South, 13; 6. Plymouth Christian, 0. FINAL RESULTS Shot put: Alex Edwards (WJ), 41 feet, 9.75 inches; discus: Robinson (Roper), 117-6; high jump: Kyle Kempf (LF), 5-6; long jump: Aaron Yankee (WJ), 18-3.5; pole vault: Justin Hempel (WJ), 10-6; 120-yard hurdles: Brandon Ross (WJ), 16.6; 330 hurdles: Kyle Ramthun (WJ), 42.8; 440: Paika Schatz (WJ), 10.6; 220: Josh Paika (WJ), 23.8; 440: Paika (WJ), 53.5; 880: Joe Girolamo (WJ), 2:15.1; mile: Gremum (DHA), 10:58.0; 2 mile: Gremum (DHA), 10:58.0; 440 relay: Lutheran Westland (Ross, Yankee, Zach Robinson, Schatz), 47.5; 880 relay: Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Schatz, Ramthun, Paika), 1:38.5; mile relay: Annapolis, 3:50.8; 2 mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Jim Rockrohr, Kyle Wilson, Dave Moldenhauer, Girolamo), 9:29.5. Lutheran Westland 2nds: Wilson, high jump (5-4); Josh Haller, long jump (17-1.25); Ramthun, 120 hurdles (17.0); Yankee, 100 dash (10.9); Spencer Lyle, mile (4:45.0); Justin Paika, 440 (59.4); Ross, 330 hurdles (45.1); Jim Rockrohr, 880 (2:18.8); Kempf, 220 (25.1); 3rds: Ethan Haller, long jump (16-9); Frankie Cain, shot put (38-3.75); Paul Rilet, pole vault (9-0); Paul Rockrohr, discus (112-6); Hempel, 330 hurdles (46.9). Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 5-0 overall.

PREP BASEBALL Monday, April 23

Churchill at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m. W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m. Hamtramck at Clarencville, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 Melvindale at Wayne, 4 p.m. Ypsi Calvary at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Clarencville at Clawson, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 27 W.L. Central at Wayne, 4 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Cranbrook at Clarencville, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28 (all doubleheaders) Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 10 a.m. Annapolis at Luth. 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MADONNA

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The Crusaders tacked on two more runs in the second against Warriors starting pitcher Kristen Braunreuther. Sophomore shortstop Tedi Johnston's sacrifice fly plated one run and a double by Grant scored another.

MU kept the offense going in the third, with singles by sophomore outfielder Mary Kate Setta, junior starting catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood) and sophomore third baseman Ashley Bonsall leading the bases for sophomore outfielder Kathleen Smiley. Her fielder's choice scored Setta to make it 6-0. Madonna didn't score in the fourth, but Sidor nearly added to her team-leading four home runs with a long double to the gap in left-center.

"Today, if it hadn't been for the wind, that ball might have been out right there," White said. "We're very pleased with Cat. (She's an) outstanding player, outstanding kid, too."

The mercy rule kicked in when the Crusaders scored twice in the bottom of the fifth.

Bell followed with her RBI triple and she later scored on an outfield error.

Scattering three hits for the complete-game win was senior lefthander Noder, who blew the ball past Rochester batters on five occasions.

In Game 2, junior pitcher Liz Ballinger, also a lefthander, gave

up two hits and one run over seven innings in the 7-1 triumph.

Ballinger also fanned six. Madonna benefited from four Rochester errors, leading to three unearned runs against pitcher Natalie Neiderhoffer.

But sophomore outfielder Hannah Godfrey went 3-for-4 to pace the Crusaders' five-hit attack. Godfrey also scored a run and drove in another.

Sunday showdown

Next up for the Crusaders is a big WHAC doubleheader showdown with Aquinas, slated for 1 p.m. Sunday at University Field (adjacent to Livonia Ladywood).

"We're looking forward to Sunday," White said. "We're expecting probably the biggest crowd we've ever had here on Sunday."

Aquinas entered weekend play with a record of 19-13-1 and 9-2-1 in the WHAC.

Split at Aquinas

On Thursday, home runs by junior outfielder Heather Richardson (Plymouth/Canton) and Sidor propelled the Crusaders to a 7-4 win Thursday at Aquinas in the nightcap of a WHAC doubleheader.

The homers helped Madonna salvage a split; the Saints took a 10-2 victory in the opener, limiting the Crusaders to four hits.

Richardson and Grant collected three hits each in the doubleheader.

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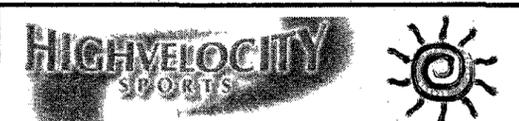
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GREANAN

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had to go through during their rehab."

In November, Grenan began six months of chemo therapy. He lost 45 pounds and spent 16 days in bed.

"I've had good days and bad days, but by the grace of God I'm still alive," he said.

The 54-year-old former Ocelot coach, who anticipates the day he is cancer free, still maintains his sense of humor.

"I was talking to my pastor recently and I told him I lost a lot of my hair and my eyelashes," Grenan said. "He must have misunderstood me. He told some other people that my 'eyelids' fell out."

Grenan and I were once involved in Detroit AAU basketball program under Rocky Watkins. During the mid-1980s, we accompanied Team Michigan to a weekend tournament in Anderson, Ind. and

were commissioned by Watkins to pick up Mr. Basketball, Demetrius Gore of Detroit Chadsey, who was returning from a recruiting trip to UCLA, at the Indianapolis Airport.

That was a story in itself. We both chuckled about how it took nearly two hours to track Gore down in the empty terminal. The kid never told anybody what airlines he was coming in on, and to this day, I don't think he knew if he was flying United, American or TWA.

When we finally stumbled upon him, Gore initially resisted our offer for a ride back to the hotel in Anderson until we threatened to leave. He assumed a limo was awaiting him, but he stubbornly got into our station wagon and quickly fell asleep in the back seat for the 45-minute ride back.

Grenan spent a total of 10 years in the Schoolcraft program (1984-1994), seven as an assistant under Ed Kavanaugh and three as the head coach. He also coached the Livonia

Clarenceville girls varsity team for three seasons (1987-90).

He remains in touch with Kavanaugh, a mathematics professor at Schoolcraft, along with his former assistant Will Broner.

"Ed's been great, he's been super, he calls me every two weeks," said Grenan, who also leans on his wife Nancy and 12-year-old daughter Katie, along with four grown children, for support through his recovery.

Grenan certainly has been through a lot and anxiously awaits his next prognosis from his doctor on April 28. Best case scenario is that he is in remission and will return to a normal life.

In the meantime, Grenan said he wants to reconnect with "the people who work around Schoolcraft" or hear from some of his ex-players who might be involved in coaching.

And if they get a free moment, don't hesitate to call him at (616) 847-4282.

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Niemczak propels Chargers

PREP BASEBALL

Wayne Memorial (4-4, 1-1) earned a WLAA-Western Division triumph over host Livonia Franklin (1-5, 0-2).

Jack Zimmerman followed with a bases-loaded two-run single for the Zebras to cap the three-run rally.

Clint Cavanaugh belted a pair of homers, including a two-run shot in the first and a solo blast in the fifth.

Rexin and Cavanaugh combined for four of Wayne's 10 hits.

Ryan Collop worked the first 5.2 innings for Wayne on the mound before giving way to Brett Patterson, who earned the victory in 1.1 innings.

Franklin starter Dave Leins, who was lifted in the seventh, took the loss.

Sean Sciba and Tyler Canyock each had two hits for Franklin. Sciba belted a solo homer in the fifth, while Canyock added a double.

LUTHERAN NORTH 3, LUTH. WESTLAND 1: In a Metro Conference game Friday, John Mick outdueled Ryan Baglow on the mound as Macomb Lutheran North (3-4, 1-0) downed host Lutheran High Westland (3-2, 1-2).

Mick went all seven innings for the victorious Mustangs, allowing just one run on three hits. He struck out five and walked only one.

Baglow also went the distance, allowing one earned run on seven hits and three walks. The Warriors committed four errors.

Adam Zehel had an RBI single for Lutheran Westland. Micah Hudson and C.J. Garber collected the other hits.

"We beat ourselves up the past two game if you look at the errors we committed," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Against good team you cannot afford to give them extra outs. Those types of teams will take advantage of it, and they did against us. We need to get back to the basics in terms of hitting and fielding."

CANTON 7, JOHN GLENN 1: Blaine Payden went 2-for-3 and knocked in two runs Thursday to lead the visiting Chiefs (6-4-1) to the WLAA crossover win over Westland John Glenn (3-4, 1-1).

Pitcher Brad Barath fanned four in earning the victory.

STEVENSON 8, CANTON 4: On Wednesday, Livonia Stevenson (2-2) earned a WLAA crossover road victory at Canton (5-4-1) led by the potent bat of Sam Vomastek, who went 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored.

Also contributing to the winners' 11-hit attack were Nick Coram (1-for-3, two RBI, two runs), Luke Knochel (1-for-3, two RBI) and Jake Wilson (1-for-3, RBI, run). Grant Campbell earned the victory for Stevenson with five innings of one-hit relief. The junior did not give up a run.

CHURCHILL 6, WAYNE 5 (9): Bryon Niemczak's two-out triple up the right-center field gap brought home Brian Runge with the game-winning run as Livonia Churchill (3-2) defeated host Wayne Memorial (3-4) in nine innings. Runge started the inning with a sin-

gle. Kirk Ciarrocchi, Tyler Bledsoe, Eric Mitchell and Runge each collected two hits for the winners.

Jamie Harris belted a 2-run homer to give Wayne a 4-2 lead in the third. He scored three runs. Trey Raynes added two hits, including an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game. Churchill used three pitchers with Tyler Cotter going the final three innings to pick up the win. He allowed one run on three hits and two walks.

Shea Dwyer went the middle three innings, allowing just one hit and no runs. Matt Luneak start, giving up four runs on five hits and five walks.

The three pitchers combined for nine strikeouts. Jon Bryant started for Wayne, giving up four runs on eight hits. He walked two in five innings. Jamie Harris, who suffered the loss, gave up two runs on four hits and four walks. He fanned four.

W.L. WESTERN 4, JOHN GLENN 3: Walled Lake Western (4-1) led by the pitching performances of sophomores Brett Lubanski and Zach Gatten, downed visiting Westland John Glenn (3-4).

Lubanski (2-0) started the game and only allowed one run on two hits. In the third inning, he was relieved by Gatten, who picked up his first varsity save. Making his second appearance on the mound this year, Gatten pitched four innings, allowed two runs and struck out four. Chris Kangas pitched six innings for Glenn and took the loss.

SALEM 5, FRANKLIN 4: Sam Ott pitched 5.2 innings to earn the victory Wednesday as the visiting Rocks (2-3) downed Livonia Franklin (1-4) in a WLAA crossover. Losing pitcher Jesse Carpenter gave up five earned runs on seven walks and three hits over 3.1 innings. Reliever Sean Sciba pitched 3.2 scoreless innings. He struck out seven and allowed just one hit. Brad Way went 2-for-4 to lead Salem. Garrett Gumm had two hits for the Patriots.

LIGGETT 10, LUTH. WESTLAND 1: Curtis Fisher pitched a complete-game three-hitter Wednesday, leading host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (5-1, 3-0) past Lutheran High Westland (3-1, 1-1). Fisher faced just 24 batters, giving up one earned run. He struck out six.

Dan Abbott doubled, while Sam Ahlersmeyer and Nate Bachert each added hits for the Warriors. Bachert knocked in a run. Losing pitcher Derek Fleetham, who went the first three innings before giving way to Micah Hausch, took the loss. Fleetham gave up six earned runs on six hits.

HARPER WOODS 23, CLARENCEVILLE 2: In a Metro Conference matchup Wednesday that lasted just four innings, host Livonia Clarenceville (2-5, 0-2) fell to the Pioneers. Brandon Sheffield led Harper Woods with two hits, including a double and two RBI. Anthony Bevere added a double and two RBI. Brad Schwartz had an RBI for the Trojans. Mike Robles added the other hit and scored a run. Winning pitcher Branson Williams went two innings, allowing two runs on one hit

SOFTBALL

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Ladywood's Sarah Stempin hit an inside-the-park home run off relief pitcher Amanda Popiela.

Losing pitcher Meredith Stasa worked all seven innings and allowed nine hits.

FRANKLIN 16, WAYNE 2: Livonia Franklin (7-2, 1-1) unloaded for 13 hits Friday in a WLAA-Western Division triumph over host Wayne Memorial (0-7, 0-2).

Brittany Taylor, Brianna Taylor, Natalie Sanborn, Jessica Stailey and Heather Jaroh each collected two hits in the five-inning mercy. Brianna scored three runs and Ashley Geraghty contributed an RBI triple.

Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn (4-1) allowed just two hits - to Bianca Hayes and Jessica Hensley - while allowing four walks and fanning five.

Losing pitcher Taylor Krohn struck out three and walked four. Wayne had five errors.

CHURCHILL 12, JOHN GLENN 1: Livonia Churchill (3-2, 1-1) took advantage of five errors and collected 12 hits in a WLAA-Lakes Division win Friday over host Westland John Glenn (0-6, 0-2).

Taylor Kerr, Jordan Kerr and Amber Holod collected two hits apiece for the Chargers, who ended the game in the sixth (mercy rule) with four runs.

Winning pitcher Julie Lewandowski, Julia Hassell, Hilary Antal and Jordan Kerr each knocked in a pair of runs.

Lewandowski struck out five, walked three and scattered six hits in the win.

Stacey Truskowski had three hits, including a pair of doubles, for the Rockets.

Glenn starter Lisa Pecorelli took the loss.

STEVENSON 3, W.L. CENTRAL 2: Livonia Stevenson (3-4, 2-0) overcame a 1-0 deficit with three runs in the fifth inning Friday to beat visiting Walled Lake Central (1-1) in the WLAA-Lakes Division.

Kathleen Hoehn started the rally with a double. Julie Johnson's RBI single brought home pinch runner Tara Sharpe followed by Emily Hollandsworth sacrifice bunt and subsequent Central error scoring Hoehn. Emily Hollandsworth then scored on a passed ball following a strikeout.

Lauren Brueck had two of Stevenson's four hits, while Central's Kathryn Russette collected two of the Vikings' five hits.

Johnson, the winning pitcher, went all seven innings, allowing no walks and fanning seven.

She outdueled Central starter Brittany Burkhardt, who struck out 11 and walked only two.

MONROE 12, WAYNE 2: In a non-league game Thursday, the host Trojans (2-1) scored seven runs with two-out in the second to beat Wayne Memorial (0-6) in six innings (mercy rule).

Brittany Cousino and Jessica Maniaci each had two hits and scored two runs for Monroe.

Winning pitcher Jessica Irwin threw three scoreless innings before giving way to Mallorie Jones, who gave up all four hits. The two combined for 15 strikeouts.

Losing pitcher Jesse Harris gave up 12 hits, walked two and struck out three.

Wayne scored both of its runs in the fourth on singles by Heather Henning, Kristen Spada, Colleen Blake and Harris.

HURON VALLEY 9, PCA 1: Amanda Gruenewald starred on the mound and with the bat Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-3, 1-0) opened Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division action with a win over Plymouth Christian Academy.

Gruenewald went 3-for-3 with a double and four RBI. She also pitched a two-hitter, while striking out 10 and walking only one.

Emily Harris added two hits, an RBI and scored four times for the Hawks.

Losing pitcher Kristi Carnevale singled and scored on Autumn McKenzie's RBI single for PCA's lone run in the seventh inning, spoiling Gruenewald's no-hit bid.

CHURCHILL 9, WAYNE 1: Paula Guzik

had two hits and three RBI Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (2-2) downed visiting Wayne Memorial (0-5) in a Western Lakes crossover.

Taylor and Jordan Kerr added two hits apiece. One of Jordan Kerr's hits was a triple.

Winning pitcher Julie Lewandowski did not allow a hit in three innings of work. She walked one and struck out four. Jordan Kerr finished up the final four innings, allowing two hits, a walk and hit batter while striking out three.

Freshman Jackie Serna's RBI double scored Kristen Spada with Wayne's only run in the fourth inning.

Starting pitcher Jesse Harris suffered the loss.

CANTON 4, STEVENSON 2: Hilary Payne tossed a four-hitter and fanned 11 Wednesday as the Chiefs (2-0) earned the WLAA crossover victory over host Livonia Stevenson (2-4).

Payne did not walk a batter in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Julie Johnson scattered seven hits and fanned two. All four runs were earned.

Janice Hollandsworth had a double and triple in a losing cause.

Shelby Anthony led Canton with two hits and two stolen bases. The Chief scored the game-winning run in the top of the sixth when Kimmy Keppen reached base on an infield error followed by consecutive singles by Alyssa Johnson, Mary Kate McWhirter and Stephanie Sadek.

W.L. WESTERN 12, JOHN GLENN 2: Laura Ruben had three hits, while winning pitcher Kayla Mapes and Kelly Reaves added two apiece Wednesday to lead Walled Lake Western past host

Westland John Glenn (0-4) in a WLAA crossover.

Stacey Truskowski had two of Glenn's three hits. Lisa Pecorelli added the other.

Jenny Bone, who lasted one inning as the Rockets' starter, took the loss. Brittany Holbrook worked the final four innings in the five-inning mercy.

Mapes, who went the first three innings, struck out three and walked six. Jesse Hartman added five strikeouts and no walks over the final two innings.

FRANKLIN 5, SALEM 2: Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn threw a four-hitter Wednesday as Livonia Franklin (6-2) beat the host Rocks.

Salem pitchers Kelly McDonald (five innings) and Mary Cox (two innings) combined for seven strikeouts, six walks and allowed five hits.

Brittany Taylor and Kelsey Garbutt each collected RBI singles for the Patriots. Brianna Taylor added an RBI sacrifice fly and had eight assists from her shortstop position.

HARPER WOODS 20, CLARENCEVILLE 3: RBI singles by Charmaine McQueen and Brittany Brooks in the first inning wasn't enough Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (3-4, 1-1) fell to the Pioneers (2-0 Metro Conference).

Danielle Mapes added an RBI grounded scoring Lisa Wilson in the fourth inning to account for the Trojans' other run. Kellie Manis and Chelsea Lawler scored in the first inning.

Losing pitcher Abby Sochaeki gave up 15 earned runs on 10 hits and six walks. She struck out three.

The Trojans committed nine errors leading to nine Harper Woods runs.

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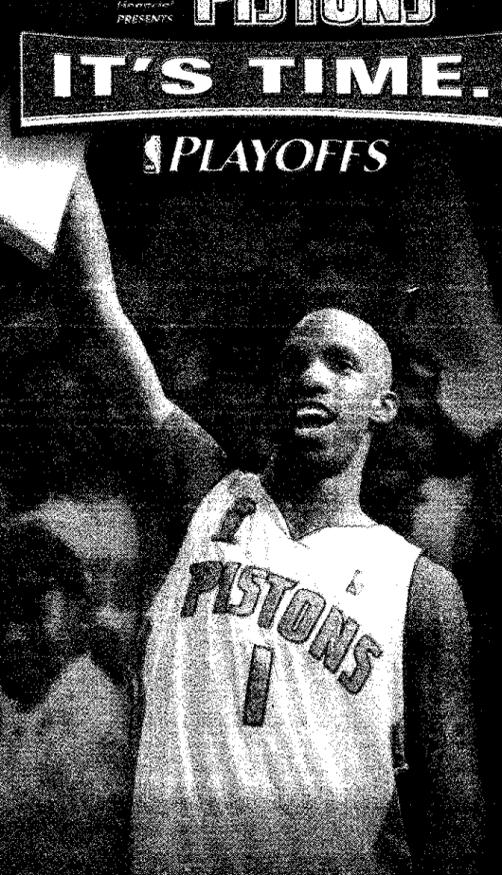
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Ladywood no match for division rival, 4-1

Farmington Hills Mercy remained unbeaten through seven soccer games Thursday when it defeated host Livonia Ladywood, 4-1.

The Marlins are 3-0-2 in the Catholic League and 5-0-2 overall.

Senior Tessa Kellar, assisted by senior Paige Sheridan, gave the Marlins the initial lead midway through the first half, but the Blazers scored off a scramble in front of the Mercy goal for a 1-1 halftime tally.

Sophomore Jordan Mueller scored consecutive goals at 31:15 and 14:20 in the second half to put the Marlins back on top. Her first goal was assisted by freshman Kara Weber, and the second was unassisted.

Junior Shannon Moore added an unassisted goal with 7:50 remaining in the game. Mercy goalie Christine Campbell made nine saves.

CHURCHILL 3, PLYMOUTH 1: Livonia Churchill (5-0-1) overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit Friday to beat the Wildcats in a WLAAC crossover matchup.

Clare Baptist scored with seven minutes left in the first half to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead.

Churchill stormed back scoring three times within a 10-minute span to start the second half.

Lindsay McMullen scored the equalizer in the 43rd minute from Bailey Brandon followed by Alisha Lussiez's goal from McMullen in the 47th minute. McMullen scored again from Lussiez just three minutes later to give the Chargers a two-goal cushion.

GIRLS SOCCER

"We came out flat the first half, we played poorly, but we had a good second half," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

Stefanie Turner played the first 72 minutes in goal for Churchill before giving way to Megan Bauman.

NORTHVILLE 2, FRANKLIN 0: Sarah Stern's goal on a well-placed shot from the top of the box in 58th minute Wednesday gave the host Mustangs (4-0-1, 2-0) the WLAAC-Western Division victory over pesky Livonia Franklin (2-3, 1-1).

With Franklin pushing up in attempt to score the equalizer, Northville put it away with a goal in the 77th minute.

"Although it's a loss, this was a great game for us," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We played well and each player took on the responsibility and stepped into their roles. The girls played really well and we're certainly not dissatisfied with the outcome."

Barker singled out the play of junior goalkeeper Erica Pepper, along with sophomore defender Courtney Smith and senior defender Kristine Ostrosky.

FRANKLIN 2, W.L. WESTERN 1: In a WLAAC-Western Division match Tuesday, Jackie Covert scored a pair of goals to lead Livonia Franklin (2-2, 1-0) past host Walled Lake Western.

"We played a little bit flatter than I would have like, but we did what we needed to do," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "While everyone played hard, we had trouble coming together and getting ourselves organized. We started to come around toward the end, and just had a bit of trouble finishing."

GIRLS GOLF

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 208 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 225
April 20 at Iyol Wyld
Franklin scorers: Paige Scarpace, 44 (medalist); Mariel Meyers, 48; Jessica Stchur, 51; Lauren Bailey, 65.
Northern scorers: Dana Thomas, 50; Kelsey Williams, 57; Vikki Zolkowski, 58; Sarah Holm, 60.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 3-0 overall, 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; W.L. Northern, 1-2 overall, 0-2 WLAA.

NORTHVILLE 179 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 203
April 20 at Tanglewood
Northville scorers: Kristen Friesen and Alicia Weber, 42 each; Susan Snyder, 44; Eve

Andrews and Kelly Hill, 51 each; Taylor Johnson, 54.
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 37 (medalist); Amanda Dobos, 51; Lexi McFarlane, 57; Jessica Burdette, 58; Danielle Lesniak, 61; Sarah Linder, 70.

Dual meet records: Northville, 2-0 overall, 2-0 WLAA; Churchill, 0-1 overall; 0-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 184 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 185
April 19 at Taylor Meadows

Franklin scorers: Paige Scarpace, 40 (medalist); Jessica Stchur, 42; Mariel Meyers, 45; Lauren Bailey, 57.

Glenn scorers: Jesse Veltri, 42; Taylor Morgan, 45; Heidi Irvine, 49; Courtney McKinney, 49.
Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-0 overall; 1-0 WLAA; John Glenn, 0-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0

April 20 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Gino McEachney (LS) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Ian Petty (LS) def. Aaron Koshorek, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Chris Martin (LS) def. C.J. Cooney, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Nick Martin, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Pat McHugh-Mike Greco (LS) def. Jake Fyfe-Tommy Pattenaude, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. Mike Hicks-Andrew Morton, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Alex Cook-Brady Thom (LS) def. Andrew Thyrlion-Josh Barnett, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Kevin Tarnowski-Blake Berry, 6-1, 6-0.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 3-0 overall, 3-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Wayne, 0-3-2 overall; 0-2-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6 SALEM 2

April 20 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Nick Payne, 7-5, 6-0; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Neil Bakshi, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Jake Burnstein (S) def. Alex Clos, 7-6 (7-4); No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Dave Benson, 6-1, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Matt Benson-Andy Fosdick, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Kyle Peczynski-Dan Martin (LC) def. John Bills-John Kang, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. Ryan Aubert-Yuvi Rajeev, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Andy Clairmont-Paul Yandric (LC) def. Andrew Steinman-Andy Clairmont, 7-5, 6-4.

Dual-meet records: Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA; Salem, 0-2 overall; 0-2 WLAA.

PLYMOUTH 7 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1

April 20 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Tim Smolen (WJG) defeated Don Zhang, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3; No. 2: Dan Jeong (P) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Clint Kirkpatrick (P) def. Brad Noyes, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Brett Kavulich (P) def. Gordy German, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Steve Schaeffer-Anoop Gopal (P) def. Lenny Manfre-Cliff Palac, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6); No. 2: Pat Onoro-Max Korpalski (P) def. Frank Toarmina-Shawn Murphy, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Robert Matar-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Justin Samland-Billy Lyons, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Pat Bailey-Andy Mitchell (P) def. Rob Jones-Nikhil Kalothia, 6-4, 6-4.

Glenn's dual meet record: 1-2-1 overall, 0-2-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

April 18 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Gino McEachney (LS) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Ian Petty (LS) def. Tony Semonick, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Steve Trapp (LF) def. Christ Martin, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Pat McHugh-Mike Greco (LS) def. Ryan Hudie-Chad Dorton, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. Ron Perian-Galyn Tusupov, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Alex Cook-Brady Thom (LS) def. Conner Leidal-Mike Geraci, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Ryan Henderson-Justin Adams, 6-1, 6-3.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-0 overall, 2-0 WLAA; Franklin, 0-2-1 overall, 0-2 WLAA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7 PLYMOUTH 1

April 18 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Don Zhang, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5); No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Dan Jeong, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; No. 3: Clint Korpalski (P) def. Alex Clos, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Brett Kavulich, 6-3, 6-3.

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No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Steve Schaeffer-Max Korpalski, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Patrick Onoro-Anoop Gopal, 7-5, 6-3; No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. Robert Matar-Tom Eggleston, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Andy Clairmont-Paul Yandric (LC) def. Patrick Bailey-Andy Mitchell, 6-1, 6-4.
Churchill's dual meet record: 1-1 overall, 1-1 WLAA.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0

April 18 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Sam Hau (WLN) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; No. 2: Greg Watson (WLN) def. Aaron Koshorek, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Andy Sanders (WLN) def. Ryan Reynolds, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Mark Rohloff (WLN) def. Nick Martin, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: David Criss-Nick Majie (WLN) def. C.J. Cooney-Jake Fyfe, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Steven Olson-Cole Davis (WLN) def. Tommy Pattenaude-Mike Hicks, 6-3, 0-6, 6-0; No. 3: Bob Beau-Danny Harris (WLN) def. Josh Barnett-Andrew Morton, 6-1, 6-4; No. 4: Mitchell Kelley-John Andrews (WLN) def. Andrew Thyrlion-Kevin Tarnowski, 6-2, 6-3.
Wayne's dual meet record: 0-2-2 overall; 0-1-1 WLAA.

NORTHVILLE 8 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0

April 18 at Northville

No. 1 singles: Tim Wasielewski (N) def. Tim Smolen, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Ben Ackerman (N) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Andy Mills (N) def. Brad Noyes, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Steve Irvine (N) def. Gordy German, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Peter Curran-C. Dehne (N) def. Lenny Manfre-Cliff Palac, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Brian Lovett-David Connitt (N) def. Justin Samland-

Nolan Langlois, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Travis Dehne-Mike Hagen (N) def. Nikhil Kalothia-Billy Lyons, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Graham McHenry-Jason Raymond (N) def. Frank Toarmina-Shawn Murphy, 6-2, 6-1.
Glenn's dual meet record: 1-1-1 overall, 0-2-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 1

April 17 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Gino McEachney (LS) defeated Michael Chou, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Ian Petty (LS) def. Garek Ng, 6-1, 6-3; No. 3: Chris Martin (LS) def. Lenny Kugel, 6-0, 6-4; No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Zak Goldstein, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Pat McHugh-Mike Greco (LS) def. Adam Goldman-Blair Blobberman, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. Drew Haack-Nick Winkler, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Alex Cook-Brady Thom (LS) def. Arjun Mahajan-Daniel Wang, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Stephen Wang-Brad Stone (WLN) def. Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 1-0 overall; 1-0 WLAA.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

April 17 at W.L. Northern

No. 1 singles: Sam Hau (WLN) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-1, 6-4; No. 2: Greg Watson (WLN) def. Tony Semonick, 7-6 (7-2), 6-0; No. 3: David Criss (WLN) def. Steve Trapp, 6-1, 6-7 (6-8), 6-2; No. 4: Nick Majie (WLN) def. Justin Adams, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Mark Rohloff-Andy Sanders (WLN) def. Ryan Hudie-Chad Dorton, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Ron Perian-Galyn Tusupov (LF) def. Steve Olson-Parker Wood, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; No. 3: Bob Beau-Danny Harris (WLN) def. Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal, 6-2, 7-5; No. 4: John Andrews-

Mitchell Kelley (WLN) def. Ryan Henderson-Dan Camilleri, 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4.
Franklin's dual meet record: 0-1-1 overall, 0-1 WLAA.

NORTHVILLE 5 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3

April 16 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Tim Wasielewski (N) defeated Nick Payne, 7-5, 6-2; No. 2: Peter Curran (N) def. Aniket Patil, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4; No. 3: Mike Baskins (N) def. Alex Clos, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Steve Irvine, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Harry Zhang-Lee Schechter, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Kevin Zhang-Phil Irvine (N) def. Kyle Peczynski-Dan Martin, 6-0, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. David Connitt-Brian Lovett, 6-0, 7-6 (7-5); No. 4: Andy Mills-Graham McHenry (N) def. Andy Clairmont-Paul Yandric, 6-0, 7-6 (7-2).
Churchill's dual meet record: 0-1 overall; 0-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4 DEARBORN EDEL FORD 4

April 2 at Edsel Ford

No. 1 singles: Jesse McIntyre (DEF) defeated Joe Fenner, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Rob Spears (DEF) def. Tony Semonick, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (7-3); No. 3: Enea Gjoka (DEF) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Steve Trapp (LF) def. Tyler Wyndendorf, 7-5 (7-7), 6-3, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Drew Wyndendorf-Eric Doolittle (DEF) def. Chad Dorton-Justin Adams, 6-4, 6-3; No. 2: Ron Perian-Galyn Tusupov (LF) def. Tony Dewald-Mike Chung, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-3); No. 3: Mike Geraci-Conner Leidal (LF) def. Tom McMillan-Ryan Gaurva, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Ryan Henderson-Nate Spease (LF) def. Jesse Niemi-Renan Ludsemer, 6-0, 6-2.
Franklin's dual meet record: 0-0-1 overall.

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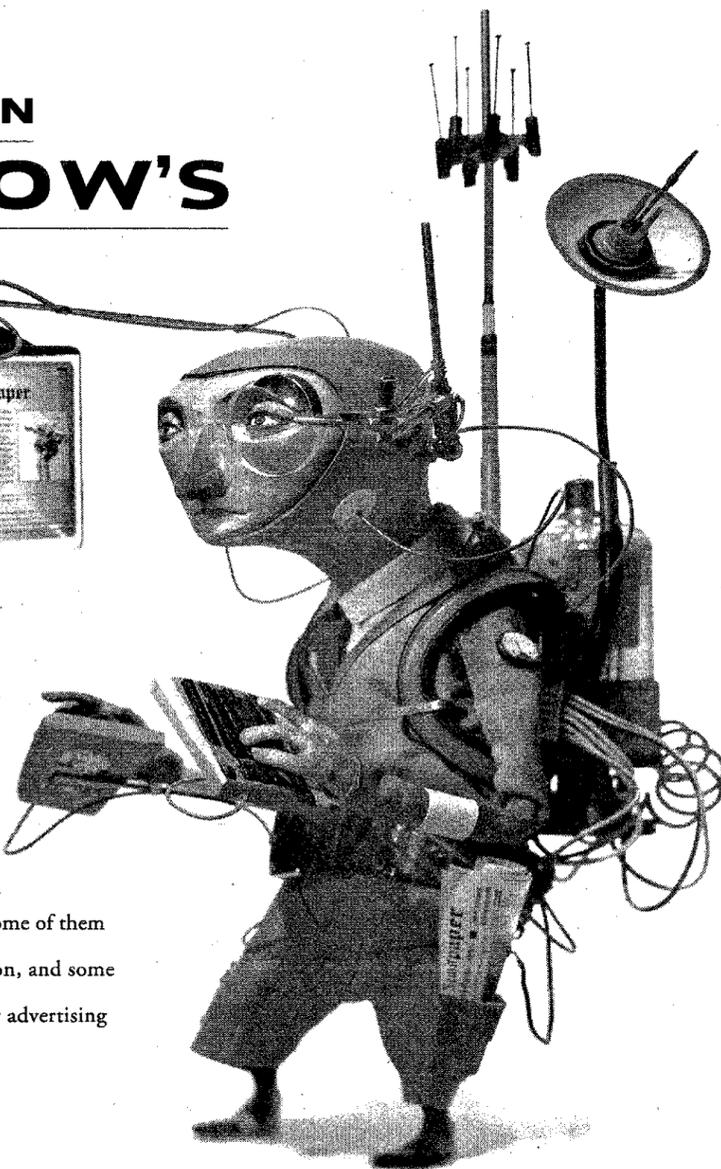
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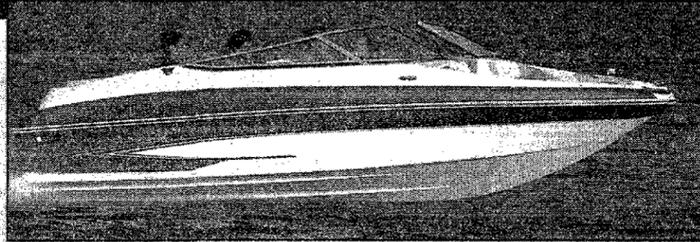
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Dealing with death is difficult

My sister has been diagnosed with late stage melanoma. She is the mother of a 13-year-old, a 9-year-old and a 5-year-old. She has not told them about her illness or her chances for survival despite my insistence that she do so. She feels that they are too young to hear such bad news and that it will be better for them if they don't know anything until it becomes obvious. I believe that this robs them of the time needed to prepare for the coming loss. As an adult, I have this time and I am still struggling with this process. Without warning, how much worse would it be for the children? I am writing you to ask when should the children be told and how best to do this. In addition, I was hoping that you could mention that there will be an awareness walk for melanoma (caringbridge.org/mi/lindalou) on May 19 at Maybury State Park. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.

I think that your sister's position is understandable. She wants to protect her children from a painful reality and to keep them removed from this tragedy for as long as possible. Unfortunately, even under the best of circumstances, it is very difficult to keep children completely unaware of their environment. In time, one way or another, the children will learn about their mother's illness. In essence, it's not really a matter of if they learn of this matter, but when and from whom. Your concerns are also valid. It must be very difficult to keep this information from the young lives that it will affect the most. However, it is critical that your sister's parental authority be supported and her wishes in this matter be respected.



Terry Wilamowski

On the other hand, maybe there is a way for you to foster a change of heart in this area. I have a colleague, Peter Wolf, who specializes with grief and loss in children. He believes that it is the parent's right to decide if, when, and how they talk to their children about this topic. While his professional opinion is that communication is preferable to silence, he knows that it is far more difficult to address it than ignore it. He finds it helpful for parents to ask themselves a few simple questions prior to making this decision. He believes that parents need to ask themselves how they themselves would like to hear this information; with whom would they feel the most comfortable discussing it; and what kinds of questions might they have about what is happening in the family. The answers that they provide will usually point to their next step. If and when your sister decides that she is ready to talk to her children, it is important for her to consider factors such as the ages and personalities of each before the conversation begins. Giving them too many details or too much information can be as harmful as not giving them enough. Peter recommends sitting them down as a family for the first discussion and then following up with them individually to address their personal responses and questions. Several excellent resources are available to guide a family through this time. Books such as, *When Children Grieve: For Adults to Help Children Deal with Death, Divorce, Pet Loss, Moving, and Other Losses* by John W. James and Russell Friedman, help adults with this process while others, such as *Old Turtle and the Broken Truth* by Douglas Wood and Jon J. Muth, *Lifetimes-A Beautiful Way to Explain Life and Death to Children* by Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen and *The Next Place* by Warren Hanson are written at the child's level. In addition, there are several good Web sites such as www.dougy.com that can be helpful. Another great resource is Sandcastles, a grief and loss program through the Henry Ford Healthcare System. They are available to answer questions, suggest support groups and recommend further resources. They can be reached at (313) 874-6881. Finally, talk with your sister's doctors and/or your personal clergy, both sources should be able to provide you with appropriate referrals to meet your needs. As difficult as this time is, the family will survive. The sooner that the children are told what is happening, the more time they will have to prepare for and process the coming loss. They will be afforded the opportunity to be included in some of the care-giving duties and take ownership over the time that is left. While it is important that the children do not become parentified, or relied on too heavily, it is equally important that they not be excluded from this process. The delicate nature of this balance can be achieved, but only through the efforts of all concerned parties. In helping the children to work through this experience, the adults may find some solace for themselves.

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Alex Ham-Kucharski pushed a large ball all the way through the cloth tunnel then smiled at his mom, Dawn Ham-Kucharski. At the far end of the tunnel is occupational therapist Sandi Scott.

Making progress

Therapy center helps special needs children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

An exercise ball offers resistance to Alex as he pushes the brightly colored sphere through a cloth tube at Futures HealthCore Therapy Center in Garden City. Although it looks like the 8-year-old Canton boy is playing, he's actually strengthening muscles and motor skills. Once a week, Alex and his mother, Dawn Ham-Kucharski, attend sessions at the center which opened in June 2006. The 1,000-square-foot space is the first on-site Futures location in the nation to offer individualized therapy for children with autism, cerebral palsy, developmental delays, brain injury, ADD/ADHD, and Down syndrome. Licensed occupational and speech therapists incorporate play, sensory integration and yoga into treat-

ment plans that may include group therapy to build social skills which don't come easy to autistic children. About 80 percent of the children seen at Futures have been diagnosed with autism, a neurological disorder which impairs development.

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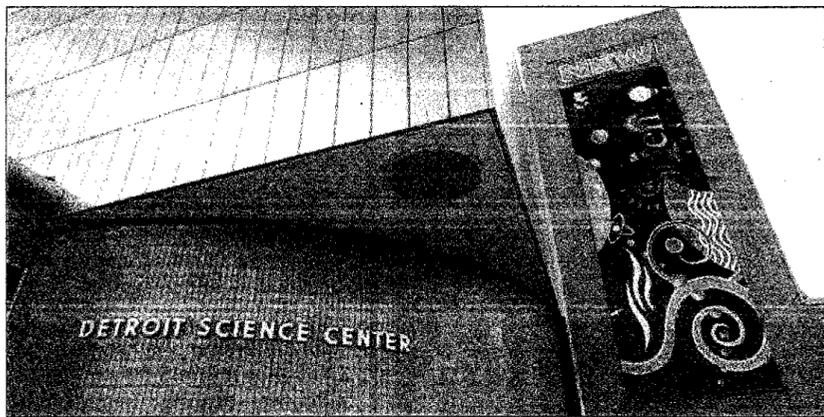
When Alex was diagnosed with moderate to severe autism at 26 months, his parents were told he would never speak and live in a world of isolation. Today, Alex is in a third grade autistic impaired classroom at Gallimore Elementary in the Plymouth-Canton school district. "The therapy helps to rebuild neurons that didn't branch out for children with autism. His communication really explodes after the sessions," said Dawn Ham-Kucharski, who wrote *The Autism Book* with S. Johanna Robledo to provide



Alex Ham-Kucharski fishes for big ones as mom Dawn Ham-Kucharski and therapist Sandi Scott watch.

parents with information. Ham-Kucharski has become somewhat of an expert on autism since Alex's diagnosis. She recently began serving as a consultant for the center because she believes in its methods. She's seen the progress her young son's made since the first home visit by Futures therapists two years ago. Futures is a national home therapy organization. "Alex had a stroke at birth. It's difficult for his brain to tell his muscles what to

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The Detroit Science Center offers two new exhibits for visitors, including *Our Body: The Universe Within*.

Don't miss Detroit's Cultural Center

BY EMBERLEY NEIDHARDT

A common misconception exists about the city of Detroit's Cultural Center - that it only functions to host kids during school trips.

The truth is that the Detroit Public Library, Detroit Institute of Arts, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the Detroit Science Center are open all year, and one doesn't have to be in a group to visit.



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DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Detroit Public Library is one of the most accessible in metro Detroit, encompassing roughly 23 libraries and a bookmobile service. The main library, located adjacent to the Wayne State University campus, includes 10 subject departments and the world's largest automotive history collection. The library's Web site contains many collections and services, such as "Ask a librarian" which directs patrons to the site's free reference section.

The library also recognizes its youthful audience and holds "Java and Jazz" every third Tuesday of the month (through August) completely free to the public. The program seeks to fuse the soul of jazz and power of compelling words, whether poetry or prose in a coffeehouse setting.

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The museum houses over 60,000 works including specialized pieces from African, Oceanian, Indigenous American, Asian, Islamic, and European artists. There are also collections of Graphic Art, Contemporary Arts, and Performing Arts. Exhibitions vary. In the past, the DIA has shown Yoko Ono's freight train, delved into the Art of Screen-print, and celebrat-

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Compiled by Emberley Neidhardt

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GreyHeart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption of Michigan is holding meet and greets to find homes for the retired dogs. The first is scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Wal-Mart, 13507 Middlebelt, Livonia, 48150. Call (734) 524-0577. Novi Petco is the host for an adoption day Sunday, May 27, at 43480 West Oaks Drive, Novi, 48377. Call (248) 735-4356.

THERAPY

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do," said Ham-Kucharski. "The therapists are very imaginative. Today when Alex visits his regular health professionals they're amazed by the improvements he's made in communication, muscle coordination, imagination, and social skills in the last two years."

The center uses a play-based method which follows the Floortime model developed by child psychiatrist Stanley Greenspan. On this day, occupational therapist Sandi Scott tries to interest Alex in a fishing expedition, the first step to initiating interaction with him. While Alex sits in an inflatable boat, they both use poles to land the fish made from cardboard.

"By stepping into their world, we get to pull them into ours," said Ham-Kucharski, who with her husband, Richard, works with Alex at home. "The structure of our world can really frighten children."

NEEDS VARY

Futures therapists deal with a multitude of impairments. One room is outfitted with pans of soapy water and rice to help introduce children



Chris sits on his mother Kathleen Larabee's lap at Futures HealthCore Therapy Center in Garden City. Chris receives treatment there twice a week.

with sensory issues to different textures and materials. For children who don't like bright lights there is a special room to relax. In Alex's case, it's where he winds down before leaving the center.

According to Scott, the need for therapy centers is increasing as the number of autistic children rises.

"Ten to 15 years ago only 20 percent of the children I saw were autistic. The rise in autism is evident with 1 in 150 kids, 1 in 64 boys, being diagnosed," said Scott, Futures clinical manager and a Garden City resident.

"My philosophy is anything we do here, parents should be able to do at home, mom and dad should do every day. I have been working with kids for 19 years and the key is to get the family involved."

Kathleen Larabee spends the better part of her day working with son Chris. The 10-year old Canton boy was born prematurely with complications including a bowel condition, cerebral palsy, and parts of his brain missing. Later he was diagnosed with autism. He is speech and language impaired and suffers with a seizure disorder. After extensive therapy, he began walking at 5 years old.

"I want other parents to know that no matter how bad it looks, I hope Chris is an inspirational story," said Larabee. "I call him a miracle boy. After we went to healing service at Divine Child an MRI showed a totally intact brain with no explanation of the regeneration."

Although Chris still has medical problems, he is making progress. His attention span is getting longer. He likes looking at board books and will sit and listen to a short story.

"As part of being autistic, he has sensory integration disorder and is particular about his schedule, tolerates eye contact and touch if he knows you, but public places can be very overwhelming. At McDonald's he used to scream and cry, but is getting

better," said Larabee. "He looks forward to going to the center. It's become part of his routine, Tuesday and Thursday, for the last year. He recognizes everybody and gives them hugs. He has speech and occupational therapy at Futures. They teach him sign language. He can talk but is limited, but capable of talking."

Larabee and Chris leave the center with techniques to practice. She's looking for donors to help her pay for equipment, specifically a Snoezelin Room and indoor swing, so Chris can continue his therapy work at home. In the past they've received assistance from the Elks Club.

"He calms himself by rolling a ball up and down his arm, imitating what he's learned at the center," said Larabee.

"A Snoezelin Room involves sensory integration to modify a play space or room with light, vibration, textures, sounds. Insurance won't pay for it. Even after a seizure it's a place to be calm, but it runs over \$10,000 and I'm not able to pay for it as a single mom."

"An indoor swing is very calming. It's his favorite thing at school during gym time. After he swings he walks straighter."

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ed *Annie Leibovitz: American Music*. The current exhibition contains more than 100 black and white photos by American photographer Ansel Adams.

"It really is an excellent chance to see some rare photos almost never on view as well as some of Adams' well-known photos of the West," said Pam Marcell, public relations manager for the DIA.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History contains many exhibits to entertain and educate patrons. The Target Corp. generously donated to the museum to allow for free admission on Sundays, along with an accompanying film series to enhance the visit. The museum holds annual events to honor the contributions of African Americans and celebrate life in Detroit.

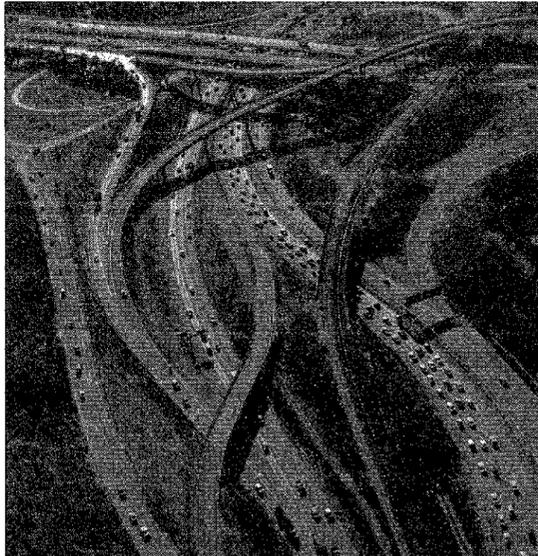
The permanent exhibits such as *And Still We Rise!* allows museum goers to see many different angles, time periods, and geographic standpoints of the black experience from pre-historic Africa to present day. The *Stories in Stained Glass* show the public the triumphs of African musicians, dancers and freedom advocates, using their gifts to the best of their abilities.

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

The Detroit Science Center "has something for kids ages 2 to 92." From hands-on exhibits to Michigan's only IMAX Dome Theater, there is a wide variety of attractions for those interested in science. The DaimlerChrysler Science Stage hosts shows daily that encourage audience participation on a number of topics. The Dassault Systèmes Planetarium shows revolutionary views of night



Feel the heat as you enter the U.S. Steel Fun Factory, the newest permanent addition to the Detroit Science Center in the city's Cultural Center.



See *Freeway Interchange, Los Angeles*, part of the Ansel Adams photography exhibit going on through May 27 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

skies as well as the reaches of space.

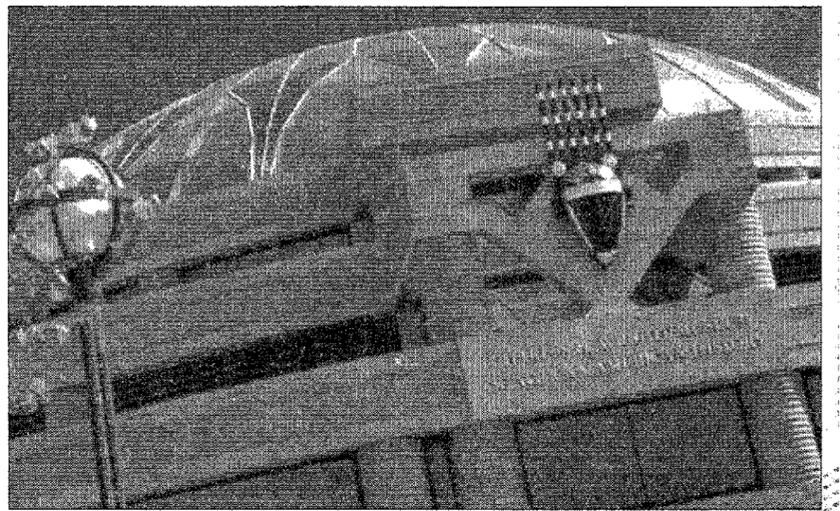
And the center's permanent exhibits show the science in household objects and familiar musical instruments.

The most talked-about exhibit in recent months has been *Our Body: The Universe Within*, showcasing the anatomy of 20 real human bodies.

The scientists behind it used a technique called plastination

to replace all body liquids and preserve the specimens in various positions for viewing. It allows medical students, art students and inquisitive everyday people the chance to comprehend the inner workings of the complex machine that is the human body.

Emberley Neidhardt is a member of the Teen Journalist program and a Garden City High School senior.



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Mass

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PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

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BIRTHS



Olivia Marie Valdez

Anthony and Jennifer Valdez of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Marie Valdez, on Jan. 19, 2007, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces at birth and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Doug and Cindy Lloyd of Plymouth and Joseph and Nisako Valdez of Farmington Hills.

Great-grandparents are Marie Lloyd of Garden City and Marie Glover of Detroit.

ENGAGEMENTS

Thibodeau-Sadows

Bert and Jeanette Thibodeau of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Thibodeau, to David Sadows of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a graduate of Central Michigan University. She has been employed with the Detroit Red Wings since 1996.

The prospective groom is the son of Mary and Richard Boka and Mark and Cindy Sadows.



He is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is a mortgage banker with Quicken Loans.

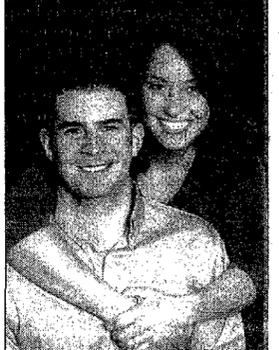
A May 2007 wedding is planned.

Inman-Clark

Lawrence and Jose Inman of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah Nicole Inman, to Peter Clark of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Canton High School. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 2005 with a degree in Special Education. She is employed by Cross Bridge Academy, a school for children with autism in Canton and also works at Building Bridges Therapy Center as an academic specialist.

The prospective groom is the son of the late Beth Clark and Charles Clark of Ann Arbor. He is a 2000 graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. He will graduate from the University of Michigan Dearborn in April 2007 with a degree in political science. In addition, he will be graduating



from the University of Michigan Army ROTC in April, commissioning as a U.S. Army second lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General Corps. He will continue his education pursuing a juris doctorate at Wayne State University Law School.

A July 21, 2007, wedding is planned for Ann Arbor.

Bergman-Massoni

Robert and Susan Bergman of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Michelle Bergman of Brooklyn, N.Y. to David Massoni also of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School and has earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University. She has also received her certification from the Aveda Institute in New York City and is an esthetician at Oasis Day Spa in New York.

The prospective groom is the son of Albert and Carla Massoni of Chestertown, Md. He is the general manager of Dani Restaurant in New York City and is also co-owner of



Diablo Royale Restaurant in New York City.

A fall 2007 wedding is planned.

Borland-Smith

Christopher and Mary Borland of Lincoln Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Gordie Smith, son of Gordon and Debra Smith of Westland.

A September wedding at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne is being planned.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lincoln Park High School and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and psychology from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as an engineering technician by Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America in Ann Arbor.

The prospective groom, a



graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, is a production technician at Ford Motor Company's Wayne Stamping Plant.

Anderson-Sytniak

William and Linda Anderson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, to John Raymond Sytniak, son of Bernard and Elizabeth Sytniak of Allen Park.

The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a gardener at the University of Michigan.

Her fiancée is a 1993 graduate of Aquinas High School in



Southgate and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a carpenter with Kessler Properties in Ann Arbor.

A May wedding is planned at the Matthai Botanical Gardens.

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LEROY "BORN" BERNARD BORNHAUSER

was born December 8, 1915 in Evansville Indiana. Borny went to Grammar School at Stanley Hall and Bosse High School in Evansville. He obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from Purdue University in 1937, followed two years later with a Master of Science Degree in Automotive Engineering from Chrysler Institute. In 1941 Borny earned a Private Pilot's license in a Cub J3 and was part owner of a Luscombe. In 1943 Borny became a Project Engineer at Chrysler's Dodge Chicago Plant, at that time the largest aircraft engine factory in the world. In 1945 he met and married Louise Eaton of Chicago, Illinois. They had two twin sons, Charlie Bornhauser, currently residing in Westlake Village, California, and Bill Bornhauser, currently residing in Bradenton, Florida. In 1951 he transferred to the Los Angeles Assembly Plant as Chief Tool Engineer, and in 1954 he became Plant Manager of the Indianapolis and Kokomo, Indiana plants. Borny was promoted in 1958 to Group Executive-Power Train Manufacturing with responsibility for all axle, engine, and transmission production. He returned to the corporate staff in 1963 as Director of Manufacturing Engineering for Chrysler, and in that same year he was elected a Vice President. In 1965 he was named Group Vice President, with responsibility for all Chrysler's automotive manufacturing operations in the United States, including oversight responsibility for 200,000 employees. Borny served next as Vice President-Product Planning and Development. In this position he steered the design and development of the Plymouth Barracuda and Dodge Challenger into "muscle cars". He was a member of Oakland Hills Country Club, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Grosse Pointe Club, Bayview Yacht Club, the Society of Automotive Engineers, Engineering Society of Detroit, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pi Tau Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, Economic Club of Detroit, the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce, and board of trustees of Alma College. He was past president (1971) of the Engineering Society of Detroit and President of the Rackham Foundation. In 1966 Borny received the Outstanding Achievement in Management award from the American Institute of Industrial Engineers, in the company of inductees like Peter V. Ueberroth. He retired from Chrysler in 1979 after 42 years and moved to Osprey, Florida with Margaret Bornhauser, whom he had married in 1964. Borny and Margie had dated after college, and had met again after many years while they were both single in Michigan. Margie passed away in 1995 after thirty one years of marriage, having also raised one of Margie's grandsons from the age of two, John B. Lewis, currently residing in Jacksonville, Florida. In Osprey they lived at the Southbay Yacht and Racquet Club where Borny became the 2nd President of the Southbay Homeowner's Association, and a member of the Venice Yacht Club. He was an avid boater in retirement, shifting from sailing to power boating. In his 80's he owned a twenty-six foot Wellcraft with twin 260 hp engines he named Flying Colors. He used to say, "I'm getting older—got to get there in a hurry!" It was on this boat that one day Borny took Lorraine D'Atri on the ride of her life for a blind date. Three years later they married, still taking that ride and traveled the globe, taking some 25 trips together. As a retired RN Lorraine also took on the role as Borny's primary caregiver when it became needed. With care she passionately created a tremendous quality of life for Borny in their home and extended his enjoyment of life several years. Borny suddenly passed away March 11, 2007 at the age of 91. Borny is survived by his loving wife, Lorraine, his sons Charlie and Bill, his step grandson, John, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dad, you had a "great run," and so many who knew you loved your "sparkle" and wit that displayed your love for life. You are greatly, greatly missed.



MARION N. BREED

Age 92 of Gaylord, formerly of Plymouth passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2007 in Gaylord. Beloved wife of the late Walter, loving mother of Doug (Carol) of Gaylord and John (Kerry) of Centerville, OH, dearest grandmother of Jenny of Seattle, WA, Robin of Farmington Hills and Ryan of Centerville, OH. Also loving great grandmother. Dear sister of the late Shirley Kallay. Marion was born July 10, 1914 in Cleveland, OH to Charles and Anna Nepodal. Raised in Ypsilanti, she earned her teaching degree from Michigan State Normal College (now EMU). She taught in Battle Creek, Wyandotte and Plymouth. She was a longtime member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, and active in St. John's Ladies League until she moved to Gaylord 3 years ago. She loved nature, traveling, cooking and reading. She will be remembered by friends and family for her strength, cheerful spirit, curiosity and energy. Services will be held 1:30 PM, Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord. A memorial service and gathering will also be held in Plymouth at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan (Osego County) or to St. John's Episcopal Church (Ladies League) in Plymouth, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734. The Breed family wishes to express sincere gratitude to the compassionate and caring staff of Aspen Ridge Retirement Village of Gaylord, and to Hospice of Michigan (Osego County).

MARGARET E. GROSSA

Age 91, April 17, 2007. Beloved wife of the late John Q., dear mother of John (Carol) Grossa, Susan (Robert) Law, Richard (Ruth) Grossa, Timothy (Diane) Grossa, Roberta (John) Lardner, Mary (William) Pierson, James (Bridget) Grossa and the late Thomas Grossa; fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Services were held Friday at Life Story Funeral Home Betzler & Thompson, Paw Paw, MI, followed by a Memorial Mass Saturday at St. Valentine Catholic Church, Redford Township. To read Margaret's complete life story, archive a favorite memory, upload photos or make a memorial contribution to Hospice of SW Michigan or Redford Township Public Library, please visit her personal web page at: www.lifestorynet.com

FREDERICK J. HUNT

April 18, 2007 Beloved husband of Nancy-Lou for 52 years. Dear father of Howard (Lori) and John. Grandfather of Daniel, Elizabeth and Hannah. Brother of William O. Hunt (Mary). Services have been held. Memorial tributes to Crossroads Alliance Church, World Missions Fund, 15858 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Beverly Hills, MI 48025. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

THOMAS ANDREW NAKONECZNY

Age 50, avid hunter and sportsman, April 19, 2007. Tom is survived by his loving children Thomas Jr. and Lindsay; his beloved mother Valerie; and his brothers Peter S. (Pam), Rick and James. Dear uncle of Rick Jr., Brian and Megan. Tom is also survived by several other loving family members and friends. Funeral service Monday, April 23rd, 11:00 AM at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds. just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Saturday 3-8 PM, Sunday 3-8 PM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial tributes suggested to the charity of one's choice. www.heene-sundquist.com

MARION FRANK PAJAS

Age 92, of Cumming, GA and West Bloomfield, MI, died Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at his residence. A native of Michigan, he had resided in Cumming for the past five years with his daughter. He worked for 53 years for the Ford Motor Company as an Automotive Analyst. Mr. Pajas was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Malay Pajas in 1999. He is survived by daughters Pamela (David) burke of West Bloomfield, MI and Marian Janet Cook of Cumming; grandchildren Amy Pajas, Christopher Burke, Steven (Atsuko) Burke; and great-grandchildren Chase Cook, Lauren Cook, Matthew Pajas, Rachel Renteria and Alexander Renteria. Mr. Pajas was cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Condoleances may be expressed online at www.mcdonaldandson.com. Arrangements by McDonald and Son Funeral Home & Crematory, 150 Sawnee Drive, Cumming, GA 30040 (770) 886-9899

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Gavin Michael Steven Sampey

Brian and Melissa Sampey of Westland announce the birth of their son, Gavin Michael Steven Sampey, on March 3, 2007, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Gavin weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces at birth and was 19 inches long.

He has a sister, Cierra Sampey.

Grandparents are Steve and Debbie Hunt of Westland and Dennis and Linda Sampey of Westland.

Great-grandparents are Bill Hunt of Livonia, Lorriane Formolo of Inkster and Catherine Sampey of Howell.



Avery Elise Graskiewicz

Robert and Jennifer (Whitmore) Graskiewicz announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Elise Graskiewicz, on Nov. 1, 2006, at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce.

Avery weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces at birth.

She has a sister, Bryn.

Grandparents David and Irene Whitmore of Plymouth and Tim and Juanita Graskiewicz of South Lyon.

Great grandparents are Estelle Gurney of Plymouth, who celebrates her 90th birthday on April 23, Bernadine Whitmore of Plymouth and Margaret Thompson of Eastpointe.



Estelle Gurney is celebrating her 90th birthday. Her great-granddaughter, above, was born in November.



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Bookstock '07 benefits literacy programs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Roz Blanck's intensity level rises as she talks about co-chairing Bookstock '07 with Jodi Goodman. The two West Bloomfield women are coordinating the sale of thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, videos, records, and books on tape from Sunday-Sunday, April 29 to May 6, at Laurel Park Place mall, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

All Blanck has to do is think about the sea of books and media waiting to be sorted and she can't sleep at night. The pre-sale for the fifth annual Bookstock takes place 8:45-11:45 a.m. Sunday, April 29 (\$10 admission). No admission noon to 6 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, books and media half-price on Sunday, May 6.

To volunteer or for more information, call (248) 645-7840, ext. 365, or visit www.bookstock.info. Proceeds from the community service project benefit literacy programs in the area.

"It's an extremely labor intensive project, probably 1,000 volunteers work on it," said Roz Blanck. "We have rooms filled with books needing to be sorted into different categories, probably 40 categories. They see it at the sale, but I don't think people realize the human effort that goes into it to collect the books and transport them. We have tons of books, thousands of books and put books out throughout the week as books are sold."

The Jewish Community Relations Council in Bloomfield Hills took on the project five years ago after members of Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Detroit Chapter were no longer able to continue producing a similar event.

"We are mentored by the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Detroit Chapter. They had a book sale in the community for decades," said Blanck. "Proceeds go to 10



Bookstock offers thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, videos, records, and books on tape for sale April 29 to May 6, at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. Proceeds benefit literacy programs.

organizations, some schools, community service organizations, all go to literacy projects. Even though a lot of Jewish organizations are involved, Jews aren't the only ones to benefit."

The Oakland Literacy Council is one of the organizations benefiting from Bookstock. The Jewish Sabbath is Friday night to Saturday night so OLC staffs the book sale during this time.

"I get really excited. Sometimes I can't sleep worrying about are we going to get this done," said Blanck. "I always buy hundreds of dollars of books myself. I picked up a book last week about the Armenian genocide that was written about 10 years ago. I probably wouldn't have seen it in a book store. It was fascinating."

"We have beautiful art books, coffee table books, a tremendous amount of cook books. We started in October picking up books. This is an all year project. A lot

of times we have to go to people's homes. We find pictures in our books, dollar bills. It's fun."

Volunteers not only have a good time sorting and working Bookstock, but gain satisfaction from knowing proceeds benefit literacy and education projects for children and adults.

Phyllis Jarvis is project coordinator for the Jewish Community Relations Council's Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy now in its eighth year of tutoring young children in Oakland County and Detroit schools.

"We serve as an umbrella organization for Jewish community organizations and temples and synagogues involved in literacy projects," said Phyllis Jarvis. "Because of Bookstock, we can recruit and offer training workshops for volunteers for programs in K through third grade. It's then a student is learning to read while after that they're reading to learn. We want to

intervene while in the process of skill development as emerging readers.

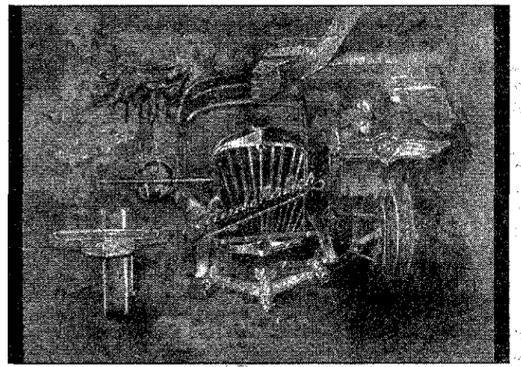
Because of this volunteers are able to establish relationships with the students, one on one, and offer new books for students, teachers and libraries."

Many of the Detroit Jewish Coalition for Literacy volunteers are former teachers or librarians, but Jarvis says everyone is welcome to join in the fight to wipe out illiteracy.

"Reading is a lifelong skill," said Jarvis. "Sometimes people are a little hesitant. They just have to love children and love books. Training is not necessary. We're always looking for new volunteers."

For more information about volunteering to tutor children in reading, send e-mail to jarvis@jfind.org or call (248) 642-5393, ext. 8.

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Award winner

Livonia artist Sherry Eid took first place in the Artifacts Art Club show continuing through April at Livonia City Hall. The colored pencil drawing is just one of the works created in a variety of media. Dave Messing won second place for a hydrostone, Linda Lutze third place for a pastel. Honorable Mention went to Marilyn Mazer for her colored pencil, Rooster. Merit Award winners were Lorelei Christy, watercolor; Jim Goodman, photography; June Porta, oil, and Dolores Veshka, colored pencil.

Children's shows feature local actors

Students from Plymouth, Canton and Livonia are performing in The Divine Child High School Prime-Time Players productions of *Noah and the Ark* and *Snow White* 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the high school's auditorium, 1001 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn. The two children's shows offer an hour of interactive entertainment for children from age 3 to 93.

Divine Child theater students have directed, acted, built the sets, and designed all of the costumes. Prior to the April 28 public performance, they present the two shows at seven different ele-

mentary schools in the area April 25-26. Tickets are \$5 for the entire family or \$2 for single tickets. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the April 28 performance. For more information, call the school during business hours at (313) 562-1990.

During the shows, children will be asked to play various roles, provide sound effects or to call out answers to help the actors along. It promises to be a delightful experience, especially for the wiggle set.

Proceeds will go to cover the costs of this traveling troupe's community outreach program.

Italian American Club offers scholarships

The Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications for high school students who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Candidates must establish Italian ancestry and reside in Southeast lower Michigan
- Candidates must have completed their junior year of high

school in the spring of 2007, and have a B average in all classes, and have taken the ACT or SAT exams

All candidates must complete an IACL Charitable Foundation Scholarship application and return it by the deadline July 31.

Applications may be obtained by calling the foundation at (734) 953-2664.

Youths sought for contest to design T-shirt

In conjunction with the Livonia Arts Commission's annual Arts From The Heart fair this year, Busch's Market is sponsoring a youth T-shirt contest.

Children ages 9-10 in the fourth grade are being asked to draw a picture on any subject related to art. The drawing is

to be done on a plain piece of 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper. The medium can be crayon, color pencil or markers.

The finished artwork should be dropped off by April 30, at the front desk in Busch's Market, 37083 Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

The winner will receive a

professional art kit and the T-shirt. Arts From The Heart takes place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 9-10 at the corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia. The winning T-shirt design will be sold at the festival.

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Gift of life

Organ donation focus of fund-raiser, film

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Matt Medwid wouldn't be alive today to even think about starting a family if not for the stranger who donated a heart to him in March 2004. That one generous gesture made it possible for the Redford man to not only have a future but one day bring a new life into the world with his wife.

Nationwide, there's an effort to increase awareness about registering to become an organ donor. From 6-10 p.m. Thursday, May 3, Medwid is volunteering his time to help guests of ALIVE '07, the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan fund-raiser, sign up to give the greatest gift of all. The benefit features a strolling buffet and silent and live auctions at Park West Gallery in Southfield. Tickets are available in advance through April 28 or at the door. For information, visit www.donatelifemichigan.org or call (248) 770-5172.

A STRANGER'S HEART

Two days later on May 5, the Hallmark Channel presents *A Stranger's Heart* (9/8c). Arlene Krausz has seen the lives saved by donors during her 23 years as a critical care nurse in the Los Angeles area. Krausz served as medical consultant on the film about a workaholic magazine writer who receives a donor heart and suddenly begins examining her priorities. Callie (played by Samantha Mathis) is strangely drawn to the donor's young daughter and eventually finds love with a heart transplant patient. Krausz made sure as the film's characters became sicker and sicker while waiting for organs the actors' movements, speech and breathing mirrored real life.

"It's important for people to understand while they're alive and healthy that's when they have to make the conscious choice to be an organ donor and take the necessary steps. The family at that time of grief and despair may not carry out their wishes," said Krausz. "I thought I could sign the back of my license and found out I had



Matt Medwid received a heart transplant in 2004. On May 3, the Redford man is volunteering to help guests sign up for the organ donation registry during a fundraiser at Park West Gallery in Southfield.

to register. Here I was working in the world of medicine and didn't know."

Producer Lincoln Lageson registered eight years ago after learning a friend of the family received a donor organ. While it's his job to see that the film entertains viewers, it does have a message.

"It's not a documentary. No. 1 is for people to be entertained, but to educate people about organ donation," said Lageson. "It was interesting to learn the length of time people are forced to stay on the waiting list. I saw pictures of a couple of patients prior and immediately after. It was amazing to see what a difference the transplant made, how it can change someone's life. The cast dealing with the medical aspects was very emotional. We have a character that did not survive. We dealt with the very emotion-



ERIC McCANDLESS

Samantha Mathis plays the role of a transplant recipient who is drawn to the donor's daughter (played by Mary Matilyn Mouser) in the Hallmark movie, *A Stranger's Heart*.

al aspect of the family members of the donor. That's very powerful and emotional."

DONATING LIFE

Carol Gallup says it was horrible when her son, Charles Girard Gallup, died from a heart attack in his Rochester Hills driveway in December 2005, but it helped knowing his organs, bones and heart valves helped others. Charles was 41 and an avid NASCAR fan.

"This is one thing that you can do to make it not so hopeless or terrible, plus he would have loved it. He was the most generous kid you could ever run across. He always stopped to help people with car trouble," said Gallup. "We

had never talked about it (organ donation), but I'd always wanted to do it since I was very young. Even before organ donation I signed up to donate my body to the medical school at Michigan State when my children were young."

Matt Medwid is convinced he wouldn't be alive today if not for donors like Charles Gallup. Medwid was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an excessive thickening of the heart muscle at age 14, had a stroke at 30 then another stroke in 2003. In between he had a pacemaker implanted. Six months before receiv-

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ing his heart transplant, he was admitted to Cleveland Clinic to wait for an organ donation. Today, Medwid is a recently married insurance agent working in Milford. He volunteers regularly at Salem Bible Church where he directs the Kids Club. He also speaks to groups about organ donation. "Before I was tired all the time, to walk up a flight of steps was brutal," said Medwid, 41. "I was in the hospital afterwards for six weeks and weighed 130 pounds. It took me six to eight months to feel better but now I work out three times a week at the Y, can jog a mile, lift weights, and plan on having kids, and weigh 180. It's amazing. I still can't do everything, it's not perfect but I absolutely would not be here without the transplant. "It seems such a waste that someone has to pass away while waiting for a transplant. My mom died at U of M waiting to get a heart transplant in 1997 at age 54."

ALIVE '07

Organizers of the Donate Life May 3 fund-raiser hope the ALIVE event raises awareness about organ donation and the Gift of Life registry (www.giftoflifemichigan.org), the state's federally authorized organ recovery organization. Donate Life's mission as a group of non-profits and volunteers is to urge people to register to donate their organs, tissue and eyes after death. "It's so important that Donate Life continue its mission," said Peggy Burkhard, planning committee member. "We'll have three award recipients and Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land welcoming everyone because she's been incredibly supportive. "This year we're encouraging guests to sign up online at the event, and Michigan musician Hunter Brucks is going to perform Second Chance, a song he wrote and

sings. The CD will raise money for Camp Michitanki, a University of Michigan Transplant Center initiative to enable children whose lives were saved by transplant to attend summer camp." Mary Lowe thought it was a good idea when the hospital asked her to donate husband Richard's organs after the 69-year old Troy man died suddenly of a brain hemorrhage in February 2005. "Our family was not all here but I said yes," said Lowe, who was married to Richard for 44 years. "I thought it would be good to help someone out when we were losing him, if someone else could have a life through him. One man has his liver, two young people corneas so they have sight. Bone went to children born with a deformity of the spine so they could walk. I feel like he is living on through them."

LIVING ON

Arlene Krausz believes the donor may not only give life to the recipient, but be responsible for certain changes in behavior. When the nurse consultant was doing research for *A Stranger's Heart* she went online to read accounts of recipients taking on characteristics of the donors after transplant. "There are the stories of people who didn't like peanut butter now craving it, that they have these personality changes," said Krausz. "Is there proof? There has been research about the T-cells, but the bottom line is I've actually met people. One lady I took care of in cardiac rehab hated peanut butter and afterward couldn't get enough. In the nursing world we hear about it."

Park West Gallery is at 29469 Northwestern, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads. Tickets are \$50.

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APRIL

Organ donor memorial

A snowboard/skateboard bench will be dedicated in memory of former student Tony Sisco Jr. 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (adult ceremony at 11:30 a.m.) Monday, April 23, at White Lake Middle School, 1450 Bogle Lake Road. Tony died after a snowboarding accident on Dec. 22, 2005. He had watched an evening news segment on organ donation and told his parents if anything should ever happen to him he would like to become an organ donor. Tony Sr. and Karen Sisco made the decision to help others by donating his organs and corneas. The bench was made possible in part by Chris Klug, 2002 Olympic Snowboarding Bronze Medalist and a liver transplant recipient, who sent two autographed racing boards for the bench. The dedication is scheduled for what would have been the 14th birthday of Tony Jr. For information about becoming a registered organ donor, visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

Afternoons optimal for workouts

Ashley from Eastpointe emails asking if there is a particular time of day that's best for getting in an effective workout?

Ashley, in this case timing can influence the kind of exercise you do and the gains you make! In the morning joints are at their stiffest. That makes warming up before working out especially important. But it is also

important to note that your body's ability to build new muscle is greatest in the morning, so that might be the best time for you. By mid afternoon most of us experience a sort of mid-day slump but a quick workout

can still be effective. By the late afternoon and early evening your bodily functions are reaching an optimal level for an effective workout. The body seems to recover more quickly



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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Autism-friendly family event

Reservations accepted until Monday, April 23, for the second annual pajama party features the hilarious Doug Scheer performing his Diversify Circus magic show 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the Judson Center, 4410 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Tickets \$25 per family. Space is limited, call (248) 837-2112 for reservations.

Blood drive

6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 23, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital's Conference Center, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Walk-ins welcome, appointment encouraged. To register, visit www.giveville.org, sponsor code DMC and choose HVSH blood drive.

CPR training

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 23 (must arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to class), at the Redford Twp. District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile, between Beech Daly and Telegraph. Redford residents interested in participating can call Debra Yake at (248) 304-6080, or (248) 304-6055. All residents must be registered.

Bocce for Bucks III

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event offers patrons an opportunity to receive professional instruction from World Cup Bocce players 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Palazzo di Bocce, Orion Township. Event includes indoor bocce ball tournament, Italian buffet, silent auction. Dress casual. Tickets \$100 for Bocce play, Italian buffet dinner, beer, wine, desserts, silent auction and exit gift; \$150 for all of above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup players. Call (248) 967-8324 or visit vna.org.

RN refresher course

Madonna University 12-day registered nurse (RN) refresher course meets 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., April 23 to May 11, on the main Livonia campus. Course designed for nurses who've maintained their RN license, but have been out of clinical practice for more than two years. Registration \$800. For information, call Marilyn Harton at (734) 432-5449 or send e-mail to mharton@madonna.edu.

when you exercise between 3 and 7 pm. It will also help you fall asleep faster!

Joan from Taylor has been noticing subtle changes in her voice. She emails asking if she should see a doctor about the problem.

Joan, the answer is yes! A change in vocal pitch can be something as minor as a cold or sore throat. But according to researchers at the University of Michigan it can also indicate more serious problems like acid reflux. Watch for warning signs like a voice that is unusually raspy, even though you aren't sick. If you sing and have trouble hitting certain notes that can be another danger sign. If the changes persist for more than a few weeks check with your doctor. To keep your voice healthy be sure to drink plenty of water! Be sure to avoid smoking and second hand smoke! Try to avoid shouting and be careful not to excessively clear your throat!

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

Smoking study to examine habits of pet owners

Henry Ford Hospital is launching a first-of-its-kind, multi-phase study to examine the smoking behaviors of people who own or live with a pet.

"Existing research does not indicate what percentage of pet owners smoke or allow smoking in their homes. We hope to fill in that research gap," said Dr. Ronald M. Davis, director of Henry Ford's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and the study's principal investigator.

Henry Ford researchers are seeking 2,100 participants for the three-year, \$300,000 study, which is funded by the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute in Miami, Fla. Eligible participants are either smokers or non-smokers who live with a dog, cat or bird and are at least 18 years old.

In the study's first phase, researchers will look at the smoking practices of people who live with their pet dog,

cat or bird. In the second phase, they'll examine people's perceptions about secondhand smoke and its effects on pet health. The final phase will involve a public education program about smoking and pet health.

To recruit study participants in southeast Michigan, Henry Ford is partnering with the Michigan Humane Society and Pet Supplies Plus pet stores. Participants will be asked to complete an online survey about animals living in the home, smoking behaviors and those of the people with whom they live, interest in quitting smoking, and smoking rules in the home.

The first 1,200 participants, who complete the survey at www.healthypetsurvey.com, will receive a \$5 Pet Supplies Plus gift card. All participants will automatically be entered in a grand prize drawing to win \$500, \$100, \$50 and \$20 gift cards. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete.

FOOT PAIN CAN RUIN YOUR GOLF SWING



As millions of avid golfers get ready for another season of pars and bogeys, they should be aware of potentially serious foot problems that can result from years of playing the game.

Dr. Randy H. Bernstein, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon in Dearborn Heights, and staff member of Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, shares this information from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

The three most common painful foot conditions that can ruin your golf swing are heel pain, arthritis of the big toe joint, and pinched-swollen nerves called neuromas.

Although golf is not considered a rigorous sport, the physical act of repeatedly swinging of the clubs can lead to a condition known as hallux limitus, a jamming and deterioration of the big toe joint. This can eventually wear out the cartilage and jam the big toe causing severe pain. The movement and weight transfer that occurs during the swing's follow through can cause this problem, as well as the other foot ailments.

This weight transfer and body twisting during the swing can also make the heel roll from side to side, putting pressure on the nerves between the metatarsal bones in the feet. This pressure can cause the nerves to be pinched and irritated causing them to swell and produce numbness, tingling, and severe pain around the "balls" of the feet. This problem is called neuromas.

Heel pain typically results from inflammation of the thick band of tissue that extends from the heel to the "balls" of the feet from walking on uneven terrain around the golf course. Tears and inflammation in this band of tissue in the arch area is called plantar fasciitis. Tears and inflammation in the area of the heel, can eventually result in becoming a heel spur.

For the majority of golfers and other patients with the same ailments, simple treatments such as custom orthotic devices (shoe inserts), stretching exercises, changes to your shoes, medications, braces, or steroid injections and physical therapy can alleviate painful feet. However, if conservative treatment fails to provide adequate relief, surgery may be required.

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A MEMBER OF TRINITY HEALTH

Personal trainer takes fitness on road



Trainer Rick Haber works with Barbara Woody on her flexibility.

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

When he had appointments in the past, Rick Haber would wade through a sea of buff bodies and pricey equipment at a fitness club. These days, the personal trainer hops in his green Ford Explorer and drives to his client's home.

Haber of Dearborn Heights is the founder of MetFitChal, an in-home personal training business.

"I'm here for the stay-at-home mom that would love to workout but can't get away," he said. "And by me going to them, it's much more personalized."

Having trained at health club empires like Bally Total Fitness and Life Time Fitness, Haber said he felt it was time to go off on his own.

"It had become almost more like a sales job because we had to promote so many products," he said. "I don't have that backing on me anymore and I can be more cognizant of each person without clock watching or talking over other people."

Haber, who started the company in February, said his personal training sessions are cheaper than those at fitness clubs.

According to his Web site, www.metfitchal.com, the \$200 "sampler" package includes four sessions, the \$360 "gets you started" option has eight sessions, the \$640 "changes occur" package features 16 sessions, and the 24-session "guaranteed results" option is \$840. All sessions are an hour long.

Canton resident Barbara Woody began training with Haber at Life Time Fitness in Canton and said she immediately jumped on board when she learned of his new venture.

"I still go to the gym for aerobics, but I use Rick for my personal training," she said. "We talk about my needs and it's totally geared to me."

Haber doesn't lug around bulky equipment for his sessions, but insists his methods can yield results. Woody agreed and said she's lost 35 pounds in recent months.

"I can chuckle about it now," she said, as she warmed up by climbing her own stairs. "But a year ago, it was a pain for me to pick up a carton of bottled water. It was



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Trainer Rick Haber works with his client, Barbara Woody, in her Canton home.

almost impossible but I'm so much stronger now."

Haber, who gave up his position as a computer technician to go into personal training, is also a certified massage therapist and said it's been a worthwhile career change.

He smiled proudly when talking about a client that lost 60 pounds in a year and began kayaking and writing stand-up comedy.

"What a rush," he said. "I got into this because it seemed like a fun job - I never would have imagined the impact it's having."

While doing a move on an exercise ball in her living room, Woody jokes with

Haber when he says "How about we do 12?"

"We?" she asked sarcastically and chuckled. At the end of her 12th repetition, Woody sat up on the silver ball and said Haber makes exercise fun.

"If you're talking in a gym you can get distracted but I have his total attention here," she said. "It's great that he comes to me, especially on bad weather days."

Haber is accepting business within a 30-minute radius of Dearborn Heights.

"I'm not here to put you through Army bootcamp," he said. "I want to focus on being healthy."

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MET FIT CHAL

Owner: Rick Haber
Phone: (313) 303-1572
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What it is: MetFitChal is an in-home personal training company designed for time-conscious professionals, stay-at-home moms or those that don't want to drive to a health club.

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DOOR REPLACEMENT AT CASS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bid forms and specifications are available at the Maintenance Department, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI, 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. A \$25.00 fee is required for the specifications.

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Ray Irvine, Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 744-2514.

Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. on the 4th of May, 2007, at the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidders.

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SANDRA L. POLLACK,
Supervisor of Finance
Livonia Public Schools

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts will be holding its annual budget hearing on **May 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.** The location will be at 28500 Avondale, Inkster, MI 48141. The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Academy of Inkster will be holding its annual budget hearing on **May 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.** The location will be at 28612 Avondale, Inkster, MI 48141. The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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