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Judge won't dismiss charges

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Judge Ron Lowe isn't convinced prosecutors will be able to convict a Westland woman who ran a Plymouth day care center of failing to report abuse in the case of a Canton toddler who died last year.

But he's willing to let them try. Lowe, a 35th District Court judge, Wednesday denied a motion to dismiss a misdemeanor count of failure to report abuse against Jacqueline Hadwin, 36, who was director of Childtime Learning Center in Plymouth Township. The charges stem from the death of 2-year-old Allison Newman, the Canton girl who died Sept. 22, a death the Wayne County medical examiner ruled was caused by head trauma.



The state closed Childtime after two witnesses came forward to say they'd reported their suspicions of child abuse to supervisors at the center.

Hadwin faces 93 days in jail if convicted, but Lowe said Wednesday he isn't sure that'll happen.

"They are going to have to demonstrate the nature of the injuries and what was known by (Hadwin) at the time she made the decision to report or not report," Lowe said. "Prosecutors are going to have to prove to the jury (Hadwin) had reasonable suspicion child abuse occurred."

Despite his doubts, Lowe said the decision to deny the motion to dismiss was easy as a matter of law. "People wanted me to dismiss the case because the prosecutor isn't going to be able to prove the case," Lowe said. "It's not my job to determine the facts at this point. I could dismiss if it was a question of law, but this is a question of fact."

Hadwin's attorney, Todd Flood of Flood, Lanctot and Conner, didn't return calls seeking comment. Prosecutors declined to respond to Lowe's comments, noting the judge let the charge stand in preparation for Hadwin's June 28 preliminary hearing.

"We believe we had probable cause to charge in this case and that we have proof beyond a reasonable doubt (Hadwin) failed to report suspected abuse when she had a duty to do so under the law," said Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. "We will proceed with our case and, if need be, wait for a jury to speak."

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Pedal power

It took a juice and King Don break to keep her pedaling, but Emily Wright, 5, of Garden City made it around the track an estimated 10 times in the McKinley Cooperative Preschool's second annual Trike-A-Thon. For story and more photos, see Page A3.

Economy slows Cooper School redevelopment

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Plans to clean up and build on the old Cooper School site, a former landfill, have slowed as Michigan continues to suffer through an economic storm, officials said.

"It's sort of on hold," said Jack Kirksey, former Livonia mayor and consultant to Livonia Public Schools, which owns the Cooper site in Westland.

Still, officials remain hopeful that the property, on Ann Arbor Trail east of Middlebelt, will ultimately be home to new development. "We continue to market the property," Kirksey said, "and we have some people interested in it."

Developer Frank Jonna hopes to build as many as four two-story medical office buildings and two floors of residences for independent senior citizens.

The old school, fenced off in 1991 after lead and other contaminants were found, has been demolished. But, Kirksey said full-scale efforts to excavate the site and haul away the remaining landfill materials won't be done until developers have a firm commitment for new buildings.

Kirksey responded to questions about the site after state Rep. Richard LeBlanc,

D-Westland, and state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, issued a joint statement about a \$1 million state grant for cleaning up the site.

The grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality had been announced months ago, but Kirksey said the state had delayed use of the money for several months.

In all, the state has approved nearly \$2.4 million in grants for Livonia Public Schools and a \$1 million revolving loan for the city of Westland.

"The former Cooper School property will soon be developed, and plans for its use are in the works," LeBlanc said in a statement. "It is imperative that we get the cleanup started and completed so that the safety of our children and our community is no longer at risk."

The city's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority also has been involved in moving plans forward. No one is certain, however, when the project might begin.

"In order for us to have thriving, healthy communities and bring good jobs home, this type of Brownfield redevelopment is essential in both the long and short term," Anderson said in a statement.

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City considers wiring eateries around center

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland's core shopping and dining district may be on the brink of becoming more hip and high-tech.

Economic leaders are aiming to start a wireless network allowing people to use their laptop computers at places, particularly restaurants, surrounding Westland Shopping Center.

"This is the way of the future," Mayor William Wild said. "This service would not only be essential to those doing business in the area, but it would also provide a tremendous convenience for shoppers."

Panera Bread, on the mall's south property, already allows its customers to tap into the Internet with their wireless laptops. It's a concept that leaders from the city's Economic Development Corp. and Tax Increment Finance Authority want to expand.

"We've got business people on the road traveling, and they can run into Panera and use their laptops," said Westland Chamber

of Commerce President Lori Brist, who chairs the EDC/TIFA board.

With free access to a wireless network, business people and others might be more likely to spend time - and money - in Westland, she said.

"We want to try to keep people in our city. They might be more inclined to have lunch in our city or go shopping," Brist said.

The EDC/TIFA board is working with a company, Automation Management Services, to determine the plan's design and costs. The next step would be to discuss the layout of the network, along with hardware and software options.

Afterward, the project would be offered for bids. It would be paid by special TIFA tax revenues already being generated in an area that encompasses the mall.

"It's in the exploratory stages," Brist said. "Any opportunities we have to promote the businesses in the (shopping and dining) district, that's what we want to do."

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Dunn is 1st to file petitions in council race

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Retired automotive engineer Harold Dunn has become the first candidate to enter the Westland City Council race.

Dunn, 75, has filed his petitions to run for city office after earlier failing in campaigns to become a U.S.

and state representative. "This is my first time running for a city office," he said Friday.

Most recently, Dunn ran in the last state House race as a U.S. Taxpayer Party candidate. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, won that seat.

"The reason I got into politics is that I'm dissatisfied with the majority of our government," he said. "They largely have abandoned the citizens in favor of special interest groups."

With that said, Dunn complimented local council members. "It seems to me that they're trying to do what the people want," he said.

Dunn said he is hopeful that, if elected to the council, he could begin to score some name recognition that might help him in campaigns for higher office.

At whatever level of government he may serve, Dunn said he will oppose tax increases and work to keep a close watch on finances.

"I want to be of service to the people and not the government," he said.

Dunn hopes to win one of four council seats at stake in this year's city races. The positions currently held by council members James Godbout, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves will be on the ballot.

The top three vote-getters will win four-year terms; the third place finisher will earn a two-year term. City Clerk Eileen DeHart said the filing deadline is June 19.

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Coming Thursday in Filter



'Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End' kicks off summer movie season Friday, May 25.

Ceremony honors home's 6 centenarians

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

An early morning nap was what Mary Kenzie was in the mood for, but she did open her eyes briefly at the urging of her son, Bill Kenzie of Livonia.

Seated in a wheelchair in the dining room of the Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center, his mother, age 108, was among six residents honored for their longevity as part of National Nursing Home Week being observed this week.

"She's gone through 10 popes since she was born," Bill Kenzie said. "She liked to pray and go to church and have the family come around."

In addition to Mary Kenzie, center administrator Judith G. Caroselli presented certificates of recognition to Wilma Smith, 100; Georgie Jordan, 103; Lucy Hack, 102; Nettie Hurley, 106; and Dalia (Dolly) Nelson, 102.

"I want to make a mention of the fact that they are all women," Caroselli said. "I want you to know, guys, women live longer."

The celebration featured punch and sweet rolls served at tables decorated with flower arrangements donated by Meijer. It coincided with the kickoff of National Nursing Home Week activities at the center. This year's theme is "Treasure Our Elders." Sponsored by the American Health Care Association, the week spotlights the crucial role nursing facilities play in delivering quality care to senior citizens.

Caroselli, in announcing each honoree, provided snippets of their lives. She pointed out that Mary Kenzie, born in Newfoundland, Canada, attended school through the 10th grade, calling it quite an accomplishment for the time.

She also told the audience that Mary Kenzie lied about her age to get a job at the Willow Run Bomber Plant during World War II. The women hires, known as Rosie the Riveters, were in their 20s and 30s; Mary, however, was in her 40s.

"She never drove and she never smoked, but she'd decide to have a beer before bed every now and then," Bill Kenzie said. "She used to go to church every day."

Mary Kenzie is the mother of six children, 20 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Wilma Smith — the "baby of the



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Posing with their certificates are Nettie Hurley, 106 (from left), Lucy Hack, 102, Dolly Nelson, 102, Wilma Smith, 100, Georgie Jordan, 103, and Mary Kenzie, 108, with her son William Kenzie.



Nettie Hurley



Lucy Hack



Dolly Nelson



Wilma Smith



Georgie Jordan



Mary Kenzie and her son Bill

group," according to Caroselli — was born in Sandusky, Ohio. After she finished high school, she moved to Detroit, where she became one of the first African Americans to be hired at the J.L. Hudson Co.

She also worked at post office, where she met her late husband Caldwell Smith. They married in 1928 and had two sons.

"Her relatives respectfully regard Wilma as the family matriarch," Caroselli said. "She believes the secret to living a long life is hard work."

Georgie Jordan was born in Georgia. The mother of three children, she also has three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and three great-great-great-grandchildren.

"How many moms live to be great-great-greats?" Caroselli asked, adding that Jordan's secret to longevity is "working hard and taking good care of herself."

Lucy Hack, was born May 11, 1905, in Mayfield, Ky. Her fondest memories include going to her Baptist church in a

wagon pulled by a horse and letting chickens in the house when her mom and dad were working in the fields.

One of six children, Hack attended a one-room schoolhouse, where she shared the classroom with all of her brothers and sisters, Caroselli said, adding that she is the mother of two, grandmother of five and great-grandmother of 13.

"Lucy claims that when the good Lord wants me, He will call me," Caroselli said.

"She's doing well for her age," daughter Caroline Staples said. "She's in fairly good health, she only takes an aspirin and a blood pressure pill. She's still able to remember what's going on and what went on."

Born in Searcy County, Ark., Nettie Hurley enjoyed growing up on the family farm so much that that's where she and her husband Luke were married in 1926. She moved to Wayne in 1951 and enjoyed traveling with the Golden Hour Seniors Group. The best vacation was a trip to the Bahamas, according to Caroselli.

"Her secret to living a long life is praying every day," she said.

Dolly Nelson was born in Bturstask, Nederlulea, Sweden. As a child, Dalia enjoyed skiing, skating and swimming. She graduated from high school in Sweden and went on to finishing school "to become a proper lady," said.

In 1925, she moved to the U.S. and married Peter Nelson in Detroit on June 30, 1928. She has a daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"She has no secret for living a long life, but I'm guessing it's the skiing, skating and swimming in pretty chilly water in Sweden is the secret," Caroselli said.

In addition to Monday's events, the center is having a pirate dress-up day, entertainment, talent show and Luau Luncheon. A treasure chest of compliments also is on display. Patients, staff and visitors to pull a compliment from the box and give it to someone they know deserves it.

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Board may hike class sizes and double pay-to-play fees

BY REBECCA JONES
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Looking at \$3.8 million in budget cuts, Livonia Public Schools board members were asked Monday if there was anything they wanted to remove from the chopping block.

"Everything," said Trustee Rob Freeman, throwing up his hands. Whether it was avoiding a proposed \$20,000 reduction in middle school athletics — by cutting the schools down to two teams instead of three — or maintaining at least one technology paraprofessional among the three middle schools, board members sought ways to keep some cuts from running too deep.

But with a deficit that could approach \$7.5 million, Trustee John Hiltz, in his last meeting as an interim board member, reminded the board that "we've gotta become more aggressive as we move forward."

If the budget scenario proves better than expected, he said, that's the time to start adding items back in.

Cynthia Markarian, running the finance committee of the meeting, agreed that Hiltz was on the right track.

LPS is looking at cutting 15 elementary teacher jobs, and increasing class sizes in first through third grades by one-third of a student on average, to 25.66 students per class; in grades four through six, class sizes would go up by one student to about 28.5 pupils.

Middle school and high school classes usually have 30 students.

Hoping to reduce the payroll load and avoid layoffs, the district offered an early retirement incentive and about 90 teachers accepted. But avoiding layoffs at the elementary level will be difficult, Supt. Randy Liepa said.

"We could have a handful of elementary (teacher) layoffs because we didn't have as many retirements there," he said. Learning specialists would also be cut from the high schools.

At the middle school level, proposed cuts include the technology paraprofessionals — the ones who get printers working and address other computer issues. Media specialists and others would be trained to handle some tasks. Broken machines would be sent to the central audio-visual department.

"It definitely slows down and inhibits the process," said Lisa Levesque, director of business services.

Trustee Steve King asked if there was a way to keep one paraprofessional on hand, to serve all three middle schools.

Trustee Dan Lessard said he would support larger class sizes before removing support from teachers.

"I don't know if we would notice the difference if we increase class sizes ... by a whole kid," Lessard said.

No board members objected to doubling the pay-to-participate fee for high school athletics, from \$100 to \$200. Instating the fee did not affect participation. Next year, athletes may also be asked to find their own rides home from Saturday events.

In the curriculum department, the budget for professional development may be cut by \$183,000, leaving about \$110,000. Of that, \$60,000 is earmarked for training in the new Everyday Math curriculum. That means teachers may not be able to get training in helping elementary students improve their writing skills, said Sheila Alles, director of academic services.

"I'm very concerned that this is going to cause us some failure in these areas," Alles said. High school teachers also need to develop new science and social studies curriculum to meet state guidelines.

Hearing that, Trustee Tom Bailey, who had requested the district not cut the \$20,000 from middle school sports, basically withdrew his request. "You need every bit of that \$180,000 you're cutting out of your budget," he said. Discussions will continue until the budget is approved next month.

"We're in the sixth year of budget cuts," Liepa said. "We're feeling it."

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Police recruit future cops for aide jobs

Police were at the Livonia high schools over the past two weeks, recruiting students interested in careers with their local police department.

The city of Livonia is looking for applicants for 16 openings as police service aides.

Formerly known as cadets, PSAs work within the police station and jail, processing complaints and car accident reports, and handling clerical and supervision duties so more officers can be out on the streets, said Jeff Weiss, a police liaison officer at Franklin.

The job is ideal for a student who wants to become a Livonia police officer because PSAs get paid on-the-job training and their tuition to the police academy is covered, he said.

"It lets them know if they want to be the police and it lets us know if we want them to be the police for us," Weiss said.

The job pays between \$25,500 and \$36,500 annually.

Applications will be accepted until June 29 at the Civil Service Department on the third floor of city hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive at Five Mile.

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Pedal power

Preschoolers' Trike-A-Thon helps St. Jude Hospital

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

There's no telling how long the track was, not that it mattered. The little three-wheeled speedsters riding around it weren't racing for the finish line.

No, the students at the McKinley Cooperative Preschool were pedaling away to help raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"It's a great way to get into charitable giving at a young age," said parent Chris Swisher. "It was really neat. The kids just rode until they were tired."

"We had alumni come back to participate in the Trike-A-Thon," added preschool teacher Carol Miles.

The parking lot at Good Shepherd Reform Church served as the track, which was outlined with orange cones on loan from the Westland Department of Public Service.

Youngsters like 5-year-old Emily Wright of Garden City rode until they got tired. Emily estimated she finished one lap. Her father, Rob, put it at closer to 10 laps.

"She took a rest, she had her own juice and chocolate break," he said. "She needed a little King Don to keep her going."

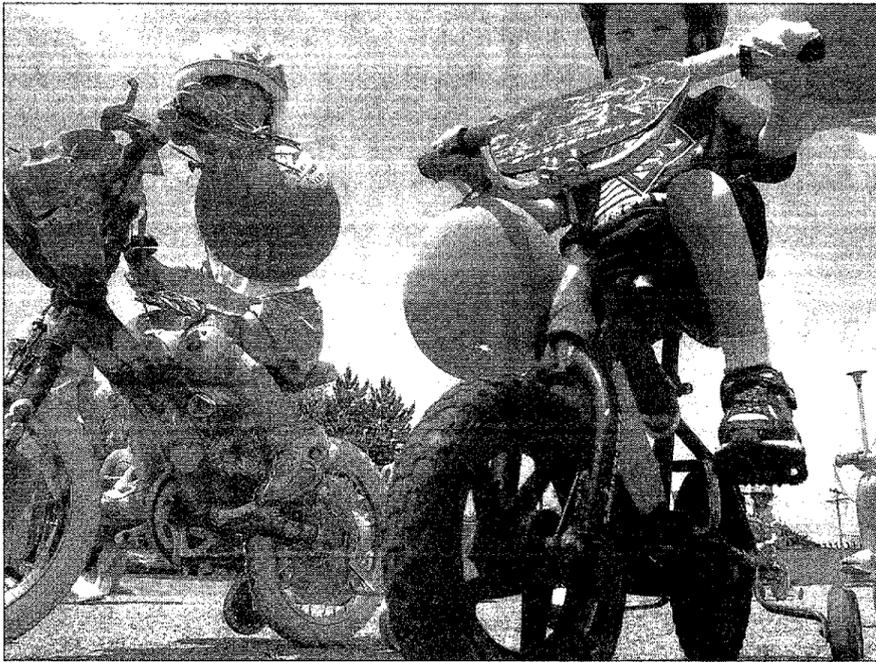
Emily gathered donations from her mother and father as well as the people at her mother's work "and the bowling ladies, lots of bowling ladies," her father said.

"It wasn't hard, she pretty well sells herself," he said. "She got a flat donation, around \$5 from most of the people."

This is the second year the preschool held a Trike-A-Thon. Last year, the Muscular Dystrophy Association was on the receiving end of the toddlers' fund-raising.

While the donations stood at about \$450 Tuesday afternoon, Miles estimated the amount would easily top \$500 by week's end. The preliminary amount included two \$110 donations from two children, she said.

"The donations will keep



Anna Swisher, 4 and Tyler Davis, 4, both from Westland, decorated their bicycles for the event.



Students and alumni get ready to ride in the Trike-A-Thon.

rolling in," she said. Youngsters who raised \$35 or more received T-shirts while those with higher amounts also will get backpacks. St. Jude is a pediatric cancer

research center, located in Memphis, Tenn. Founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, his daughter Marlo is carrying on his work. According to Miles, it was seeing Marlo Thomas on TV that convinced her to do the Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude.

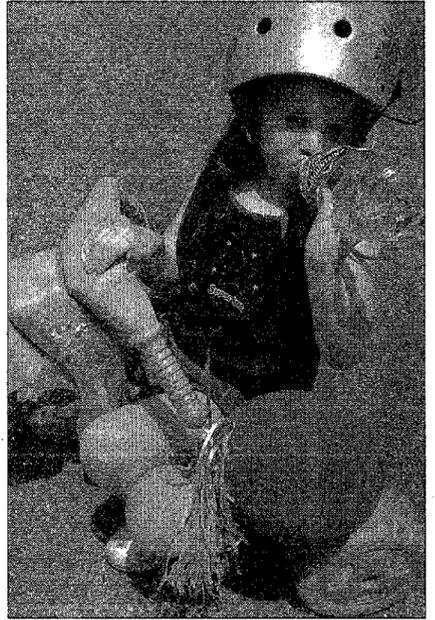
The Trike-A-Thon was a learning experience for the youngsters. St. Jude provided an entire curriculum that included pages to color, banners and even trike licenses for youngsters who completed a two-day bicycle safety class and test.

"It was a full-blown bike safety program with props and stuff," said Swisher. "It was so neat, and the sooner they learn those things the better, the better off they are."

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Matthew Briesse, 3, of Westland gets help with his helmet from his mother, Julie Briesse.



Four-year-old Morgan Hurley of Garden City takes time out for a water break.

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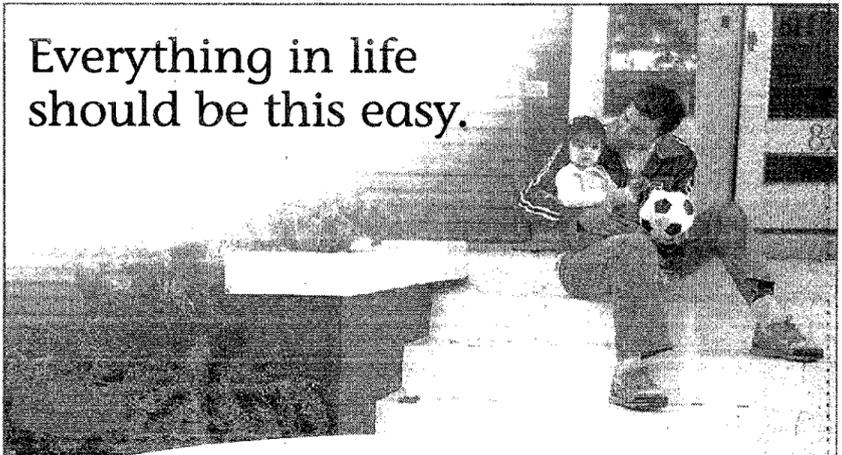
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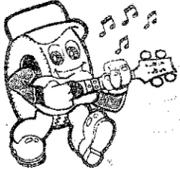
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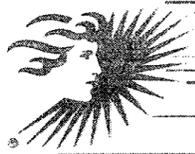


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- 9 311** wsg **MATISYAHU & THE ENGLISH BEAT**
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- 10 JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY** **\$** **Ⓢ** **Ⓢ**
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- 10 RICK SPRINGFIELD** **\$** **Ⓢ**
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- 11 MARILYN MANSON / SLAYER** **ON SALE SOON**
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- 11 NICKEL CREEK** wsg **FIONA APPLE** **Ⓢ**
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- 12 ARETHA FRANKLIN** **\$** **Ⓢ**
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- 12 AMERICAN IDOLS LIVE!**
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 12 COMEDIENNE CHelsea HANDLER** **\$** **Ⓢ**
wsg **MIKE GREEN**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 14 JOE WALSH** **ON SALE SOON**
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MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 15 THE WIGGLES-LIVE! (2:30PM & 6:30PM)**
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 17 BEYONCE** wsg **ROBIN THICKE** **ON SALE SOON**
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- 6 SCORPIONS** **ON SALE SOON**
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- 6-8 THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW** **Ⓢ**
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Apartment worker, friend charged with taking rent money

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Willow Creek Apartments worker and her boyfriend are accused of embezzling thousands of dollars from tenants who thought they had paid their rent, police said.

Sharon Krajewski, 40, and Darnell Ware, 43, were arraigned Thursday on one count each of embezzling \$1,000 to \$20,000 and seven counts each of uttering and publishing. The latter charge essentially involves illegal tampering with a financial document.

The couple lives at Willow Creek on Newburgh south of Ford, where Krajewski had

worked as an assistant manager before allegations arose that the couple embezzled money from December through April, said Westland police Sgt. Steve Borisch.

Krajewski is accused of taking money orders and checks for rent from tenants who didn't make the documents payable to Willow Creek, Borisch said. An investigation is continuing into why the financial documents weren't completely filled out.

The couple is charged with making out the money orders and checks in Ware's name, Borisch said.

The investigation arose after people who thought they had paid their rent were notified

that their payments hadn't been received.

"People started getting notices that their rent wasn't paid," Borisch said.

Krajewski was fired in April following allegations she tried to keep residents from being notified of late rent payments by interfering with an e-mail that was supposed to inform them of the problem, Borisch said.

Krajewski and Ware were arraigned Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli. A not-guilty plea was entered for them.

Cicirelli ordered the defendants jailed on a \$100,000/10 percent bond, meaning each would have to pay \$10,000 to be released.

Cicirelli scheduled a May 24 preliminary hearing that will determine whether the couple should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, Krajewski and Ware could face penalties ranging from probation to five years in prison for embezzling. They could face punishment ranging from probation to 14 years, if found guilty of uttering and publishing.

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Growing roses

"Over the years," says Nancy Ondra in Taylor's *Guide to Roses*, "roses have garnered a reputation for being fussy and disease-prone."

But "roses are easier to grow than you might think ... many are virtually care-free," said Judith McKeon in *The Encyclopedia of Roses*.

Jerry Olsen and John Whitman note in *Growing Roses in Cold Climates* that "roses grow wild only in the northern hemisphere," which puts Michiganders in a good spot. In fact, we're just outside the coldest regions (we're in USDA Hardiness Zone 6, which means that our average annual minimum temperature is no lower than 10 below zero), so a reasonably hardy rose will do well here.

If you're thinking of taking up rose gardening, Ondra suggests asking yourself a few questions before choosing from among the thousands of varieties of roses. "What do you want the rose for ... How much space do you have ... What colors do you like best ... How much maintenance are you willing to do ... What growing conditions do you have to offer?"

Roses do best in gardens with

some commonsense conditions: "Good circulation of air, well drained fertile soil, plenty of light, no extreme of acidity or alkalinity," writes Patrick Taylor in *Gardening with Roses*.

The library is loaded with books on roses. Try *Easy Roses* by Georgeanne Brennan, *Reliable Roses* by Philip Harkness, *Classic Roses* by Peter Beales, or *Miniature Roses* by Sean McCann.

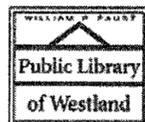
Gardeners should consult Nancy Lindley's *Roses for Michigan* before choosing a variety or *500 Popular Poses for American Gardeners*, edited by Loretta Barnard.

We have a number of titles on VHS or DVD, including *Rebecca's Garden Vol. 2: Rose Gardening, A Celebration of Old Roses*, *Growing Good Roses* and *Secrets of the Rose Gardener*.

If you're at all interested in rose gardening, "the biggest mistake you can make ... is not growing them at all," says Ondra. Let us help.

Stop by, call us at (734) 326-6123, or visit us online at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities
Internet 201: 2 p.m. May 22.



An inside look at Internet search engines. No registration or fee required.

Independent Movie Night: 7 p.m. May 22.
Join us as we screen the 2005 independent Canadian film *A Simple Curve*.

This film was nominated for Best Picture in the Canadian equivalent of the Academy Awards, and runs approximately 92 minutes (not rated).

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

Internet 101: 10:30 a.m. May 30.
A beginner's guide to the Internet - how do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site. No registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Get geared up for the Summer Reading Program beginning in June!

Information Central is compiled by reference librarian Joshua Neds-Fox. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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Memorial parade

A Memorial Day parade honoring veterans is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League. It will proceed north to Ford Road and then move west to Westland City Hall.

The public is invited to watch the event, sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council.

Country breakfast

AMVETS Post 171 and its auxiliary will hold a country breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon today (May 20) 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.

Friends' book sale

Join the Friends of the Library for a book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today (May 20) at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 16123 Central City Parkway, between Ford and Warren. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Open house

St. Damian School in Westland is holding an open house 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the school, 29891 Joy, Westland. Parents can register students during the open house. St. Damian offers a pre-kindergarten program for 3-4-year-olds, full day kindergarten five days a week and grades 1-8. For more information, call (734) 427-1680.

Craft shows

Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373.

Tables are available for the fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-8357.

Re-grand opening

Harlow Tire and Service will celebrate its 42nd anniversary with a Re-Grand Opening Celebration starting at noon Friday, May 25. There will be refreshments, a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. and car show 6-9 p.m.

Harlow Tire is at 1849 N. Wayne Road, just south of Ford. For more information, call 734-722-TIRE Car Wash

The Salvation Army Girl Guard Troop will hold a car wash noon-4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

The cost will be \$3 for cars and \$4 for vans and trucks. For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

Bag it

The Westland Building Department is aiming to make the disposal of trash a little easier by selling heavy-duty 6-mil trash bags.

Residents and non-residents can purchase the bags which are sold in quantities of 100 for only \$12 at the Building Department, 37095 Marquette, just east of Newburgh Road, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Garage sale

The Salvation Army will hold a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the

Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy Road, south of Palmer.

Spaces are available for 420 each. A limited number of tables also will be available for an additional \$4 charge. For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660.

Golf outing

Grab your clubs and make July 27 on your calendar.

That's when The Senior Alliance will hold its 2007 Golf Classic at the West Course of the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights.

The Golf Classic, which raise money to help older adults live their lives in freedom and with dignity, will have a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$130 per golfer or \$500 per foursome and includes 18-hole scramble, continental breakfast at registration, lunch available at the turn and buffet dinner with prizes. Drinks will be provided on the course and cash bar at dinner.

Players also will have a chance to win prizes for longest drive

(men and women), closest to the pin (men and women), hole-in-one and the "famous" Ficano Cup awarded to winning foursome.

Sponsorships also are available.

For more information, to make a reservation, or to purchase a sponsorship, call The Senior Alliance at (734) 722-2830. All proceeds from this event are donated to The Senior Alliance for its work with seniors, the disabled and caregivers.

Cheer program

The Westland Stars will hold a cheer and dance summer program 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning June 14, in the multi-purpose room of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

Come and join the Westland Stars and learn new dances and stunt with the team. The summer program runs four-six weeks, depending on camp. It's an opportunity for girls to get ready for try-outs for the fall team.

The Stars will be participating in the Westland Summer

Festival, a youth cheerleading clinic and summer dance camp. The cost is \$35. Other fees include a \$20 uniform deposit and \$35 for the youth clinic. The cost of the dance camp has yet to be determined.

Register at the Bailey Center. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

GOP Women meet

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host a presentation of Lia Sophia Jewelry available for purchase during its meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 39325 Six Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$12. For reservations and menu selection, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

'Relive the Hits'

Come to Westland's Friendship Center 1-3 p.m. Friday, May 25, when performer Michael Carluccio will star as Dean Martin, Elvis, Frank Sinatra and others, while vocalist David James will give a special tribute

to Neil Diamond

Admission is \$3 and proceeds will benefit Mayor William R. Wild's "Wild's Walkers" team for the 2007 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Advance ticket sales are available at the Friendship Center at 1119 N. Newburgh Road, just south of Ford Road.

It's the Jungle!

Westland's Concrete Jungle Skate Park is open and ready for all skaters. Admission for adult Wayne County residents is \$5 per session and \$8 for a day pass. For children who live in Wayne County, the cost is \$3 per session and \$5 for a day pass.

The Concrete Jungle is located at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Travel club

Friendship Center Travel Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, just south of Ford. Join local seniors as they

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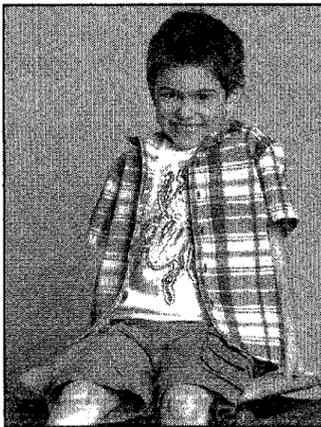
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Good students understand the value of great teachers

The buzzword of the new millennium is nanotechnology — a very big idea about very tiny things.

The Whatis.com definition reads: "Nanotechnology, or, as it sometimes called, molecular manufacturing, is a branch of engineering that deals with the design and manufacture of extremely small electronic circuits and mechanical devices built at the molecular level of matter."

Josh Mann was turned on to nanotechnology when he was an eighth-grade student. A teacher's project on the emerging field set Josh on a path toward a passion and a career.



Hugh Gallagher

I met Josh, a senior at Livonia Churchill High School, and Kimberly Martinez, a senior at Livonia Stevenson High School, at a breakfast for the *Observer & Eccentric* Academic All-Stars and their parents at the elegant Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. What impressed me, what always impresses me, is how focused they are on what they want to do.

Josh will attend the University of Michigan to study biomedical engineering. Then he will pursue a master's degree in nano-engineering. From there, great things will emerge.

"I hope to develop cholesterol-ingesting nanoparticles and a delivery system to add tail codons to mRNA as a nano-engineer," he wrote in his All-Star application. (No, I don't understand it either, but wow!)

Kim will also attend the University of Michigan, to study kinesiology and movement science. Her goals are also toward serving others.

"I want to become a physical therapist specializing in orthopedics and hopefully work for MedSport or a private clinic," she wrote in her application.

At the breakfast, each talked enthusiastically about their career choices, about going to the great university down the road, about their advanced placement classes, about life in general.

Along the way, these young people were encouraged to reach a little further, read a little deeper, take greater risks. They were encouraged by their proud parents, who beamed and seemed a little awed by their accomplishments at the breakfast. They were also encouraged by teachers who came around at just the right time to make a difference.

That eighth-grade teacher lit a fuse in Josh Mann that is burning brighter than ever. That flame was kept burning by

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Churchill teacher Mary Buda, who taught Josh algebra II, calculus, discreet math and AP statistics. Josh's mother raved about the teacher, who is retiring this year.

In his application, Josh described how this "phenomenal" teacher challenged students to do more.

"(Freshman year) she established her intelligence against a group of smart kids and challenged us to perform beyond the minimum required to get an A. Junior year, she pushed us to our limits in preparation for the difficult AP calculus BC exam, which everyone passed and a large portion received 5s. Finally, senior year she has treated us like adults and conducted her class like a professor in order to prepare us for college." Kim was pushed by her English teacher, Kathy Ladd.

"Her class forced me to work hard and really analyze the books I was reading in order to write quality essays on them. She also was the best grammar teacher I've ever had.

"If it wasn't for her, my ACT score wouldn't have been so high. It's because of her that I did so well on the English and reading portion. She is an amazing person and I owe her so much gratitude."

It's good to be reminded just how important good teachers are. They have recently become a concern for politicians. Teachers and their union, the Michigan Education Association, have become the target for those who believe government has run amok. How dare they have negotiated contracts that pay them living wages and provide them health care and retirement benefits. (Who do they think they are, basketball players?)

Of course, it is more complicated than that. But for many teachers, it must seem that what they do isn't valued very highly in the grand scheme of things.

But Josh, Kim and many other high-achieving students know just how valuable a good teacher is to their future and to the future of everyone their lives will touch.

Teachers engage in a kind of nanotechnology every day, building the intellect of small children from the bottom up.

Great lives come from great teachers.

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Put a human face on state budget mess

With the political rhetoric being spun like Spider-man on steroids, you would think our state taxes provide little or no value to taxpayers. Sure, state government could be more efficient and effective while providing a higher value for the taxes collected. However, if you listen to the political spin, one could quickly come to the conclusion that we receive no return on our tax investment. That's just not true.

Consider the following the next time you hear excessive government bashing.



Tom Watkins

■ You called 9-1-1 and the local police, fire or ambulance arrived to assist your family. This service is partially the courtesy of "revenue sharing," i.e., your state taxes being returned to your local community to provide vital services.

■ A burglar, rapist or other "bad guy" is plucked from your neighborhood and hauled off to prison. Yep, your tax dollars at work.

■ Remember the tears that swelled in your eyes when you read about children being abused and neglected by their parents? Yes, it costs money to care for them and keep them safe.

■ Grandma is at a local nursing home and you are counting on appropriate rules, regulations and oversight to assure she is safe and cared for — yes, sirree, your tax dollars at work again.

■ People with mental illness or developmental disabilities are counting on the government to continue to provide the necessary resources so they may be able to live with dignity.

■ Our children need a quality education to be prepared for the hyper-competitive global economy — so thank a teacher and your fellow taxpayers for the investment in our collective future.

Seems like everyone has their favorite government waste and inefficiency story. Clearly, there is a need for further strategic cuts, structural reforms (including pension and health care changes and consolidation and collaboration among schools and local units of government) before taxes are raised.

Many believe if taxes are raised before significant reforms are undertaken, we will never see the reforms while we will pay the higher taxes.

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Perhaps the great 20th century philosopher, Bertrand Russell, best captured this dilemma when he said: "The central problem of our age is how to act decisively in the absence of certainty."

PEOPLE, NOT STATISTICS

As the governor and state Legislature grapple with the tough choices of investing in our collective future, while making sensible cuts and reforms, let's remember that the "cuts" do not simply impact a stereotyped, nameless, faceless, overpaid and underworked bureaucrat.

Actions being contemplated will define the Michigan that 10 million of us call home. We must not ever let the decision makers forget that beyond the statistics is the face of a person.

The posturing on both sides of the political aisle over "whose fault" the current mess belongs to and who will get the credit or blame for the potential fixes has been palpable. Clearly, taxpayers believe there is enough blame to go around and want a sensible resolution — and they want it now.

We are counting on our government leaders to lead — hopefully, with their heads, but also with their hearts.

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Private equity status makes Chrysler more flexible

Everyone is talking about the Chrysler deal. My question, what is a private equity firm?

There is no one definition. You can think of it as a mutual fund company. It raises money from investors, then buys companies or makes other investments.

What is unique about a private equity firm is that, unlike a mutual fund or a publicly held company that must comply with a variety of disclosure rules and security regulations, it does not have to meet many of these requirements.

A private equity firm is not a publicly held company and does not report to investors or trade on open markets. This gives those companies greater flexibility because they do not have the same pressures from analysts, the media and the stock market.

In a mutual fund or a listed publicly held company, you and I can look at the performance of that fund on a day-to-day basis. In a private equity firm, it does not report results on a day-to-day basis; in fact, results are usually never reported in any public manner.

Private equity firms have been around for years. Back in the '80s, they were known for leveraged buyouts. During the late '90s, many of them were known as venture capital firms.

In today's market, private equity firms are known more for buying companies that have underperformed and then putting in a more experienced management team.

Can anyone invest in a private equity firm? The answer is, no. There are strict rules and regulations as to who can invest in these types of firms. Typically, it is the large public and private pension plans that are investing in equity firms. In addition, high net worth individuals are eligible to invest in these types of companies.

There are some opportunities to invest in these types of companies, such as some hedge funds. My general advice for investors is to walk away. Many people are under the mistaken belief that because the rich get involved with these types of investments, that they are always successful. That is not the case. Many of these investments have underperformed and there



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

have been many scams where individuals have lost their entire investment. Therefore, for most of us, hedge funds and private equity firms should be avoided.

Now that Chrysler has been sold, what happens to my stock?

Absolutely nothing. Daimler is selling a portion of its business to Cerberus Capital Management. The transaction only deals with a portion of Daimler's business, so from the shareholder's standpoint, there will be no change.

If you own DaimlerChrysler, you will own the same number of shares in Daimler AG.

Whether one should consider buying or selling Daimler stock because of the sale is very difficult to analyze at this time. On the face of the deal, Daimler should benefit from the sale of Chrysler. The so-called mergers of equals never worked, so terminating the relationship does make sense.

Although Daimler is taking a substantial loss in selling Chrysler, it will be free of legacy costs — a huge benefit. On the other hand, Daimler is losing a foothold in the largest auto market in the world — the United States — and potentially creating another competitor which could cause issues down the road. Daimler will retain nearly 20 percent interest in Chrysler, so if it does well, Daimler gains.

In regard to buying stock in the new Chrysler, the company is private, so stock is not for sale.

Over the long run, I anticipate both Daimler and Chrysler will emerge as stronger companies, however, anything can happen over the short run.

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Vehicle fires are on the increase and dangerous

Vehicle fires are quite commonplace occurrences, here and around the country. The reason many people are surprised to hear this is based on the fact that they don't see vehicles burning regularly. With a full-time career fire department, we respond quickly and most vehicle fires are quickly extinguished.

While this may all be over in a period of minutes, the fires burn contents in the car, your vehicle and may even injure or kill occupants. Avoid risking life for contents or a vehicle, or the vehicle itself.

Fire departments across the United States responded to nearly 300,000 vehicle fires each and every year. Vehicle fires kill approximately 550 people, and injure another 1,500 each year. These fires have a total property damage that exceeds \$1.3 billion every



Tom Kiurski

year. The vast majority of vehicle fires are due to mechanical malfunctions. This underlines the importance of sticking to a vehicle maintenance program and performing needed service as the situation arises. While vehicles can be driven with minor malfunctioning deficiencies, major problems require immediate attention.

Intentionally set vehicle fires account for approximately 15 percent of the total fires in vehicles in the U.S. This represents an increase over previous years, and they cause \$165 million in property damage. Collisions or overturned

vehicles cause only 3 percent of the vehicle fires (although it sure seems like more than that when you watch some action movies), but do account for a large percentage of fire deaths in vehicles.

If your vehicle starts smoking or flames are present, as quickly and safely as possible, pull your vehicle over and stop. Shut the car's engine off and exit the vehicle. Do not stay inside the vehicle searching for important papers or packages you think you may need — they are usually replaceable.

Call 911 from your cellular phone, the phone of someone who stops to help, or a nearby house or business. Don't attempt to investigate the fire yourself by opening the hood. This increases the oxygen available and intensifies the burning. Move well away from

the burning vehicle. While explosions are rare, an occasional tire bursting, hydraulic burst or pneumatic overpressure situation may result in a minor explosion. Although rare, some pieces may actually move out a distance from the vehicle under pressure.

Consider having a multi-purpose fire extinguisher in your vehicle. If so, you may take it out and try to control the fire while we are responding to the fire. If your vehicle is leaking any fluids, don't get near them. Many of them are flammable or combustible.

While a fire in your vehicle is a disruption in the daily activities of life, plan ahead how you would react. A calm reaction usually limits fire spread and avoids injuries — or worse!

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

Salvation Army sees more suburban requests

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division (TSA) reported recently that it has seen dramatic increases in requests for its services over the past year, with sharply higher demand at its suburban corps for the first time ever. The information was released in the non-profit's 2007 Michigan Poverty Report.

According to the report, service request increases were seen in all program categories, but they were particularly evident in the areas of food and shelter assistance.

In 2005, TSA provided 2,555,000 meals to the hungry men, women and children of metro Detroit. However, in 2006 that number rose to 4,486,852 meals, representing an increase of 76 percent. Additionally, in 2005 TSA's network of shelters provided a warm bed to more than 620,500 individuals during the year. That number rose 26 percent to 781,692 in 2006.

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Churchill rules roost in Division 1 regional

Charger boys track down Spartans; Girls squad repeats as champion

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill boys track and field team wiped out a season's worth of frustration against crosstown nemesis Livonia Stevenson Friday night with a memorable performance in the Division 1 Regional 5 meet held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's stadium.

After finishing behind the Spartans in three meets over the previous seven weeks, the Chargers prevailed in the biggest competition so far this spring when they compiled 107.50 points to win the Regional title by 11.50 points over runner-up Stevenson (96) in the 16-team meet.



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Memorial (29), Salem (29) and Dearborn Fordson (28).

"Stevenson beat us in the City Meet by five points, they beat us in a dual meet and they beat us at Observerland, so our kids

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Stevenson was the defending Regional 5 champion.

Filling out the top 10 spots were Detroit Cass Tech (81), Canton (78.50), Plymouth (49.50), Westland John Glenn (45), Dearborn Edsel Ford (33.50), Wayne

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The big question heading into Friday's Division 1 Regional 5 girls track and field meet at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wasn't "Who's going to win?"

It was more like, "By how many points will Livonia Churchill win?" The answer: plenty.

The Chargers defended their 2006 Regional title in dominating fashion by racking up a whopping 167.50 points - 77 more than runner-up Livonia Stevenson.

Rounding out the top 10 were



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away with the crown thanks to their incredible depth, which is on display at every Churchill practice, said head coach Keith McDonald.

"Our practices are very competi-

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Livonia Franklin (77.50), Plymouth (71), Detroit Cody Ford (56), Westland John Glenn (44), Detroit Cass Tech (24), Dearborn (18) and Canton (12.50).

Sidelines

MU adds cager

Canton High's Ryan Waidmann, a 6-foot-7 forward who averaged 11 points and six rebounds per game, became coach Chuck Henry's fifth men's basketball recruit Friday when he signed an NAIA letter of intent.

Waidmann, a second-team All-Observer selection, joins recent May signees Geoff Gaylor, a 6-9 center-forward from Roscommon; and Josh Gay, a 6-foot guard from Woodlan, Ind.

Gaylor averaged 14 points, 11 rebounds and 7.6 blocks per game at Roscommon, while Gay, who averaged 15.8 ppg as a senior, hails from the same high school that produced MU's all-time leading scorer Noel Emehiser.

Rounding out Henry's class is Gordie Hyde, a 6-9 center from Richland Gull Lake, and Tyler Coker, a 6-4 guard from Whitmore Lake.

Hoop champions

Two Livonians came away with state titles in the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Hoops Challenge basketball skills competition held April 15 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Troy Branton scored 43 points to place first in the Boys 8-9 age division, while Robert Freed tallied 33 to win the Boys 14-15 category.

Matthew Freed (31 points) was runner-up for Boys 10-11, while Rachel Northey (14 points) took fourth in the girls 14-15.

WYAA football signup

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road).

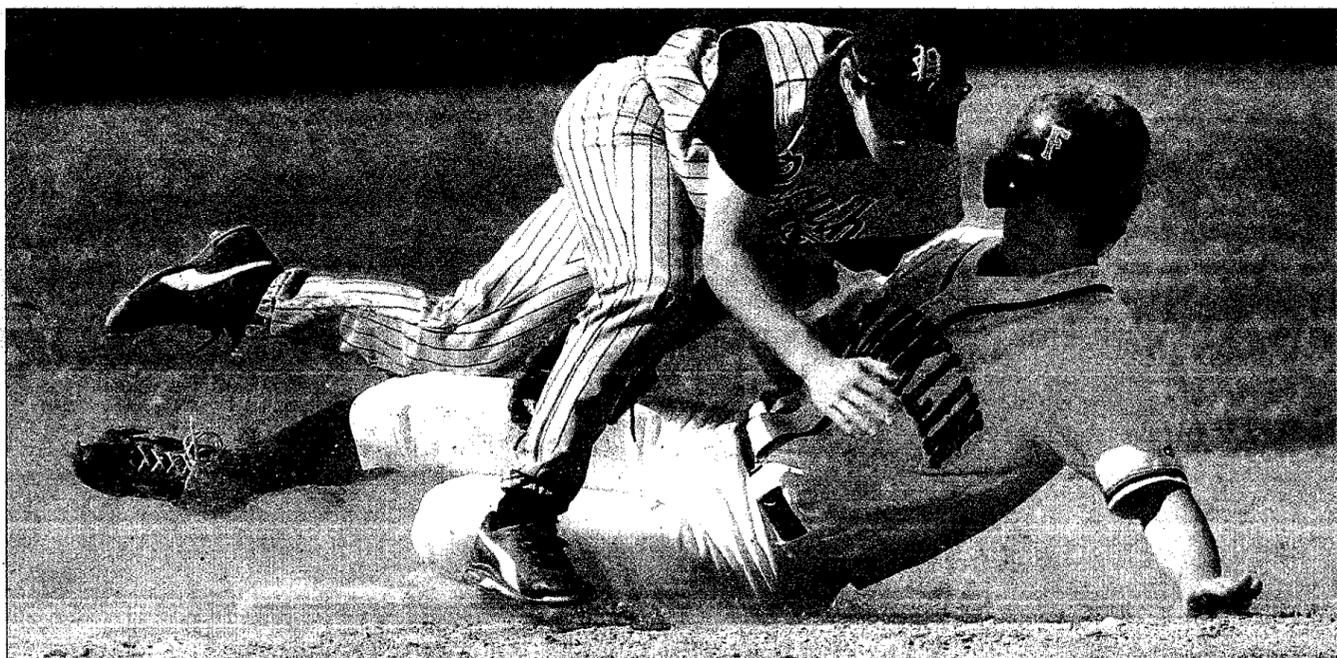
The WYAA has two units.

The Westland Meteors practices at Voss Park (Henry Ruff and Palmer) and play their home games at Wayne Memorial High School. The Westland Comets practice at Marshall Middle School and play their home games at John Glenn High School.

Age groups for both units include freshman (8-10), JV (11-12) and varsity (11-14).

Players are subject to weight restrictions. All players who register must produce a copy of their birth certificate (not hospital certificate) and a recent school photo.

For more information, call the WYAA during normal business hours at (734) 421-0640.



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Bang-bang play

Plymouth's second baseman Ben Kosmowski puts the tag onto Franklin's Sean Sciba attempting to steal in the second inning Friday afternoon. See baseball roundup on page B2.

Churchill nets regional title; Spartans 2nd

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill boys tennis team broke new ground on Friday.

The Chargers, capturing six of eight flights and scoring 30 of a possible 32 points, rolled to its first-ever regional championship in the Division I tournament hosted by Flat Rock-Woodhaven.

Joining the Chargers in the D-1 state

BOYS TENNIS

finals, June 1-2, in Midland, is Livonia Stevenson, which finished runner-up with 21 points. Dearborn also made the cut by scoring 19 points to place third.

"As much as we were disappointed with our runner-up finish in the league (WLA) to Northville last weekend, we're extremely happy and were dominant with our showing at the regional," Churchill coach Reid Freidrichs said. "It was great."

Churchill, making its first state finals team appearance since the mid-1990s, captured all four doubles flights.

Among the winners included Jay Cunningham and Taylor Frangie (No. 1); Kyle Peczynski and Dan Martin (No. 2); Robert Fortney and Steve Mazur (No. 3); and Andy Clairmont and Paul Yandric (No. 4).

Churchill's singles champions included Aniket Patil (No. 2) and Alex Clos (No. 3). The Chargers were runner-up at No. 1 singles (Nick Payne) and No. 4 singles (Kyle Anderson).

Stevenson's Gino McCathney garnered the No. 1 singles title, while teammate Erik Koch came away with the crown at No. 4.

The Spartans just missed making the 2006 state finals, falling one point short of the required 18 needed to advance out of the regional.

Warriors put scare into No. 1 Liggett, 5-4

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High Westland had the state's No. 1 ranked baseball team in Division IV on the ropes Thursday in the semifinals of the Metro Conference playoffs.

But host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett survived a scare by scoring the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh to beat the Warriors, 5-4.

After getting whipped earlier this season by the Knights, 10-1, the Warriors took a 4-1 advantage through two innings.

Liggett then scored three times in the fourth and tallied the game-winner in the seventh when D.J. Henderson walked, took second on Joe Conway's sacrifice bunt and scored on Andrew Malaski's RBI single up the middle.

Liggett is now 16-5 overall, while Lutheran Westland falls to 14-5.

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"The way we played speaks well of what we've been able to accomplish so far this year," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We just have to keep it going."

Liggett starter Curtis Fisher, who beat the Warriors in the first encounter, lasted just two innings, allowing four runs on seven hits. Lutheran Westland scored two runs each in the first and second innings for a 4-1 lead.

"We made him (Fisher) throw curves for strikes and we wanted to sit on his fastball," Wade said. "We came out and started well. We were all over him."

But the Warriors couldn't solve reliever Josh Gustine, who got the victory. Over the final five innings, Gustine allowed just two hits, walked none and struck out five to earn the win.

Lutheran Westland starter Micah

Hausch worked the first four innings, allowing four runs (three earned) on four hits and five walks. Reliever Ryan Baglow, who took the loss, gave up one run on one hit. He walked two, hit one batter and struck out one in 2.2 innings.

Malaski had three of Liggett's five total hits.

Chris Ake, meanwhile, went 3-for-4 with a double and a two-run single to lead the Warriors' nine-hit attack. Ryan Baglow and Adam Zehel each went 2-for-4.

"We got good production from the top half of the order," Wade said. "Eight of our nine hits came from them."

Wade had to juggle his lineup after starting shortstop Austin Baglow suffered a cut finger on a play at second base that require seven stitches.

Ake moved over to shortstop from second base.

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Stevenson golfers eye trip to state finals

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BY BRAD EMONS
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The girls golf season keeps getting better and better for Livonia Stevenson.

On the heels of completing an undefeated season in the Western Lakes Activities Association, including a three-shot win earlier in the week over previously unbeaten Northville, the Spartans have earned a trip to the state finals, June 1-2, in East Lansing.

In Thursday's Division I regional at Giant Oaks, Stevenson claimed one of the three qualifying spots with a total of 371, good enough for third place.

Regional champion Ann Arbor Pioneer (365) and runner-up Temperance Bedford (371), the host school, garnered the other two spots for the Division I tournament, which will be played at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course).

"Our two goals before the season were to

beat Northville and get to state," Stevenson coach Jason Delo said. "We beat Northville this year, finished undefeated in the league (WLA) and won our division (Lakes). We played better in a tournament last week, but I can't complain. We're in."

Senior Chelsea Bathurst, who was third overall, led the Spartans with an 82. She was followed by 10th-place finisher Abbey Wolfe, a senior who shot a 90; 13th-place finisher Chrissy McHenry, who carded a 92; and junior Laura Sims, who took 31st overall with a 107.

Stevenson's non-scorer was senior Lauren Geiger, who shot 108 (32nd overall).

"It was a team effort this year, it took four solid scorers this time," said Stevenson coach Jason Delo, whose team missed the cut last year by four strokes. "I thought



Bathurst



Warner

Chelsea (Bathurst) played smart. She was right up there all day.

"It was a tough course and a lot of girls were struggling. It rained five or six holes, it was pretty windy. We had a little rain, then sunshine, then wind. We figured if we shot 375

we would be in." The regional medalist for the third year in a row was defending Division I state champion Shannon Warner of Livonia Churchill, a junior who shot a 77.

But the Chargers, who finished fifth with a team total of 384, missed the team cut by 13 shots. Saline was six away from third place with a 377.

Livonia Franklin, sixth with an even 400, was led by Paige Scarpace's 89. The sophomore missed out by one place and four strokes as an additional individual state qualifier.

Huron Valley hurler Gruenewald does it all in MIAC-Red triumph

Amanda Gruenewald did it with her bat and arm Thursday, leading Westland Huron Valley Lutheran to a 5-2 girls softball win over visiting Taylor Baptist Park Christian.

Gruenewald pitched a three-hitter, walked one and struck out five in earning the victory as the Hawks improved to 9-4 overall and 6-0 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The senior also went 3-for-3 at the plate, including a pair of doubles and two RBI.

Brandy Nocella also went 2-for-3 with an RBI. The third baseman also made the defensive play of the day, making a diving catch with one-out in the top seventh and tagging the runner out for a game-ending double play.

STEVENSON 13, JOHN GLENN 1: Livonia Stevenson (16-9, 9-1) wrapped up its WLAAs-Lakes Division schedule Friday with a win at Westland John Glenn (0-20, 0-1) as Tara Sharpe led the way going 3-for-3 with three runs scored.

The Spartans, who broke it open with six runs in the top of the seventh, had a total of 15 hits including contributions from Kristina Kropf (2-for-3, three RBI; two runs); Kristina Vaclavik (2-for-4, double, two RBI); and winning pitcher Laura Deacon (2-for-5, double).

Deacon allowed just two hits over seven innings. She struck out eight.

Brittany Holbrook, who walked five and struck out four, took the loss. She doubled, stole third and scored on a passed ball for Glenn's lone run in the bottom of the seventh to spoil Deacon's shutout bid.

PLYMOUTH 8, FRANKLIN 0: On Friday, the host Wildcats (17-3, 8-2) earned a share of the WLAAs-Western Division crown with a victory over Livonia Franklin (18-9, 4-6).

Plymouth pitcher Meghan Patterson

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threw two-hitter, walked one and struck out two.

The Wildcats scored six in the first inning and two in the fifth. Erin Rodes went 2-for-3 with run, while Amy Bondy was 2-for-3 with two runs.

Patriot pitcher Natalie Sanborn (13-6), who allowed eight hit, took the loss. **CHURCHILL 7, SALEM 3:** Livonia Churchill (13-13, 3-7) unloaded for 16 hits Friday in a WLAAs-Lakes Division win over the host Rocks (14-12, 6-4).

Emily McShane led the assault going 3-for-4 with three RBI. Katie Stodulski and Katina St. Pierre each went 3-for-4 with an RBI apiece. Paula Guzik also was 3-for-4. Winning pitcher Jordan Kerr worked all seven innings, scattering nine hits and a walk. She fanned three. Salem starter Kelly MacDonald was roughed up for five runs on nine hits. Melissa Leach went the final five innings, allowing two runs on seven hits.

Christina Parsons and Kelly Behr each collected two hits for the Rocks.

NORTHVILLE 4, STEVENSON 0: In a possible preview of this week's WLAAs championship game, Lakes Division champion Livonia Stevenson (15-9) fell Wednesday to the visiting Mustangs (21-5-1), who scored twice in the third and twice in the seventh.

Winning pitcher Allison Holmes held the Spartans to six hits, walked two and struck out 10 in seven innings. Losing pitcher Jamie Johnson went the first three innings, allowing two runs (one earned) on three hits. She did not allow a walk and fanned four before giving way to reliever Laura Deacon, who allowed two earned runs on five hits and a walk. Deacon fanned four.

Jenna Dumbleton went 2-for-4 to lead Northville, including a two-run single. Brittany Birdsall also went 2-for-4 with a double. Emily Hollandsworth was 2-for-3 for the Spartans.

CLARENCEVILLE 20, KINGSWOOD 19: On Thursday, Livonia Clarenceville (7-15, 4-6) won this second-round Metro

Conference playoff game against host Bloomfield Hills Kingswood which featured a total of 39 runs, 30 hits and six errors.

Twenty-one of the 39 runs scored came during the final two innings. Kingswood trailed 12-7 after five innings before exploding for six runs each in the sixth and seventh. The Cranes left the tying run on second in the bottom of the seventh.

Clarenceville scored seven in the top of the sixth to take a 18-7 lead and added two in the seventh for a 20-13 advantage before holding on.

PLYMOUTH 14, CHURCHILL 4: Erin Rodes went 3-for-4 with a double and Kim Klonowski contributed two hits Wednesday as the Wildcats (16-3) rolled to a six-inning mercy rule triumph over host Livonia Churchill (12-13) in a WLAAs crossover.

Hilary Antal doubled twice for the Chargers, while Katie Stodulski added an RBI single. Winning pitcher Ally Ciotti and Meghan Patterson combined on a four-hitter. Each went three innings, allowing a total of four walks, two hit batters and two Ks.

Losing pitcher Julie Lewandowski allowed seven runs on four hits and five walks over two innings. She also hit two batters. Jordan Kerr, who gave up seven runs on four hits, three walks and a hit batter, worked the final four innings.

FRANKLIN 11, JOHN GLENN 5: In a WLAAs crossover Wednesday, visiting Livonia Franklin (18-8) collected 12 hits to beat host Westland John Glenn (0-19). Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn (13-5) singled three times and knocked in a pair of runs. She scattered eight hits and a walk over seven innings, allowing two earned runs. Sanborn struck out six. Sophomore Brianna Taylor led the way with three singles, an RBI and five stolen bases. Ashley Geraghty went 2-for-3, including a double.

Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook also went the distance. She walked five and struck out five.

Lisa Pecorelli collected two hits for the Rockets, while teammate Sheena Martin added an RBI single.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

(WM), 15.81. State cut: 15.0.
100 dash: 1. Ian Thornton (WJG), 10.94; 2. Pierre West (Cass), 10.94; 3. Teric Jones (Cass), 10.96; 4. Courtney Smith (Cass), 10.98; 5. Steve Eide (LS), 11.03; 6. Ben Roush (DEF), 11.26; 7. Malik Rich (Ply.), 11.44. State cut: 11.0.
200: 1. Julian Easterly (Cass), 22.33; 2. Larry Dawkins (WJG), 22.48; 3. Andrew Manuel (Canton), 22.52; 4. Megal Crowe (WM), 22.54; 5. DeShawn Williams (Cody), 22.74; 6. Kenneth Hall (Cass), 23.3; 7. Sergio (LS), 23.39; 8. Darrell Myree (LF), 23.71. State cut: 22.5.
400: 1. David St. Amant (LC), 49.33; 2. Khalid Wells (Cass), 49.55; 3. Dan Cragel (LS), 50.47; 4. Manuel (Canton), 50.56; 5. Derek Buskey (LS), 51.22; 6. Kevin Cope (Salem), 51.31; 7. Julian Domingo (DF), 51.36; 8. Curtis Jackson (WJG), 51.64. State cut: 50.5.
800: 1. Keivin Lewis (WM), 1:57.81; 2. Brandon Grysko (LC), 1:58.98; 3. Kyle Wallath (Ply.), 1:59.71; 4. Scott Zech (Canton), 2:00.48; 5. Emory Moore (Cass), 2:00.89; 6. Matt Rzepka (LS), 2:01.53; 7. Mike Gibbons (LS), 2:02.59; 8. Micheal Turner (Cass), 2:03.91.
1,600: 1. Rzepka (LS), 4:26.71; 2. Kassem Chehab (Dn.), 4:27.96; 3. Grysko (LC), 4:30.04; 4. Moore (Cass), 4:31.65; 5. Evan Sirena (LF), 4:37.81; 6. Brian Chambers (GC), 4:37.82; 7. Angel Estrada (DEF), 4:43.23; 8. Justin Huey (Ply.), 4:43.66.
3,200: 1. Omar Saldi (DF), 9:50.2; 2. Pat Slavens (Ply.), 9:51.5; 3. Anthony Scaparo (Ply.), 9:54.58; 4. Kevin deBear (Salem), 9:59.24; 5. Saeed Saleh (DF), 9:59.69; 6. Rob Curtis (Salem), 10:03.67; 7. Sirena (LF), 10:11.6; 8. Joe Varilone (LC), 10:12.43.
400 relay: 1. Cass Tech, 42.98; 2. Cody, 43.61; 3. Plymouth (Gholston, Rich, Connor McKinney, Jenarjan Caldwell), 43.8; 4. John Glenn (Julian Maris, Thornton, Corey Davis, Dawkins), 43.95; 5. Stevenson, 44.18; 6. Franklin, 44.87; 7. Churchill, 45.09; 8. RU, 45.19. State cut: 44.0.
800 relay: 1. Cass, 1:28.63; 2. Churchill (Daniel Widmayer, Gutowski, LaBerge, St. Amant), 1:29.99; 3. Stevenson (Eideh, Sergio, Cragel, Myles White), 1:30.61; 4. John Glenn, 1:31.36; 5. Wayne, 1:33.31; 6. Edsel Ford, 1:33.82; 7. RU, 1:34.19; 8. Franklin, 1:34.21. State cut: 1:31.1.
1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Gutowski, LaBerge,

McDonald, St. Amant), 3:24.25; 2. Stevenson (Buskey, Sergio, Cragel, Rzepka), 3:27.47; 3. Cass, 3:29.45; Canton, 3:30.4; 5. Fordson, 3:32.62; 6. Salem, 3:32.98; 7. Wayne, 3:33.18; 8. Dearborn, 3:34.78.
3,200 relay: 1. Dearborn, 8:03.98; 2. Churchill (Grysko, St. Amant, Brian Robertson, Eric Puroli), 8:07.59; Cass, 8:09.12; 4. Plymouth (Wallath, Huey, Matt Lewandowski, Scaparo), 8:09.78; 5. Stevenson (Cody), 8:10.93; 6. Canton, 8:33.0; 7. Wayne, 8:35.89; 8. Edsel Ford, 8:58.38.
METRO CONFERENCE TRI-MEET
May 16 at Livonia Clarenceville
BOYS TEAM SCORES: 1. Lutheran Westland, 83 points; 2. Livonia Clarenceville, 30; 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwester, 5.
FINAL RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Alex Edwards (LW), 43 feet, 3.25 inches; 2. Frankie Cain (LW), 46; 3. Brandon Page (Cville), 40-6.
Discus: 1. Paul Rockrohr (LW), 120-1/2; 2. Andrew Jasmir (Cville), 111-4; 3. Cain (LW), 104-3.
Long jump: 1. Aaron Yankee (LW), 18-7/2; 2. Josh Haller (LW), 18-3; 3. Matt Garant (Cville), 18-3.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Kyle Ramthun (LW), 16-3; 2. Justin Hempel (LW), 17-0; 3. Paul Rilett (LW), 17-5.
300 hurdles: 1. Ramthun (LW), 42-7; 2. Brandon Ross (LW), 44-3; 3. Dan Kubera (Cville), 45-5.
100 dash: 1. John Stewart (Cville), 11-1; 2. Josh Paika (LW), 11-2; 3. Mike Schatz (LW), 11-2.
400: 1. Stewart (Cville), 54-0; 2. Joe Girolamo (LW), 54-8; 3. Jim Rockrohr (LW), 55-6.
1,600: 1. Rolf (LW), 4:56-1; 2. Josh Rice (LW), 5:10-3; 3. Alex Kemp (LW), 5:40-8.
400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Ross, Yankee, P. Rockrohr, Schatz), 1:46-2; 2. Clarenceville, 46-9; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Kyle Kempf, Schatz, Ramthun, Paika), 1:36-7; 2. Clarenceville, 1:40-2; 3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Kyle Wilson, J. Rockrohr, Girolamo, Spencer Lyle), 10:30-0; 2. Clarenceville, 11:00-0.
Events suspended by weather: high jump, pole vault, 800, 200, 3,200, 1,600 relay.
Dual meet records: Lutheran Westland, 11-0 overall; 6-0 Metro Conference; Clarenceville, 7-2 overall; 4-2 Metro Conference.

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 18 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 107.5 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 96; 3. Detroit Cass Tech, 81; 4. Canton, 78.5; 5. Plymouth, 49.5; 6. Westland John Glenn, 45; 6. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 33.5; 7. (tie) Wayne Memorial and Salem, 29 each; 8. Dearborn Fordson, 28; 9. Livonia Franklin, 24.5; 10. Dearborn, 23.5; 11. Detroit Cody, 20; 12. Garden City, 11; 13. Redford Union, 6.
FINAL RESULTS
(top 2 qualify for state meet)
Shot put: 1. Nick Moores (Canton), 52 feet, 8 inches; 2. Jon Robinson (LC), 47-10; 3. Bryan Henley (WJG), 46-4; 4. Adam Goring (WM), 45-0; 5. Steve Pate (Canton), 44-10; 6. Mike Wood (LF), 44-8; 7. Matt Broome (LS), 43-8.5; 8. Nevin Shearer (Dn.), 43-4.5.
Discus: 1. Pate (Canton), 153-8; 2. Moores (Canton), 146-8; 3. Henley (WJG), 141-0; 4. Robinson (LC), 139-4; 5. Brad Ball (DEF), 138-9; 6. Bilal Baydoun (DF), 138-6; 7. Thomas Myers (LC), 136-1; 8. Gerald Lou (Ply.), 134-5.
High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (Canton), 6-7; 2. Mitchell White (LS), 6-3; 3. Dan Bellomy (Cass), 6-1; 4. Isaiah Williams (DF), 6-1; 5. (tie) Zachery Snyder (Dn.) and Jacob McDonald (LC), 5-11 each; 7. Ian Thornton (WJG), 5-11; 8. (tie) Matt Gaedke (DEF) and Israel Woolfork (LF), 5-11 each.
Long jump: 1. Myles White (LS), 21-9; 2. Billy Gutowski (LC), 20-10.75; 3. Dave Simor (LS), 20-6.25; 4. Jace Beardon (Salem), 20-1.5; 5. Nate Sergio (LS), 20-1; 6. Nate Gholston (Ply.), 20-0.5; 7. Shawn Anthony (WJG), 19-8.5; 8. Rodney Dennis (LC), 19-5.5.
Pole vault: 1. Mike Sylvester (LF), 13-10; 2. Brandon Larsen (GC), 13-7; 3. (tie) Joe Tessler (LC) and Derek Peterman (LC), 12-1 each; 5. Ryan Langdon (Canton), 12-7.6; 6. (tie) Joe Massel (Canton) and Ben Ambrose (Ply.), 12-1 each; 8. Brian Rakovitis (Canton), 11-7. State cut: 12-7.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Same Nasser (DEF), 14-19; 2. Baze Efremov (Salem), 14-36; 3. Nate Gholston (Ply.), 14-37; 4. Myles White (LS), 14-46; 5. Mark Zehner (LC), 15-08; 6. Rico Walker (RU), 15-19; 7. Andrew LaBerge (LC), 15-25; 8. Renaldo Powell

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were getting tired of getting beat by Stevenson," said Churchill coach Rick Austin. "I think they took that to heart tonight."

"This is one of the hardest-working, most-dedicated groups of kids I've coached. They're dedicated track kids, they love to work and they love to compete, and I think that showed tonight."

Austin commended the efforts of David St. Amant (400-meter Regional champ), Brandon Grysko (second in the 800 run, third in the 1,600), Jonathan Robinson (second in the shot put, fourth in the discus) and

hurdlers Mark Zehner, Andrew LaBerge and Jacob MacDonald.

"They give us a very strong nucleus," Austin said. "My hat's off to Stevenson. They're having a great season and we know they'll be tough to compete against at next week's (WLAAs) conference meet."

Spartan coach Scott Shaw said his team ran "fairly well," but he lamented a few mistimed baton passes.

"We had a few problems with a couple of hand-offs on our relay here and there," said Shaw. "But, overall, I thought everybody ran hard."

"Dan Cragel had an exceptional meet for us. We were down quite a bit in the 1,600 relay

when he got the baton and he made up a lot of ground and helped us finish second. Dan's really running well."

The Spartans chalked up 20 points in the long jump alone thanks to top-eight efforts from Myles White (first), Dave Simor (third) and Nathan Sergio (sixth). Three Observerland teams finished out of the top 10: Livonia Franklin was 11th with 24-50, Garden City was 14th (11) and Redford Union (6).

The top two finishers in each event qualified for the Division 1 state meet June 2 in East Kentwood. Athletes who met a pre-determined time or distance in each event also qualified for the state meet.

Frosh pitcher lifts Spartans past Rockets

Freshman Jeff Sorenson pitched six strong innings Friday to walk Livonia Stevenson to a 4-2 WLAAs-Lakes Division baseball victory at home over Westland John Glenn.

Stevenson is 16-10 overall and 6-4 in the division.

Sorenson went the first 6.1 innings, allowing two runs (one earned) on five hits and a walk. Sophomore Jake Wilson came on to get the final two outs and get the save.

Luke Knochel had two of Stevenson's four hits. He scored a pair of runs. Andy Jones had the game-winning RBI single in the fourth inning scoring Dan Rozek, who reached on a walk. Nick Plinka also knocked in a run.

Chris Kangas, the losing pitcher, went 2-for-4 to lead Glenn, which falls to 12-14 overall and 5-5 in the Lakes.

Kangas allowed four hits, walked one and struck out five in six innings of work.

CHURCHILL 5, SALEM 1: Vinny Carozza pitched a three-hit complete game Friday to lift Livonia Churchill (12-14, 3-7) to the WLAAs-Lakes Division triumph Friday over the visiting Rocks (9-16, 4-6).

Carozza struck out two and did not allow a walk.

Tyler Cotter went 2-for-4 with a triple to pace the Chargers' seven-hit attack. Bryon Niemczak also collected a hit and had an RBI.

Sam Ott homered in the fourth inning for Salem.

Losing pitcher Brad Way went the first four innings, allowing five runs on six hits. He fanned three. Reliever Dan Cassidy pitched two scoreless innings, allowing only one hit.

PLYMOUTH 5, FRANKLIN 0: Brad Lineberry threw a five-hit complete game shutout Friday as the Wildcats (12-12, 6-4) downed host Livonia Franklin (18-9, 3-7) in a WLAAs-Western Division game.

Lineberry (3-10), struck out five and walked only two to earn his second

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shutout. Losing pitcher Sean Sciba allowed five hits, walked four and struck out eight in going all seven as well. Each team committed three errors. Plymouth tallied three unearned runs in the second inning keyed by Ben Kosmalki's two-run single. The Wildcats added an unearned run in the third and went up 5-0 on Matt Skubik's RBI sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Tyler Canyock went 2-for-4 for the Patriots.

W.L. WESTERN 13, WAYNE 0: In a five-inning mercy Thursday, Brett Lubanski went 5-for-5 with a pair of doubles as visiting Walled Lake Western (14-10, 5-5) blanked Wayne Memorial (9-17, 2-8).

Zach Gatten, the winning pitcher, limited the Zebras to four hits.

Losing pitcher Clint Cavanaugh went 2.1 innings before going out with an injured ankle.

WAYNE 5, SALEM 4: Starting pitcher Ryan Collop went all seven innings, tossing a five-hitter Wednesday as host Wayne Memorial (9-16) snapped a six-game losing streak with a win over the Rocks (9-14).

Collop, who missed the last two weeks with a shoulder injury, allowed one earned run. He struck out four and walked four.

"I could tell before the game started that the team was excited to have Collop back and I think that confidence in him helps us win this close game," Wayne coach Frank Garcia said.

The Zebras tallied the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh on a single by Mike Green, followed by two walks to load the bases, and a sacrifice fly from Jack Zimmerman.

Wayne tied the game in the sixth on a walk to Zimmerman, a sacrifice bunt by Jon Smoes and a single by Eric Schmitt.

Green went 3-for-4 with an RBI. Tim Siegfried added two hits, including a double and two RBI. Clint Cavanaugh also contributed two hits and knocked in a run. Losing pitcher Sam Ott, the Salem starter, went three innings, allowing three runs (two earned) on six hits. He fanned five. Brad Way homered in the fourth for Salem to tie the game. Steve Pydyn added a double.

Patriot hurler OK after taking line shot to head

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin coach Matt Fournier called it "the most scary moment I've ever been involved with in baseball."

Fournier and his players watched in horror Wednesday as pitcher Garrett Gumm was hit in the head with a line drive during the second inning in a 15-0 loss to Westland John Glenn.

The good news is that Gumm, after being taken by an emer-

gency vehicle to nearby St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, had no fractures and only received stitches to the inner part of his ear, according to Fournier, and was released that night.

(Gumm was in the dugout Friday keeping score for Franklin's game against Plymouth.)

"He didn't have time to react, he was conscious the whole time," Fournier said. "He's doing O.K. His mom said they're going to do some more tests. Thank God it

was only a few stitches." Fournier said the ball ricocheted toward third base and the putout made at first as Gumm fell to the ground. "It was the nastiest sound I've heard, it happened so fast," Fournier said. "I'd say emergency (team) was there within six to 10 minutes."

The loss dropped the Patriots to 6-17 overall, but the five-inning mercy rule defeat was secondary.

"It puts things in perspective and at that point it doesn't mean a lot," Fournier said.

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GIRLS REGIONAL TRACK RESULTS

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 18 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 167.5; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 90.5; 3. Livonia Franklin, 77.5; 4. Plymouth, 71; 5. Detroit Cody, 70; 6. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 56; 7. Westland John Glenn, 44; 8. Detroit Cass Tech, 24; 9. Dearborn, 18; 10. Canton, 12.5; 11. Salem, 12; 12. Garden City, 10; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 6; 14. Wayne Memorial, 3; 15. (tie) Redford Union and Detroit Western, 0.

FINAL RESULTS
(top 2 qualify for state meet)
Shot put: 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 38 feet, 8 inches; 2. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 38-2; 3. Robyn Whalen (LF), 37-9.25; 4. Ashley Price (LF), 34-7; 5. Ryan Anderson (WJ), 34-4; 6. Chrystien Guyton (P), 34-3; 7. Becky Bartek (LS), 33-0; 8. Kailee Hobbins (LC), 31-8. **State cut:** 35-10.
Discus: 1. Whalen (LF), 132 feet, 2 inches; 2. Krupsky (LC), 120-7; 3. Hobbins (LC), 102-6; 4. Kristin Avedisian (DEF), 99-0; 5. Kristen Becker (GC), 98-11; 6. Colette Fodera (LS), 95-4; 7. Bartek (LS), 94-9; 8. Nicole Bergeski (LC), 93-6.

High jump: 1. Brittany Petty (Ply.), 5-2; 2. Colleen Noble (Dbn.), 5-2; 3. Shaakira Haywood (Ply.), 5-0; 4. (tie) Meghan Matheny (Canton) and Michelle Gaedke (DEF), 4-9 each; 6. (tie) Kara Piorowski (LS), Jackie Grubeck (LC), Oliva Amend (DEF) and Liz Holloway (LF), 4-9 each.

Long jump: 1. Elise Glass (DEF), 17-4.5; 2. Stephanie Okolo (Ply.), 16-8; 3. Megan Wilson (LF), 16-1.5; 4. Chanel Payne (WJ), 15-8.75; 5. Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 15-8; 6. Allie Plisko (LS), 15-7; 7. Jill Morton (Ply.), 15-4.25; 8. Ashley Montgomery (WJ), 15-1.75.

Pole vault: 1. Marla Winkler (LS), 10-8; 2. Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 10-4; 3. Eren Ural (LC), 10-0; 4. Meghan Powers (LF), 9-4; 5. Beah Kniseley (Ply.), 9-0; 6. Anne Dearth (Dbn.), 8-8; 7. Alexa VanVliet (Salem), 8-2; 8. Jamie Marilugh (LC), 8-2. **State cut:** 9-4.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Raven Clay (Cody), 14.02; 2. Shelby Ramsey (Cody), 15.16; 3. Aniece Glover (Cody), 15.54; 4. Dominique Brown (Cody), 15.61; 5. Casey Lynett (LF), 16.02; 6. Tauri Rothermel (LC), 16.15; 7. Brittany Gentile (LS), 16.29; 8. Leila Awad (DF), 17.11. **State cut:** 15.7.

300 hurdles: 1. Clay (Cody), 45.83; 2. Rothermel (LC), 46.44; 3. Lynett (LF), 47.66; 4. Awad (DF), 49.39; 5. Becky Adamcheck, 49.55; 6. Ramsey (Cody), 50.07; 7. Gentile (LS), 50.59; 8. Aniece Glover (Cody), 50.7. **State cut:** 47.4.

100 dash: 1. Glass (DEF), 11.98; 2. Ashley Parker (WJ), 12.23; 3. Julie Hersey (Ply.), 12.62; 4. Doneisha Flowers (Cody), 12.64; 5. Angel Garner (Cody), 12.65; 6. Shayla Dobbins (Cass), 12.88; 7. Jill Morton (Ply.), 13.11; 8. Mandi Coppola (LC), 13.45. **State cut:** 12.5.

200 dash: 1. Glass (DEF), 25.01; 2. Ashley Parker (WJ), 26.24; 3. Doneisha Flowers (Cody), 27.21; 4. Sarah LaBerge (LC), 27.37; 5. Angel Garner (Cody), 27.40; 6. Wilson (LF), 27.64; 7. Brittany Haist (GC), 27.91.

400 dash: 1. Brittany Mrozek (LS), Nicole Thornsberry (LC), 1:01.91; 3. Beth Swanberg (Canton), 1:02.23; 4. Ashley Butkowsky (LF), 1:02.51; 5. Caitlin Heaney (Salem), 1:03.06; 6. Samar Aude (LC), 1:03.15; 7. Jerisha Tucker (Cass Tech), 1:03.89; 8. Denee Meier (LS), 1:04.18.

800 run: 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 2:23.46; 2. Rachel McFarlane (LC), 2:24.07; 3. Allison Milican (LF), 2:26.21; 4. Kristen Frey (LS), 2:26.21; 5. Stephanie Ferrante (DEF), 2:27.19; 6. Katie Glynn (LS), 2:27.62; 7. Lindsey Graciak (LC), 2:28.45; 8. Antia Cain (Cass Tech), 2:31.22.

1,600 run: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 5:08.38; 2. McFarlane (LC), 5:13.33; 3. Kroll (LC), 5:22.47; 4. Erica Hope (LC), 5:34.70; 5. Megan Czerwinski (Dbn.), 5:37.24; 6. Kelley Determan (Salem), 5:39.24; 7. Courtney Plummer (GC), 5:44.81; 8. Lauren Ahearn (Ply.), 5:47.34.

3,200 run: 1. Kelly Hahn (Ply.), 11:28.70; 2. McFarlane (LC), 11:36.90; 3. Megan Macerati (LC), 11:37.39; 4. Karl Saarela (LF), 11:43.54; 5. Calka (LS), 11:47.02; 6. Molly Slavens (Ply.), 12:05.24; 7. Czerwinski (Dbn.), 12:11.49; 8. Stephanie Perez (LS), 12:12.03. **State cut:** 11:40.5.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Payne), Ashley Montgomery, Lakeysa Smith, Parker, 50.68; 2. Cody, 50.76; 3. Churchill (Nicole Thornsberry, Sarah LaBerge, Rothermel, Coppola), 50.91; 4. Plymouth, 51.41; 5. Cass Tech, 51.42; 6. Franklin, 53.14; 7. Stevenson, 53.25; 8. Edsel Ford, 53.55. **State cut:** 51.1.

800 relay: 1. Churchill (Milan Boyer, Thornsberry, LaBerge, Mandi Coppola), 1:47.82; 2. John Glenn, 1:48.14 (Payne, Montgomery, Smith, Parker); 3. Cass Tech, 1:48.89; 4. Stevenson, 1:50.16; 5. Plymouth, 1:51.54; 6. Wayne Memorial, 1:53.93; 7. Edsel Ford, 1:54.19; 8. Dearborn, 1:54.47.

1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Denee Meier, Brooke Knochel, Courtney Calka, Brittany Mrozek), 4:10.58; 2. Churchill (Aoude, Thornsberry, Liz Buttery, Rothermel), 4:10.70; 3. Franklin, 4:11.43; 4. Edsel Ford, 4:14.58; 5. Cass Tech, 4:19.17; 6. Salem, 4:26.31; 7. Plymouth, 4:27.41; 8. Canton, 4:27.98.

3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Courtney Calka, Kristen Frey, Katie Glynn, Sarah Opdyke), 9:46.78; 2. Churchill (Graciak, Hope, Sarah Niezgoda, Kroll), 9:53.73; 3. Franklin, 10:05.11; 4. Plymouth, 10:11.10; 5. Cass Tech, 10:22.85; 6. Edsel Ford, 10:44.75; 7. Garden City, 11:09.26; 8. Canton, 11:11.14.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

DIVISION 2 REGIONAL

May 18 at Livonia Ladywood

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 103 points; 2. Farmington Harrison, 98.5; 3. Livonia Ladywood, 65; 4. Monroe Jefferson, 64; 5. Carleton Airport, 61; 6. Redford Thurston, 57; 7. Trenton, 47; 8. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 45; 9. Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 31; 10. Gibraltar Carlson, 23; 11. Riverview, 21.5; 12. Grosse Ile, 17; 13. (tie) New Boston Huron and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4; 15. Melvindale, 0.

FINAL RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state meet)
Shot put: 1. Chelsea Carradine (RT), 33 feet, 4.25 inches; 2. Ashley Hairston (FH), 33-4.25; 3. Yolanda Howard (DHR), 33-1.5; 4. Julia Williams (TR), 32-9; 5. Briigid Molloy (LL), 32-8.75; 6. Heather Engle (MJ), 32-5; 7. Avery Bodenmiller (CA), 32-4.75; 8. Justina Nagorka (DC), 32-2.

Discus: 1. Ashley Hairston (FH), 110-2; 2. Nichole Cavins (MJ), 109-8; 3. Alicia Hooten (CA), 104-1; 4. Heather Engle (MJ), 103-11; 5. Trisha Belmore (DC), 101-11; 6. Amy Oleynik (CA), 100-0; 7. Amanda Feliciano (DHA), 97-1; 8. Malenda Pridemore (GC), 87-6.

High jump: 1. Kathryn Berger (LL), 5-1; 2. Megan Niemi (TR), 4-11; 3. Shelby VanKampen (GI), 4-9; 4. Kayla Jones (RT), 4-9; 5. (tie) Shelby Warren (NBH), Cecily Wardrop (GC) and Katie Fenech (DC), 4-6-1; 8. (tie) Lucy Fricker (FH) and Maria Rancilio (RV), 4-6.

Pole vault: 1. Kaitlynn Castaneda (DHA), 8-6; 2. Maria Sims (TR), 7-6.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Divine Child, 9:56.6; 2. Jefferson, 10:07.5; 3. Airport, 10:20; 4. Trenton, 10:23.7; 5. Crestwood, 10:45; 6. Ladywood, 10:48.0; 7. Carlson, 10:49.1; 8. Grosse Ile, 11:17.8.

100 hurdles: 1. Taleece Jackson (RT), 15.27; 2. Amira Franklin (FH), 15.67; 3. Amber Fater (RV), 15.95; 4. Megan Yanik (LL), 15.96; 5. Karlyn Cassidy (FH), 16.42; 6. Alicia Hotten (CA), 17.14; 7. Stephanie DiGiandomenico (LL), 17.24.

100 dash: 1. Sarah Hooten (CA), 12.07; 2. Jenni Neville (DC), 12.14; 3. Kristen Hardy (FH), 12.17; 4. Kiana Sledge (DHR), 12.56; 5. Sharada Parker (FH), 12.66; 6. Krissy Pitcock (CA), 13.12; 7. Nikolette Johnson (RT), 13.25; 8. Krystal Parker (RT), 13.29.

800 relay: 1. Harrison, 1:46; 2. Robichaud, 1:48; 3. Thurston, 1:48.5; 4. Annapolis, 1:48.7; 5. Ladywood, 1:49.6; 6. Airport, 1:50.6; 7. Jefferson, 1:51.8; 8. Carlson, 1:52.

1,600 run: 1. Rachel Iaquinello (DC), 5:27.4; 2. Emily Welker (DC), 5:28.8; 3. Jackie McEnhill (CA), 5:30.9; 4. Andrea Hoffman (MJ), 5:31.1; 5. Sydney Yoscovits (TR), 5:31.7; 6. Danielle Kancierz (LL), 5:32.5; 7. Allison Wykie (TR), 5:41.1; 8. Megan Blaszk (GI), 5:42.2.

400 relay: 1. Harrison, 50.51; 2. Airport, 51.69; 3. Riverview, 52.59; 4. Jefferson, 52.95; 5. Thurston, 53.32; 6. Robichaud, 54.55; 7. Ladywood, 54.86; 8. Divine Child, 55.01.

400 dash: 1. Sierra Tate (FH), 58.67; 2. Jenni Neville (DC), 59.46; 3. Megan Yanik (LL), 1:00.2; 4. Katie Morasso (LL), 1:01.96; 5. Sarah Rosenthal (GC), 1:02.2; 6. Courtney Castaneda (DHA), 1:03.4; 7. Krystle Ingram (GC), 1:04; 8. Nicole Olson (CA), 1:04.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Taleece Jackson (RT), 46.17; 2. Amira Franklin (FH), 48.16; 3. Karlyn Cassidy (FH), 49.58; 4. Jena Bahoura (LL), 50.03; 5. Altamecia Martin (DHR), 50.67; 6. Kortney Mosley (DC), 50.78; 7. Chelsea Culler (CA), 50.92; 8. Elizabeth Jackson (GI), 51.10.

800 run: 1. Maria Iaquinello (DC), 2:21.3; 2. Rachel Baron (MJ), 2:27.7; 3. Rachel Iaquinello (DC), 2:28.8; 4. Emily Welker (DC), 2:30.1; 5. Sarah Mills (MJ), 2:30.9; 6. Heather Gentit (DHA), 2:35.2; 7. Jessica Surcek (RV), 2:37.6; 8. Emily Bambach (LL), 2:37.6.

200 dash: 1. Jenni Neville (DC), 25.93; 2. Kaitlynn Castaneda (DHA), 26.35; 3. Auriel Bell (FH), 26.67; 4. Jasmine Mays (DHR), 26.79; 5. Katie Morasso (LL), 27.03; 6. Sarah Hooten (CA), 27.14; 7. Maureen Murphy (LL), 28.69; 8. Chelsea Carradine (RT), 28.76.

3,200 run: 1. Rachel Iaquinello (DC), 11:59.2; 2. Andrea Hoffman (MJ), 12:02.5; 3. Allison Wykie (TR), 12:14.6; 4. Megan Blaszk (GI), 12:21.9; 5. Juliana Prime (MJ), 12:23.7; 6. Sydney Yoscovits (TR), 12:37.7; 7. Shannon Dusute (GI), 12:51.1; 8. Danielle Kancierz (LL), 12:53.2.

1,600 relay: 1. Carlson, 4:12.44; 2. Ladywood (Kathryn Berger, Stephanie DiGiandomenico, Katie Morasso, Megan Yanik), 4:12.47; 3. Harrison, 4:13.98; 4. Airport, 4:13.99; 5. Airport, 4:21.3; 6. Trenton, 4:32.7; 7. Riverview, 4:35.7; 8. Grosse Ile, 4:39.3.

GIRLS REGIONAL

FROM PAGE B1

“The kids push each other to do better and because of the depth we have, they have to work hard in practice or they know they won’t be competing for the varsity in the dual meets.”

“We were solid in every event and everybody did what they had to do tonight. We had 16 or 17 qualify for the state meet and all four of our relays qualified, so I was very pleased with our effort.”

The Chargers earned first-place points in three events: the shot put, which Kyndra Abron won with a heave of 38 feet, 8 inches; the 800-meter relay (Milan Boyer, Nicole Thornsberry, Sarah LaBerge and Mandi Coppola); and the 800-meter run, which Sara Kroll took in 2:23.46.

The champions slammed the door on their competition by placing second in 10 of the remaining 11 events. Stevenson head coach

Kelly Graham was pleased with her team’s second-place effort – especially the Spartans’ down-to-the-wire victory in the 1,600-meter relay when the Spartans’ final runner, Courtney Calka, outleaped the Churchill and Franklin anchors in one of the night’s most exciting races.

“That was a nice way to end the night,” said Graham. “That was Courtney’s first time running in the mile relay and she did a great job closing it out.”

“I was pleased with how things went tonight for the most part. We had a lot of girls seeded so the opportunity was there for points and medals. We had five or six Regional champions, so it’s hard to be disappointed with that.”

Graham said she knew following the early season Livonia City Meet that Churchill would be extremely tough to bring down.

“They’re just way too deep for us or any other team in this Regional,” she said. “I told Keith after the City Meet

that I thought they were better than they were last year, and they won the Regional last year by quite a big margin.”

The Spartans turned in gold-medal efforts in the pole vault (Marla Winkler), the 3,200-meter relay (Calka, Kristen Frey, Katie Glynn, Sarah Opdyke), the 1,600-meter run (Calka), the 400-meter dash (Brittany Mrozek) and the 1,600-meter relay (Denee Meier, Brooke Knochel, Calka and Mrozek).

Franklin’s stellar night was paced by senior thrower Robyn Whalen, who won the discus (132 feet, two inches) and placed third in the shot put (37-9). The Patriots also set school records in the 1,600-meter relay (4:11.43), the 3,200-meter relay (10:18.64) and the 300-meter hurdles (Casey Lynett, 47.66).

“It was a great all-around team effort,” said Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund. “We had many outstanding individual and team performances. Third place two years in a row is great.”

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Warzyniec's 79 puts Blazers in D-2 finals

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER



Warzyniec

A late change of venue couldn't keep Birmingham Seaholm's girls golf team from claiming its fifth consecutive Division 2 regional championship on Thursday. The Maples were to host the 18-team Region 9 tournament at Huron Meadows Metropark.

However, because of a Tuesday thunderstorm that knocked some power lines onto the golf course, the site had to be moved. Seaholm head coach Leon Braisted made some calls, and the tournament was relocated to Hudson Mills Metropark in Dexter. The switch didn't bother the Maples, who won the

regional crown by eight strokes over Livonia Ladywood. Seaholm scored 355 and the Blazers were next at 363. Dearborn

Divine Child, another Catholic League representative, placed third at 388. All three of those teams are now qualified for the upcoming Division 2 state meet set for June 1-2 at Forest Akers East Golf Course at Michigan State University. Seaholm enters as the defending state champions.

"We were quite surprised when I got a call that we needed to change the course

on Wednesday," said Braisted. "The girls were wondering what this golf course was like. I did the best I could to tell them that it's almost like all the Metroparks are the same." Sophomore Alexandra Lipa led the Maple charge with a low-medalist round of 77. Senior Louisa Shu was four strokes back at 81 and placed third overall.

Seaholm's other two low scorers were junior Jessica Miller at 93 and sophomore Brooke Selis at 104.

"Alexandra won the tournament and that was a great moment for her. Louisa was third and I'm very proud of all my girls" said Braisted. "This is five regionals in a row, and, of the five years, I did not know going in that we could win this regional

because I knew Ladywood was a very good team and they were senior led and we only had one senior."

Ladywood had two scorers among the top four, including Andrea Warzyniec (second at 79) and Kelly Thomas (fourth at 86). Erica Mazur added a 93, while Rachael Fuller contributed a 105. Ladywood's non-scorer was Alaina Vince (107).

"Under the conditions, I thought our girls played well," Ladywood coach Kellianna said Nagy, who has qualified for the state finals seven out of the last eight years. "We went from 80 degrees in the Catholic League (tournament) on Tuesday to cold and drizzle. It was brutal, we bundled up. But the course played very well, it was in great shape."

GOLF RESULTS

DIVISION I REGIONAL GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
May 17 at Giant Oaks
TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 365; 2. Temperance Bedford, 365 (won tiebreaker); 3. Livonia Stevenson, 365; 4. Saline, 377; 5. Livonia Churchill, 384; 6. Livonia Franklin, 400; Westland John Glenn 446; Wayne Memorial, no team score.
Medalist: Shannon Warner (LC), 77.
Stevenson scorers: 3. Chelsea Bathurst, 82; 10. Abbey Wolfe, 90; 13. Chrissy McHenry, 92; 31. Laura Sims, 107; 32. Lauren Geiger, 108.
Churchill scorers: 1. Shannon Warner, 77; Danielle Lesniak and Amanda Dobos, 102 each; Lexi McFarlane, 103; Jessica Burdette, 117.
Franklin scorers: Paige Scarpace, 89; Jessica Stchur, 95; Mariel Meyers, 100; Heather Bacon, 116; Lauren Bailey, 132.
Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 101; Jessie Veltri, 107; Taylor Morgan, 117; Jessica Riggs, 121; Courtney McKinney, 126.
Wayne scorers: Taylor Tuttle, 120;

Berlynn Beaver, 124; Samantha Cruse, 129.

DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA STEVENSON 188
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 222
May 17 at Giant Oaks
Stevenson scorers: Chelsea Bathurst, 41 (medalist); Chrissy McHenry, 44; Abbey Wolfe, 49; Lauren Geiger, 54.
Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 50; Jessie Veltri, 52; Taylor Morgan, 59; Jessica Riggs, 61.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 11-0 overall, 5-0 WLAALakes Division (clinched title); John Glenn, 3-8 overall, 2-7 WLAAL.
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 205
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 207
May 17 at Whispering Willows
Central scorers: Sarah Johnson, 36 (medalist); Dani Walker, 55; Kelly Miller, 56; Chloe Akers, 73; Riley Collins, 74.
Churchill scorers: Shannon Warner, 41; Danielle Lesniak, 54; Lexi McFarlane, 55; Jessica Burdette, 57; Katie Worley, 64; Sarah Linder, 66.
Churchill's dual meet record: 5-3 overall, 5-3 WLAAL.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, May 21
S'field-Lathrup at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22
Farmington at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23
Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 24
Luth. South at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 25
Crestwood at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 26
Luth. Westland at Roper, TBA.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, May 21
A.A. Huron at Franklin (2), 3:30 p.m.
Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
S.H. Parkway at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22
Churchill at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23
Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. (WLAAL Championship)
Western champ at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 25
Crestwood at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 21
Roper at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Saginaw Nouvel, 6 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23
(WLAAL Championship)
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 24
Luth. Westland at Ypsi Catvary, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at E.H. Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Troy Athens, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 25
Clarenceville at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK
Monday, May 21
Wayne at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22
Metro Conference Meet at Lutheran North, 3:30 p.m.
Catholic League A-B Division Meet at Ladywood, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23
WLAAL meet at Canton, 2:30 p.m.
Friday, May 25
Oakland County Meet, TBA.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, May 21
John Glenn vs. W.L. Central at Edgewood C.C., 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22
WLAAL Tourney at Pheasant Run, 9 a.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Monday, May 21
Ladywood at Farmington-N. Farm., 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23
Ladywood at Troy Athens, 7 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

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The WYAA will also stage a new instructional football program for ages 7-8. No scores will be tabulated and coaches will be allowed on the field for instructional purposes. Games will be played prior to Meteors and Comets on their respective game dates. Participants must have a maximum weight restriction of 115 pounds and must supply a copy of their birth certificate to the league. Registration begins May 16 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or visit www.wyaa.org.

Stevenson girls drop crossover game to Chiefs

Livonia Stevenson's seven-game unbeaten streak was snapped Friday by Canton, 2-1, in a Western Lakes Activities Association girls soccer crossover. Becci Houdek scored the game-winning goal off a corner kick with 15 minutes remaining. Stevenson, now 8-6-3 overall, had gone 5-0-2 since losing 1-0 to Walled Lake Northern on April 25.

The Spartans scored midway through the first half when Victoria Slavin buried a shot with her left foot off a rebound attempt created by Kaitlin O'Hara for a 1-0 lead.

But Canton answered with pressure and a goal with 10 minutes to go in the half to make it 1-1.

Stevenson used two goalkeepers with Brittany Vella allowing a first-half goal and Mandi Keedle giving up the Houdek tally.

"We had a couple of opportunities to score, tie, and even go ahead, but evidently we didn't want it bad enough," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "We didn't really want to play tonight. It was obvious in their body language and attitudes that tonight was going to be rough."

"I know we have a better effort in us and hope we're ready when we see this team again Monday (at Canton)."

CHURCHILL 3, SALEM 0: State-ranked Livonia Churchill (12-1-3, 8-0-2) completed an unbeaten regular season in the WLAAL with a win Wednesday over the Rocks (4-8-1, 3-6-1). Hannah Otto's goal in the third minute off an assist from Bailey Brandon proved to be the game-winner. The Chargers added two more goals - Julianne Puroll in the 29th minute (from Callie Mack) and Alyssa Mira (unassisted) in the 46th minute.

Stephanie Turner, who played the first 66 minutes in goal before giving way to Megan Bauman, helped the Chargers post their ninth shutout of the season.

"We were clicking on all cylinders, and everyone that played, played well," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

CLARENCEVILLE 4, LUTH. N'WEST 1: In a Metro Conference consolation game Thursday, host Livonia Clarenceville (5-8-2, 3-5-2) got a hat trick from Amanda Moody in a victory over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Jill Brown also scored for the victorious Trojans. Danielle Mijal's goal spoiled the shutout bid by Clarenceville goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg.

STEVENSON 8, JOHN GLENN 0: Livonia Stevenson (8-5-3, 6-3) scored four times in the opening 10 minutes Wednesday before going on to mercy visiting Westland John Glenn (2-12-1, 0-10) in a WLAALakes Division game.

Kaitlin O'Hara and Kat Griffith each scored twice in the first half. Victoria Slavin assisted on three of the goals, while defender Amber Sharp had the other assist.

Stevenson coach Chris Pinta emptied his bench for the second half as freshman Shannon Merritt finished with a goal and two assists. Freshman Kayla Kimble and junior Rachel Stevens also scored with Julia Schroeder assisting on the final goal just before time had expired.

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Notes

A. Revenue			
Tax Capture		Source = Treasurer's worksheet	
Winter 05	1,758,738	Everything else is winter	
Summer 05	604,444	Schoolcraft College plus Wayne County (partial)	
Interest	74,197	Source: Audit Report	
Other Revenue	2,071	Source: Audit Report	
Total Revenue	2,439,450	Total will be different than Audit Report	
Proceeds from Issuance of Long-term Debt	0	Only if bonds are issued in the year	
B. Bond Reserve	0	0 None at this time	
C. Expenditures		Source: All expenses from Audit Report Combos	
Operations	1,387,589		
Capital Projects	8,859		
Debt Service	185,095		
Total Expenditures	1,581,543	Will equal Audit Report Combos	
D. Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness		Source: Excel worksheet or Amortization schedule for bonds	
Principal	5,365,000		
Interest	1,584,366		
Total Bonded Indebtedness	6,949,366		
E. Initial Assessed Value (1994)		Source: Treasurer's Worksheet	
Ad valorem homestead	0	This should stay the same as changes are rarely made to the base year and we far enough past it so MTT's should not effect the base year.	
Ad valorem non-homestead	431,810,860	A+B	
IFT New (pre 1994)	268,333,300	D + E	
IFT New (post 1993)	0	F + G	
CFT New	2,458,180	C	
ITC	0	O + P	
Total Initial Assessed Value	702,602,340		
F. Captured Value		Source: Treasurer's Worksheet	
Ad valorem homestead	0	H + I	
Ad valorem non-homestead	169,090,910	K + L	
IFT New (pre 1994)	(267,839,280)	M + N	
IFT New (post 1993)	125,379,630	J	
CFT New	(2,458,180)	Q + R	
OTC	4,816,460		
Total Captured Value	28,989,590		
G. Tax Increment Revenue		Source: Annual report Worksheet	
Received			
From local school district	0		
From ISD	0		
From SET	0		
From county	718,997		
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H. Number of Jobs Created	Unknown		
I. Additional Information			

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Michigan Bucks roar out of gate in Premier Development League

Defending Premier Development League champion Michigan Bucks opened the 2007 men's soccer season Wednesday night in familiar fashion with a 4-0 victory over the host West Michigan Edge.

The Bucks jumped on the West Michigan Edge early and never let up.

It took the high powered scoring machine from Detroit only eight minutes to light up the scoreboard, as Khelli Dube (Coastal Carolina) converted a pass from last year's PDL assist leader Nate Jafta to take a 1-0 lead.

Both teams battled evenly for the remainder of the half until Doug DeMartin (Michigan State) fed Jafta, who went the distance and slotted a ball past Edge goalkeeper Eric Pogue.

The 2-0 lead looked solid until right before halftime, when the Bucks were whistled for a foul in the penalty area and West Michigan awarded a penalty kick.

Just about the time that the fans were counting on a 2-1 deficit at the break, Bucks goalkeeper Steve Clark (Oakland University) made a

great diving save and denied the Edge the goal.

The second half opened as a battle in the midfield until Dube stole a pass at the top of the 18-yard mark and went in alone to give the Bucks a 3-0 advantage and put the game away in the 52nd minute.

Bucks leading scorer last year, Kenny Uzoigwe added an insurance tally in the 90th minute off of a pass from Pete Nowak (Oakland) to round out the scoring.

Clark didn't see a whole lot of action in the second half, but did what he had to do to maintain the clean sheet for the Bucks.

Second-year head coach Dan Fitzgerald was pleased with the effort from his newly assembled squad.

"We were a bit concerned going in to the game tonight," he said. "West Michigan had already played two games (against Toronto) and we just had four players show up for training on Tuesday. We know we have plenty of talent, but chemistry is so important in this game and I wasn't quite sure what to expect. We saw a lot of good things, but (assistant coach) Brett and I identi-

fied several areas that need immediate attention."

Crew-Bucks tickets

Tickets for the Wednesday, May 30 Bucks-MLS Columbus Crew match are available online at the Bucks web sites or one of the following Bucks ticket locations in the metro Detroit area. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. at Berkley's Hurley Field.

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Visit the Bucks Web Site at www.buckssoccer.com.

Whalers fall 4-3 to host Giants in Memorial Cup

The Plymouth Whalers dropped their opening game of the 2007 Memorial Cup Friday night, 4-3, in overtime to the host Vancouver Giants.

In a game played before 13,428 fans at the Pacific Coliseum in Vancouver, the Giants' Kenndal McArdle scored the game-winner 5:06 into the first overtime.

Vancouver's Milan Lucic was named the game's first star thanks to his two-goal night. Plymouth's James Neal scored a pair of goals and

earned the second star while Vancouver's Michal Repik was the third star.

The Giants led 1-0 after one period on Spencer Machacek's goal that was assisted by Brendan Mikkelson and Mario Bliznek.

Neal knotted the game at 1-1 all with a power-play lamp-lighter 7:26 into the second period. He was assisted by Daniel Ryder and Steve Ward.

The two teams then

exchanged two goals a piece to close out the period. Neal (from Evan Brophy and Tom Sestito) and Ryan McGinnis (from Sestito and Jared Boll) scored for the Whalers while Lecic scored both the hosts' goals.

Both goal-tenders — Plymouth's Michal Neuvirth and Vancouver's Tyson Sexsmith — blanked their opponents during the scoreless third period.

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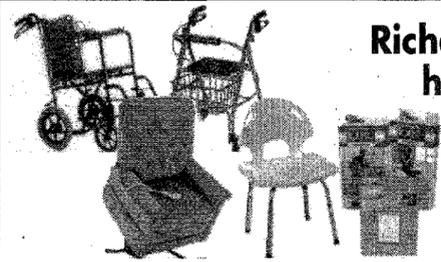
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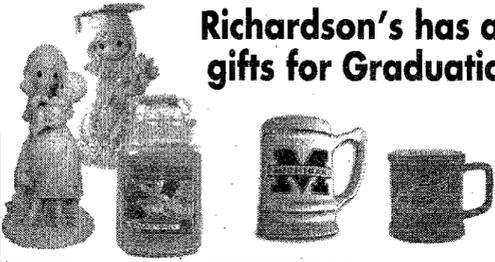
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Reduce, reuse, restore, recycle

The art of taking care of your community

BY CLAIRE SLOMA

Whether you think you can make a difference as an individual or not, the truth is, you can. By not recycling, we are only piling more problems on top of the landfill.

Every bottle you throw out, every piece of paper you don't reuse, every battery you let slip into the waste basket, is harming our environment and our future.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in 2005 alone, Americans produced more than 245 million tons of municipal solid waste, which we refer to as trash or garbage. That's approximately 4.5 pounds of waste per person per day.



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Research has shown that the United States is the No. 1 trash-producing country in the world. Talk about overwhelming. For only representing approximately 5 percent of the world's people, we're producing 40 percent of its waste.

Multiple recycling sources, including a Web site by A Recycling Revolution, have emphasized the importance of recycling and how we can help our communities by taking the time to recycle.

Of the approximate 1 billion trees worth of paper thrown away each year in the U.S., we could help save 250,000,000 trees by just recycling one-tenth of newspapers produced.

And, by recycling just one glass bottle, a 100-watt light bulb can run for about four hours, not to mention lower the amount of air and water pollution. Just think what could happen if we all recycled at least half of our glass bottles.

According to the EPA, "Recycling prevents the emission of many greenhouse gases and water pollutants, saves energy, supplies valuable raw materials to industry, creates jobs, stimulates the development of greener technologies, conserves resources for our children's future, and reduces the need for new landfills and combustors."

With all of the benefits from recycling, it should not be so easy for so many people to make excuses as to why they don't recycle.

If you, as an individual, make the effort to reduce, reuse, recycle and restore, then you're one less person making excuses and one more person helping take care of the community.

Don't let the world go to waste. Do your part and make a difference!

Claire Sloma is a Redford Union High School student and a member of the Observer & Eccentric's Teen Voices mentorship program.

TOP 10 THINGS TO RECYCLE

1. Aluminum - Cans and some candy wrappers.
2. PET plastic bottles - Plastic with the number label of 1 or 2 are recyclable, so don't just toss them out.
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7. Glass containers
8. Magazines
9. Mixed paper
10. Computers - Yes, even those.

Learn more at www.nrc-recycle.org.

- By Claire Sloma



Ryan Said of Wixom shows off his catch of the day, a 1.8 pound bass.

Fresh catch

Taking in a bass fishing tournament

BY ASHLEY J. TROMBLEY

KENT LAKE, Mich. — The morning dawned cold, yet sunny. After countless e-mails, phone calls and three long months of planning, this was it — an excursion out into the murky waters of Kent Lake to witness a bass fishing tournament. It was the chance of a lifetime.



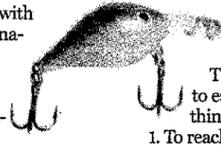
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Surrounded by semi-professional fishermen, my friend Ryan Said was gracious enough to be my host

for the day. And what a day it was.

Since Michigan law prohibits the keeping of live fish during tournaments until the final week in May, this was what is known as a "paper tournament." The basics of a paper tournament require you or your partner to verify your catch and write it down on a form. From there, it is an immediate catch-and-release standard.

Proceedings began with the reading and explanation of the rules and then we were off! The lake has a speed limit of 10 mph, so we started off rather slowly. But once we really got going — whoosh! — the wind and waves felt like something out of an old sailor movie. It was so cool. And to think,



this was my first time ever out on a boat.

The goal of the day was to essentially do two things:

1. To reach the tournament's five-fish limit.
2. To catch the biggest bass you could find.

Sounds easy, right? It was any-



Boats dock at Kent Lake as fishermen prepare to find bass.

thing but easy. This time of year is what fishermen call spawning season. This occurs when male fish try to lure females so they can spawn. As a result, we spent the first few hours cruising up and down the shoreline, casting at stumps and weeds and everything else that looked like it could house a fish.

PLEASE SEE FISHING, C3

Pack your summer break with memories

BY GRACE ANDERSON

Summer is a great time for an adventure. Most teenagers don't take that chance, choosing instead to sit around watching television or playing video games. Here are some ideas guaranteed to make your summer break a blast:

SPLISH! SPLASH!

It's summer, it's going to get hot. And the best way to cool off always includes water. This summer don't

be afraid to get wet, it's cool, refreshing and fun. Turn on the sprinkler and run through it with a pair of flip flops on. It may seem childish but it's inexpensive and it helps water the grass at the same time. If you have a driver's license — or an adult willing to take you, get a car pool together — head to a water



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park. Splashing around in a pool is a good idea too, no matter if it's at a friend's house or the city pool. Water balloon fights can be a great way to spend time with siblings or younger kids during the summer. Just remember to use water wisely — try not waste it.

GET CREATIVE!

Get those creative gears turning. This will take some imagi-

nation. Don't be afraid to create some fun. You could get friends together and go to the park or the beach for a picnic. Grab a stereo, some buckets and a hose, and you have the start of a car wash. You may earn some extra money. With music and friends, it turns into a car wash party.

Are you artistic? If so, grab a camera, a camcorder or some paintbrushes. Challenge yourself by trying

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Burger Buddies program is thriving

BY LAUREN ANTHONY

For most students at Garden City High School the school day ends at 2:20 p.m.

For a small group of students, however, their day is far from over.

At the end of every school day, some students participate in the Burger Buddies program at Burger School For Students with Autism in Garden City.

The school draws students from 34 school districts throughout Wayne County. Burger Buddies is one of many service projects performed by Garden City High School's Key Club.

Every Tuesday and Thursday students head over to the school to participate in activities with one or two classes. The volunteers also serve snacks and drinks and converse with the Burger students.

Activities might include playing board games, such as Monopoly or Sorry; large-group games, such as Bingo and Jenga; or just sitting around and talking or playing with Pokemon cards.

Burger students said they love it. "It's great. I love making new friends," said 10-year-old Kevin.

They aren't the only ones who enjoy the program.

"I absolutely love Burger Buddies," said Tierney Smith, a sophomore at Garden City High School.

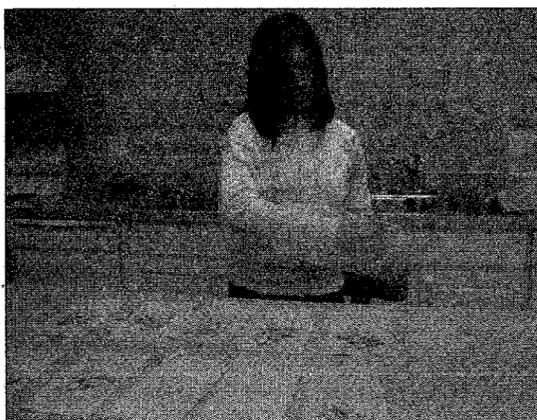
"It's a great way to help out the community and it's tons of fun."

Karen Brownell, a freshman, agreed. "I love it. It makes the kids happy and is a lot of fun."

The program began as a haunted house project. Every year, Key Club members would create a small haunted house for the Burger students



Kayleigh Pinsonneault (left) plays Don't Break the Ice with an 11-year-old Burger student during the Burger Buddies program.



Karen Brownell sets up snacks at the end of a Burger Buddies program.



Burger Buddies volunteers, like Tierney Smith (right) spend time playing games like Parcheesi.

to enjoy during their annual Halloween party.

In 2003 Donna Miller, a Burger teacher, asked Key Club members if they would be willing to come over to the school a few times a week to play games with her students. The program became very

popular. It now alternates among the classes at Burger School.

One or two different classes each day receive a visit from Garden City High students. For more information, contact Mrs. Hathaway at Garden City High School at

(734) 762-8350. Lauren Anthony is a Garden City High School student, Key Club mem-

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MEMORIES

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to out do your work every day. Or, make the same goals with sports or any other interest.

MOVIES AND BOOKS

There are tons of movies coming out this summer that promise to be "must-sees." Now, I'm not suggesting you spend your entire break in a movie theater, but if you get together a bunch of friends and do something like mini golf afterward, you've got half your day planned out.

Movies to check out include these blockbusters:

- Pirates of the Caribbean 3*
- Spider-man 3*
- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*
- Shrek 3*
- The Simpsons Movie*

If you want to spend some time by yourself, there's nothing better than jumping into the adventure of a book. Two awesome books are coming out this summer, include the last book in the Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, which will be released on July 21; and the third book in the Twilight series, titled *Eclipse*. The latter is a dark vampire romance novel and will be released on Aug. 7.

Or, spend the day in a bookstore or a library and find something that appeals to you.

HAVE FUN

The time you spend with your friends is always the best. Go to a concert, even if it's just an unknown band playing outdoors. Go laser tagging or miniature golfing. Go-carts are always fun or practice your swing at the batting cages. Go on a road trip. Travel - even if it's just outside town, and spend the day exploring a small town.

Or go for a hike in a local state park. Try something new and exciting, like rock climbing or white water rafting.

If you want to have a time to remember this year, then don't be afraid to take risks, to think outside the box. That's the only way to discover something new.

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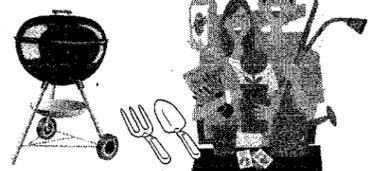
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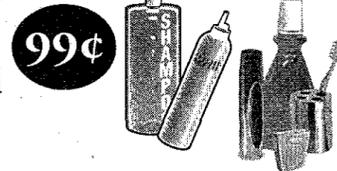
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AP testing can save time, money

BY EMBERLEY NEIDHARDT

Most high school students have one of two things on their minds in May — finals and summer vacation. Some students,



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however, see this month as posing a different kind of challenge for them, in the form of Advanced Placement testing. These tests are given all over the country to high school juniors and seniors who have an extended knowledge of a particular subject and hope to earn college credit.

Every year, students save time and money by taking college-level courses in high school, passing the AP tests, and using the credit toward some general education classes.

In 2006 in Michigan alone, 323,000 students took various A.P. exams.

Possible subjects include Art History, English Literature, Calculus, Chemistry, Music



Advanced Placement test preparation can take students out of the classroom and into the library.

Theory, Psychology, Statistics, and World History.

Two recent additions consist of Chinese Language and Culture and Japanese Language and Culture — which will be taken for the first time by students in May 2007.

Many high schools offer courses specifically designed to deal with the material and prepare students for the exams. But being enrolled in such a course is not a requirement for signing up.

College Board, the designer of the 37 courses and tests (as well as SAT tests), encourage all stu-

dents to sign up and take AP exams, regardless of whether or not certain schools offer the courses.

According to the Web site, www.collegeboard.com: "The only requirements are a strong curiosity about the subject you plan to study and the willingness to work hard."

The site also provides helpful tools to high school students, such as a way to look up any college in the country and see what results it will take for credit.

A quick visit to Amazon.com and a search of "AP test prep" brings up over 200 self-help

books designed to aid students in mastering the right material and studying the right test-taking skills. Some books contain real questions used on tests in the past.

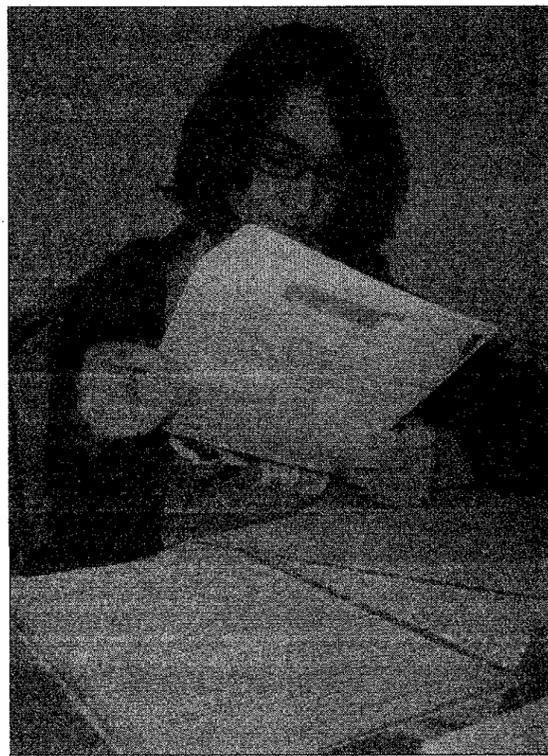
"Studying with test questions from old tests really helped me prepare for the AP English test," said Jennifer Gavorek, a senior at Garden City High School. "I know what kinds of questions I should expect."

The costs of the tests alone is \$83 per exam. College Board offers test reductions for students with special circumstances.

Michigan also offers exam fee subsidies for students of low-income families.

Juniors looking to take AP tests in 2008 should consult with counselors to find out which classes are offered, or if the class requires any work during the summer.

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High school students spend months preparing in and out of school for AP tests.

FISHING

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Out of this came our first keeper, a 1-pound, 8-ounce largemouth bass. It was truly a thing of beauty.

In addition to Ryan and me, a third person in the boat was Ryan's assigned boat-mate for the entire tournament. (Before the tournament began, all of the people who brought a boat were paired up with someone who did not. Ryan had a boat, and the other guy didn't.)

Over the course of the next six hours, I was introduced to many new techniques of casting a line, what kind of baits work best and what it's like to watch someone square off with a fish. In one sec-

tion of the lake, there was a stubborn fish that was simply not responding to either man's bait.

Even I was frustrated, and I wasn't even doing the fishing. We spent about 10 minutes on that one and then went motor-ing onto the next spot. Looking back on it, I can only wonder if someone else ended up catching the elusive creature.

To eventually net the one that got away, there are various kinds of lures. Each fishermen in the boat had at least four rods, all with different bait attached. Soft, plastic baits were the overall favorites of the day. Personally, I think the crawfish worked best.

Ever stop to watch one of those fishing shows on TV? Those guys make it look so easy. But it's not easy, not really.

What the camera crews don't show you is the long eight hours

spent moving from place to place and all of the unproductive casts that it takes to land a keeper, something I experienced firsthand.

And even while only watching, the adrenaline rush that comes when that largemouth come flopping onto the boat deck is like no other feeling in the world.

Before this tournament, I used to think of fishing as a boring way to fritter away precious time — I don't think like that anymore. Now I see that fishing is so much more than just a hobby; it is a fine art, and could very well be considered a science. But what's more, fishing is just plain fun.

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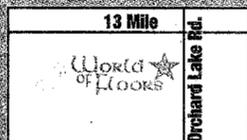
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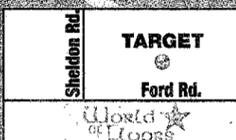
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Breakfast Meeting
Saturday, May 19, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. For details contact Kathy M. at (734)513-9479.

Monthly dance
8 p.m. Saturday, June 2, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford. Cost \$10. Call Diane K. for information (734)261-5716.

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Greek Town Casino Trip
May 19, 2007, Wayne/Westland Chapter is hosting trip. Some tickets are still available. Call Pat Tokar at (248)478-8977 or Diana Winn at (734)751-7386. Cost is \$25 which includes a round trip bus ride to the Casino and you will receive a \$15 voucher for cash from Greektown. Bus leaves Westborn Mall parking lot, Michigan Avenue and Outer Driver, at 5 p.m. Arrives back at 11 p.m. Public invited.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

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

SINGLETON

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

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

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

- Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101.
- Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
- Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.
- Ward School of Christian Learning for Single Men - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Room C350. Studying the book Risk by Kenny Luck, pastor of Every Man's Ministry at Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, Calif.

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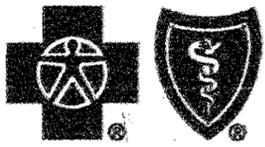
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REUNIONS

Avondale High School

Class of 1957
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15, 2007 at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Looking for alumni. Call Mary

Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-2447.

Berkley High School
Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kimsilasophia@gmail.com. Reunion web site is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

Birmingham Groves
Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy, \$35

in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433-3742 or e-mail: Groves77reunion@hotmail.com.

Birmingham Seaholm

Class of 1962
A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www.seaholm62.org. Contact: Greg Frontier at gfronter@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafollis@mybluelight.com.

Bishop Borgess
Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248)685-8747 or by email hainingk@yahoo.com.

ANNIVERSARIES



Rock-Hammer

Robert and Debbi Rock of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Rock, to David Hammer.

Natalie is a 2002 graduate of Farmington High School is working on my bachelor of science in business degree at Eastern Michigan University and will graduate in 2008.

David of Plymouth is the son of Don and Susie Hammer of Arkansas. He is a 1999 graduate of Heritage Christian School and a 2004 graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor of science in business degree with a major in finance. He is working on his master's degree this fall. He is working in finance for Lear Corp.



A June 2007, wedding is planned for Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi followed by reception at the Northville Hills Golf Club in Northville.

Martins celebrate

25th anniversary

Gary and Toni Martin of Livonia are celebrating their 25th anniversary.

The Martins were married May 8, 1982, in Garden City. They have four children, Shannon (Mike) Koch of Westland and Mandy, Brandy and Shane of Livonia.

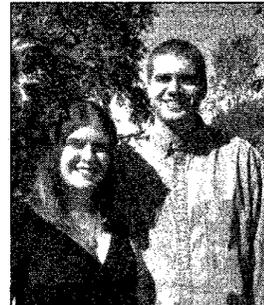
They have one granddaughter, Katelyn. The couple celebrated by renewing their vows while on a Caribbean cruise with family and friends.

Kaucher-Zdrodowski

Stephanie Alice Kaucher of Coloma and Robert John Zdrodowski of Northville will be married Aug. 4 at the Hartford United Methodist Church in Hartford, Michigan.

Stephanie is the daughter of Ronda and Dale Kaucher of Coloma. She attended Western Michigan University and is also a graduate of the University of Michigan with a doctorate in pharmacy. She is currently working as a pharmacist for Meijer.

Robert is the son of Barb and Watson Zdrodowski of Canton. He is a graduate of Salem High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Western Michigan University. Robert is



employed as a chemical engineer with Ford Motor Co. and is working toward his masters in chemical engineering at Wayne State University. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii and make their home in Northville.



Kochs celebrate

40th anniversary

John and Virginia Koch of Canton were married Feb. 6, 1967, by the Rev. Torcari at St. Clements in Dearborn Mi.

They have five daughters: Tara, Charise, Lia, Katherine and Erin.

The Koch's have 12 grandchildren TJ, Ian, Sean, Taylor, Justin, Cameron, Mckenna, Madelynn, Timothy, Grace, Elise and Merisol.

John and Virginia made their home in Canton in 1977 and continue to live there.

John is retired from Federal Express and Virginia has worked for Oakwood Hospital Dearborn for more than 40 years.

Mastrofrancesco-Fabiilli

Lou and Ann Mastrofrancesco of Northville, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marta, to Mario Fabiilli, son of Leonardo and Franca Fabiilli of Eastpointe.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School; she obtained her bachelor of science from the University of Michigan in mechanical engineering (2004). Marta is employed at the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor.

Mario is a 1999 graduate of De La Salle Collegiate in Warren; he obtained his bachelor of science and master of sci-



ence from the University of Michigan in chemical engineering (2003) and biomedical engineering (2004). Mario is currently employed at Pfizer in Ann Arbor. A June 2 wedding is planned at the Chapel at St. John in Plymouth.

Warner - Sommariva

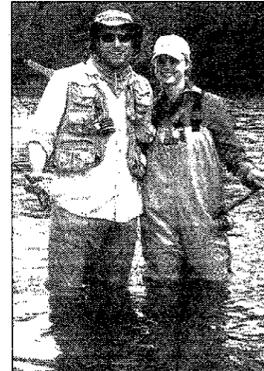
Evelyn Warner and Brian Sommariva are engaged and planning a July wedding.

Parents of the future bride are Dean and Janice Warner of Ann Arbor. The future groom is the son of Bob and Judy Sommariva of Plymouth.

The couple met while pursuing their undergraduate degrees at Michigan State University.

Evelyn graduated this year from Wayne State University with a master's degree in physician assistant studies.

Brian is an IT Manager, owns Design Runway, a web-design and IT company and is also a volunteer assistant coach with



the Plymouth Whalers (OHL). They are planning a fly fishing honeymoon in Canada.

Lamp-Immerfall

Amy Elizabeth Lamp of Orlando, Fla., and Matthew Stephen Immerfall of Plymouth will be married in Orlando on July 27, 2007.

Amy is the daughter of Rob and Suzan Lamp. She is a 2005 graduate of the University of Florida and is a public relations coordinator with Marriott Vacation Club International.

Matthew is the son of Michelle Schulze and Mark Immerfall. He is a 2006 graduate of the University of Central Florida. He is working with



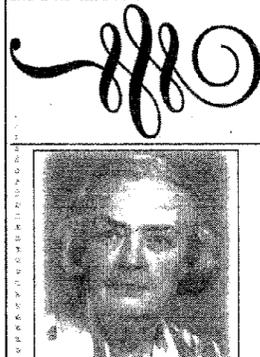
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NANCY AUSTIN
May 17, 2007 Age 69. Teacher in the Birmingham School District for 42 years, mainly at Pierce Elementary School. After retirement she volunteered at Cranbrook and also was a substitute teacher. Member of First Congregational Church of Clarkston and First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Preceded in death by her parents, Almon and Thirza Austin and her dear friend, Vince Secontine. Sister of Douglas Austin, Marylou Henry (Sandy), Lois Kerr, Stanley Austin (Karen), Sally Gillies (Ed), Ron Austin (Carol) and Chris Austin (Bonnie). Also survived by 12 nieces and nephews, 18 great-nieces and nephews, many loving friends and her faithful dog, Lizzie Lou. According to Nancy's wishes, private services have been held. Memorial tributes to First Congregational Church of Clarkston or the Leukemia Society of America. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

WAYNE GRANT BURDETTE
Age 56 died Tuesday, May 15, 2007 in Roper Hospital in Charleston, S. C. Mr. Burdette was predeceased by his father, Elmer G. Burdette of Atlanta, Ga. Survivors include: his wife, Patty Roberts Burdette of McClellanville, S. C.; two step-sons, Justin Hettich of McClellanville, S. C. and Joshua Hettich of Jensen Beach, Fla.; his mother and step-father, Helen and Don Holcomb of Edgewater, Fla.; a brother, Jeffrey Burdett of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Diane Reeves of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; and a granddaughter, Caroline Hettich of McClellanville, S. C. A private memorial celebration was held at the family home in McClellanville, S. C. Sign a guest book at: www.mayerfuneralhome.com. The Georgetown, S. C. Chapel of Mayer Funeral Home is assisting the family.

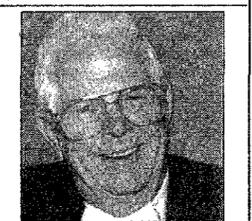
LEO PAUL CAUZILLO
Memorial Service scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 11:00am at Grand Lawn Cemetery, 23501 Grand River, Detroit. Located south of 7 Mile and east of Telegraph. Leo passed away April 16, 2007 of liver cancer.



SHIRLEY A. HERSEY
Age 87, May 16, 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak after a long illness. A lifetime resident of Birmingham, she was born May 23, 1919 in Birmingham. Shirley was with the financial dept. of Crowley Milner in Detroit after college. Shirley and her sister, Carrie, managed family rental properties for many years in the Birmingham area. As a young lady, she taught dancing, (ballet), at the Community House and was active in Children's Theater in Birmingham. She also wrote for the magazine of Delta Gamma. She was a graduate of Birmingham Baldwin High School, Class of 1937, then attended Albion College and graduated from Detroit Business School. Shirley's great-grandparents, (Hiram H. & Ester E. Chatfield), were founding members of the Birmingham Methodist Church even before the buildings were built. Her father was a well-known builder of homes in the Birmingham area. She was a lifetime member of Birmingham United Methodist Church, member of AAUW Book Club, and the Birmingham Village Players. She is the daughter of the late Scott A. and Pussie R. Hersey and sister of the late Carrie L. and Warren S. Hersey. Funeral services were held at The First United Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple on Friday, May 18th. Memorial tributes may be made to The First United Methodist Church, Birmingham or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements made by Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham. 248-644-6000.



PETER J. GILLERAN
Peter J. Gilleran, a long-time art professor at Wayne State University, has died. He was 85 years old. Peter was born in the Corktown section of Detroit. His father, also Peter J. Gilleran, was born in Roscommon, Ireland. His mother, Vera Jaeger Gilleran (later Blanchfield) was born in Galicia, in what is now Poland. As a young boy, he began drawing on scrap paper his mother brought home from work. Before long, his mother bought him a child's paint set. In school, his teachers continuously encouraged his interest in art. On the recommendation of his teachers, Peter went to Cass Tech High School in Detroit, which had a special program for art students. While there his teachers encouraged him to draw frequently from Detroit street life. At Cass Tech, he made a life-long friend in Robert Barbee, who later spent his career as an art professor at the University of Virginia. In his senior year, Peter competed in an art contest against all the other high schools in Detroit and won 1st prize. After graduating from Cass Tech in 1939, he received a one-year scholarship to attend Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. His principal teacher there was the noted Hungarian-American artist, Zoltan Sepeshy. He was offered a second-year at Cranbrook, but turned this down because of the need to begin his career. When World War II came, he went into the army and became a draftsman. He was posted first in New Delhi, India and later in Kunming, China. After the war, he attended Colorado College and Colorado Fine Arts Center, both in Colorado Springs, Colorado. At the Fine Arts Center he met Anne Kensett Crow, of Loudonville, Ohio, who was a graduate student in art. They were married in Ohio in 1947. Peter returned to Cranbrook where he received his M.F.A. degree in 1950. Peter began teaching in the Art Department at Wayne State in 1954. He later rose to full professor. He was also for some time an adjunct professor at Cranbrook Academy of Art. His areas of expertise were painting, drawing and graphic design. He showed his artwork all over the Midwest and in New York City, winning many awards. His wife, Anne, was for many years a teacher in the Royal Oak schools. She was trained as an artist and several of Anne's sisters became visual artists, including Nancy Crow and Martha Crow, and another sister, Mary Crow, became a poet. After Peter retired from Wayne State in 1989, he continued actively to paint and draw and to show his work. In 2005, his life-long friend, Louis Berman, published a book entitled Peter Gilleran Celebrates Life, a portfolio of Peter's works. Also in 2005, he had a solo exhibit at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center titled Art of a Lifetime. His work has been collected by many museums in Michigan and throughout the Midwest and is currently on exhibit at the Scarab Club in Detroit. In describing his theory of art he once wrote: "Life is at the core-life that is endlessly fascinating, interesting and yes, even uplifting. We seem to have forgotten the world is full - not empty. Some colors and lines and shapes can make us cry with wonder they are so full of life - what art does not seem to be about is death. Yes, after we learn about art, we learn about life - life is powerful." Peter is survived by his wife, Anne, his sister, Catherine, his three children, his seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. His children are Breon Gilleran, an art professor and sculptor, of Baltimore, Maryland, Peter, an artist and teacher in the Detroit Public Schools, of Birmingham, Michigan and Michael, a lawyer, of Wellesley, Massachusetts. His grandchildren are Peter Roca and Julia Roca, both of Baltimore, Maryland; Sean Gilleran of North Bend, Washington; John Gilleran, Michael Gilleran, Peter Gilleran, and Daniel Gilleran, all of Wellesley, Massachusetts. He also leaves the many art students he taught and helped over the years at Wayne State and Cranbrook. Burial will be in Loudonville, Ohio. There will be a memorial service in the Detroit area at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660.



PAUL LUCIAN MCNUTT
Of Canton, Michigan and Winter Haven, Florida died Monday, May 14th at home after an extended illness from Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was born in Detroit on November 17, 1928 and is survived by his cherished wife and best friend of 56 years, Constance (nee Stokes), beloved sons David and Christopher and daughter Shannon, wonderful "Papa" to his only grandson Rocco Paul, and dear Sister and Brother-In-Law to Betty and Bob Sperling. He is also survived by three nieces and two nephews and many loving friends and family who will always remember his warm smile and generous heart. After more than 30 years working with Ford Motor Company, Paul and his wife, Connie, retired to Florida where they lived for nearly 20 years. He was an avid golfer and gifted photographer who developed his own work, giving free copies to everyone whom he photographed. His precious memory and spirit will live with us forever.

RENE de OCAMPO SANTIAGO, MD
Age 64, Plymouth, MI
Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI



WILLIAM WALLACE WOLFE
Age 85, May 17, 2007, of Troy, formerly of Detroit, Petoskey and Charlotte. Beloved husband of Nancy (McPrangle) Wolfe. Dear father of Patricia Mazurkiewicz, Kathryn (Terry) Walker, Bobette Hoffman, Susan (Robert) Mills and the late William R. Wolfe. Seven grandchildren. Pre-deceased by his brother, Robert Wolfe. Gathering of family and friends Wednesday 4-8pm at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road (Between Big Beaver and Wattles Roads), Troy. (248) 689-0700. Memorial service Thursday 11:00 am at funeral home. Memorials to the American Heart Association. On-Line register book at: www.pricefuneralhome.net

GEORGE M. WERTZ
Age 87, May 16, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Margaret. Dear father of Kathleen (Ed) Churchman, Eileen (Ed) Brown, Greg, Susan (Jim Day), Jim (Cindy) and Nancy (Rick Merriman). Grandfather of 9. Great-grandfather of 10. Funeral Service were held. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son.

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John and Virginia Koch

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AAUW says women lag behind on pay equity

New research released April 23 by the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation shows that just one year out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens.

In the report, *Behind the Pay Gap*, the AAUW Educational Foundation found that just one year after college graduation, women earn only 80 percent of what their male counterparts earn. Ten years after graduation, women fall further behind, earning only 69 percent of what men earn. Even after controlling for hours, occupation, parenthood, and other factors known to affect earnings, the research indicates that one-quarter of the pay gap remains unexplained and is likely due to sex discrimination. Over time, the unexplained portion of the pay gap grows.

The research also shows that 10 years after graduation, college-educated men working full time have more authority in the workplace than do their female counterparts. Men are more likely to be involved in hiring and firing, supervising others, and setting pay.

"By looking at earnings just one year out of college, you have as level a playing field as possible," said AAUW Director of Research Catherine Hill. "These employees don't have a lot of experience and, for the most part, don't have care-giving obligations, so you'd expect there to be very little difference in the wages of men and women. But surprisingly, and unfortunately, we find that women already earn less - even when they have the same major and occupation as their male counterparts."

The AAUW research also shows that this pay gap exists despite the fact that women outperform men in school - earning slightly higher GPAs than men in every college major, including science and mathematics.

"The persistence of the pay gap among young, college-educated, full-time workers suggests that educational achievement alone will not close the pay gap,"

Hill said. "We need to make workplaces more family-friendly, reduce sex segregation in education and in the workplace, and combat discrimination that continues to hold women back in the workplace."

"AAUW has worked successfully to create educational opportunities for women and girls," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. "It's clear that barriers beyond schooling have prevented true pay equity, and AAUW continues to be a strong advocate for legislative efforts to address this discrimination."

The report also includes other findings:

- Women who attended highly selective colleges earn less than men from either highly or moderately selective colleges and about the same as men from minimally selective colleges.

- Ten years after graduation, women are more likely than men to complete some graduate education.

- Men and women remain segregated by college major, with women making up 79 percent of education majors and men making up 82 percent of engineering majors. This segregation is found in the workplace as well, where women make up 74 percent of the education field and men make up 84 percent of the engineering and architecture fields.

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Margaret Morse Nice

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Nature's Way
Jonathan Schechter

Birds know no boundaries and we are in a major migratory flyway. Most birders and nature lovers know that well and some dedicate the spring days of early May to watch the warblers, while others seek out great blue herons in quiet peaceful places free of noisy human activity, or listen in awe to sand hill cranes in flight. And anyone who sleeps with windows open this time of the year knows that bird song wakes the sun.

Back at the Humbug Marsh, sights, sounds and colors of bird migration, movement and melody is magnified tenfold. And thanks to the work of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, the Michigan Nature Conservancy and many supporting agencies including Wild Birds Unlimited and the DTE Energy Green Team you are invited to a celebration,



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A great blue heron waits for a fish to move, far from human disturbance.

call it a party if you wish. But before you slip into your spring finery, keep in mind the invitation states: "It will be a one-half mile walk to the river frontage, dress accordingly for the weather. EXPECT MUD."

The celebration is connected by wing and by air to all who appreciate birds.

Bottom line: The International Wildlife Refuge Alliance and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge invite you to join in celebrating "the very first public wildlife observation deck constructed in the refuge and the release of the bird driving tour brochure *Byways To Flyways*." This new federal wildlife refuge, partnered with our Canadian friends across the river and Point Pelee National Park in

Canada (a funnel of land that channels many of the same birds you heard sing this morning) adds protection to rest, feeding and nesting areas for migrating birds, and migration is a risky business for birds.

Melissa Soule, director of communications and marketing for the Nature Conservancy, confirmed what I wanted to know: There will be light refreshments to go with the short ceremony that includes several congressman and Nita Fuller of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (But I'll miss out. I'll be in Utah dabbling with birds of a different feather, training with wilderness-loving medics in hot canyons and along the Colorado River.)

So just where is this oddly named marsh? Humbug Marsh is in Trenton and Gibraltar off of Jefferson Avenue across from Knights of Columbus. The official celebration runs from 9-10 a.m. For detailed information, e-mail Project Coordinator Janae Reneaud janae_reneaud@fws.gov or Melissa Soule at The Nature Conservancy msole@tnc.org.

As I was scrambling about fact-checking for this good news event, a celebration of spring migration, Melissa threw a few facts to me.

She reminds us that Oakland County and vicinity is, "In the middle of the world's largest freshwater ecosystem." And the Detroit River in terms of nature and migration importance is tied directly to the birds we enjoy in spring. As for borders, "Birds Know No Boundaries" a phrase with global implications, from international borders, to the shrubs that separate your yard from your neighbors.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. Reach him at oaknature@aol.com.

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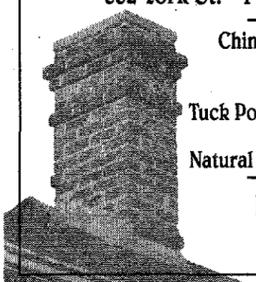
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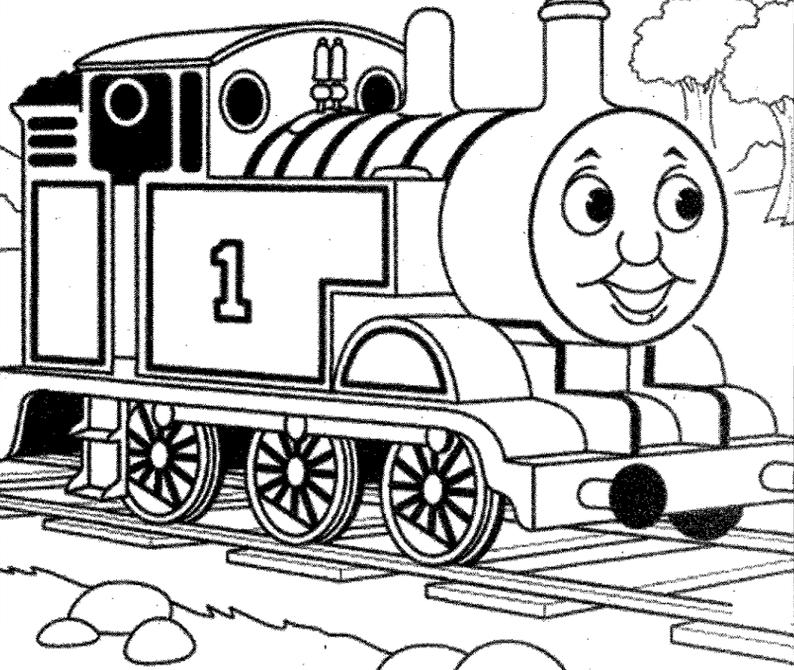
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Walk for hope

Event to raise funds for children with leukemia

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The photograph of Dakota Davis is too graphic to print. Taken just three days after he was diagnosed with leukemia, the image shows massive bruised and red raw areas on his face and chest.

If Dakota had been born in the 1960s, he would have had only about a 2 percent chance of survival. Five years after receiving chemotherapy at Beaumont Hospital, the 7-year-old Troy boy is in remission and now considered cancer-free. His mother, Dawn, is grateful not only to the doctors and nurses who cared for Dakota, but the Southfield-based Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF). A week after diagnosis, the non-profit began providing the family with financial assistance, prescription reimbursement, emotional support and information about this cancer of the blood.

In return, Dawn Davis is doing everything possible to help other families of children with leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders. As a member of the event planning committee, Davis and her family will take part Saturday, June 9, in the first Walk for Hope and Support for CLF at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

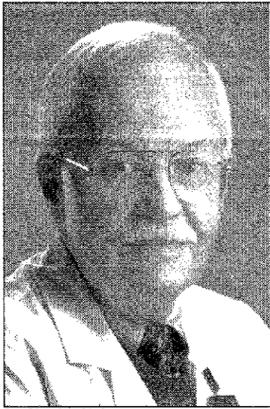
"The foundation did everything and anything they could. The emotional support was indescribable. 'Til this day, we still get emotional support," Dawn Davis said.

Emotional support was crucial to Catherine Withrow after her daughter Amanda was diagnosed with leukemia in November 2005. Withrow had noticed a black and purple bruise the size of a plum on the 3-year-old. Bruising, paleness, nose and gum bleeding, infections and fever, and joint and bone pain are all symptoms of leukemia.

For the next seven months, the Canton mother slept at University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital as Amanda underwent five rounds of chemotherapy. Today, the 4-year-old is in remission and attending Trinity Presbyterian Preschool in Plymouth. There is still about a 30-percent chance the leukemia may return.

"The Children's Leukemia Foundation gave us a booklet with lots of information and pages in back for tracking reactions to medications and names of doctors," Catherine Withrow said. "Once she got out of the hospital, one of the neatest things is they have social activities. Once she finally got out of the hospital, instead of being relieved we worried. We had a chance to meet other families who were one year out who had all been through what we'd been through. It makes you realize these kids are still alive. We can do this. It keeps your hope up. On the floor we made a lot of friends whose children have died and that's hard."

Dr. Charles Main is hoping one day soon he will be able to tell



Dr. Charles Main

parents there is a cure. Main began treating leukemia patients at Children's Hospital even before graduating from Wayne State University's medical school in 1964.

"As more and more chemo became available, we could do more things for the patients. The survival rate has slowly, slowly increased," said Main, chief of pediatric hematology and oncology at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for the last 21 years. "The numbers have gotten better because of chemotherapy, blood and platelet transfusions, the antibiotics we have, medicines for nausea, medicines to bring white cell count back. The survival rate is now about 85 to

90 percent. It's been an incredible time. But we're still treating children with chemo, (which are) poisons, and radiation therapy. I'm looking forward to the day when chemicals stop the cell and cause it to go back to being a normal cell."

Beaumont, as part of the Children's Oncology Group (COG) cooperative trials, works together with about 240 institutions in the U.S. and Canada to find the most effective treatment for each child.

"Instead of just taking our numbers and doing research, we all work together — Beaumont, Children's, St. John's, U of M, Michigan State, Hurley in Flint, St. Jude, Mayo Clinic," said Main, of Beverly Hills. "We talk to COG and they tell us which treatment that child should receive. It's the parents that give us the trust that gives us the opportunity and privilege to take care of these children and see the treatments improve."

The survival rate has increased so dramatically that 19 years ago Main established a scholarship program for cancer survivors through Beaumont with the support of Birmingham merchants.

"The basic idea was to tell them you have a future," Main said. Back in the 1940s, no one survived leukemia. Sylvia Brown knows about the suffering parents go through along with the rest of the family, so she decided to establish the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan 55 years ago to ease their distress.

Brown's 2 1/2-year-old daughter Sandra Ann lived only one month after doctors told her and husband Harry the grim news. "It developed into a fabulous organization. We had bingo, din-



Amanda Withrow of Canton shows off her new haircut. Amanda lost all of her hair while undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia. Today, the 4-year-old girl is in remission.

ners, sold cookies, Christmas cards to help raise money and in the meantime helped each other. We shared the good times and the bad," said Brown, 89, a former West Bloomfield resident now living in Southfield. Brown served as executive director of the nonprofit until Harry developed cancer in 1981 and died. She remains on the board.

"We help them out in so many ways. We have entertainment for children and family. The brothers and sisters are invited to everything. Our Christmas party is second to none and we give them toys. The merchants in the community have been wonderful. We're real happy to do that. I'm very much involved even today because this was not a job for me, it was a labor of love. I did it for my Sandy."

The Walk for Hope and Support route is approximately four miles. There is no entry fee, but raising \$100 or more qualifies a participant for prizes. To register, visit www.leukemiamichigan.org. For more information about CLF, call (248) 353-8222.

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind Woman to See Again

Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with low vision to enjoy daily activities like reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi



Dr. Smith's Patient with Bioptic Telescopes for Driving.

Low vision is defined as vision that cannot be corrected with regular prescription glasses or contact lenses. For most people, low vision means they cannot drive or do daily activities like reading a newspaper. With specialized treatment people with low vision can get back to doing the things they enjoy.

Michigan Optometrist, Dr. Sheldon Smith helps people who have lost vision from macular degeneration and other eye conditions. Just like looking through a pair of field glasses or binoculars, telescopic glasses make things look bigger, closer, and much easier to see.

"Many of my patients consider me the last chance to help their vision," states Dr. Smith.

Macular degeneration is the most common eye disease among the senior population. Twenty five percent of people over 65 years of age have some degree of degeneration. When the macula, a small part of the retina, degenerates it leaves a blind spot right in the center of vision making it hard to recognize faces, read a book, or pass the driver's vision test.

The cause of macular degeneration is unknown. However, it has been shown that

UV light from the sun, smoking, poor nutrition and aging are contributing factors. In addition, 15% to 20% of macular degeneration cases have been shown to be genetic.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "My job is to figure out anything and everything possible to help a person see at the best level possible."

Valerie Bassett, 79, a music teacher and church organist from Essexville, Michigan was turning down music students because she could not see the music from the teacher's position. Dr. Smith fit Valerie with telescopic glasses with an adaptor to read music. "Now I use my glasses to participate in worship service, sing hymns and read the bible. I can read music. It's wonderful to be able to see again. I have a new lease on life!" says Valerie.

There are as many low vision devices as there are various activities. Bioptic telescopes help some people continue driving, while special prismatic glasses can help for reading and other hobbies. Devices range in price from \$500 to \$2,500.

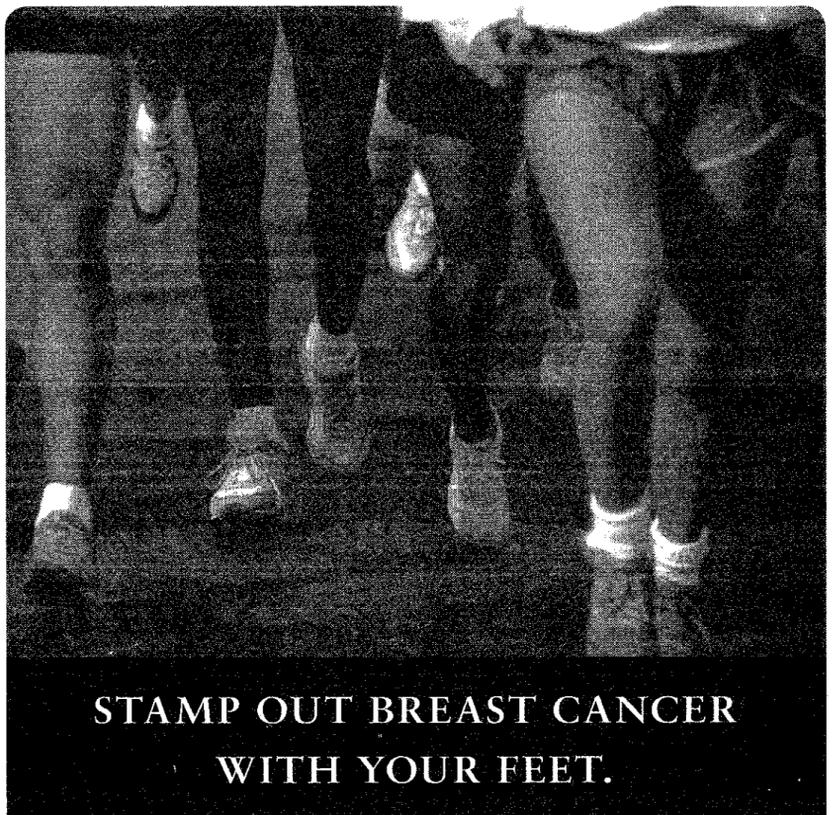
"Every situation is unique. Each person's level of vision varies and every patient has different desires," states Dr. Smith. "Our ultimate goal is getting patients doing those things they most wish to do. The impact on quality of life and independence is remarkable."

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Discovery Ball proceeds to help find a cure

Dr. Charles Main is one of the three individuals and two organizations being honored by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at its Discovery Ball 7 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. The black tie event raises money for Society programs for research and education. The evening features a dinner, auction, dancing, and the awards ceremony.

Main is chief of pediatric hematology and oncology at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for the last 21 years. A Beverly Hills resident, Main has received several awards from organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Sparky Anderson's Charity for Children and the American Red Cross.

Nineteen years ago he created The Charles A. Main, M.D. Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund of Beaumont Hospitals. Since then 88 students have received \$376,500.

Other Discovery Award recipients being recognized on June 1, include David Zilco for Honored Hero; the Detroit Lions for overall support of mission, Comcast Spotlight for overall support of philanthropy, and Dr. Charles Schiffer, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for Research. Main is receiving the award for education and patient services at Beaumont Hospital.

Tickets for the event are \$300 and available by calling (248) 582-2900.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. Since 1949, the Society has invested more than \$486 million in research targeting leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress to headline fund-raiser

Julie Harris, one of the most awarded actresses of the stage and screen, headlines the University of Michigan Aphasia Program 60th anniversary fund-raising event, It's a RAP: 60 Year Celebration of the U-M Aphasia Program. The event, June 1-2, includes an exclusive screening of her new movie, *The Way Back Home*, in which Harris portrays a woman who had a stroke.

Harris, 81, attended the U-M Aphasia Program in May 2006 as part of her recovery from a stroke and resulting aphasia that occurred in May 2001.

The U-M Aphasia Program attracts clients from across the United States and other countries due to its unique approach to aphasia therapy. It is an intensive program, with clients participating in six-week sessions, receiving 23-hours of therapy each week. Therapy is conducted by clinically-trained professional speech language pathologists not students, offering an individualized therapy program with a limited number of participants to ensure a high ratio of staff to clients for the most effective one-on-one treatment.

Aphasia is an acquired language disorder that results from damage to parts of the brain. Stroke is the leading cause; however, it also can result from brain tumors, head injuries, brain infections, and other brain condi-

tions. People with aphasia know what they want to say but cannot always get out the words. It can affect talking, understanding, reading, and writing. Memory and thinking can also be reduced. An estimated one million Americans of all ages have aphasia.

The two-day event begins the afternoon of June 1 with informational workshops on the latest in stroke and aphasia research and therapy featuring Dr. Jennifer Majersik of the U-M Stroke Center, and Dr. David Steinberg, Medical Director for Rehabilitation Services, St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. The workshops take place at the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest.

On the evening of June 1, there will be a special exclusive first public screening of *The Way Back Home*, which takes place at the historic Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Also attending the event will be producer Michael H. King, who will introduce Harris and the movie to the audience.

On Saturday, June 2, morning and afternoon workshops focus on the latest technology to help clients and family members; multi-modal communication techniques; music and art therapy, and caregiver support. On the evening of June 2, a gala reception will

be held to honor Harris, and includes a special VIP reception where guests will have the opportunity to meet the most honored performer in Tony history with 10 nominations and five victories. She is the only actress to date to receive 10 nominations and received a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002. During her acting career, Harris won three Emmys. Television fans of *Knots Landing* remember her fondly in the role of Lilimae Clemens. Harris who was awarded the American National Medal of the Arts in 1994 by the National Endowment of the Arts in Washington D.C., was born in Grosse Pointe.

All June 2 events take place at the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest. For more information, visit www.aphasiahelp.com or call (734) 764-8440.

The University of Michigan Aphasia Program was established in 1947 to assist World War II veterans who sustained injuries in combat. It is the oldest, most effective program of its kind for treatment of aphasia in the U.S. The intensive program provides clients with as much therapy during a six-week session as a person would receive in one year of traditional therapy. For more information, visit www.aphasiahelp.com.

Exercise will help save eyes



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Marla from Sterling Heights is concerned about losing her sight as she gets older. What can she do? Marla, start exercising! A new study found people who exercised three or more times a week decreased their risk of developing age related macular degeneration by 70 percent.

Researchers say exercise reduces systemic inflammation. It also reduces the failure of cells that line the eye's blood vessels. Both of these conditions play a role in the development of age-related macular degeneration. Age-related macular degeneration gradually destroys the sharp, central vision you need to see objects clearly. This can interfere with daily tasks like driving and reading.

So get out and exercise!

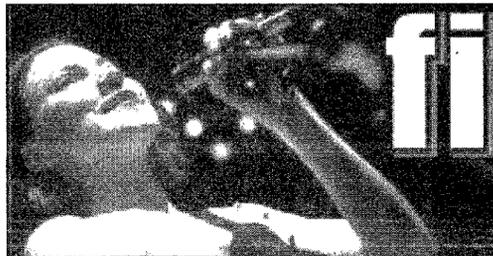
Cindy from Franklin drinks a lot of cola and wants to know just how bad it is for her.

It is not just cola that is bad, it is all caffeinated, carbonated drinks. A recent study linked most carbonated drinks to lower bone density among girls. Until this new piece of research came out, studies had only linked cola to the problem.

Researchers believe one of the problems is the caffeine in the drinks. Caffeine increases the excretion of calcium by the kidneys, so less is absorbed into the bones. Colas are also full of phosphoric acid, which may lower blood levels of calcium, causing weaker bones. Experts found no evidence of the carbonation itself causing bone problems.

Your best bet is to drink more water. Some 75 percent of all Americans suffer with some dehydration. Water is key to a healthy body, so drink up!

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However, at times, testing indicates that the impairment is mild, even minimal. This difference in results between what you explain is happening and what the laboratory tests indicate is going on, occurs often in medical care.

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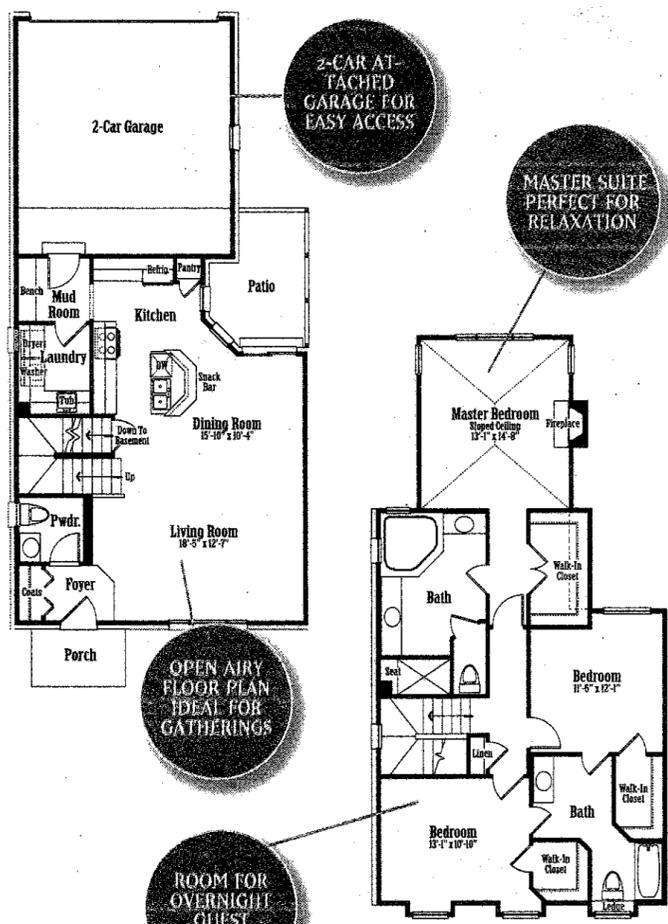
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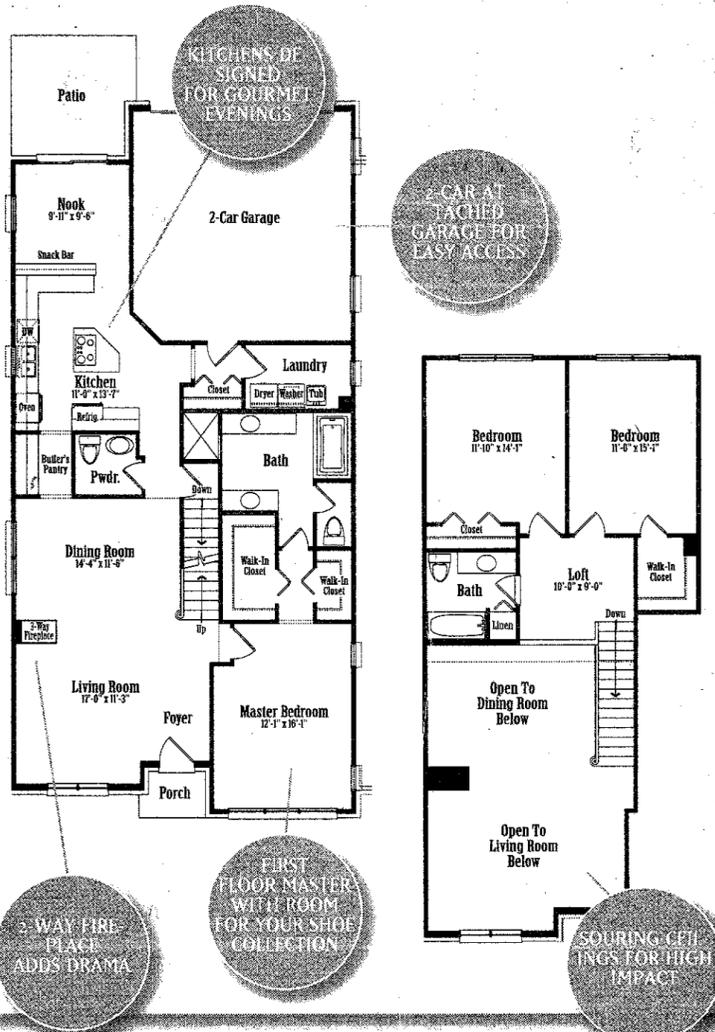
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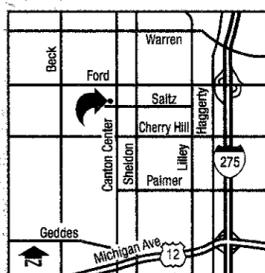


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