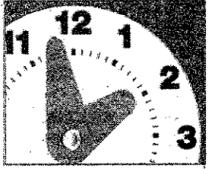


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Sushi Bar chief Koong Siharath creates a sweet shrimp and octopus plate at the Golden Chopstick located in the new shopping center at Wayne Road and Ford.

Asian restaurant joins new shopping center

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eric Chen smiles proudly as he sits inside his stylish new Asian restaurant, Golden Chopsticks, in Westland. He is hopeful that dishes like bourbon grilled chicken, Thai noodle salad and teriyaki steak will lure customers.

Chen seems confident that customers who try his restaurant will return. "If I can get them to come in," he said, "I know they will come back."

Golden Chopsticks opened in February in a new shopping center near the south-

west corner of Wayne and Ford roads. The new center, which city leaders hope will fuel a larger rebound in a once-stagnant area, also includes Benito's Pizza, Luv II Shine Urban Wear, Bridal All Occasion Accessories, American General Financial Services, Gabriel's Cheesesteak Hoagies, Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men and a rebuilt Big Lots.

"I think that corner is going to set the pace for the rest of our proposed redevelopment (in the Wayne-Ford area)," Westland Economic Development Director

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The Golden Chopsticks Restaurant is the latest business to open in a new shopping mall that also includes Benito's Pizza, Luv II Shine Urban Wear, Bridal All Occasion Accessories, American General Financial Services, Gabriel's Cheesesteak Hoagies, Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men and a rebuilt Big Lots.

Defense attorneys appeal judge's decision

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Defense attorneys for the two teenagers accused of killing a River Rouge man are appealing a Wayne County Circuit Court judge's decision to reinstate a felony murder charge originally dismissed by a district court judge.

While neither attorney would comment, the *Observer* has learned both lawyers filed appeals of Judge Annette Berry's decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals Feb. 28. According to information

on the Michigan Court of Appeals Web site, prosecutors have until March 20 to file an answer.

Both lawyers also asked the Court of Appeals to delay the April 7 start date in order to hear the latest motions.

In a motion hearing last month, Berry reinstated the felony murder charge against 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland and 17-year-old Plymouth Township resident Jean Pierre Orlewicz. The pair faces an April 7 trial date in the murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen.

They were originally charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse. At the preliminary hearing in 35th District Court in November, Judge Michael Gerou refused to bind them over on the felony murder charge, brought because Orlewicz allegedly stole a gun from Sorensen after police say he killed him.

Gerou ruled because the alleged theft occurred after the murder, it didn't meet Michigan's statutory requirement. In reinstating the charge, Berry, the Circuit Court

judge, called it "a matter for the jury to decide."

Neither Raymond Cassar, the lawyer for Letkemann, nor Joseph Niskar, Orlewicz's attorney, would comment due to a gag order imposed in the case.

Orlewicz and Letkemann are charged with luring Sorensen to the Canton garage of Orlewicz's grandfather, killing him, beheading him and then burning and disposing of his body in a Northville Township field.

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'... leave me alone'

Woman recounts beating of her pregnant friend

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A friend of 19-year-old Tara Murphy testified in quiet but gripping detail Thursday how the expectant mother was choked, knocked down and kicked in a Westland apartment by a boyfriend who was angry that she refused to get an abortion.

Erica Hunt accused Daniel Reed Jarrett II of attacking Murphy on the evening of Jan. 3 inside the Woodland Villa apartment of Jarrett's long-time friend, Raymond Mongo. Murphy had a miscarriage and lost her baby.

Testimony by Hunt and Mongo came during a preliminary hearing that ended Thursday with Jarrett being ordered by Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos to stand trial on a charge of assaulting a pregnant woman and intentionally causing a miscarriage and stillbirth.

"Clearly there was an assault in my mind based on the testimony," Bokos ruled, adding that Murphy's fetus suffered blunt trauma to the head.

Jarrett will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him, but a conviction could bring penalties ranging up to life in prison. Jarrett, dressed in a grey suit and free on a \$50,000 bond, showed no emotion during his hearing.

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Bowman picked to replace Beard

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Departing Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, who abruptly ended her 30-year political career by resigning Thursday, has been replaced by appointee Ronalee Bowman, her legislative aide of two years.

Bowman assumed the \$68,411-a-year post after she won a unanimous vote Thursday by the county commission. She will serve this year as an appointee, and she confirmed she will campaign in hopes of winning a two-year elected term in November.

Beard, 86, cited health reasons for her decision to step down, and she recommended Bowman for the job.

"I'm excited and very happy about it," Bowman said. "I'm humbled that Commissioner Beard and the other commissioners have the confidence in me to appoint me, and I'm up to the challenges."

Bowman, a longtime Livonia resident, started renting a Westland apartment two days before she received her appointment. Commissioners have to be registered voters in the districts they represent.

The district includes Westland, Inkster and southern Livonia. Until a redistricting, Beard had also represented Garden City for many years. Bowman said she and her husband, Hugh, plan to try to sell their Livonia house, which is outside the 12th District.

"I feel that even though I haven't lived in

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Murphy has returned to Texas, where police said she met Jarrett, a Wayne resident, while he was attending a Christian university.

Hunt, an airline employee who had dated Mongo, testified that she and Murphy had missed a flight to Texas and had gone to Mongo's apartment, on Warren near Central City Parkway. Hunt said she and Mongo urged Murphy to call Jarrett to tell him that she was still pregnant.

Hunt testified that Murphy became scared after Jarrett told her that he was coming over. Hunt said Jarrett looked angry when he walked in.

Murphy was in the shower, and Hunt said Jarrett knocked on the door and ultimately went inside the bathroom.

"I could hear her yelling,

"Stop, leave me alone," Hunt said.

Moments later, Jarrett dumped the contents of Murphy's purse, took her driver's license and other documents, and told her that she wasn't leaving Michigan without getting rid of her baby.

"He said she wasn't going anywhere until she had an abortion," Hunt testified.

Hunt accused Jarrett of knocking Murphy to the floor and holding her down.

"He had his hand on her neck holding her down to the floor," Hunt testified, adding that Mongo pulled Jarrett off Murphy.

At another point, Hunt said, Jarrett pushed Murphy across the room and caused her to fall on her back on the floor.

"He was kicking at Tara on her side," Hunt said.

Jarrett eventually left with Murphy's suitcase, Hunt said, adding that Murphy complained that her stomach

was hurting. Murphy called police, but declined an ambulance, although she and Hunt later went to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Murphy left the hospital that night against the advice of doctors, but she returned the following morning after talking with her mother, Hunt testified. Doctors told Murphy they had to induce labor, Hunt said, and Jarrett showed up at the hospital.

Hunt confirmed that Murphy had been involved in a car accident a few weeks earlier, but said she didn't have any complications from it.

Mongo, meanwhile, testified that he didn't see Jarrett kick, hit or threaten Murphy. Mongo did acknowledge that he pulled Jarrett away from Murphy while Jarrett was standing over her. Mongo said he didn't want the situation to escalate.

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Judge delays hearing in shooting incident

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland man is expected to learn this week whether he will face trial for allegations he tried to kill his girlfriend by firing a shotgun at her car as she drove away from a domestic dispute.

Kevin Antonio Reid, 29, appeared Thursday in Westland 18th District Court for a preliminary hearing, but it was delayed for a week after his defense attorney asked for more time to review documents pertaining to the case.

Reid is accused of firing a short-barrel shotgun and striking his girlfriend's car with a bullet as she was driving away from their Genesee Court resi-

dence in the Norwayne neighborhood around 5:45 a.m. Feb. 21. She wasn't injured, but she crashed her vehicle into a neighbor's fence, police Sgt. Michael Harhold has said.

Reid could face penalties ranging up to life in prison, if he is convicted of assault with intent to murder, having a short-barrel shotgun, felonious assault, felony firearms and domestic violence. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him.

In court Thursday, 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos refused to reduce a \$100,000 cash bond that was earlier set for Reid. Bokos had to communicate with Reid through a sign language interpreter because the defendant, like his girl-

friend, is hearing impaired.

Defense attorney Marlon Evans asked Bokos to reduce Reid's bond and order him to remain under house arrest. Evans argued that Reid, because of his hearing impairment, is having a difficult time in jail.

"He's frustrated because he's not around people he's familiar with," Evans said.

Bokos, pointing to the violent nature of the allegations against Reid, said he would have to hear testimony about the case before he would consider a bond reduction. With that, Reid was returned to custody to await his hearing, which will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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BOWMAN

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Westland that long, my heart has always been in Westland," she said.

Bowman worked 13 years as director of the Westland Youth Assistance Program, which she built into a program that has helped hundreds of children improve their lives and change bad behaviors that got them into trouble. Prior to that, Bowman served as director of the Garden City Youth Assistance Program. She also has been involved in numer-

ous community organizations such as Women of Westland.

"Even though I haven't been living in the district, I've represented the district through the commission for two years (as Beard's legislative aide)," she said.

Bowman cited her willingness to relocate immediately to Westland as a sign of her commitment and her service to Westland.

Commissioners also voted unanimously Thursday to replace Beard as vice chair pro tempore of the commission with Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia.

On Tuesday, Beard had told the *Observer* that she had

hoped that a Democrat and a woman would be appointed to replace her. She had declined to name her hand-picked choice of Bowman until Thursday.

Beard stepped down for health reasons and said her doctor and children had pressed her to retire. She said she had hoped to finish out her 15th consecutive two-year term.

Beard was appointed to the commission in April 1978 and was elected later that year. She never lost an election since and often won landslide victories.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Z-PAC dinner

The Wayne Memorial High School Parent Advisory Committee will host its third annual fund-raiser dinner, "Spring Festival of Taste," 7 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center on Marquette in Westland.

The dinner will be by the award-winning culinary arts staff and students. Entertainment will be by magician William Heine. There also will be a silent auction, featuring student artwork and selected items. Tickets cost \$30 each and are available at Wayne Memorial High School or by calling Wayne Memorial Principal John Albrecht at (734) 419-2200. Proceeds will benefit the Wayne High Class of 2008.

St. Pat's parties

The Grange 389 and Westland Parks and Recreation Department are once again sponsoring a family-style St. Patrick's Day Feast Sunday, March 16, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and an Irish dinner, prepared and served by the Grange, will be at 6 p.m. Irish entertainment will follow at 7:45 p.m.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Grange's third-grade dictionary program. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

The Village of Westland invites the community celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish music program at 1 p.m. Monday, March 17. Entertainment will be by Dell and Friends. Refreshments will be provided. Wear your green and receive a gift from our pot of gold. The Village is at 32001 Cherry Hill, south of Merriman. Call (734) 762-8928 for details.

Blood drive

The Forum Fitness Center will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 2-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the center, 34250 Ford at Wildwood, Westland. People at least 17 years old, weighing at least 110 pounds and in generally good health are eligible to give blood. All donors are required to provide an acceptable form of ID - new Red Cross donor card with a bar code, a valid driver's license or government-issued ID.

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membership enrollment fee. Call (734) 729-7000 to schedule a donation appointment. Walk-ins also are welcome.

Baseball registration

The Wayne Ford Civic League is holding baseball registrations for children ages 4-10 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at the league hall at 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Registration fees are \$65 for T-Ball and Coach Pitch leagues and \$80 for Mustang League. Registrations will continue each Saturday until all the teams are full. For additional information, contact the hall at (734) 728-5010 or by e-mail at vbarra@comcast.net.

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is holding its baseball and softball registration now through March 29. There are openings for T-Ball (ages 5-6), Coach-Pitch (7-8), Mustang (9-10), Bronco (11-12), Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16), Palomino (17-18), Slow-Pitch softball (10 U, 12 U, 14 U, 16 U) and Fast-Pitch Softball (same as fast-pitch).

Registration can be completed 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at 6050 Farmington Road north of Ford. For further information, check the Web site at wyaayouthsports@gmail.com or call the office at (734) 421-0640 during regular business hours.

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Models sought for historical fashion show

Dreaming about being a runway diva?

The Westland Historical Society has put out a casting call for models to walk the runway, wearing historical fashions.

If you've ever dreamed of walking down the cat-walk, strutting your stuff for all to see, you can have the chance on Wednesday, June 4, when the society hosts a historical fashion show at the Bailey Recreation Center.

The historical society is looking for volunteer models who

have or are willing to make, their own historical fashions to share with the community.

"Everyone, regardless of age and gender, is invited to participate," said event organizer Bethany Stawasz. "It will be a great opportunity for the women and men of Westland to learn about history while having fun."

The historical society is looking for outfits from all time periods, from the middle ages to the American Civil War and up through the 1970s. For those without an outfit to wear,

Stawasz recommends visiting a local fabric store, picking up a pattern, and starting to sew.

"Simplicity makes a great line of historically accurate, easy-to-make costumes that would be very appropriate for this event," Stawasz said. "Making a historical costume and then wearing it at a real fashion show could be a very rewarding educational experience for young and old alike in the community."

People interested in joining the fashionable fun can call Stawasz for more information.

She can be reached through the Westland Historic Village Park at (734) 326-1110 or by e-mail at bethstawasz@yahoo.com.

The Westland Historical Society and Historical Commission are planning various other events in 2008. Look for more information regarding the Armed Forces

Day celebration on May 17, a summer crafts demonstration day, a summer ice cream social, a historical baseball game between the Westland Zip-a-dee-do-dahs and Greenfield Village Lah-de-Dahs on Sept. 28, a performance by the Petticoat Ladies on Oct. 2, and an antiques appraisal clinic in

November.

The Westland Historic Village Park is at 857 N. Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays (except holiday weekends). Admission is free. Group tours are available at other times by pre-arrangement.

RESTAURANT

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Lori Fodale said. "It's certainly getting us off to a good start."

Coincidentally, Fodale already has become one of Chen's repeat customers in a shopping center built by D&G Building Co., which invested in Westland despite Michigan's sour economy.

Chen chose the shopping center for Golden Chopsticks because the new building caught his attention, and it was built in a high-traffic area. His family also bought Kitty's Chop Suey in Garden City four years ago and runs fast-food Chinese eateries in malls in Lansing and Muskegon.

There's nothing fast-food



Owner Eric Chen shows off the interior of his Golden Chopsticks Restaurant. Chen's family also owns Kitty's Chop Suey in Garden City.

about Golden Chopsticks, though. It has become Chen's showcase restaurant, offering cuisine ranging from Szechuan to Hunan to Thai. It also offers sushi, and chefs even serve up a Cajun-inspired dish, the

bourbon grilled chicken with steamed vegetables.

Prices can range from lunch specials less than \$6 to a dinner-for-five meal for \$47.75. The menu includes some dishes, such as the Peking Pork Chop and Golden Chopsticks Flaming Steak, that often aren't found on Asian menus.

Chen, who lives in Garden City with wife Hon and children Michael, 13, and Sharon, 8, said all Golden Chopsticks meals are cooked from scratch. He vowed when he opened his newest restaurant to provide quality, tasty food in a clean, stylish atmosphere.

If he keeps those promises, he said, "I hope to be here a long time."

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Metro Allstars hip hop way to world competition

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The trophy sits in the lobby of the Metro Cheer Training Center in Westland, a testament to 12 girls who have danced their way to world competition next month in Orlando, Fla.

Coached by Marcelle Long, the Metro Allstars have won a partial paid bid to the competition after coming out on top in the senior hip hop division at the Xtreme Spirit Midwest Dance National Championship, held Feb. 23-24 in Wisconsin.

"I'm proud they made it. The girls really worked hard for it," Long said. "They really wanted to go to the worlds."

"It's really exciting," added Permella Harris, who with Tanesha Taylor are Metro Cheer presidents and program directors. "This is the first team to go to worlds. It's the best dance team we've ever had. It's just such an honor. These kids so deserve this."

Dressed in jean jackets and camouflage pants, they danced and did tricks to a remix of songs by Swizz Beatz, Lil' Jon and the Eastside Boyz, Tone-Tone and E-40. The routine was just over two minutes in length and included 15 formations, three jumps and five tricks. The team performed it flawlessly on the first day of competition, but made several "minor mistakes" the second day. But the errors weren't enough to dash their championship dreams.

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The Allstars has had a



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Showing off their first-place national championship trophy are the Metro Allstars - Victoria Baker of Wayne Memorial High School, Jasmine Buckley of Allen Academy, Leah Drew of Cass Technical High School, Jessica Garner of Renaissance High School, Jazmin Miller of Southfield High School, Rylie Motley of West Bloomfield High School, Renita Reeves of Academy of Southfield, Stacy Reid of Lahser High School, Alex Russell of West Bloomfield High School, Keiara Stevenson of Henry Ford Academy, Bre'Ana Taylor of West Bloomfield High School of and Kristyn Wajsgaras of Lahser High School.

string of championships, starting with the The Big Jam at Cobo Center, where they won the Grand Champion Award and Taylor received the Best Choreography Award. That was followed by first-place national champion and grand champion honors at the Jamfest National Championship in Las Vegas and the Athletic National Championship in Columbus, Ohio, plus a first-place regional championship at the Ameri Dance Motor City All-Star Challenge in St. Clair Shores. Now they're getting ready

for the U.S. All Star Federation Cheerleading and Dance Worlds in Orlando, Fla., April 26-27. The team received a partially paid (\$3,500) bid and is in the process of raising the remaining \$6,000 to participate in the competition.

The each team member is selling 10 \$40 sponsorships to friends, relatives and businesses. In exchange for the support, the sponsor's name will be listed on the back of T-shirts the girls will wear at the world competition.

Renita Reeves, a student at the Academy of Southfield, has already filled her quota because

READY FOR WORLDS

Who: Metro Allstars, coached by Marcelle Long.
What: Fund-raising to pay for a trip to the U.S. All Star Federation Cheerleading and Dance Worlds in Orlando, Fla., April 26-27, after placing first in senior hip hop at the Xtreme Spirit Midwest Dance National Championship last month.
Where: Donations can be sent to the Metro Cheer Training Center, 38750 Webb Dr., Westland.
What: For more information about the fund-raiser or about tryouts for youth ages 3-18 at Metro Cheer in Westland and the at the Bloomfield Gymnastics Center in Bloomfield Hills, call (734) 722-9664.

her relatives and friends "love me." The youngest member of the team, she started in cheerleading in the Police Athletic League in Detroit before switching to Metro Cheer. She's been a member of the team for three years.

"It's really exciting," Reeves said. "I'm proud that we made worlds because we really worked hard for it."

'BEST OF THE BEST'

Teammate Bre'Ana Taylor also wasn't surprised how well the Allstars did.

"We worked hard, we had a few mistakes and the other team we went against was good," said Taylor, a freshman at West Bloomfield High School.

Taylor is excited about the opportunity to compete at the worlds and said she is "trying to take a leadership role on the team so they're more focused."

"We have to be more focused because we'll be competing against the best of the best," she said. "The big problem is that we're older and we want to be on our cell phones talking to our

friends."

Taylor has been with the center for eight years. Her interest in cheer was sparked by her mother, who coached at different high schools. She would go along to watch. Now she cheers for West Bloomfield High School, where she also plays basketball and runs track.

"I started like everyone else," she said. "I didn't even know how to do a cartwheel."

The team practices 1½ hours a week and Long may add a practice or two to prepare for the worlds. The routine will be what the team performed at Xtreme Spirit, although Long said she may increase the difficulty a bit.

"The girls are already talented, and that helps," the Waterford resident said. "They're focused and they know why they're here. They use practice as a time to bond and get focused."

"I don't drill in them that I want them to win, I drill in them to do their best, give all they have for the two minutes and 15 seconds they're out there performing."

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It's nature's way: Lessons learned from a corn bin mouse

"That land is a community is the basic concept of ecology, but that land is loved and respected is an extension of ethics. That land yields a cultural harvest is a fact long known, but latterly often forgotten."
- Aldo Leopold, March, 1948.



On Nature

Jonathan Schechter

On the first Saturday of this waning month of winter, I took time to reflect on land, ethics, nature's way and wisdom gleaned from a mouse in a corn bin.

Fact: I love my land perhaps more than ever because my limited acreage is surrounded by other limited acreages, but all interconnected into a relatively functional landscape in spite of humans.

A name does not make a landscape whole. In some cases nature exists in name only. Pheasant Run and Quail Hollow in Bloomfield Township no longer host their feathered namesakes. Meadowbrook has not much in the way of a natural meadow or a wild brook. The West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve and Dinosaur Hill are certainly no longer parts of functional interconnected wild landscape.

They do remain vital islands, with diminishing biodiversity and increased human pressures. And Shain Park is little more than a fragment of

away, our children's phobias, creature fears and misconceptions grow.

We sometimes play elaborate word games to satisfy egos or remove guilt when it comes to nature. I'm guilty too. And then there is that infantile, meaningless statement that some still toss around in land use and park meetings. "Let's think out of the box." Others believe if they drive biodiesel to the mega mall or plant a tree in their chemically bathed parking lot green spot they have turned the tide against a changing climate.

And some with naivety or arrogance cite this winters snow as proof global warming is myth, instead of understanding the evidence of warmer waters and climatic upheaval. Isolating oneself from nature ethics is not new.

green, a place for clandestine nocturnal dog walking, hand holding and summer concerts. Am I glad places like these exist? You bet. We need them. But as nature-based education in "wild nature" slips



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

A white-footed mouse finds plenty to eat in a corn bin.

In 1930 Aldo Leopold penned, "The problem is how to bring about a striving for harmony with land and people, many of whom have forgotten there is such a thing as land, among whom education and culture have almost become synonymous with landlessness. This

is the problem of conversation education."

Back to my love of the land and corn bin mouse: I shuffled out to the bin to fill a bucket for squirrels, doves, deer and whoever else makes a showing. I do it full well knowing I am messing with nature's way of

survival of the fittest by providing an easy food source.

For the fifth time bulging eyes of a white footed mouse stared up at me from the sea of corn. I think it's the same crooked tail mouse. I help him escape. Again. But I wonder if he knows I bring food

AND bin-tilting freedom, or if he is just so pea-brained that he forgets he will get stuck during corn bingeing. Is the lure of food greater than fears? I suspect so, but I try to not to philosophize in a manner that forces a conclusion. Trying to draw a conclusion on every nature observation is not needed. Sometimes we just appreciate.

Appreciation is not the wisdom of conservation education, the protection of wildlife travel corridors, the understanding of the spread of bovine tuberculosis in wild deer and related lofty and emerging issues. Today I simply look forward to a month that brings herons and vultures home. A month of emergence of groundhogs, first blooms of woodland wildflowers on southern slopes, tom turkeys practicing their gobbles and pussy willow catkins forming down by my swamp during ice-out. March is a good month of transition, for well off man and corn rich mice, a time when spring thoughts outweigh the truth of realities.

Perhaps that's spring fever or a quiet acceptance of the altered reality of our natural world.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. E-mail: oaknature@aol.com.

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Tax records should be kept seven years and then shredded

Dear Rick: I just got done with my 2007 tax return. How long do I need to save my tax information? I have tax information for over 20 years and I am running out of room. What should I keep and what can I throw out?

My general rule is you should never throw out the return. However, the backup documentation you're saving can be disposed of sooner.

Generally, the Internal Revenue Service can audit a return up to three years after



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

save tax returns and backup documentation for three years.

the original return is filed. For example, if you filed your 2004 tax return by April 15, 2005, the IRS would have to April 15, 2008, to initiate an audit. At a minimum,

If the IRS believes you have a 25 percent error in your return or greater, it can audit up to six years. Although rare, it does happen. Because of this, I recommend retaining backup tax records for seven years. After that, shred all backup documentation.

It is amazing to me how much paper the typical American saves. I know individuals who have cancelled checks for their phone bill from 10 years ago. There is no reason to do this. For most

recurring bills, I hold them for one month. When I receive the next month's bill, I shred the last month's bill along with the cancelled check.

It is imperative for everyone to have a family record-keeping system, including a permanent file which should contain an up-to-date list of assets and where they are located. In addition, the permanent file should contain a listing of liabilities and a contact list of professionals that you deal with such as

financial adviser, accountant and attorney. A permanent file should contain where you keep legal documents such as medical power of attorney and durable power of attorney.

It is not sufficient just to have a good record-keeping system and a permanent file. In addition, someone other than yourself needs to have access to your permanent file. In an emergency, someone will need to access your information.

The key to any record-keeping system is to use one that works for you. Tax time is a good time to organize records and establish a record-keeping system that works for you.

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Families need plan to deal with home fires

Most people place as much importance on family fire safety as they do on rearranging their sock drawers. But when you consider that over 80 percent of all fire deaths in the United States occur in residences, it just makes good sense to take a few minutes to devise your home fire escape plan.

Map out an overhead plan of your home on a piece of paper and draw in the walls that let you see a "birds eye" view of each room. If you have more than one floor, put each floor on a separate piece of paper. Mark in the primary escape path for each room in the house, usually consisting of following the door out of a room and out the main door of the house.

Then, make a secondary escape path, in case the primary path is blocked by heat, smoke and/or fire. This is usually a window out of each room. Make sure they open freely, and the person who normally sleeps in bedrooms can easily open their windows. An outside meeting place is a necessity.

Smoke alarms are an inexpensive way to get an early warning in case there is smoke in your home. There is a lot of talk about types of sensing technology, and we suggest you spend a bit more on smoke alarms that have "dual sensing technology", that includes both ionization and photoelectric sensing chambers. Have a minimum of one smoke alarm per floor, with units outside of any sleeping area. Having more only increases your warning time, so just avoid a few places prone to nuisance alarms, like bathrooms, kitchens and by fireplaces.



Tom Kiurski

For those of you who have family members who sleep upstairs, and slipping out a window onto the ground is not an option, purchase safety ladders. They are compact and fit nicely under a bed or in a closet until needed. They simply hook onto the window sill and you can descend from there. They are available in two- and three-story

models, so measure how far from window to ground you need and purchase the appropriate ladder.

Fire extinguishers make good sense to have in any home, to extinguish small fires that may break out while you are close by. Most home fires start in the kitchen, so that makes great sense to keep one there. If you want to get a few more, the garage and basement are good places to keep those. Purchase extinguishers rated for "A, B and C" type fires, as that covers any fire you may have in your home. Teach those in your family how to use them, but never delay calling the fire department to use a portable fire extinguisher.

The most important part of any family safety plan is practicing the plan with all members of the family present. The hardest part is the few minutes needed to develop the plan (which can be a fun family assignment), and the easy part is practicing it at least twice a year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at any Livonia fire station or call (734) 466-2444. Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

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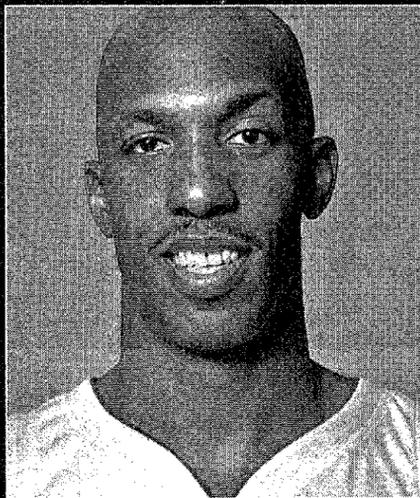
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Adkins and Lutteke attended a five-day training course on customer service and the latest in industry technology at the company headquarters in Texas.

"We follow a professional system at Mr. Appliance. Our service professionals wear shoe covers inside homes and use a

menu pricing guide so there are no surprises," said Doug Rogers, president of Mr. Appliance Corp. "We're delighted that Aaron and Brooke have joined our team, and we believe their business will be successful because we all operate under the same core values."

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North Brothers holds annual clothing drive

Cleaning out your closets? Wondering what to do with the unwanted clothing?

Take it to North Brothers Ford which is holding its annual clothing drive to benefit the Wayne County Family Resource Center in Westland.

Running now through March 31, area residents can drop off new and gently-used clothing at the dealership on Ford Road west of Venoy in

Westland. Monetary donations also are welcomed and can be made in person or by phone.

The annual clothing drive, which started in 1994, has provided more than \$25,000 dollars and 2,500 bags of clothing to local charities and support groups.

This year's goal is to raise \$10,000 and collect 500 bags of clothing. To make sure this

happens, North Brothers is now offering a free donation pickup service. In addition, the dealership will make a monetary donation for each bag of clothing contributed.

To schedule a donation pickup or find out how you can help, call Jackie Marcaccini at North Brothers Ford at (734) 524-1243 or by e-mail jackie@northbros.com.

Kiwanis 'showers' center with gifts

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The weekly meeting of the Garden City Kiwanis Club always includes lunch, but the menu usually doesn't include baby food or cupcakes decorated with a pastel chocolate teddy bear.

Members of the club and guests were challenged to identify the flavor of six unmarked jars of baby food as part of the annual baby shower to benefit the Garden City Family Resource Center.

Club members donated diapers, formula, baby food and other items that will be used in baskets that the Family Resource Center provides to families with newborns at no charge.

"All they have to do is call us, if they live in Garden City, and tell us they have a baby under one year," said Monica Fulton, Family Resource Center director, speaking at the Kiwanis meeting. "We fill the basket with diapers, wipes, etc. But also with a lot of developmental materials."

The gift baskets also include a book donated by Garden City First Book, which actually will be the baby's first book. About 45 baskets were distributed last year.

"It's really a great thing. We're bringing the family into the community to bond with the Family Resource Center and bond with the community," Fulton said. "The developmental materials help with appropriate expectations. A 2-year-old can't follow multiple instructions in one sentence."

Having an age-appropriate expectation of the child helps the parent not become frustrated and yelling at the youngster, Fulton said.

During her remarks, Fulton also mentioned some other programs offered through the



Diapers were a popular donation at the Garden City Kiwanis Club baby shower to benefit the Family Resource Center. Helping carry the donations were Cheryl Rasmussen (left), Charles Gumina and Richard Gora.

Family Resource Center which evolved and expanded beyond the original Youth Assistance Program.

One program is Strengthening Families, which requires a 2 1/2-hour commitment each week by parents and children. While the parents focus on parenting skills, the youngsters work on anger management, dispute resolution and related issues.

"We are five or six weeks into a 14-week program. I don't know about you, but 2 1/2 hours is a lot of my week. It's a big commitment," Fulton said.

The Family Resource Center also offers a drug-free teens support and activity group. Responding to questions, Fulton said survey information shows higher teen alcohol and marijuana use than the national average.

"There is a high level of use by teens and they don't believe in the ramifications of the use," Fulton said. "In high-risk kids, 90 percent have active alcohol or drug use in the home by parents or others."

As a result, 62 percent of teens surveyed didn't think drug or

alcohol use was harmful, she said.

"We've all heard of parents allowing kids to have an alcohol party at home — that it was safer to know what they were doing," said Patricia McKarge, a Kiwanis member and former Youth Assistance director.

Fulton recounted a case of parents who pulled their son out of a Family Resource Center program after he kept testing positive for marijuana uses at increasing levels.

"They didn't want to deal with his drug abuse; they would have to address their own drug abuse," Fulton said, noting that parental attendance at Youth Assistance sessions is mandatory. "About 95 percent of the time, the parents in the group are grumbling that they are being punished. Three weeks later they are crying that their family is out of control."

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By Elena Lombardi

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Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons

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Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last May.

Macular degeneration, cataract, stroke and double vision were causing reading and driving problems. Dr. Smith prescribed a complete low vision system which included telescopic glasses for driving and special prismatic glasses for reading. The entire cost was \$2789. Leo said "the telescopic driving glasses really help me see traffic lights and street signs down the block. And reading is much easier and single now with these special reading glasses. I am glad I found you, Dr. Smith."

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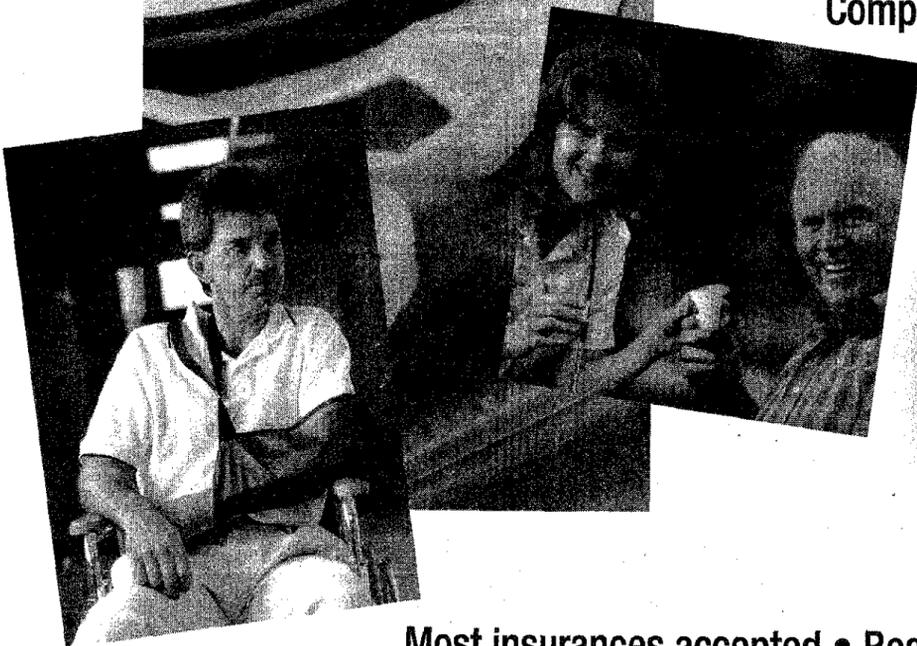
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Foreclosure relief bills get Senate OK

The Michigan Senate voted last week to pass several bills as part of an ongoing bipartisan, bicameral effort to reduce mortgage foreclosures and stabilize Michigan's turbulent housing market.

Key features in this legislative package include an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) Refinance Program and a Rescue Refinance Program. Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, a co-sponsor of Senate bills 948, 950 and 951, applauded the approval.

"This legislation offers important solutions to our state's housing crisis that will help keep Michigan families in their homes," said Anderson. "Passing the 'Save the Dream' package will help us fight foreclosures and lay the groundwork for future job growth in Michigan."

The initiative was first launched by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Michael R. DeVos, executive director of the Michigan State Housing

Development Authority (MHSDA), in the fall. The ARM Refinance Program will help homeowners switch to a lower-interest, fixed-rate loan through MSHDA. The Rescue Refinance Program will assist homeowners who have a delinquency on their mortgage and face foreclosure.

In order to qualify for these new loan products, homeowners must meet the same income and sales requirements as other MSHDA programs. While homeowners will still be responsible for paying off the full value of their refinanced mortgages, these programs will be aggressively priced below market rates, benefiting the most at-risk families.

To learn more, visit www.michigan.gov/mshda and click on the "Save the Dream" link. Current and prospective homeowners can also contact MSHDA toll-free at 866-946-7432 for more information.

Teen enjoys rewards of volunteering at hospital

For most high school students, holding down a part-time job, getting good grades and playing sports is a demanding combination.

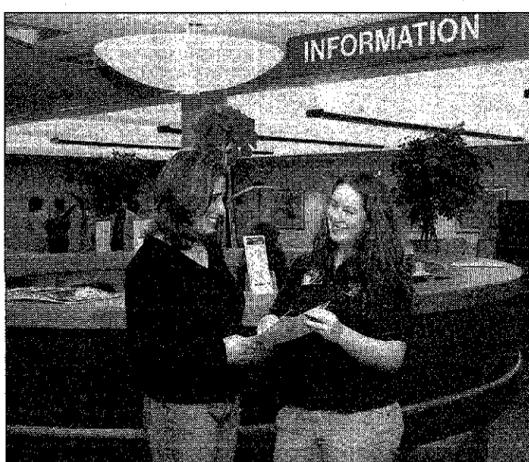
But for Ashleigh Johnson, a senior at Garden City High School, add one more demand to the mix: Johnson has donated a total of 250 volunteer hours to Garden City Hospital. This 17-year-old earns nearly all As, plays tennis and softball, and gives her "spare time" to the patients and visitors of Garden City Hospital.

"It all began when I was interested in a career in medicine," she said. "I thought I'd see how I liked it, and chose Garden City Hospital because the people here are so friendly and helpful."

Johnson's post at the information desk means she interacts constantly with patients and visitors, giving directions or personally escorting visitors to the emergency department, answering phones, transporting patients in wheelchairs, and delivering flowers to patient rooms. Once, she even escorted the Easter Bunny, who was delivering gifts to patients.

Volunteering at the hospital has become a passion of Johnson's.

"I like dealing with all different kinds of people," Johnson said. "And I feel good knowing



Ashleigh Johnson (right), a Garden City High School senior and award-winning volunteer at Garden City Hospital, provides visitor Norma Pederson with information.

that I can offer help or bring someone a smile. It's nice to see patients feeling better when they know someone is thinking about them."

While some of her friends don't understand why she would work without getting paid, most are supportive and one has been inspired to do volunteer work.

"One of my friends volunteers at Garden City Hospital in the rehabilitation department now," she said.

In November, Johnson was

rewarded for her volunteerism with the "Thanks for Giving" award and invited to a reception where Chuck Gaidica of WDIV TV-4 presented her with a certificate and a watch in front of a crowd that included her family and Sue Methner, director of volunteers at Garden City Hospital.

Methner, who recruits and places volunteers at Garden City Hospital, said volunteer opportunities are available for adults and teenagers age 14 and older. She looks for people

interested in providing clerical support, staffing information desks, transporting patients and assisting on nursing units. Volunteers receive a free lunch on their volunteer day, a uniform, and the chance to be involved "behind the scenes" at Garden City Hospital.

To become a volunteer, individuals first complete an application form, available at the hospital's main lobby information desk or by calling (734) 458-4280.

Volunteers can also donate time to the hospital by becoming a member of the Garden City Hospital Guild. The guild raises funds to support patient care and staffs the hospital coffee shop, gift shop and information desks, and delivers mail to patients. For more information, call (734) 458-4421.

Her volunteer experience has given Johnson a new perspective on a career in health care, as has her part-time paid job at an area funeral home. The combination of experiences led her to a career decision.

"I'm interested in forensic psychology now, but I still plan to volunteer at the hospital," she said. "It's been a really good experience. It gives me a good feeling to be here, and I don't have to be paid to do it. I'll never forget the people I've met, and I like knowing that I might have helped someone."



CITY OF GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To all residents and interested parties, the Council minutes will be available for review on the internet at:

www.gardencitymi.org

You can access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day.

Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
3005 Judith Ann Johnston boxes tools bags
3032 Jacquelyn Cicotte clothes crib car seat
3033 Anna Sixbey bags totes table
3042 Rick Seal sofa loveseat
3082 Michael Height bags boxes totes
3090 Borders Books shelving boxes
3097 Thomas Lippford bags boxes totes
4011 Shauna Moore fridge W/D stove
4043 Jacqueline Yurkovich bags boxes totes
5006 Patrick M. Lafferty boxes oven furniture
5069 Carl Hicks bags boxes totes
5089 Sandra Church boxes bikes bags
6001 Anthony Davis lawn tools mower boxes
6056 Robert Winter Jr. Matchbox collectibles boxes scooters
6091 Donald Faulknor 20 totes
7024 Diane McGuire bags boxes totes

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

March 27, 2008

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 27, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed Special Land Use:

SPR/SLU 07-011, Garden City Schools/T-Mobile proposed construction of a Cellular Tower at 1333 Radcliff Street. The applicant Garden City Schools/T-Mobile is proposing to construct a Cellular Tower and cabinet at 1333 Radcliff Street. The subject property is zoned R-1 Residential. Cellular towers require Special Land Use approval in a Residential Zoning District in Garden City.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

Paul C. Zelenak, Director
Community Development Department

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

2464- Nicole Turner- boxes,bags,totes
2283-Tammy Butler-boxes totes clothes
2464-Nicole Turner-boxes table bags
1008-Candy Chartier-boxes,bags,totes
1014-Moses Temple Baptist Church-boxes,bags,totes
1088-Ernell K. Ware-boxes,bags,totes
1154-Nicole Allen-boxes,bags,totes
1224-Sammy Williams Jr-boxes,bags,totes
1252-Khadajah Robinson-boxes,bags,totes
1320-Jessica Moore-boxes,bags,totes
1338-Kenisha Mabone-boxes,bags,totes
1360-Scott Ford-boxes,bags,totes
1430-Kathryn Willis-boxes,bags,totes
1448-Franklin R. Jones-boxes,bags,totes
1506-Kevin Cutler-boxes,bags,totes
1554-Be Da 1st Inc-boxes,bags,totes
1550-Be Da 1st Inc-boxes,bags,totes
1560-Meraj Yunus-boxes,bags,totes
2026-Montez Barr-boxes,bags,totes
2038-Jean Kirby-boxes,bags,totes
2400-Jodi Beydoun -boxes,bags,totes
2406-Peggy Lillie-boxes,bags,totes
2458-Kelly Bazzi-boxes,bags,totes
2472-Alisa Shuddel-boxes,bags,totes

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CHERRY HILL SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS 2008-2009 OPEN ENROLLMENT

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at Charter School Administration Services

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Academy of Westland 2008-2009 Open Enrollment

April 14-April 28, 2008

Applications available at, and must be submitted to,
Academy of Westland
300 Henry Ruff Rd., Westland, MI 48186

Lottery, if necessary,
May 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

at Charter School Administration Services

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

518- Ann Marie Swift-box,sofa,tv
1025-Nicole Hellemis- bag,totes,washer
1034- Ricky Lee Nedrow- bag,totes,box
214- Jason Wozniak- bags,boxes,totes
220- Sunshine Rudisill- washer,dryer,sofa
335- Construction Carlson- bags,boxes,totes
337- Norris Taylor- boxes,sofa,chair
512- Janet Pielak- bags,boxes,totes
518- Annmarie Swift- bags,boxes,totes
524- Debra Higgins- bags,boxes,totes
532- Michael Santwire- bags,boxes,totes
622- James Adams- bags,boxes,totes
651- Taquana Brooks- bags,boxes,totes
653- Rick Carlson-bags,boxes,totes
657- Kymane R. Clark- bags,boxes,totes
834- Eleni M. Segos- bags,boxes,totes
956- Ralph Esquivel- shelving,lights,box

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C025- Lola Yonko- couch,trunk,tank
A016- Tracey Wilburn-tv,washer,bed
B048- Keyanna Wafford-couch,washer,dryer
B097- Margret Mercing-cabinet,dresser,totes
B117- Engrid Gudger- box,bag,tote
B126- Jeffrey Johnson- box,bag,tote
C025- Lola Yonko- box,bag,tote
C043- Tonia Johnson- box,bag,tote
F003- Anthony Woods-boxes,mattress,bike,bike
B002-Belinda Riaz-Knowlton-boxes,bags,totes
B028-Deborah Coe-washer,boxes,fan
B064- Jeff Woodruff- shelving
B074-Angela Aoun- bike,ac,bags
B075- La Mona James- bags,boxes,totes
B087- Robert Bob Sorke- bags,boxes,totes
B104- Harmony Davis- bags,boxes,totes
B110- Mr. James Preiss-bags,boxes,totes
B129-Linda Carter-bags,boxes,totes
B197- Lawonda Jenkins- tv,washer,dryer
B208- Tobi Graves- bags,boxes,totes
B224- Edward Cameron-sofa,table,chairs
B225- Edward Oharah-sofa,boxes,bags
B235- Reginald R. Gaston- bags,boxes,totes
B240- Jeffrey Franklin- bed,mattress,boxspring
B314- Amanda Werstein- futon,bag,fan
B315- Odessa scott- totes,compressor,bag
B353- Dave Smith- totes,bags,boxes
B378- Jerry Gilbert- boxes,bags
B382- James White- boxes,dresser,bags
B394- Elgena Rivera- bag,boxes,totes
C002- Channel Merideth- bags,boxes,totes
C018- Ted Konesky-bike,boxes,trash
C036- Bennie Esters- weight bench
D017- Austin Goman- dining set,boxes,trunk
D041- Terrill Eastman- microwave,totes,boxes
F003- Anthony Woods- boxes,mattress,bike

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1320 Jessica Moore bags boxes totes
1348 Michael McClain bags boxes totes
1354 April Stewart fridge boxes bags
1360 Scott Ford TV sofa BBQ
1464 Tamkia Parker TV fridge W/D
1468 Linda Riley bags boxes totes
1508 Denise Jordan fridge stove W/D
2090 April Mcleod bags boxes totes
1552 Marion Sinclair bags boxes totes
2464 Nicole Turner bags boxes totes

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO PUBLIC AUCTION

On MARCH 18th, 2008 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1998 Pontiac	Sunfire 4D	White	1G2JB524XW7547440
1994 Ford	SW	Blue	1FDEE14H0RHA88586
1992 Buick	4D	Maroon	1G4CW53L9N1610619
2006 Kaufman	Car Hauler	Black	15XFW325XGL000964
1993 Ford	2D	Tan	1FAPP11J3PW114336
1988 Dodge	Dakota	PU	1B7FN14X7J5630824
1992 Olds	Royale	4D	1G3HY53LXN1805603
1991 Pontiac	Bonneville	4D	1G2HX54CM1218505
1993 Ford	2D	Green	1FMCU24X3PUC64008
1993 Ford	Explorer	SW	1FMCU22X6PUA29699
2005 Ford	Taurus	4D	Burgundy 1FAPP53275A178995
1990 Ford	Aerostar	SW	Tan 1FMC11U11ZB32634
1991 Chevy	Pick Up	Gray	1GCCS14R5M0204840
1994 Geo	4D	Tan	1Y1SK5369RZ055521
1994 Dodge	Pick Up	Black	1B7GG26X9R8603296
1995 GMC	Pick Up	Blk/Gray	2GTEK19KKS1587969
1996 Chrysler	Sebring	2D	Green 4C3AU42N4TE373500
1992 Saturn	4D	Green	1G8ZJ5473NZ180127
1991 Mercury	4D	White	1MEPM36X4MK612512
1993 Dodge	Pick Up	Green	1B7FL26X8PS154570
1995 Chevy	Van	White	1GCEG26H0SF212683
1995 Ford	2D	Black	1FASP11J4SW395100
1995 Ford	Pick Up	Blue	1FTEP14Y2SLA67467
1993 Buick	SW	Tan	1G4AG85N2P6421207
1994 Chevy	Pick Up	White	1GBEC19K3RE256161
2003 Chevy	Cavalier	4D	Gold 1G1JC52F037264625
1988 Plymouth	4D	Blue	1P3XB26JW178275
2000 Ford	Focus	2D	Red 3FAFP3134YR210912
1994 Chevy	2D	Purple	1G1JF14T9R7104903
1992 Chevy	Beretta	2D	Red 1G1LV1344Y1172870
1994 Chevy	Pick Up	Blue	2GCEC19Z1R1168915

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from the list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after APRIL 8th, 2008, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
2003 Ford	Taurus	4D	Gray 1FAPP53U63A122805

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OUR VIEWS

Look to small business for job growth

Michigan's economic equivalent of a long, hard winter, which saw the loss of 58,000 jobs in 2007, could be melting with initiatives now under way.

Workers shouldn't expect a flood of employment opportunities immediately, but the drip-drip-drip of job prospects may have already begun.

Programs such as Michigan's No Worker Left Behind, which recently awarded \$296,000 for training in Macomb and St. Clair counties, offer economic opportunity to displaced workers. Meanwhile, a bipartisan plan to offer a 40-percent tax break to companies in the film industry is the kind of aggressive economic welcome needed to bring new business to Michigan. A look at job opportunities in the last year, however, shows that job prospects aren't coming from the really large companies, but from individual startups and smaller companies that are brushing the frost off of economic forecasts. For instance, a young company called Fathead, which creates life-size sports and entertainment figures for household use, has brought 55 jobs to its Livonia headquarters.

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which creates life-size sports and entertainment figures for household use, has brought 55 jobs to its Livonia headquarters.

In Westland, several new restaurants have opened and small business like Bridal All Occasion Accessories and Luv II Shine Urban Wear are filling the storefronts of a new strip mall along the city's main corridor. Similarly small businesses are bucking the odds and opening their doors in Redford and Garden City.

True, there are big companies that fearlessly walk out on the ice, like Urban Retail, that recently bought the Oakland Mall, whose officials see opportunities in the marketplace.

But the likelihood is that Michigan's frozen economy will be warmed, job by job, by opportunities coming from the small business sector.

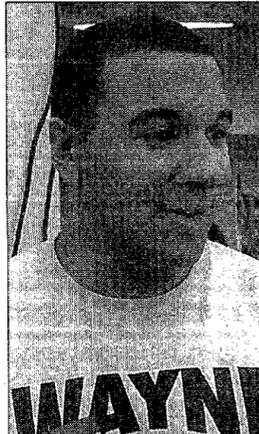
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"With the push to get younger voters to the polls, especially in November, do you plan to vote in the November presidential election? We asked the question of students at Wayne Memorial High School.



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Jordan Dottor
Westland



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C.J. Kelly
Wayne



"Yes, it's important to me to be involved in deciding who's going to lead the country and make the decisions."

Jessica Martin
Wayne



"No, I won't be old enough by the time they hold the election. But I'm prepared and educated. I know who I would vote for, I've done my research and kept up with the primaries."

Samantha Gaskill
Wayne

LETTERS

MDA remains vigilant

In light of the recent Hallmark/Westland beef recall, I want to remind consumers that the safety of Michigan's food supply - from farm to fork - is paramount and continues to be the Michigan Department of Agriculture's top priority. This is a serious responsibility in today's global marketplace where, if we're not vigilant, problems of every type can impact our food - whether it was produced here or on the other side of the world.

MDA, as well as our local and federal partners, have clear roles in assuring consumers that their food and the places they eat are safe.

While there are numerous challenges in today's dynamic global food supply chain, officials at all levels of government -

local, state, and federal - strive every day to create a seamless food safety system to protect the public.

The United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for inspecting meat slaughter and processing facilities in Michigan.

Currently, there are approximately 220 USDA-inspected federal slaughter and processing plants in the state. MDA is charged with inspecting approximately 20,000 diversified food establishments, such as grocery stores, grain mills, fruit and vegetable processing plants, water bottlers and more. MDA also works closely with local health departments who inspect more than 40,000 restaurants and cafeterias statewide.

On a daily basis, local and state food inspectors assure the safety of the food supply by conducting inspections, col-

lecting samples and testing food to detect hazards, responding to consumer complaints, enforcing food standards and labeling, removing unwholesome food from commerce, responding to recalls, food emergencies and disasters, licensing facilities, and providing food export certification.

Everyone has a role in assuring that safety - whether it's a farmer, a restaurant manager, a food inspector, or processing plant operator.

The bottom line is Michigan consumers expect that the food they purchase and eat is safe, and MDA will continue to be vigilant in protecting the state's food supply.

Don Koivisto,
Director
Michigan Department of Agriculture



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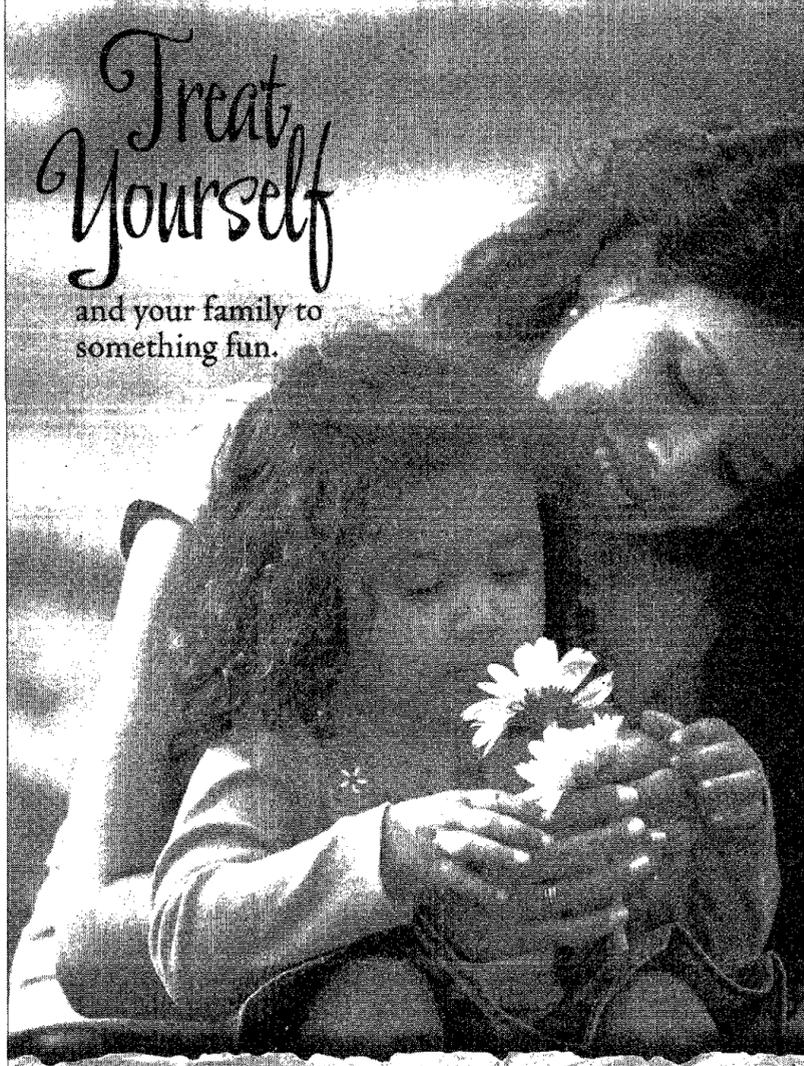
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Livonia teams make state-ment in finals

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Barring some sort of catastrophe, Grand Ledge was going to win its first-ever MHSAA girls gymnastics title Friday night at Plymouth High School. And the state's No. 1-ranked team all season didn't falter, scoring a team-high 148.65 points. And to nobody's surprise, No. 2-ranked Farmington took runner-up honors with 146.75. The surprises, however, came afterwards as Livonia Blue placed third with 144.725 followed by

Northville (144.45) and Troy Athens (144.375) in a hotly contested battle for the next three spots.

Also coming through with a credible performance was Livonia Red, which finished ninth in the 13-school field with a total of 141.025. Regional runner-up Canton was 10th with a 139.05. Leading the way for regional champion Livonia Blue squad was the trio of Emily Quint, who scored a 37.050 in the all-around; Meghan Powers, 36.125; and Laura Nomura, 35.675. Livonia Blue's best events were

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the vault (37.05) and uneven bars (35.9), which put them second and third overall.

"On the whole, it was a good meet," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Fierk said. "It was pretty high (score) for a meet like this. Laura Nomura's 9.55 on vault was an excellent score for her and the same goes for Emily Quint with a 9.55 on floor."

Livonia Blue finished seventh on floor (36.825) and eighth on the balance beam (36.825).

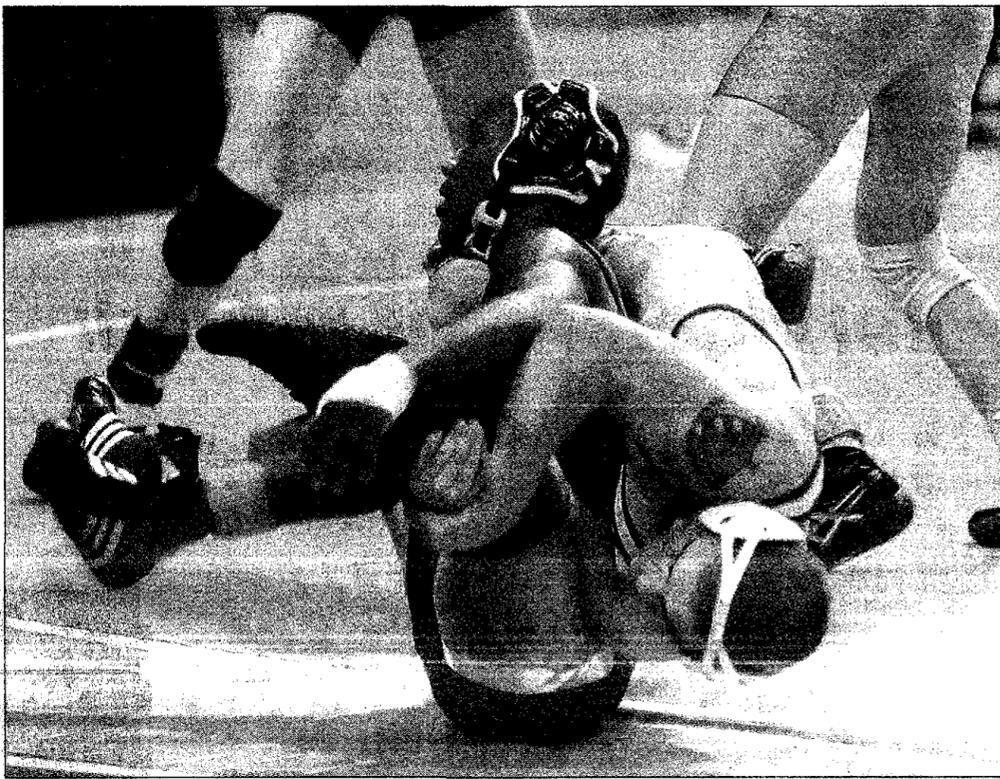
"I thought we were mostly relaxed, but some nerves came into play because we started on beam, which we haven't done all season," Fierk said. "But we took the beam and increased our scores from there. It was an excellent meet overall. They exceeded my expectations. I'm so proud of them."

Livonia Red, the only team to make the field as an at-large (fourth at the regional), got another sterling performance from Paula Guzik, who had the fourth-best all-around score on the night (37.35).

"I'm very pleased because we were almost right where we were at the regional," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "I think some nerves came into play. But we were so happy to be here because our goal was to make it to 'states.'"

"Paula Guzik's balance beam (9.375) - where she did consecutive back-tucks for the first time - was outstanding. And her floor (9.65) was amazing. Margarita Lazarevska was also very solid on the beam (9.125)."

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Grappling at the Palace

Westland John Glenn's 130-pound Jared Stephens (top) fell to Grant Ankney of Holt in the second round. Stephens rebounded with a win over Salem's Kevin Hayter in the third round to stay alive. For more, see Page B2.

Lack of depth main concern for Crusaders

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A hot start in Arizona isn't fooling Al White.

The veteran Madonna University softball coach, although satisfied with an 8-4 record at the Tucson Invitational, isn't getting carried away about the 2008 season just yet.

"We're about where we thought we would be," said White, noting his 14-player team is thin on numbers and college experience. "The infield is playing very well and our pitching is doing well."

COLLEGE SOFTBALL PREVIEW

At the top of the list at pitcher

is senior lefty Liz Ballinger, who went 15-7 with a 2.95 ERA for the 2007 Crusaders (34-16, 14-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference).

In Arizona, Ballinger, who is overcoming an arm injury, won 3-of-5 decisions, including a complete-game 13-3 win over Minot State.

Complementing Ballinger in the circle this year will be freshmen Jessica Irwin and Michelle Henning, who also had success during the western swing.

"We are going to go as far as our pitching will take us," White emphasized. "We have two freshmen pitchers. Jess Irwin has been outstanding so far as has Michelle Henning. Both threw well in Arizona for us."

White said it would be tough for the team to overcome another injury to Ballinger, noting that "if she goes down for the season, it's going to hurt us." "She is coming off of her injury and surgery and her arm is a little sore right now. (But) she threw a lot for us out in Arizona. ... She should be all right, but that is still a question

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Zerbo's bat keys Madonna streak

COLLEGE BASEBALL

The Madonna University baseball team ran its winning streak to six games and improved to 9-4 on the season with a 7-4 triumph Friday over Mayville (Tenn.) State in a game played at Salt River High School in Mesa, Ariz. Dave Herrick (Livonia Churchill) and Ryan Morrow

each collected two hits in the victory, while pitcher Jeff Sonnenberg (1-1) picked up his first win as a Crusader fanning nine and allowing three hits in six innings of work. Reliever John McCracken, meanwhile, picked up his

third save of the year. Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison), who extended his career-best hit streak to 10 games, collected and RBI along with Zack McMillin and Pat Kenny. Mayville State (4-6) got a pair of hits from Erik Scott, while starter Paul Waterman

took the loss. On Thursday, MU swept a double-header from Montana State-Billings, 5-0 and 4-3, at the Snidegar Complex in Chandler, Ariz. MU pitcher Will Kennedy (1-1) went all seven innings

Postseason blues Mott plays spoiler as Lady Ocelots ousted

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the second year in a row, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team had a sour ending to a sweet season.

The Lady Ocelots couldn't hit the target in Friday's NJCAA-Division II-District H semifinal, losing 69-63 to Flint Mott Community College.

On Thursday, also at Oakland Community College-Highland Lakes, Schoolcraft trounced Delta College by a 78-47 score.

"We got the shots we wanted, we just couldn't shoot," lamented Schoolcraft head coach Karen Lafata, whose team made just 24-of-76 from the field (nearly 32 percent). "It's very frustrating. ... We took 14 more shots than them and had 21 offensive boards to their 10."

The hot shooting of Mott's Danielle Barksdale put Schoolcraft (27-5) into a 39-33 halftime hole.

Barksdale scored 16 of her 18 points before the break. Leading the Bears (18-12) with 19 points was Nicole Holmes.

"We missed layups and we missed shots we normally make," Lafata continued. "We just seemed tight."

A few moments later, she noted that the Lady Ocelots beat themselves, "so a fantastic season comes to an end. It's very disappointing."

Schoolcraft did have plenty of regular season success, winning the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 17-1 record. That mirrored the title-winning 2006-07 campaign.

"I'm proud of all of our kids," Lafata said. "Our sophomores won back-to-back Eastern Conference titles. This was a great team, they (nine sophomores) are going to be missed."

Now, she will start recruiting talent to help keep the team strong due to the loss of so many key players. "We've got to reload," Lafata said.

The coach already has a good start in that regard in freshmen forwards Taylor Langhem (Salem) and Sheray Brown.

Langhem and Brown were the bright spots against Mott. Langhem

led the Lady Ocelots in scoring Friday, with 14 points off the bench (5-for-8) while Brown pulled down 15 boards.

"They're great players and they stepped up today," Lafata said. "They showed a lot of heart and showed what the future is going to bring. They'll be leaders next year."

Sophomore guard Heidi Warczynsky scored 12 points and collected three steals, while sophomore forward Antoinette Brown tallied 10 points.

Chipping in with nine points and eight rebounds was sophomore forward Janelle Harris.

Lafata didn't blame the loss on the fact game officials were an hour late showing up at OCC.

"I don't think that was it," Lafata said. "It was the same for the other team. It was us."

In the Thursday game, the Lady Ocelots outscored Delta 41-14 in the second half to blow the contest wide open. Leading Schoolcraft with 14 points was Harris, while sophomore guard Brittney Ivey and Antoinette Brown scored 11 and 10 points, respectively.



RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft College freshman forward and Plymouth Salem alum Taylor Langhem (No. 24), shown from earlier this season, led the Lady Ocelots with 14 points in Friday's regional semifinal.

Signlines

MU signs Turner

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White announced the signing of his second recruit Thursday with the addition of Milan's Tori Turner.

She is joined by Garden City pitcher Hallie Minch, who signed last month.

Three-year varsity letter winner Turner hit .528 last season en route to All-Huron League, All-District and All-Region honors.

"We are extremely excited to add a student-athlete of Tori's caliber to join our program," White said. "She has been on our radar for quite some time and it is nice to see the process come to fruition. Coach (Jennifer) Jackson has done a great job getting Tori ready for the next level and we know we are getting a very talented player and an even better character person off the field."

Baseball fund-raiser

The Livonia Churchill High baseball program will stage a fund-raiser during restaurant hours on Tuesday, March 18, at Max & Erma's, 6601 Newburgh, Westland.

To obtain a coupon or flier, e-mail Churchill varsity baseball coach Ron Targosz at rtargosz@livonia.k12.mi.us.

CHS Hall of Fame

The sixth annual Livonia Churchill Athletic Patrons Hall of Fame induction dinner will be Thursday, March 13, at the Italian-American Hall in Livonia.

Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar begin at 6 p.m. followed by welcome and introductions and dinner at 6:45 p.m. The program follows from 7:30-9 p.m.

This year's honorees include former football and baseball coach Herb Osterland, football stand-out Mike Brooks (1991) and the 1985 and 1995 boys golf teams coached by Roger Strong and Kirk Osler.

Tickets are \$40 per person.

Checks should be made payable to the Churchill Athletic Patrons (CAP) and sent to: Kathy Varilone, CAP Treasurer, 14384 Hix Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

Meet C'ville teams

The Livonia Clarenceville Athletic Department will stage its Meet the Team Night for all spring sports athletes, parents and coaches from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the high school cafeteria.

Topics include: athletic and academic eligibility, sportsmanship, season schedule, team rules and consequences, team policies and banquet information.

A representative from McNish Sport Goods will also be selling cleats, batting glove and other apparel for spring sports.

For more information, e-mail Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at KMurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

MHSAA TEAM GIRLS GYMNASTICS FINALS
March 7 at Plymouth H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grand Ledge, 148.65; 2. Farmington, 146.75; 3. Livonia Blue, 144.725; 4. Northville, 144.45; 5. Troy Athens, 144.375; 6. Sturgis, 143.375; 7. Grand Rapids Forest Hills, 141.425; 8. Portage, 141.175; 9. Livonia Red, 141.025; 10. Canton, 139.05; 11. Holt, 138.55; 12. Freeland, 130.125.

AREA INDIVIDUAL SCORES
FARMINGTON
Vault: Kristin Nagle, 9.35; Jill Haapaniemi, 9.2; Lena Schneewind, 9.1; Samantha Kohl, 9.0; Amy Ancona, 8.75.
Uneven bars: Nagle, 9.55; Elana Cocks, 9.025; Haapaniemi, 8.8; Kohl, 8.7; Ancona, 8.4.
Balance beam: Haapaniemi, 9.4; Ancona, 9.275; Cocks, 8.9; Nagle, 8.725; Danielle Bresso, 8.525.
Floor exercise: Cocks, 9.675; Haapaniemi and Ancona, 9.4 each; Nagle, 9.25; Kohl, 9.025.

LIVONIA BLUE
Vault: Laura Nomura, 9.55; Emily Quint, 9.4; Meghan Powers, 9.1; Kelly Charniga, 9.0; Kelly Tapella, 8.95.
Uneven bars: Brittany Janis, 9.175; Quint, 9.1; Powers, 8.9; Tapella, 8.725; Nomura, 8.475.
Balance beam: Quint, 9.25; Powers, 8.9; Nomura, 8.9; Carley Lukas, 8.125; Charniga, 8.0.
Floor exercise: Quint, 9.525; Powers, 9.225; Charniga, 9.075; Tapella, 9.0; Nomura, 8.75.

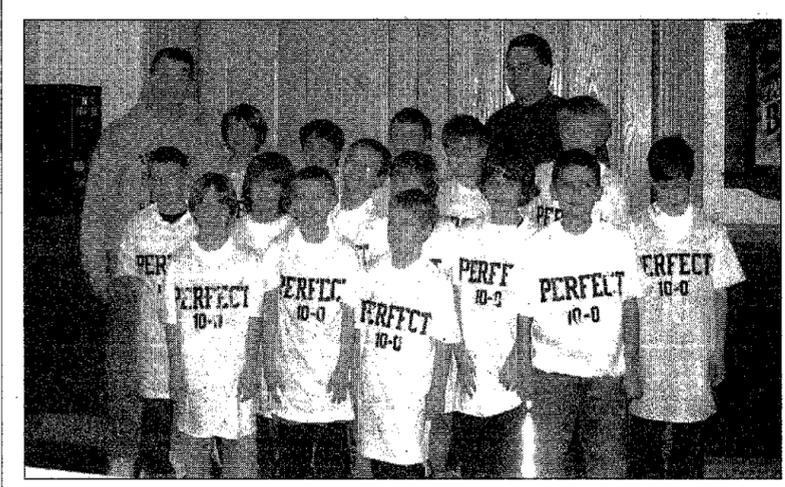
TROY ATHENS
Vault: Naomi Cherup, 9.4; Michelle Mather, 9.2; Brooke Madzia, 8.85; Karen Guo, 8.65; Kelly Madzia, 8.5.
Uneven bars: B. Madzia, 8.9; Mather, 8.85; Jackie Stewart, 8.75; Cherup, 8.7; Guo, 8.15.
Balance beam: Mather, 9.1; B. Madzia, 8.95; K. Madzia, 8.975; Cherup, 8.875; Guo, 8.6.
Floor exercise: B. Madzia, 9.525; Paige Penycook, 9.3; Mather, 9.2; K. Madzia, 9.15; Cherup, 8.925.

NORTHVILLE
Vault: Allison Kemp, 9.2; Cassidy Winter, 9.05; Makenna Pohl, 8.9; Amy Reynolds, 8.8; Amy O'Brien, 8.5.
Uneven bars: Winter, 9.025; Pohl, 8.9; Kemp, 8.775; Reynolds, 8.75; Julie Davison, 7.925.
Balance beam: Reynolds, 9.325; Kemp, 9.2; Winter, 9.175; Pohl, 9.1; Kemp, 9.05; Davison, 8.5.
Floor exercise: Winter, 9.175; Pohl, 9.1; Kemp, 9.05; Caleigh Deacon, 8.975; O'Brien, 8.8.

LIVONIA RED
Vault: Paula Guzik, 9.45; Alicia DiMauro, 9.2; Margarita Lazarevska, 8.95; Brittany Swazey, 8.6; Jamie Marhugh, 8.5.
Uneven bars: Guzik, 8.875; DiMauro, 8.5; Katina St. Pierre, 8.25; Marhugh, 7.875; Lauren Patia, 7.575.
Balance beam: Guzik, 9.375; Lazarevska, 9.125; DiMauro, 8.675; Swazey, 7.85; St. Pierre, 7.6.
Floor exercise: Guzik, 9.65; DiMauro, 9.2; Lazarevska, 8.6; Swazey, 8.65; Patia, 8.625.

CANTON
Vault: Robyn Piowar, 9.425; Jessie Murray, 9.1; Cathy Huang, 9.1; Kati Pierce, 8.25; Mallory Hudak, 8.15.
Uneven bars: Murray, 8.725; Piowar, 8.65; Hudak, 7.8; Huang, 7.5; Pierce, 7.05.
Balance beam: Murray, 9.025; Piowar, 8.825; Pierce, 8.0; Huang, 7.65; Hudak, 6.6.
Floor exercise: Piowar, 9.4; Murray, 9.325; Huang, 9.25; Hudak, 9.025; Pierce, 8.65.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN
Vault: Kiley Tobel, 8.6; Hannah Saaranen, 8.55; Shannon Slayton, 8.35; Elizabeth Sommer, 8.275; Jenna Thomas, 7.9.
Uneven bars: Sommer, 9.025; Saaranen, 8.975; Tobel and Slayton, 7.7 each; Amanda Robertson, 6.15.
Balance beam: Saaranen, 8.85; Sommer, 8.5; Tobel, 8.25; Slayton, 8.0; Cooper Balestrino, 6.75.
Floor exercise: Sommer, 9.1; Saaranen, 8.95; Tobel and Slayton, 8.775 each; Thomas, 7.95.



LJAL hoop champs
 The Hurricanes (grades 3-4), a freshman boys basketball team, coach by Jim Hopson and Daryl Bauer, recently completed a 10-0 season in the Livonia Junior Athletic League. Team members include: Jordan Bauer, Marco D'Agostino, Jay Hopson, Alec Moore, Ryan Theisen, Andrew Macias, Matt Plue, Gordon Ferguson, Kevin Bowersox, Spencer Langley, Matt Harding, Jack Mims, Devin Dunn, George Ferguson and Jimmy Seewald.



JV Canes 1st
 The Livonia Junior Athletic League Hurricanes recently completed a 13-0 season in the Junior Varsity Girls Division, including a 3-0 run in the postseason to capture the title. The JV Hurricanes wrapped up a 10-0 regular season by edging the Wildcats by a point and rallying in the tournament championship game from a six-point deficit with a 12-0 run to beat the Wildcats again. Team members include (front row, from left) Caroline Hay, Lilly Dow, Megan Mila, Colette Humitz, Grace Mancina; (second row, from left) Jenny Parrinello, Alex Hanania, Amy Freed, Colleen Cranston, Emily Kwasnik; (third row, from left) coaches Doug Freed and Kathy Wilkinson, Jessica Truesdell, Rachel Wilkinson, Jodie Kozler, Laura Coleman and coach Cathy Mila.

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 Canton, runner-up to Livonia Blue in last week's regional, slipped to 10th overall with a 139.05.
 "We had two good events - the floor (37.0) and the vault (35.875), where we were sixth and seventh, and two bad events (beam and bars)," Canton coach John Cunningham said. "We were way ahead of 10th (place) in the floor and vault, but 12th in the other two."
 "We went out first on beam and we got nervous. We had two good routines, then we had a couple of falls. On bars, my girls should have performed better, but they also deserved a better fate (scoring wise). But when you

get two 'sevens' you can expect to be 10th."
 The previous week Canton finished with a score of 143.70.
 "Three of my five are freshmen, along with a sophomore and one senior. Maybe experience was a problem instead of nerves."
 Canton's best event was the floor as Robyn Piowar scored 9.4; Jessie Murray, 9.325; and Cathy Huang, 9.25. On vault, Piowar scored a 9.425, while Murray and Huang each marked 9.1s.
 "We were borderline exceptional in those two events," Cunningham said.
 On Saturday, Division I and II gymnasts competed for individual honors at Plymouth.

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Around the horn
 Helping out the pitching staff is a solid, young infield featuring sophomore first baseman and Livonia Churchill product Caitlyn Sidor (.400, 4 homers, 31 RBI in 2007) at first and sophomore second baseman and Canton alum Brittney Scero (.337) at second.
 Junior catcher Danielle Richardson (.321), smooth-fielding junior shortstop Tedi Johnston (.292, 5 homers) and freshman third baseman Kelly Lesko of Trenton round out the infield lineup.
 "Defensively we aren't going to get much better than what we have right now," White noted. "Tedi and Danielle are going to lead us on the field."
 He really has high hopes for Lesko, who swings from the left side of the plate. "Kelly has been outstanding at third so far."
 Backing up Richardson behind the plate will be freshman Ashley Shay, a Garden City native who graduated from Dearborn Divine Child. Shay's versatility could help her see time playing somewhere in the infield, too.
 Senior infielder Christina Finch (.259) also brings a veteran presence that is generally lacking with the squad.
 Meanwhile, White said his outfielders are inexperienced and might struggle at the beginning of the season.

He does have juniors Kathleen Smiley (Walled Lake Western) and Mary Kate Setta, who batted .235 and .228, respectively last season.
 Other flycatchers vying for playing time include sophomore Rachael Kethe and freshman Tara LaMilza (who can also play infield).
 One area that White is taking a wait-and-see approach is at the plate, with younger players still making the adjustment from high school. "We have to hit."
Interruption
 Although White likes the makeup of his team, he might have to wait a little while to see it on the field again. Madonna - which had games this weekend in Ohio cancelled by inclement weather - is scheduled to open the home season 3 p.m. Wednesday against Spring Arbor at University Field.
 But he is well aware of the cold, snowy weather that is still hitting southeast Michigan.
 "If we had some blow torches to melt the snow it might be a different story and we'd be excited," he added. "But the way it looks now we might not get back out onto the field until the end of March when we head down to Kentucky and (we) might not get to play at home the entire month."
 "It's tough to go back into the gym and be indoors after playing 12 games outside and not getting to play for maybe two or three weeks now."

Glenn grappler Austin earns spot in Division 1 state final

Westland John Glenn senior Jeremiah Austin captured all three of his matches to earn a spot in the 125-pound finals at the Division 1 individual state wrestling championships held Thursday and Friday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.
 Austin, 53-1 overall, took on Monroe's Zac Stevens for the championship on Saturday in a rematch of the district and regional finals where the two split. The final session starts at 4:45 p.m.
 Austin reached the final with a 6-5 decision over Zach Davis after winning 21-6 on a technical fall against Dan Sabin of Grand Haven.
 Austin also scored a first-round 15-4 major decision over Michael Dibble of Rochester Stoney Creek.
 In the 103-pound class, Glenn teammate Anthony Pavlich (50-4) remained alive. The sophomore took his first two matches including a 9-0 major decision over Zack Worthing of Utica Ford and a 7-0 decision over Travis Rife of Howell before losing to Andrew Brackins of Waterford Kettering in the semifinals, 7-5.
 At 112 pounds, Livonia Franklin's Jared Pieknik lost his opener to Cody Robins of Davison (a fall in 0:29) before bouncing back with a wins over Jeremy Stoian of Troy Athens

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 (10-4) and Gerald Parker of Flint Carman-Ainsworth (fall in 4:55).
 Livonia Stevenson's Michael Fobar (112) lost both of his matches - 12-4 major decision to Terrance Frank of Grand Blanc and 3-2 to Drew Raftopoulos of Rochester Adams. Forbar's final record is 34-19.
 At 130, Glenn junior Jared Stephens remained alive as of Friday. He opened with a 7-5 victory over Alex Popp of Clarkston, but fell to Grant Ankney of Holt in the second-round, 10-7. Stephens then beat Salem's Kevin Hayter in the wrestleback, 9-5.
 At 135, Livonia Churchill's Andrew Murray was pinned in 2:52 by Grand Haven's John Houseman in the opener and was eliminated by Kurtis Davenport of Rochester Adams on a 9-1 major decision. Murray ended the year at 29-11 overall.
 Churchill's J.P. Gaffke also went 0-2 at 140, falling to Robert Nash of Roseville (fall in 3:01) and Jake Johnson of Rockford (11-9 decision). Gaffke finished the year 33-12 overall.
 Stevenson's Raz Markosian finished 1-2 at 145, losing to Jeremy Bommarito of

Hartland (fall in 3:36); beating Tim Pettit of Rochester (10-9 decision); and falling to Tom Willits of Kettering (5-2). Markosian's final record is 39-16 overall.
 In one of the most competitive weight classes, Stevenson's Ziad Kharbush opened with victories over Fadi Moosa of Sterling Heights (10-0 major decision) and Stefan Gatt of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (6-3) before losing to Jake Bohn of East Kentwood (7-3). Kharbush remained alive at 45-3 overall.
 At 171, Franklin's Dan Woodall captured his first round match against Max McGoldrick of Holly, 9-5, before losing to Josh Meinzer of Jenison, 19-13.
 Woodall improved to 56-3 overall with a 9-2 win over Canton's Rodger Kropp in the wrestleback.
 At 189, Stevenson's Emanuel Onwuemene was pinned in 3:09 by Grand Haven's Seth Holt in the first round and lost a 4-3 decision to CC's Matt Aubrey in the consolation round. Onwuemene finished 31-13 overall.
 In Division 4, Lutheran Westland junior Stephen Kemp lost the semifinals to Dan Yates of Hesperia (14-2) after defeating Casey Rickli of Martin, 7-2, and Bill Krisch of Pine River, 11-2. Kemp is 49-4 overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

C'ville spring tryouts
 Livonia Clarenceville High School has set its spring 2008 athletic tryout dates for the following sports all on Monday, March 10:
 Boys baseball - 3:15 p.m. at the gymnasium (contact Dan Miller at dmiller@clarenceville.k12.mi.us; boys track and field - 2:45 p.m. at the gymnasium (contact Dean Bergeron at dbergeron@clarenceville.k12.mi.us; girls track and field - 2:45 p.m. at the gymnasium (contact Brady Gustafson at bgustafson@clarenceville.k12.mi.us; girls softball - 5 p.m. at the gymnasium (contact Joe DeCaire at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us; girls soccer - 2:45 p.m. at the gymnasium (contact Trevor Johnson at tjohnson@clarenceville.k12.mi.us; girls tennis - 2:45 p.m. at Bicentennial Park (contact John Kanyo at ljkanyo@earthlink.net).
 All athletes must have a valid physical on file (conducted after April 15, 2007) in order to try out.
 For more information, call the Clarenceville athletic office at (248) 919-0480, Ext. 217.

Bucks of Michigan dinner
 Commemorative Bucks of Michigan will stage its 22nd wild game dinner Saturday, March 15 at the Carpathia Club, 3800 Utica Road, Sterling Heights.
 CBM is Michigan's official record keeper for whitetail deer, bear, elk and turkey taken in Michigan.
 Tickets are \$65 per person or \$480 for a table of eight.
 The event, open to the public, will serve an array of wild game and seafood delicacies. It also includes an auction, silent auction, raffles and door prizes.
 You can purchase tickets through: John Major, 5215 Daniels, Troy, MI 48098.
 For more information, call Major at (248) 879-1032; or visit www.buckfax.com.

WYAA registration
 Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball and softball will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays through March 29 at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road and south of Warren).
 The WYAA, celebrating its 50th anniversary, will offer baseball programs for T-Ball (ages 5-6), Coach-Machine Pitch (7-8), Mustang (9-10), Bronco (11-12), Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16) and Palomino (17-19).
 WYAA softball programs included: slow-pitch (local travel), ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-18. A competitive fast-pitch program is also offered for ages 10-, 12-, 14- and 16-and-under. Call (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

LJAL grid signup
 Registration on a first-come, first-serve basis for Livonia Junior Athletic League football and cheerleading will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 15 at the Frost Middle School cafeteria.
 The cost is \$165 for football (tackle) and \$85 (flag).
 Football squads will be based on the following ages and weights: flag (6-7); freshman (8-9, up to 125 pounds); JV (9-11, up to 140 pounds); varsity (10-13, up to 170 pounds; and 14-year-olds, up to 135 pounds).
 Cheerleading squad will consist of freshman (grades 3-4), JV (grades 5-6) and varsity (grades 7-8).
 For more information, call Phil Adkins at (734) 425-4098.

HIGH VELOCITY SPORTS

Spring Break Camps

ALL-SPORT CAMP
 Dates: Apr. March 24-28
 Half-day: 9a-12p \$25/day or Full-day: 9a-4p \$45/day

CRAFT CAMP
 Dates: March 24-28
 Half-day: 9am-12pm \$30/day (all supplies included)

SOCCER CAMP
 Dates: March 24-28 Fee: \$95/child
 1:00-3:00 pm (5-day camp)

BASKETBALL CAMP
 Dates: March 24-28 Fee: \$95/child
 10am-12pm Ages: 6-12 (5-day camp)

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BOYS BASKETBALL

2007-08 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS

ALL-CONFERENCE: Mike Lee, 5-11 Sr. G, Wayne Memorial; Earl Hardison, 6-1 Sr. F, Westland; John Glenn; Ryan Rosenick, 6-3 Sr. F, Livonia; Dan Kirkpatrick, 6-7 Sr. F, Northville; Grant Stone, 6-5 Sr. F, Salem; Cody Rzeznik, 6-3 Sr. G, Walled Lake Central.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION: John Hill, 6-2 Sr. F, Wayne; Robert Woodson, 5-11 Jr. G, Wayne; Greg Hasse, 6-3 Sr. F, Northville; Drammell Hogan, 6-2 Sr. F, Walled Lake Western; Drammell Roberts, 6-0 Sr. G, Plymouth; Navraj Sandhu, 6-4 Sr. G, Plymouth; Ryan Matthey, 6-0 Sr. G, Livonia; Franklin Neil Sharma, 6-4 Sr. F, Canton.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION: Stefan Marken, 6-4 Sr. F, John Glenn; Meshawn Martin, 6-1 Sr. G, John Glenn; Andrew Vagnetti, 6-2 Sr. G, Churchill; Ross Davis, 6-4 Sr. F, Salem; Derek Mitchell, 6-2 Sr. F, W.L. Central; Mark Grisa, 6-1 Jr. F, Livonia; Stevenson.

COACH OF THE YEAR: Dan Young, John Glenn

HONORABLE MENTION: Wayne: Jeremy Lovelady, 6-10 Sr. C, Martez Abney, 5-10 Sr. G, Daniel Hill, 6-3 Soph. F, Matt Lewis, 6-1 Sr. F, John Glenn; Austin Anderson, 6-1 Jr. G, Jordan Manier, 6-8 Sr. C, Daris Smith, 5-8 Sr. G, Churchill; Ryan Woods, 5-11 Jr. G, Daran Carey, 5-8 Sr. G, Ryan Whitlum, 6-2 Sr. G, Nick Seger, 6-5 Sr. F, Northville; Martin Trautmanis, 6-2 Sr. F, Steve Anderson, 6-1 Sr. G, Mike Rogers, 6-8 Sr. C, David Burke, 6-7 Sr. F, Salem; Tyler Jeleniewski, 5-10 Sr. G, Jesse Pointer, 6-4 Sr. C, Joe Postler, 6-4 Jr. F, W.L. Lake Western; Sean Armstrong, 6-2 Sr. F, Edison Vushaj, 6-5 Jr. F, Quinton Cooper, 6-2 Jr. F, Mitchell Vercellino, 6-1 Sr. F, Ricky Arlen, 5-10 Sr. G, Plymouth; David Harvey, 6-1 Sr. F, Mike Hanchett, 6-4 Sr. F, Garrett Rebin, 6-1 Sr. F, Chris Daniels, 6-0 Sr. G, W.L. Central; Jordan Anderson, 6-0 Jr. G, Brian Indlauer, 6-0 Sr. G, Ian Sherman, 6-0 Sr. G, Jared Pietras, 6-2 Sr. G, Franklin; Jeff Poole, 6-2 Jr. F, Kevin Percin, 5-10 Sr. G, Connor Leidal, 6-3 Jr. F, Stevenson; Gary Cobb, 6-2 Jr. F, Bobby Naubert, 5-9 Soph. G, Brian Rowe, 6-1 Jr. G, Jordan El-Sabeh, 6-3 Soph. F, Canton; Chris Bailey, 5-11 Sr. F, Brody Coplal, 6-0 Sr. G, Leroy Jackson, 5-9 Soph. G, Ferenc, 5-9 Sr. G.

ALL-METRO CONFERENCE FIRST-TEAM: Livonia Clarenceville: Lonnie Fairfax, Sr. G, (Co-MVP); Jamie Stewart, Jr. F (Co-MVP); Jeremy Gainer, Jr. C.

Macomb Lutheran North: Brian Budchuk, Sr. F, Andrew Macdonald, Sr. G.

Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett: Patrick Gustine, Sr. G.

Harper Woods: Vincent Bright, Sr. G.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook: Eric Fishman, Jr. G.

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest: Matt Schrupp, Sr. C.

Hawtramck: DeWayne Stevens, Sr. G.

Clanbrook: Rob Feeman, Soph. G.

AT-LARGE: Cranbrook: Xander Streck, Sr. G.

SECOND-TEAM: Clarenceville: Darryl Whitaker, Jr. G.

Lutheran North: Jordan Buuck, Sr. G.

Liggett: Jeremiah Manning, Jr. G; Aaron Hesney, Sr. G.

Harper Woods: Quentin Lewis, Sr. F.

Cranbrook: Matt Broder, Sr. F.

Northwest: Danny Brown, Jr. G.

Hawtramck: Chris Taylor, Jr. G.

Lutheran High Westland: Josh Kruger, Jr. G.

AT-LARGE: Northwest: Matt Rolf, Jr. G.

COACH OF THE YEAR: Liggett: Sidney Johnson.

STREAK

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to pick up the shutout victory in the opener. The Westland John Glenn grad struck out 12, walked only one and allowed just two hits.

MSU-Billings starter Cody Clark gave up five earned runs on seven hits in going the distance.

Ryan Morrow had two hits and two RBI to lead the Crusaders. McMillan also had two hits, while Zerbo knocked in a pair of runs. Herrick had the other RBI.

In the nightcap, Scott Boyer's pinch-hit RBI single in the ninth inning gave MU the one-run victory.

McMillin and Herrick each collected two hits in the win.

Others with an RBI included Drew Fry, Mike Gansser and McMillin.

Matt Schoonover went 3-for-5 for the Yellowjackets (3-7).

Carl McDevitt (2-0), who allowed one earned run on two hits in 3.1 innings of relief, got the victory for MU. He struck out three.

Starter Sean Maher went the first 5.2, allowing one earned run on six hits and two walks. He struck six.

MSU-Billings starter Brian Howe went all eight innings, allowing three earned runs on 10 hits and seven walks. He fanned three.

On Wednesday, freshman Bret Spencer earned his first victory with relief help from Richard Lindquist and John McCracken in a 3-2 win over Mayville State at Snidegar Field.

Spencer (1-0) allowed just three hits and three walks over five innings. Lindquist gave up two earned runs on five hits. McCracken came on in the ninth to earn the save.

MU collected just six hits off Mayville hurlers Jason Gradidge and Zachary Schaefer.

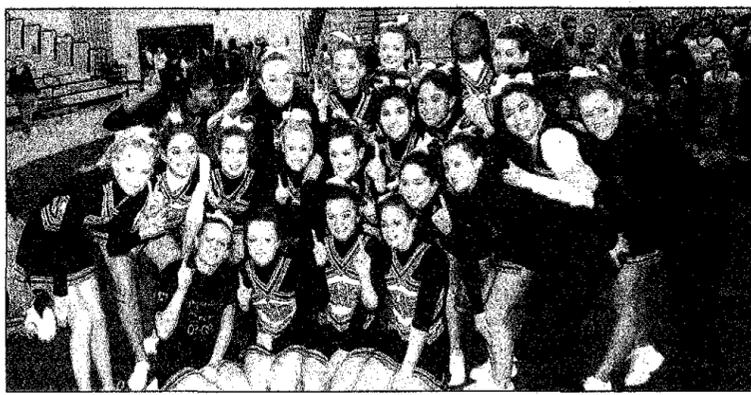
Herrick and Mike Cauzillo each went 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Kyle Swenson, Taylor Fuhs and Scott each collected two hits for the Comets.



Ultimate cheerleaders

The Livonia Ultimate Gymnasticz Unified Cheer middle school team recently earned second-, third- and fourth-place trophies. Team members include: Christine Schubert, Emily Ehr, Brooke Hamp, Michelle Leja, Victoria Vaccaro, Gabby Borg, Heather Jaynes, Clare Glomb, Heather Hill, Alexis Jakowinicz, Laikyn Jakowinicz, Krystal Kasten, Olivia Oquist, Sarah Shaltis, Shelby Weiss, Alesandra D'Agostino, Cassie Kozan, Gabriella Tiseo, Alex Poynter, Renee Esper, Juianna Jarosz, Haley Beaune, Jenny Wutka, Alyssa DiDomenico and Alana Dugan. The coaching staff includes Ms. Peggy, Eric Kaltz, Sarah Snow, Laura Robinson, Sara Adkins and Karen Adkins.



JV cheer champs

The Livonia Churchill junior varsity competitive cheer squad, coached by Sarah Snow, finished first overall in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet Feb. 23 at Northville. Churchill also won the Novi, Allen Park and Temperance Bedford invitational, along with a second at Southgate Anderson. Team members include: Angel Gagin, Brandi Mitchell, Chelsea Romanczuk, Erin Klie, Jackie Wesenberg, Jessica Bushery, Kara Miencier, Kelsey Manoogian, Lauren Dykla, Lauren Schildberg, Maggie Caruso, Molly Caruso, MyEisha Belton, MyKeisha Belton, Nicole Andaloro, Nicole Lang, Paige Baidel, Rebecca Jason, Sally Tomala, Sara Decina and Siblee Salamon.

PREP HOCKEY

2007-08 ALL-WESTERN LAKES BOYS HOCKEY TEAMS

ALL-CONFERENCE: Pat McHugh, Sr. G, Livonia Stevenson; Jordan Duff, Sr. Def., Northville; Mark Bekkala, Sr. Def., Stevenson; Nathan Milam, Sr. F, Livonia Churchill; Mike Voran, Sr. F, Stevenson; T.J. Hohl, Sr. F, Northville; Kory Sosnowski, Sr. F, Canton.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION: Brett Malbin, Sr. G, Walled Lake Central; Thomas Ropek, Sr. Def., Walled Lake Northern; Nick Harakas, Sr. Def., Churchill; Garrett Miencier, Sr. F, Churchill; Ryan Barotono, Sr. F, Stevenson; R.J. Klendorf, Jr. F, Stevenson; Joe Cheesman, Sr. F, Salem.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION: Austin Mesler, Sr. G, Livonia Franklin; Wesley Gates, Jr. Def., Northville; Don Barlow, Jr. Def., Canton; Colin Roffe, Sr. F, Plymouth; Alex Brewin, Jr. F, Northville; Jordan Chisholm, Jr. F, Franklin; Ryan Logan, Jr. F, Walled Lake Western.

COACH OF THE YEAR

David Mitchell, Stevenson
HONORABLE MENTION
Northville: Matt Kreaeger, Jr. Def.; Alex Arthur, Jr. F; Ted Keranen, Jr. G; Churchill: Keith Yackley, Sr. F; Tyler Cotter, Sr. F; Kyle Burke, Sr. F; Mitch Carpenter, Sr. Def.; Stevenson: John Vella, Jr. F; Sean Lerg, Sr. F; Jacob Harbowy, Sr. Def.; W.L. Northern: Bobby Bell, Sr. F; Greg Smith, Jr. F; Conner Hellebuyck, Fr. G; Plymouth: Ryan Schultz, Soph. G; Jerry Pitts, Sr. F; Connor Dresser, Soph. F; Jake Jossey, Sr. F; Canton: Nick Tomlienko, Jr. F; Clark Albers, Sr. F; Bryan Davison, Jr. Def.; Franklin: Alex Wypych, Sr. F; Tyler Miller, Soph. F; Robbie Beattie, Sr. Def.; Salem: Ian Barnaby, Sr. Def.; Mike Haburne, Sr. Def.; W.L. Western: Ben Shahan, Sr. G; Jeff Cartwright, Jr. F; Dave Learner, Sr. Def.; W.L. Central: Cody Farber, Sr. Def.; Jack Kennedy, Sr. Def.



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Toxic homes

What's lurking in your home's cupboards

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Toys weren't the only items Dennis Marzec brought in for testing Feb. 25 at the Plymouth Community Church of Christ in Plymouth Township. As the father of a 10-month-old daughter he's concerned about teething rings, sippy cups and products around the home. He reads the labels in search of toxic ingredients in everything from diaper rash cream to baby shampoo, powder and wipes.

More and more parents and consumers are concerned about the items they use for household cleaning and personal care. Marzec's already switched to natural products.

"It's up to the parents to get them tested. We're concerned about a lot of things she chews on. We're concerned about toxicity. The diaper rash cream has a cancer causing ingredient. She plays with rubber ducks when she takes a bath and I'm fearing it could con-

tain lead. We're starting to look into buying glass baby bottles because of phthalates (a probable human carcinogen)."

Laura Russello cleaned out her cupboards more than a year ago. She is the environmental health organizer for Clean Water Action which is sponsoring a presentation on toxic household and personal care products with the Rochester area Sierra Club as part of their Green Lunch Series noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Whole Foods Market, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. To register, call (248) 652-2100. For information, visit www.sierraclub.org/community/oakland/events.asp. The series continues through May on the second Friday of the month and covers the topics of composting, landscaping with native plants, and protecting Michigan's groundwater.

For those who can't attend the March 14 luncheon, Russello recommends visit-

ing www.safer-products.org and www.safecosmetics.org as the first step to becoming an educated consumer. Clean Water Action offers Home Safe Home parties that include the showing of a documentary on how chemicals may affect children's health and development. For information, send e-mail to lrussello@cleanwater.org or visit www.cleanwater-action.org/mi/saferhomeparty.html.

"When you wash anything down the drain it goes into our water. Now I buy beeswax not scented candles, changed makeup, and started using pine litter that's totally biodegradable," said Russello, who was one of the speakers at the Toxic Toy Town Hall and testing event sponsored by the environmental groups Clean Water Action, Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health, Ecology Center, and Blue Green Alliance.

The Ecology Center in Ann Arbor offers product testing services with a hand-held XRF analyzer for \$150 an hour (www.ecocenter.org). People waited in line on Monday night to have their items screened for heavy metals and chemical elements for free.

"It only takes 30 seconds to detect lead, arsenic, chromium, mercury, cadmium," said Mike Shriberg, the center's policy director as he tested the XRF analyzer to make sure the device was working. Two pieces of china contained higher than recommended levels of lead. Shriberg said the ramifications of eating off the dishes is unclear as it pertains to health but "a microscopic chip is dangerous."



When Italia Milan and her husband decided they wanted to use "more earth- and animal-friendly products" more than three years ago, they did their research. One of the lectures she attended was by the Local Motion environmental group. Milan is chairwoman of the Rochester Hills/Rochester/Auburn Hills Sierra Club. She and her husband were most concerned about what they were using to clean floors because of their two dogs and four cats.

"These products have a diverse group of ingredients

that might or might not have been tested," said Milan. "They usually come in small quantities that do not affect our health, but sometimes we use several that might contain the same ingredient. Instead of using that small amount we may be using more or using products with ingredients that there's no research on how they act together. At the lecture people learn how to read labels and replace dangerous products with safer alternatives, the top five personal care ingredients to avoid. We try to use more

natural things, many are cruelty free also."

"There's a lot of really good products out there," said Lynna Kauchek, community organizer with Clean Water Action. "You can find them just about anywhere. The thing I use the most is baking soda and vinegar, a natural disinfectant. Tea tree oil is a natural disinfectant and mixed with baking soda is good for cleaning grout, counter tops."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MARCH

Breastfeeding classes

10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, March 10 and 17, at the Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Greenfield, Southfield. Classes for mother and baby are taught by public health nurses and cover everything from pumping to starting solids and weaning. Information targeted to first year of breastfeeding. For information or to register, call (248) 858-4003 or (888) 350-0900, Ext. 84003.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Esther Morton on Pain Relief at Your Fingertips, Serenity ear acupressure program 1-3 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford. Donations accepted. Group meets monthly on second Thursday. For information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

Sharing & Caring

Intervention for chemo-induced peripheral neuropathy with Charlotte Versagi 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

Vegetarian seminar

Nutrition and cooking seminar 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship room, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor and Warren roads. Lectures by a physician and nutritionist will be followed by cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

Art of aging

9th Annual Art of Aging Successfully 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. 7 Mile, Detroit icon Sonny Eliot talks about his decades of working in radio and TV and his personal triumphs and tragedies. Cost \$18 for age 55 and older, includes sit-down lunch. To register, call Donna at (313) 577-2297. Hosted by the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

Divorce support group

Learning to love after divorce, Lisa Pasbjerg discuss the new science of happiness, what researchers have learned that can make us happy and how it applies to your life, she will also present strategies to help you build assertiveness skills and self esteem need to love yourself and your new life 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

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Bone health and breast cancer treatment with Michael Stender, M.D., 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Beaumont Hospital Cancer Center, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

PLAY Project Level I Workshop

With Rick Solomon, M.D. 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, for family members of children with autism and education and health care professionals, at The Futures HealthCore Therapy Center, 3231 South Gully, Dearborn. Visit www.futurestherapycenter.com or call Dawn Ham-Kucharski at (734) 407-2500, Ext. 459.

Volunteers needed

For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29 to July 3), at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo. Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room/board. For information/application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, Ext. 231, or send e-mail to sdarrach@epilepsymichigan.org.

UPCOMING

Self-defense class

For women and men 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth, Livonia. Call (734) 421-7100. No charge, but a \$5 donation will be sent to a shelter for abused women and children.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Cure gala

The 16th Annual Commitment for a Cure Gala presented by the Join the American Diabetes Association 6-10 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Gala tickets \$200 per person. For more information, contact Kelli Dobner at (888) DIABETES, Ext. 6688 or kdobner@diabetes.org.

Cuisine for a Cause

Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, Detroit's historic Opus One fund-raising for 10 metro Detroit charities, which includes JFCC continues to April 17, patrons who dine at Opus One, Monday through Thursday, to April 17, will have the opportunity to designate that one of the 10 chosen charities receive 25 percent of their bill. In addition, any private function that is held at Opus One through Sept. 30 can be designated as a Cuisine for a Cause event and 25 percent of the bill will be donated to JFCC. To qualify, you must mention that this is a Cuisine for a Cause event upon booking. A celebratory wine-tasting reception will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn with a live auction, more than 60 premium wines and a strolling supper specially prepared by Opus One. Tickets \$100, \$80 is tax deductible. To purchase tickets for wine-tasting or more information, call (313) 876-9237.

Divorce support group

Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle and/or her partner Wade Jackman of Jackman & Kasody present an overview of the divorce process,

the firm specializes in domestic/family law, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

Tour de Cure event

Tour de Cure, the American Diabetes Association's annual cycling event is June 8 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton. Sign up by calling (800) TOUR-888 or visit www.diabetes.org/tour.

ONGOING

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs. Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. For a schedule and fees, call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and

Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, west of Middlebelt, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago. For information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. There is no charge, contributions are collected.

Health enhancement classes

Classes began Feb. 4 for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disor-

ders; Alzheimer's caregivers, and the hard of hearing. The offerings are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol testing (\$5) are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 6 and every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

Free mask fitting clinic

For CPAP and BIPAP users, most insurances cover new supplies every year, try a new style of mask and learn how to get one 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. No appointment needed. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall, am I perfect? Not at all!

BY MELISSA PENNINGTON
OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest one of all?"
A well-turned and well-remembered phrase for those who have seen Disney's *Snow White*. A wicked jealous queen insistent that she be the most beautiful woman in the land. And unforgettably the innocent young heroine that defeated her. *Snow White* was about inner beauty, the moral was that outer appearances didn't count for everything. It's a lesson easily forgotten in the face of day-to-day life.



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Mirrors are everywhere, they are the images of ourselves by which we measure our worth. And more and more often teenagers find themselves unable to face that image. It's more than a reflection of our faces, it's a reflection of who we are as people. Billboards and television constantly recreate and remind us of what beauty is supposed to be. Self-acceptance frequently falls to the wayside in the face of public opinion and social pressures.

In America today the answer for many seems to be simple, don't like how you look? Then just change it, be it your weight or your face, if it isn't good enough, it has to go. Thirty-eight percent of woman and 34 percent of men are dissatisfied with their appearance. Fifty percent of people are unsatisfied with their weight or abdominal area.

Who wouldn't like to lose a few pounds, get rid of unsightly blemishes or fix a slightly crooked nose? Everyone has something about themselves that they dislike. However, at some point it becomes less of an annoyance and more of a real problem, especially for teenagers.
Teenagers' self-image reflects a lot more than a mirror might show. Bad self image has been linked to smoking, addiction, poor grades and even abusive relationships. What don't you like about yourself? Are you too fat, too thin, too tall, too short? What one thing do you think "if it weren't for this I would be happy with myself"? For every one thing about a person that they fix, there is another thing wrong. And in an environment where your peers are your judge and executioner, it forces even closer self-scrutiny.

The worse a teen's self image is, the more likely that teen is to develop bad self-esteem. Sometimes to the point of depression. Parents play a large role in how their children view themselves. If a parent makes offhand comments about a child's appearance or behavior, their kids often take it a lot more seriously than the comment was meant to be. The smallest of comments or gestures is enough to make some teens panic. Some people have no problems with self-image and easily find the good in themselves, for others unfortunately it isn't so simple.

Everyone has days where they don't like themselves when they look in the mirror. Some more than others. Teens today have a lot to measure up to. Work, school, friends, social pressures and extra-curricular activities all take a toll on a teen's body and mind.
People today cope with a century that is full of change and uncertainty. People have a need to feel as though they belong, that mentality has bred insecurities about looking, acting and dressing differently than others. For better or worse this is the way people, especially young people tend to think. Self-acceptance falls back in the presence of other people.

Because most public schools have students from various ethnicities, schools are often not only diverse in race, but religion and culture, as well.

Maya Angelou, famous poet and memoirist, once said, "We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color." Diversity can be defined in multiple ways, and many people see diversity from different perspectives.

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Melissa Pennington is a junior at Garden City High School.



Take a bow! Dave Bryan (from left), Richie Sambora, Jon Bon Jovi and Tico Torres.

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Rock on, Jon!

Concert proves Bon Jovi can still thrill fans, even after 25 years

BY ASHLEY TROMBLEY
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Feb. 20. The Palace of Auburn Hills. This was the setting for one of the year's most unforgettable concerts. And it was to be headlined by rock legends, Bon Jovi. 7:30 p.m. Warm-up band Daughtry takes the stage.

Fronted by *American Idol* sensation Chris Daughtry, they performed a string of radio hits, including *It's Not Over*, *Feels Like Tonight*, *Over You*, and *Home*. During their final song,

A few concert goers were asked what was the highlight of the show for them. Here are some answers:
Chris Priebe - "When Jon came out closer to the audience. He sings right to you, he's the ultimate performer!"
Phil Said - "Richie Sambora on a double-neck guitar."
Lila Mandziuk - "Being able to hold Jon's hand during 'Bad Medicine!'"
Matthew Olivier - "Hearing 'Complicated,' my favorite song."

Chris, in spite of a small cold, complemented the Detroiters on the way we sounded. "You sound beautiful," he



Jon Bon Jovi acknowledges fans' applause during the concert.

quipped. After a 45-minute set, Daughtry took their bows, and the wait was on.

No matter what concert you attend, the atmosphere is always electric, but even more so when Jon Bon Jovi, Richie Sambora, Dave Bryan and Tico Torres began to play. They opened with the title track from their latest record, *Lost Highway*, followed immediately by a high-octane rendition of the classic, *You Give Love a Bad Name*. During *Raise Your*

Hands, sitting in the nosebleed seats, you could clearly see the legions of fans holding their arms high, as if waiting for their hero to pick them up and bring them up on stage.

Early into the set, Jon Bon Jovi directed the crowd's attention to a purple banner that hung in the rafters, proudly proclaiming that Bon Jovi had sold out the Palace 10 times, and that this concert was no

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Programs let students explore diversity

BY ERICA PERDUE
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Wayne Memorial High School, for example, has multiple clubs and organizations that bring out students from various ethnicities.

There may not be as many students here as other schools, but there are a lot of different races mused in here, said Ryan Allen, a junior at Wayne Memorial.



Wayne Memorial is expanding the perspectives of the racially diverse students by offering clubs such as a Gay Straight Alliance club, a Christian club, National Hispanic Honor Society, and all of the other clubs that have representative of many different cultures.

According to senior Serrina O'Brien, "Our school is diverse, but everyone sticks with their own culture."
A program called Mix-It-Up is all about

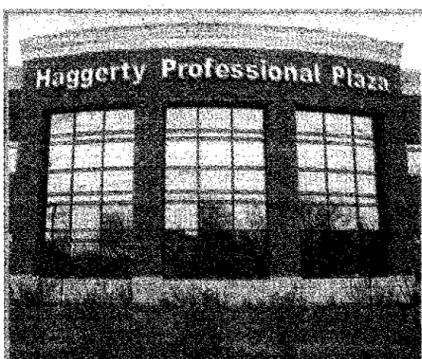
and culture, as well.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district is becoming an extremely diverse community.

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Garden City students have mixed feelings about trimesters

BY KIM POMA
OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

Garden City High School will be trying something new the school year of 2008-09. There will be trimesters instead of semesters. Now students are able to have 15 classes all year, each trimester containing five classes. The classes are going to be 72 minutes long, instead of the regular 60 minutes. The reasons behind the change are simple. Freshmen now have harder requirements and the trimesters will help them be able to fulfill



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all of those, plus take some fun electives. For the other grades, it's a chance to have more, fun electives. If you fail a class, you can make it up the next trimester. The reactions of the students are mixed. Erica Dork is a sophomore at Garden City High School. "I don't like them very much, but getting extra elec-

tives is pretty cool," she said. Yes, Garden City is now offering classes such as World War II and French as a foreign language. "I think they're going to be cool and fun," said Alex Johnson, another sophomore attending Garden City High. The new schedule might be fun. It is a way for juniors, sophomores and seniors to catch up on their requirements. Sara Zalewski "likes trimesters and I think they benefit our education." Many students are finding ways to use the trimesters to their advantage. If you're a

class behind, such as Algebra I as a sophomore, you can try to take Algebra II and Pre-Calc all in one year. This also is good for kids who want to take more electives, such as foreign languages or computer classes, and can fit in their requirements to graduate. "I think they're amazing, because I can take more classes, and get into more colleges," said Bethany Harris, Garden City High student and a fellow Student Voices writer. If a student is now able to take four years of math, their college application might look a bit more interesting.

Not all students feel the same way. "I really don't like them," said Ashley Plond. After all, the classes are now 12 minutes longer, and with trimesters, that means more midterms. There are some downsides to the change, but the good sides seem to outweigh them. More electives, more room in the schedule. Plus, with more time in the classroom, maybe it will be easier for some students to get more help, and understand materials better. "I think they are a real good idea because you get more

electives and you can learn more, get your requirements done. Plus, this is good for the freshmen," said sophomore Miranda Linzmair. The students reactions are mixed, but there seems to be a lot more in favor of the change, then those who despise it. Garden City High School will make the change in the school year of 2008-2009. Both students and teachers can look forward to the new, exciting year. Kim Poma is a sophomore at Garden City High School.

At the movies: 'Chuck and Larry' has no effect on opinions

BY EMILY CRUSE
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If you haven't been under a rock for the last couple months, you have probably heard of the new Adam Sandler movie that was recently released on DVD. This movie is *I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry*. To me the movie was just funny. But after thinking about it for a while I wondered: Are there people out there that think more of it?



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Well, to be honest, my findings were not surprising to me. Every teen I interviewed about this topic did not care. They just thought it was funny. I was really hoping some would care about the deep concepts of the movie — how it was making

fun of homosexuals, but at the same time trying to give them justice. They just saw it as a comedy starring Adam Sandler and Kevin James. "I thought the movie was good. And no feel completely the same," said Josh Caldwell a Garden City High School freshman. I had asked what he thought of the movie and if it changed his view of homosexuals in any way. I guess that people's opinions not changing is bet-

The movie was good, and I do not want people to get the wrong idea. I don't disapprove of the movie; I'm just simply trying to express the feeling of other teens.

ter than them changing negatively. I was pretty worried that having a movie making fun of homosexuals

would result in some people thinking it is all right to make fun of them. I haven't found anyone that thinks that way. The movie was good, and I do not want people to get the wrong idea. I don't disapprove of the movie; I'm just simply trying express the feeling of other teens. Emily Cruse is a sophomore at Garden City High School.

Mental disorders: There's nothing for the public to fear

BY BETHANY HARRIS
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In today's world, mental illnesses are becoming more commonly heard of, even for teens. This is mainly because we now know more about diagnosing mental disorders and problems. Many people imagine people with mental disorders in big, scary, horror-movie type buildings with white walls and bars on their windows. While some people are in mental facilities, not all illnesses are that severe — or as



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exaggerated. In fact, there are mental disorders that everyday teens have to live with. ADHD or ADD, which stand for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and attention deficit disorder, respectively, are two of these illnesses. ADD and ADHD are diseases which can cause hyperactivity, impulsive-

Another common group of disorders in teens is eating disorders. No, it's not a physical disease, even though it has to do with your digestive system. About 3 percent of America's teenage population has the eating disorders bulimia or anorexia. Both are very dangerous and can result in malnutrition as well as many other unappealing situations and symptoms.

ness and a difficulty to pay attention to things for long periods of time. About two million American teens live with ADD/ADHD. Some of them are never diagnosed. Fortunately, there is medicine to help control or at least sub-

due the disease's effects. Bipolar disorder also is found in teenagers, as well as adults. There are four classifications because the symptoms can be different for everyone. The most common symptom is mood swings, which are

more severe than in normally functioning brains. Another common group of disorders in teens is eating disorders. No, it's not a physical disease, even though it has to do with your digestive system. About 3 percent of America's teenage population has the eating disorders bulimia or anorexia. Both are very dangerous and can result in malnutrition as well as many other unappealing situations and symptoms. Even though teens are living with some of these diseases, that doesn't necessarily

mean that they don't need help. If you know someone who has a mental illness, that doesn't mean they're unstable and could lose control at any moment. In fact, therapy and medication can help with most disorders. Just because someone is suffering from mental illness doesn't mean you have to avoid them. In fact, just being there is probably one of the best things you can do. Bethany Harris is a sophomore at Garden City High School.

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Teens who face stress need outlet for feelings

BY KAITLYN BRANG
OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST

Homework, sports, jobs, ACTs, relationships, college applications — just seeing the words might stress teens out.

According to a report by Reuters Health researchers, about one-third of teens in the United States feel stressed out on a daily basis. The report also states that most teens stress comes from parents and school. Since neither one of those two things is likely to go away, teens must learn to deal with their stress in a healthy way.

Adults tend to laugh when they hear teens feel stress and



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say, "Welcome to the real world!" Many adults feel stress through work and families, but they may be surprised to find out how many of today's teens are affected by stress. The

truth is that stress can have bad consequences on teens, maybe more than adults.

Like adults, teens worry about work, family, friends, world issues, their future, their past ("mistakes"), rela-

tionships and more. Listening to music, writing things down and exercise are great ways to relieve stress without causing harm to themselves, but studies show that most teens do not know how to relieve stress in a safe way.

"When school and relationships stress me out I listen to music," said Tim Frederick, a junior at Garden City High School.

Stress causes teens to do dangerous things. They sometimes turn to drugs and alcohol in order to deal with there stress and others turn to self-mutilation. Adults are more mature when it comes to relieving there stress.

Teens need guidance in what they should do to relive stress in a nonharming way.

"My mom and club leader cause me the most stress. To relive stress I usually hit things or eat chocolate," said junior Lauren Anthony.

Say the word "school" to any teen and you'll immediately see the stress cross their face. Whether the stress comes from tests, school work, teachers, sports, peer pressure, bullying or just what to wear that day, the amount of pressure on these kids is enormous.

Females are 10 percent more likely to feel stress than male students. The pressure

to do well in school directly related to their future job goals.

One of the most effective and easy way to help when things are getting bad is old fashion talking it out. Teens need to be able to talk to someone who will listen without judging. They need to talk to someone other than their friends. Many won't talk to their parents, but should try finding a willing adult who will listen and hopefully give them some good advice. Talking and letting things out instead of bottling it all in side is great in stress relief.

Because of the amount of stress we all feel in today's

world, teens must learn to deal with the pressures. Teens needing to talk to someone about anything in their lives, not only stress, can call the Teen Line at (800) 443-8336. The counselors are there to help with whatever problems kids are having.

With help anyone can learn to deal with stress in a positive way. When I'm feeling stressed, I curl up with a good book. I know that I'm feeling less stressed now that is article is done.

Kaitlyn Brang is a junior at Garden City High School.

Feeling feisty: Students disagree with no pop in school law

BY FAWNA CICOTTE
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Beverages available during lunchtime in at least one local high school has changed for good. At Wayne Memorial High School, pop is no longer being sold in the cafeteria during lunchtime.

Principal John Albrecht said that this was done in compliance with a federal law. He also said that the high school was one of the last schools in the district to comply with the law.

In the Wayne-Westland district, the middle and elementary schools have not had any sort of pop for the last several months.

According to a transcript from www.CNN.com, the law, which took effect on July 1, 2006, says that all sugary, soda-pop drinks must be removed from school lunch rooms. Elementary and middle schools can only sell low-fat milk, water and juice, but high schools are allowed to sell fitness water, sports



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drinks, diet or unsweetened tea and diet pop.

The law is meant to combat the rising rates of childhood obesity that are being seen all over the United States. Schools all over the country are subject to the law, and some are even changing lunch foods to suit a healthier lifestyle.

Some students disagree with having the pop removed and replaced with healthier choices.

Student Cassie York, 18, said that she does miss the pop and doesn't think removing pop from the lunchroom will have much of an effect on obesity, since "juice has sugar just like pop."

Cassie went on to say that without being able to drink pop at school, she has almost eliminated pop from her diet

"except for Red Pop, which I still get at home."

Daniel Frey, 17, said that he disagreed with the decision to remove the pop. Although he doesn't drink any pop himself,

he said that he doesn't think that removing the pop will prevent other children from getting some anyway, or make a dent in childhood obesity. "They're only in school for

so long," he said.

Whether this action will have any effect on childhood obesity still remains to be seen. For now though, students at Wayne Memorial as

well as at other local schools will have to be prepared to go without pop for quite a while.

Fawna Cicotte is a senior at Wayne Memorial High School.

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In 1997 the nation spent \$52 billion on neck and back problems, while in 2005, the amount was \$85.9 billion. By comparison, in 2005 the nation spent \$89 billion for cancer, and \$98 billion for diabetes. In 1997, the cost of drugs to treat back and neck pain amounted to \$7.3 billion; in 2005 the cost reached nearly \$20 billion.

This medical study found that MRI and CT scanning added to the cost of care, but had little influence in improving physical functioning. In 1997, 20.7% of people with back pain reported the condition limited physical activity, and 16% stated the back or neck problem limited activity at work, school or in the home. In 2005, despite the large sums spent on medication, the introduction of epidural injection, and a number of new back operations, 24.7% of patients found themselves limited in physical activities. In addition, the number of individuals with limitations at work, school, or home was nearly 19%.

Large expense has not brought improvement in the outcome of low back and neck pain. It may be time for physicians to return to simple exercises, to advising accommodations in chairs and work areas, and to look to basic analgesia and aspirin in the treatment of back pain.

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Reality TV can offend or inspire show viewers

BY JEN LEINS
OBSERVER TEEN JOURNALIST



Jen Leins

Every time you turn on the TV there seems to be a new reality show premiering. From talent competitions to celebrities looking for love, there's no reality series that hasn't been attempted. Reality TV falls into two groups: inspiration and desperation.

I can't imagine anything more desperate than trying to win the heart of someone you've never met and thinking they're your true love.

Shows like *Rock of Love* with Bret Michaels and *Flavor of Love* just further my point. If they were honestly looking for love would they have 20 different girls competing in challenges to win dates with them?

It's apparent that these celebrities are just has-beens trying to relive their glory days.

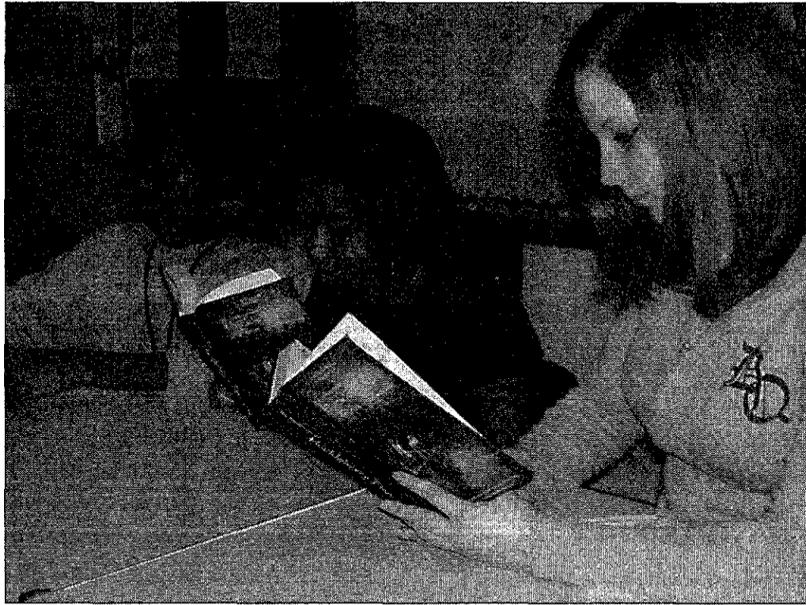
Not only is it degrading to the women throwing themselves at their idols, but their actions just fuel the fire to create more and more absurd reality shows.

On the other end of the spectrum, there are the shows that make you want to improve yourself and help others. *The Biggest Loser* is one of the most inspirational shows on television. It helps overweight people change their lifestyle choices and motivates viewers to take action as well. The trainers are always giving useful tips about exercise and eating habits that the average person can incorporate into their lives.

American Idol is another show that changes lives. With seven seasons under its belt and millions of viewers, *American Idol* has used its popularity for the right reasons and helped the poor and those in need. In Season 6, a charity event called "Idol Gives Back" raised money for the poor in Africa, New Orleans and a number of other places. It's refreshing to see a show that has used fame as a way to not only showcase talent, but help those less fortunate.

Reality TV shows no signs of leaving our television screens anytime soon, so as long as there's a voice trying to be heard, or a person trying to lose weight, there will be a rock star searching for the back up singer to his heart.

Jen Leins attends Livonia Franklin High School



Wayne Memorial High School students Montae Peterson (from left), Dominique Williams and Lana Pierce read 'Huckleberry Finn' as a part of the 10th-grade curriculum. They're focusing on the theme of prejudice in the novel.

'What reality show would you love to be on?'

"American Idol because I'd love to show people my voice, and I think it'd be really fun."
- Emily Quint, Franklin High School, 10th grade

- Brittany Harris, Churchill High School, 11th grade

"Survivor Man because it's so fun to learn different ways to survive in the wild."
- Henry Weyand, Stevenson High School, 10th grade

"America's Best Dance Crew because I love how the dancers show their break dancing moves."
- Emily Korpela, Stevenson High School, 10th grade

"The Amazing Race because the places they go are so cool and interesting."

"American Idol because I love to sing and I think it would be an amazing experience."
Kelly Walblay, Franklin High School, ninth grade

DIVERSITY

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emphasizing diversity. Every year in the fall students at WMHS participate in an event during their lunch for which they are assigned to a table. At each table there is a leader asking questions to get conversations started. There are also music and prizes. The purpose is to get students to communicate with someone new and to break the barriers that block students from branching out.

"To me diversity is not just knowing there's different things out there, but accepting it and embracing it," Allen said.

As an act of accepting and embracing diversity, Allen and three other students from Wayne Memorial attended a roundtable

discussion with Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Martin Luther King Day this past January at Schoolcraft College.

Fourteen local high schools attended the discussion with ethnically diverse students representing them.

"We accomplished (at the discussion) that we need to be the ones to get diversity started and not leave it to the government," said Delancey Barron, a junior at Wayne Memorial.

"We live in a global society and must be prepared for a global workforce. As we celebrate our diversity it helps lay the foundation for our future competitiveness," said Baracy. "Diversity is very precious and should be celebrated and appreciated."

Erica Perdue is a senior at Wayne Memorial High School.

BON JOVI

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exception. He then went on to entertain his audiences all with stories about coming to the Motor City for the first time in 1980.

Not wanting to put the music off for much longer, he announced, "I better stop talking, I got a lot of singing to do." And he was right.

Hit after hit wowed the crowd, including ones like

The Radio Saved My Life Tonight. The band's newly-adopted country twang was evident in the fiddle solo during *Whole Lot of Leavin' Goin' On*. Perhaps a turning point in the show was guitarist Richie Sambora's inspired lead vocals on Jovi staple, *I'll Be There For You*.

All through the night, the songs kept coming. The whole upper deck was like an oven, but nobody really seemed to care that much... they were all too busy having a good time.

"I can't be held responsible for what I'm about to do... so fasten your seat belts," Jon Bon Jovi warned before launching into *It's My Life*. Songs that followed included *Have a Nice Day*, *Bad Medicine*, *Born To Be My Baby* and *Keep the Faith*. *Who Says You Can't Go Home* also was guaranteed to please.

But by far, more than any other song, *Livin' on a Prayer* was the one that everyone was the most excited about hearing. It was complete and total

audience participation from the opening notes of that song to the final few chords.

Met with almost deafening screams of approval, the guys came back out for an encore. But not before sharing a little news. It was 21 years and two days prior to this show that *Prayer* went No. 1. When the applause died down a little bit, Bon Jovi dusted off an old fan-favorite and played *Wanted: Dead or Alive* as their first encore song, the second being *I Love This Town*. Make no

mistake that this town loves them, too.

One perplexing element of it, however, was the absence of such songs as *Always* and *Lay Your Hands on Me*. But fans were able to forgive and forget, with the amazing set list they were given.

Yes, this concert was one for the ages. It just proves that age has absolutely no effect on talent. In fact, sometimes it just makes it better.

In 1986, four young men from New Jersey really got

their start in the music business. And here it is now, 2008, and Jon, Richie, Tico and Dave are all still here, rocking out like they did all those years ago. And so it can be said, From Runaway to Lost Highway, Bon Jovi still knows where they belong — on a stage, in front of thousands of screaming fans.

Ashley J. Trombley is a junior at Garden City High School and Bon Jovi fanatic.

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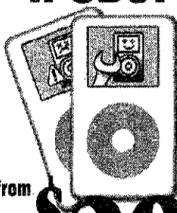
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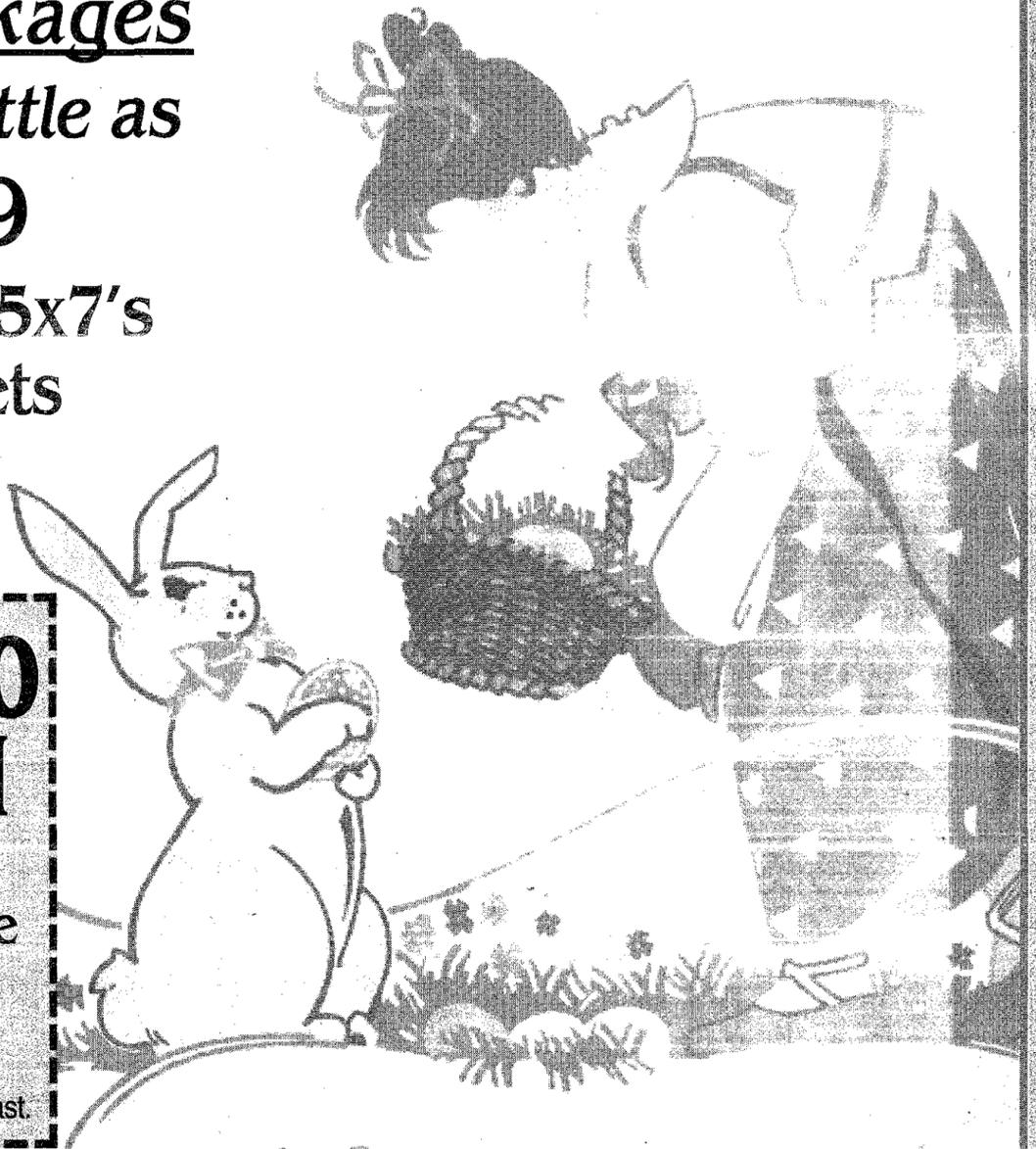
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Lundys are golden
Phil and Sharlene Lundy of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 15. The couple was married Feb. 15, 1958, in Chicago, where they'd met while working at American Optical. They lived in Chicago until their first child, Philip Jr., was born in July 1959, then moved to Coldwater, Mich. Daughter Laura Ann was born in November 1963, and the family moved to Plymouth in November 1970. Phil Lundy came to Plymouth to work for American Motors Company in Detroit, then moved



to DeLorean Motor Car Company, Aetna and SKF. He worked for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp, and Auto Zone from which he retired after many years of hard work and dedication. Sharlene Lundy worked at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth 1971-2002. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in New Buffalo, Mich., at the Four Winds Casino and Hotel with their children Phil and Laura and their spouses, Roni and Mike, along with Sharlene's sister, Irene (Raymond) Kobus.

Educators 'bound together by literacy' gather at conference

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the winter semester drags along, educators as well as students often need a shot of adrenalin to get the creative juices flowing again.

The 52nd Annual Michigan Reading Association Conference March 14-17 at Cobo Center will draw 2,500-3,000 educators "Bound Together by Literacy."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for educators to have four days for development and learning," said Lynn Bigelman, principal of Jayno Adams Elementary School in Waterford and chair of this year's conference.

Each year, The Michigan Reading Association holds its conference in March, alternating between Detroit and Grand Rapids.

A pre-conference on Friday, March 14, will feature experts on reading research. These sessions will give teachers an opportunity to hear some of the latest ideas on reading and reading education.

The general session, March 15-17, will feature presentations by educators, researchers, authors, illustrators and young authors.

The keynote speaker for this year is Randy Boner, an associate professor in the language and literacy program in the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin. He will speak on writing and "how new times invite us to rethink composition."

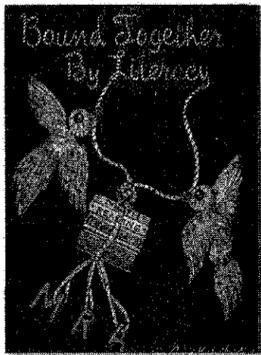
"All day long, we have wonderful, wonderful speakers from all over the country," Bigelman said. "Authors and illustrators will be signing their books."

On Sunday, the featured speaker will be Carmen Agra-Deedy, a storyteller and children's book author.

Agra-Deedy was born in Cuba and emigrated with her family during the Cuban Revolution. She often draws on Cuban folklore in her stories.

Ruby Payne will be the featured speaker Monday. She has done research on the achievement gap and working with children in poverty.

Young authors will be the spotlight on Sunday during a young authors' luncheon. The young writers will hear speaker John Archambault, author of *Chicka Boom Boom*, and illustra-



The poster for the Michigan Reading Association's annual conference. This year's theme is bound by reading.

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Chicka Boom Boom, and illustrator, musician David Plummer.

The children's writing appears in the Michigan Reading Association's annual publication *Kaleidoscope*.

Bigelman chose the theme for this year's conference, bound by literacy.

"Because of the Michigan Reading Association there is a common thread, without reading and writing, we can't do math and science. We are bound together and never far from each other," she said.

Bigelman said the conference should help reinvigorate teachers.

"This renews you, motivates you, gets you back to the classroom and you share with your students," she said. "For teachers, this is an exciting time to engage yourself and take it back to the classroom."

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ANTHONY CIAMPA, JR.
Age 82, Farmington, MI, passed March 4, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

JOHN J. (Jack) McCALL
Born in Detroit Dec. 27, 1922, passed away in Royal Oak March 6, 2008. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, MI

LOIS FOGLE (SUNDBERG)
Lois Fogle, 93 died peacefully on March 4 at Acorn Glen, Princeton, her retirement home since 2000. Born and raised in Detroit as Lois Clemens, in 1937 she married Carl Sundberg, co-founder of Sundberg-Ferrari, one of the most pre-eminent industrial design firms in the US. In addition to raising three elegant daughters and serving on various boards for promoting the arts, as a volunteer at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak and as a member of various committees for Detroit mayors and other local officials. Upon Mr. Sundberg's retirement in 1976, the Sundbergs moved to Ocean Ridge, FL, where she continued her hospital activities. Upon Mr. Sundberg's death in 1982, Mrs. Sundberg opened Suwenka, an upscale Delray Beach clothing boutique. Subsequently, Lois married Ed Fogle of Connecticut and spent 10 enjoyable years until his death in 1998. She subsequently moved to Princeton to be near her daughter, Susan (Riley). Other surviving daughters are Karen Miles of Tilghman Island, MD and Wendy Merget of Sebastopol, CA. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and some sons-in-law of whom one need not contemplate.



KATHLEEN MILLER

Age 53, Beloved mother of Erica (Ron) Smith, Michael (Amber), Katie (Paul) Jagielski & Bobby. Loving grandmother of Natalie, Miyah, Michael, Hannah & Maggie. Dear daughter of Glenn Sr. & Mary Ellen Taub. Dear sister of Michael & Glenn Taub. Loved by Joe & Marsha Bancho and many other friends. Visiting Sunday 3-9 pm with scripture services at 7 pm at the Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daley (Btw 6-7 Mile). In State Monday 9:30 am until 10 am Mass at St. Priscilla Church 19120 Purlingbrook (W of Middlebelt, N of 7 Mile). Donations to St. Priscilla Church would be appreciated. Condolences to: www.charlesstepfuneralhome.com



JOSEPH F. PAULUS

March 5, 2008. Age 90. Formerly of Bloomfield Village. Longtime Detroit area bowling proprietor and banking executive. Beloved husband of the late Kathryn B. "Kitty" for 51 years. Dear father of Jacqueline Ong (David), Josephine Paddock (Bill) and Julie Weyand (Richard). Grandfather of Kelley Smith (Doug), Molly DeFrancesco (John), Patrick Ong (Tricia), Katie Ong, Steve Paddock, Brad Paddock (Melanie), Meggan Weyand and Justin Weyand. Also survived by 15 great-grandchildren. Brother of Elizabeth Leon and the late Catherine Markell. Services have been held. Memorial tributes to Kitty Paulus Scholarship Fund, c/o St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 44405 Woodward, Pontiac, MI 48341 or U of M Center for Hearing Disorders, 1150 W. Medical Center Dr., Rm. 4605, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5616. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



MARY LOU TOMLINSON

Age 87, March 6, 2008. Dear Aunt of Christine H. John and Fred Huebner (Mary). Great aunt of George Shaw (Kim), Emily Lindner (Rick), Annie Huebner, and Jimmy Huebner. Great-great aunt of Sydney Shaw and George Lindner. She is also survived by her former husbands, Merle Slack, Jack Charbeneau, and Jim Tomlinson, as well as former step-children: Phillip (Marsha) and Wesley Slack, Carol Kay (Bill), John Charbeneau, James (Lynn) Tomlinson, Robert Tomlinson, Joy Ann McLendon (Charles), John (Carol) and Daniel (Lucinda) Tomlinson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Bessie Huebner, a brother, Robert Huebner, and a stepson, Howard Charbeneau. Memorial service Monday 11:00am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial visitation Sunday 12-3pm. Memorial tributes to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County or St. Anne's Mead. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

LLOYD HEUSSNER
Recently of Naples, Florida formerly of Marco Island, Florida and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Passed away suddenly as a result of a stroke on March 4, surrounded by his family. He was born in 1923 in Fraser, Michigan. He was the son of Alex and Beatrice Heussner who predeceased him. He was raised and lived on a farm in Michigan until he joined the Coast Guard in 1941 where he served through the end of World War II. He married Esther Sauder in 1942, and they settled in the Detroit area where he became the consummate city dweller. He is survived by his wife Esther, their six children and ten grandchildren. He was an active entrepreneur before the term was popular. He owned automobile dealerships, restaurants, a golf course, a potato chip factory, a plastic plant and had numerous other interests in diverse industries. He loved music of all types and had a vast music collection dating from the 1940's. He was a friend to everyone who met him, and generous to a fault. He loved to party and was a joy to be with. He adored the outdoor life and had a passion for the Old West and golf. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, Michigan, the Island Country Club on Marco Island, Florida and a lifetime member of Oakland Hills Country Club. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather who will be missed tremendously by everyone who knew him. A memorial service will be held later in the spring in Michigan. Donations in his memory should be sent to United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

JOHN R. "BOB" (CYR) MIQUELON

MACON - John R. "Bob" Miquelon passed away Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Monday at 11:00 a.m. A reception celebrating his life will be held immediately following the service at The Gables at Wolf Creek on Forsyth Road in Macon. Those who wish may make memorial contributions in lieu of flowers to Hospice of Central Georgia, P. O. Box 6533, Macon 31208 or to Holy Spirit Catholic Church Building Fund, 4074 Chambers Road, Macon 31206 or to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 4406, Macon 31208. Bob Miquelon was born June 26, 1921 in Regina, Saskatchewan and raised in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He immigrated to the United States upon his discharge from the Canadian Army. A graduate of General Motors Institute (now Kettering University), he retired as a Senior Engineer with Cadillac Motor Division of General Motors. He and his wife moved to Macon, GA in 1981 where he had a second career as an Intellectual Property Specialist with the University of Georgia. He was a Founder and former President of the Inventors Association of Georgia. He is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy and is survived by his children, Stephanie Cyr-Miquelon Eller of Minneapolis, MN, Melanie Cyr-Miquelon Myron of Lakeside, MI, Michelle Cyr-Miquelon of Detroit, MI and CAPT. John Robert Cyr-Miquelon, Jr., USN of San Diego, CA and his five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Visit www.mem.com to express tributes. Snow's Memorial Chapel Funeral and Cremation Services, Cherry Street has charge of arrangements.



ERYNN ASHLEY SHENKOSKY

Age 22, suddenly, March 5, 2008. Beloved daughter of John and Felice. Sweet big sister to Caitlyn. Loving granddaughter of Frank and Mary Ann Farquharson, and Laura May Shenkosky. Precious niece of Lillian Peak, Irene Graas, Charles Peak, and Thomas (Kathy) Peak. Pre-deceased by her G-G Mama, Mary Peak. Dear niece of Susan (William) Vogel, Scott Farquharson, and Andrew Shenkosky. Cousin to Bill (Lorie) Vogel, Joseph Vogel, Elizabeth Vogel, Michael Vogel, Drew Shenkosky, Natalie Shenkosky, Jack Farquharson and Will Farquharson. Big cousin to Billy and Braden Vogel. Visitation Sunday 3:00-8:00pm at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe. Funeral Monday in state 11:30am until time of Mass 12:00pm at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. Light a candle and share a memory at: www.verheyden.org.



MARIE LOUISE 'LOU' WEST

Age 82, a homemaker, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008. Lou was born in Detroit, MI She came to Brevard County in 1954 from Birmingham, MI. She was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and a graduate of Albion College Class of 1947 and she attended the University of Michigan Graduate School. She participated in many community activities including HRMC Development Council, Holmes Regional Hospice Board of Directors, Chairman of a Study Group of AAUW, was a former member of the Vestry of her church, Board of Directors of the South Brevard Chapter of the American Cancer Society, a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer, founding member of The Family Counseling Center, was a former member of the Founding Committee of the United Appeal in Brevard County and a member of Indiantine Garden Club by the Sea. Lou is survived by her daughter, Ms. Laura West of Arlington, VA; daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte (West) and David Pietenpol of Ft. Collins, CO and their children, Charles "Chase," Annelise Marie, Anika Lynn and Bryce; step-daughter, Ms. Natalie (West) Rob Sellin of Oakland, CA; stepson, Mr. Charles R. West of Orcas, WA and step-daughter, Anne Cowenhausen of York, ME; and a dear friend of Marian Hoag of Birmingham, MI. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles F. West. In order to allow family to arrive from out of town, the Celebration of Life will be held at 11 am, Monday, March 17th, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Anyone planning expressions of sympathy is asked to consider donations to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Memorial Fund. Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home in Melbourne is serving the family, (321) 723-2345. www.brownliemaxwell.com

SHIRLEY E. WINTER

Age 86. Plymouth, Mi. Passed away on March 3, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.



MARY V. SOLOY (nee Bobee)

Age 93, formerly of Livonia, died March 6, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Daniel and last matriarch of the Bobee & Soloy families. Survived by her daughter, Judi Tompkins; son Richard (Kathie) Soloy; grandchildren, Lisa, Janine, Justine, Michael; great-grandchildren, Michael, Daniel, Benjamin and Peter and many dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland, March 8, 2008. Fr. Leo Lulko officiated. Burial Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials are encouraged to be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For more information contact: Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

FRANK E. STONE

Age 65. Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away on March 2, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

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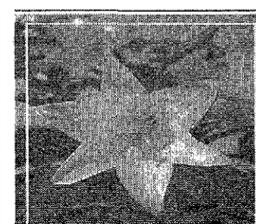
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CHARLES P. MORRIS
March 5, 2008. WWII Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Marcella F. Loving father of James S., Timothy J., Sallyanne (James Foltz), Mary J. (Jerry) Cole, Terence J., Peggy R. (Victor) Candela, the late Colleen (John) Smith, Edmond R. (Denise), Ellen J. (Louis) Laurentius and Linda Morris. Dear brother of William A. Jr. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Resting at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (At Ann Arbor Tr.) Saturday, 3-9 p.m. and Sunday, 12-9 p.m. Rosary Saturday, 7 p.m. Funeral Monday, 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Michaels Catholic Church, 10 a.m. Memorial contributions to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.



WEDDING

Brandon-Rabahy

Danielle Rose Rabahy and Matthew Jacques Brandon were married Feb. 28, 2008, at Our Lady of Victory Church with the Rev. Denis Theroux officiating.

The bride is the daughter of David and Catherine Rabahy of Northville. She is a 2003 graduate of Mercy High School and a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in dietetics.

The groom is the son of Rod and Susan Brandon of Livonia. He is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School. He is a lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

The bride was attended by Lyndee Killion, maid of honor; and bridesmaids, Rebecca Baum and Natalie Korynski. Flower girls were Rachel Maes, Mary Kate Grobosky and Jennifer Rabahy. The groom was attended



by Colin Brennan, best man; groomsmen, Brandon Cook and Zachary Shaver; and ushers, Michael Brandon and Paul Rabahy.

A reception was held at Glen Oaks Country Club.

The couple will make their home in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Plymouth library kicks off new music series

The Plymouth District Library will welcome spring with a new Sunday afternoon music series, *Rhapsody: Music at the Library* 3 p.m. Sunday, March 9, with the Paul Vornhagen Trio as they present An American Songbook of Jazz Standards. The concerts are free and open to the public thanks to the sponsorship of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

Vornhagen will be performing on saxophone, flute and vocals, while Tad Weed is on keyboard and Kurt Krahnke on bass. These three have performed in venues around the world and will bring the works of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, and Thelonius Monk to Plymouth in the coming month.

The series continues April 6, with musicians from the Celebration Youth Orchestra through the Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society's Youth Outreach Education Program. Students Kelly Kaiser, Jory King, Patrick O'Neil and Erik Partin will perform solos and duets on flute, viola and violin.

Wanda Degen and Pete Wittig bring contemporary and traditional acoustic music to include folk, Great Lakes Celtic, original songs and instrumentals to the library on May 4. They will perform these varied works on dulcimer, auto-harp, guitar and harmonica.

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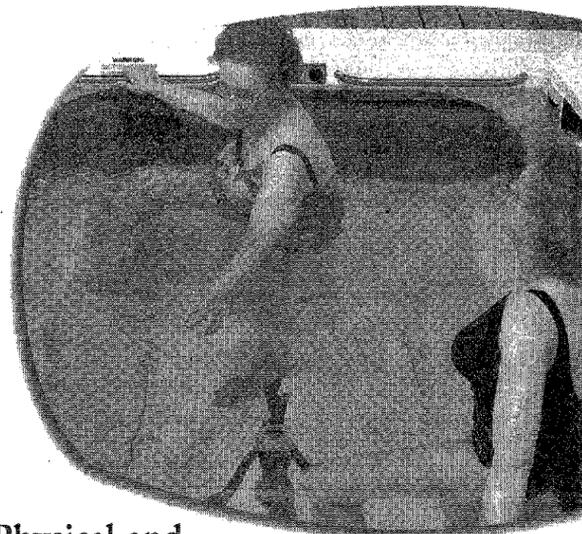
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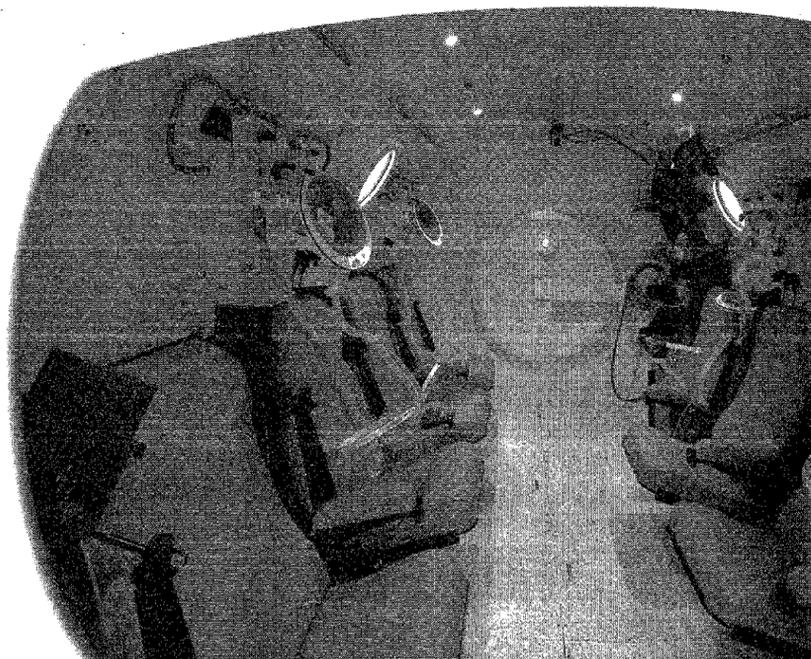
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SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 165lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...
White Knight. Spontaneous SBF, 35, brown eyes, in search of adventurous, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. ☎262020

NO DRAMA LTR
SBF, 42, 4'11", 135lbs, N/S, mother of three, goes to college, seeks man, 30-48, who is serious about life, doesn't play games. ☎261544

HONESTY A MUST
BF, 42, 5'4", 180lbs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. ☎256683

TAKE A CHANCE
SF, 48, 5'7", 210lbs, medium brown/blue, N/D, N/S, no children, enjoys drama films, shooting pool, playing darts, sporting events, long drives, more. Seeking SM, 45-55, who enjoys the same. ☎259363

LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT
Outgoing, laid-back SWF, 40, sincere and light-hearted seeks easygoing, fun SM, who knows how to enjoy life, to share talks, dates, friendship and possible LTR. ☎255010

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 46-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎962317

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 32lbs, 5'6", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎891247

SWEET SEXY LADY WANTS...
to be swept off my feet! Very pretty SWF, 42, brunette, 5'6", 133lbs, N/S, seeks good-looking, tall SM, 40-45, honest, cosmetic surgeon, college-educated, romantic, sensual, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎235306

NEW BEGINNINGS
This attractive SWF, blonde/brown, 5'5", 50s, is honest, caring and sincere. I enjoy nature, walk, travel, music, quiet times. I am a good friend, companion, seeking a mature gentleman, 60+. ☎235677

TAKE A CHANCE
DWF, 48, mom, black/dark brown, employed, likes Italian food, nice talks, movies and simple times. Seeking compatible man to share these and maybe more. ☎255541

IN THIS BOX I CAN FIND...
a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call ☎24748

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. ☎235988

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the parks, walk, travel and life in general. Friendship first. ☎212426

JUST A NICE PERSON...
looking for a nice man. Tall SBF, 45, 5'8", long hair, glasses, seeks SM, 45-65, WM a plus. ☎249820

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking, inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. ☎147056

TAKING A PEEK
Attractive SWF, 20 years old, loves to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing at home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship, maybe more. ☎254474

VERY CUTE
SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

GET TO KNOW ME
BF, 57", full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. ☎260756

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ☎230694

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. ☎262181

LET'S TALK SOON
Sincere, drama-free SWF, 57, 5'8", reddish-brown hair, glasses, 165lbs, D/D-free, ISO S/DWM, 35-62, who's interested in a friends first relationship. ☎246147

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. ☎759845

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1" +, 220lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, mainly gentleman. ☎262549

GORGEOUS SMILE!
SBF, 26, 5'6", 130lbs, slim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 18-30, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy movies, dining, television, cuddling. ☎257889

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SM, 55-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. ☎269770

LIVE LIFE 2 THE FULLEST
SF, 18, enjoys music, architectural design and trying new things. Seeking SM, creative and fun, with passion for the same, to share friendship, good times and then who knows? ☎247152

POSSIBLE LTR
SWF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWF/M, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎993981

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200236

FUN & OUTGOING

SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. ☎257908

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION
Tall, attractive WIFW, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/board games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide variety of interest to share all life offers. ☎236416

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
SWF, 66, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a WH/M, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. ☎207181

WHY NOT CALL?
Family-oriented SWF, 53, 5'5", 145lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys The Red Wings, The Pistons, movies, outdoor activities and more. Seeking compatible man to share and explore all life offers. ☎251062

WORTH THE CALL
SWF, 55, 5'6", dark autumn/hazel, N/S, no children, never married, seeking SM, to share talks, casual dates, nice times and see where it goes. ☎252820

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎217234

HERE I AM GUYS
Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 5'5", 165lbs, brown eyes, independent, employed, secure. Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. ☎238307

TRY THIS ONE
Loving, sincere SBF, 58, easygoing, looking for a good-hearted, Christian gentleman with The Lord in his heart to share life, laughter, happiness and possible LTR. ☎242234

WORTH A CALL
SWF, 55, loves movies, trying new things, sporting events, motocross, sewing and more. Seeking sociable SM, with similar interests, to share the special times in life. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎245616

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities for friendship. ☎245646

LOOKING FOR ME?
Attractive SBF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 49-57, 5'11"-6'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. ☎246987

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBF, 5'3", long hair, student, seeking a SBM, 19-23, handsome, honest, fun, good personality, for friendship and more. ☎248542

HELLO
SAF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, slim and pretty, independent, loving, caring and down-to-earth, loves movies, fine dining, travel and quiet times home. Seeking well-educated SW/M, 47-55, clean-cut, handsome, independent and warm. ☎49735

WORTH A LOOK
SBF, 30, 5'7", 165lbs, sincere, loves music, trying new things and just having fun. Looking for good-hearted, open-minded man to share the good times in life, friendship and maybe more. ☎235634

IT'S WORTH THE CALL
SBF, 20, 5'3", 250lbs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeking a cool guy, to chill with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes. ☎255979

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good natured male seeking for the good things in life. Livingston county. ☎210247

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO, honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963790

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎33086

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎580059

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎985794

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HANDSOME MALE

SBM, 6', HWP, professional, employed, kind, considerate, confidence, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. ☎984957

LOOKING FOR ME?
SM, 53, outgoing, cool, fun, honest and easygoing, loves Italian/Mexican food, racquetball, camping, and much more. Looking for fit, fun and active lady to share talks, good times, friendship/LTR. ☎250719

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. ☎265340

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive D/W, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. ☎112288

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎717324

HEY LADIES
SBM, 22, 6'2", brown complexion, brown eyes, 175lbs, looking for sexy, thick, shapely ladies to kick it with and have a good time. ☎240895

GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS
Cool, classy, attractive SWM 50s, HW+ seeks special lady for dating and possible LTR. ☎235608

LADIES R U IN LUCK
SWM, 54, 5'11", 147lbs, amputee leg, N/S, N/D, likes motorcycles, wood working, painting, drawing, music. ISO SB/AF, 40-55, who's kind, caring, sweet, N/Kids, for possible LTR. ☎259012

TAKE A CHANCE
SBM, 46, on disability, enjoys romance, having fun, hockey (playing, watching). Seeking a loving, kind, fun time in life. ☎236575

YOUNG-AT-HEART
SWM, 76, 6', 200lbs, N/S, retired health care professional, good natured, healthy, active, seeks old fashioned SWF, 62-70, college grad, who's affectionate, kind, for friendship first maybe marriage. ☎449201

Tired OF BEING ALONE
SBM, 49, smoker, seeks WF, 30-50, for LTR. Let's get together and see what develops! ☎260148

ROMANTIC AND ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 62, good listener, enjoys cards, travel, the arts, walks and more, offering a good friendship to a warm-hearted woman, with innerouter beauty. ☎233588

DOWN-TO-EARTH

SBM, young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, dinner, travel. Seeking a SF, 30-45, race open, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of humor. ☎221121

WEST SIDE
SBM, 36, 5'9", 150lbs, light brown eyes, smoker, seeks woman, 20-30, race open, who is open-minded. ☎260319

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN
Attractive SW/M seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, HW proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. ☎262579

SEEKING ROMANCE
SBM, 50, 5'11", 172lbs, looking for an honest woman, N/S, for possible LTR. I like camping, playing guitar, going to movies and dining out. ☎262304

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. ☎128302

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more. ☎257001

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
WM, 6'3", dark/blue, easygoing, down-to-earth, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out. Would love to meet an attractive female for dating. Foreign born a plus. ☎257029

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
WM, late 30s, 6'3", dark/blue, enjoys sports, concerts and going to movies. Looking for an attractive Latin/Hispanic female, 20-30, for dating. ☎257496

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 49, 6'7", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blond, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

WORTH A CALL
SWM, 49, 5'6", 230lbs, seeking SF, 39-55, to get to know have a good times and see where it goes. I love cuddling, romance, dining, movies, park walks and more. ☎255684

HI THERE
SBM, 41, employed, likes bowling, fishing, simple times. Seeking a loving, easygoing, affectionate lady to share talks nice times, companionship and togetherness. ☎248214

LOOKING FOR A DREAM
SM, Black and Native American, 43, 5'8", 175lbs, enjoys camping, soft rock music, fishing. Looking for a nice, honest, caring SW/HF, 30-43, average with few extra pounds, for possible LTR. ☎257062

LOOKING FOR A FUN LADY
Devoted SCM, 36, low-key and light-hearted, looking for SCF, race open, to enjoy church, dinner dates, movie nights and much more. Let's see what happens. ☎252802

HI LADIES
SWM, 46, kind, hardworking, N/S, seeking SB/HF, 32-34, N/S, for sharing conversation, enjoys dates, laughter and just living life. Possible LTR. ☎254066

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling, romance. She is a shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF for dating and fun times. ☎187614

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", 200lbs, secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wise/wise of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269645

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎680305

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
DWM, 49, 250lbs, overweight, enjoys life's simple things. Seeking friendship leading to love with SWF, 35-60, caring, compassionate, romantic, open-minded, who will accept me in good times and bad. ☎259425

TRY ME
SM, 44, 5'9", blue eyes, enjoys Nascar, hockey, bowling, movies and active with an appreciable SF, with similar interests to share something special. ☎254810

LIFE IS BEST SHARED
Secure, independent, handsome SWM, 39, sociable, affectionate, kind, seeks similar lady who likes sports, theater, romance, to share finer things in life, laughter and anything that comes our way. ☎232808

FRIENDLY AND FUN
SBM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere, warm and patient, seeks SF, 21-60, to get to know and share all the good times in life. ☎235738

WHAT'S UP LADIES?
Simple, honest, respectful, romantic SBM, 42, 6'0", 280lbs, light complexion, brown eyes, looking for a nice, romantic lady to get to know and share good times. ☎237959

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9", 210lbs, dark brown/brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, and waterfront talks, quiet times home. Looking for compatible lady who knows how to enjoy life. ☎238130

TAKE A CHANCE
Sociable SM, 45, hard-working, considerate and kind-hearted, outgoing and open-minded, love horror and action films, nice times at home, snuggling and more. Seeking compatible lady who associates the same. Friendship/dating? ☎246859

HOW ARE YOU?
DWM, 37, 6'11", 200lbs, athletic build, medium blond hair, employed, outgoing and fun, hard-working, looking to meet like-minded lady to share talks, casual dates, friendship more? ☎248129

SPEND TIME TOGETHER
Attractive SM, 37, 5'11", 180lbs, searching for an attractive SF, 23-44, with a nice attitude, who loves to laugh and have fun. ☎249665

ENJOY THE VIEW
Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. ☎113935

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. ☎200459

LET'S MEET SOON!
SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. ☎247784

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. ☎587540

VERY GOOD COOK
Honest, down-to-earth, real BM, 6'3", 235lbs, nice build, bald, enjoys cuddling and romance. Looking for a beautiful female to spend time with and get to know. ☎260569

COUGAR LOVER
Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. ☎244260

NEW FRIENDS ARE NICE

SWM, 27, homesownr, pet lover, jut out of relationship, enjoys travel, motorcycles, hot rods, dirt bikes, rock & roll, four-wheelers, barbecues, movies. Seeking female, 18-45, for casual dating and fun. ☎271788

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. ☎176478

OUTGOING GUY
BM, 6', 227lbs, likes laughing and having fun. Looking for a BF 25-35, who is honest and real, for dating. ☎260789

LET'S HAVE FUN
Male, 32, likes hanging out at home, movies, dining out and more. Looking for a slim, attractive female, 23-39,

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DETOX EMOTIONALLY AFTER DISAPPOINTMENT



WORKWISE
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Mildred L. Culp

You didn't get the raise you'd expected for weeks. You were passed over for the promotion for which you'd gone into overdrive for six months to obtain. The new job you took that changed your career blew up in front of you. In any of these cases, the resolution might have shocked and angered you. But as you're reading this, you're still coping -- or not -- with disappointment. How can you be certain that you need to detox?

You may be aware of detoxing from an alcohol or drug experience, or from other people, but not from the disappointment. Certified Kundalini yoga instructor Gurujas Kaur of Santa Monica advises you to watch for "emotional and psychological toxins." If you descend emotionally without realizing it, a friend may clue you in. "You simply absolutely need an outlet," she continues. "It's as if you fill a vase of water and pour and pour to overflowing. Sometimes the effects are irreversible, but most of the time, not, just that you're struggling. Emotional detox is a way for you to rid

yourself of the toxins that have polluted your psyche." Psychologist Tian Dayton, director of Program Development and Staff Training at Caron of New York, a treatment center in New York City, specializes in addiction- and trauma-related issues. She says to watch for a "continuum . . . the stress apparatus, which is fear-driven and fight-flight, at its base. When we're afraid, our bodies are flooded with stress, and that's an emotional response. This can be anything from being criticized in the workplace or growing up in a chaotic home to being part of 9/11."

Kaur suggests that you observe personal changes, including:
-- increased tenseness, anxiety, nervousness, stress and broken sleep;
-- decreased energy; and
-- aggressive behavior toward family members. She isn't referring to clinical depression but a general state.

PASSAGE
The paths to solid emotional health are many; the methods, so different, that you may choose which feels more comfortable to you. Motivational speaker Paul Davis of Dream-Makers Inc., in Orlando, Fla., recommends "considering closed doors as bridges en route to bigger open doors, new friends and a more

fulfilling life." He adds, "Don't stay where you are tolerated. Go where you are celebrated!"
If remaining where you are is a better alternative -- Dayton points out that moving on doesn't guarantee an emotional break -- consider distancing yourself:
-- "don't identify with the stressor or take everything personally,
-- "do recognize what you're bringing to the situation is making it more stressful than it needs to be," and
-- understand that "most problems work themselves out."
She suggests stepping back to remove some of the urgency while you give yourself the time to develop workable solutions.
Kaur takes the middle road, indicating that you need to be strategic: "Look for the end result that's best for you." Although she advises you to "follow your instincts," watch out, because they might be a little off-kilter now. She's correct about the need to evaluate carefully and to avoid making the situation worse.
Can co-workers help you? Dayton doesn't advise telling all but wants you to keep from isolating yourself. "If you share your feelings openly," she explains, "that releases serotonin into the body, a natural



Photo: Gurujas Kaur helps people break through the normal pattern of negative thoughts causing blame, anger and low self-esteem when they're susceptible to disappointment. With almost 400 hours of training, she is a Certified Jundalini yoga instructor in Santa Monica, Calif. Kaur takes a more conservative stand, stating, "Trusted co-workers will be an ear and a friend, but for the most part, you don't really want to go there. This is more about you and your personal experience. You don't want to involve them too much, because they have an investment in the company. Whatever you say, their loyalties will lie with the company if they plan to stay."
(Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)



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Needed for Westland area self storage facility. Saturday 9a-5p plus 8 hrs during the week. Strong customer service skills & work ethic required. Email resume to: adavenport@pogodapo.com

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DENTAL RECEPTIONIST

Business office. Part of full-time. Customer service proficient. Must be positive, upbeat, people oriented & able to multi-task. Farmington area. Email resume to: alman@umich.edu or fax to: (248) 474-0052

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