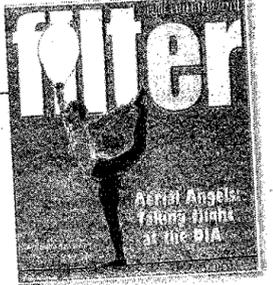




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## Witness: Murder plan hatched weeks before

## Family, friends mourn death of 'Mollie' Feliks

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friends and family members mourned the death Sunday of the Redford daughter of retired Westland District Judge Gail McKnight and husband Richard, a former Livonia school board member and Democratic Party activist.

Margaret "Mollie" R. Feliks, 35, died after she was airlifted to Beaumont Hospital from a traffic accident that happened around 4:10 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of Plymouth and Middlebelt roads, Livonia police said.

"We are shocked and saddened," Westland 18th District Court Administrator David Wiacek said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Judge McKnight, her husband Richard and the rest of the family."

Mrs. Feliks was a passenger in a 1970 Camaro that was struck by a 2005 Chevy pickup traveling at a high rate of speed, possibly due to a mechanical failure, such as a stuck accelerator, Livonia police said.

The pickup, driven by a 47-year-old Warren woman, was pulling out of Wonderland Village shopping center onto eastbound Plymouth when it first struck a 1994 Dodge and then continued east, gaining speed near a red light at Middlebelt, police said.

The pickup crashed into the passenger side of the Camaro where Mrs. Feliks was sitting. Her husband and her 13-year-old son, also in the car, were treated and released at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

The Camaro was turning from southbound Middlebelt onto eastbound Plymouth when it was struck, police said.

Mrs. Feliks was airlifted to Beaumont Hospital and died just before 7 p.m.

The pickup driver was taken to St. Mary and then to the University of Michigan Hospital, where she was recovering with a broken pelvis. Police don't believe that alcohol was a factor in the accident.

Westland City Council President James Godbout called for a moment of silence Monday at the start of a council meeting. Several city officials voiced sadness over Mrs. Feliks' death.

"I am devastated by the loss of Mollie ...," Councilman Charles Pickering said.

Visitation will be 1-9 p.m. Friday at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt in Westland. A remembrance service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Feliks was the wife of Kenneth; the mother of Christian; daughter of Richard and Gail McKnight, and Nancy and Thomas Feliks; sister of Edward (Mihwa) McKnight; granddaughter of Marion McKnight. Her birth family included a mother, Mary Amas; siblings Christa Shulters, Matthew Shulters and Chelsea (Andrew) Napier. She was the aunt of Sam, Gina, Jessica and Kimberly Taylor and Emily McKnight, Miranda and Kaitlyn Ball, Troy Meister and Rylan and Kaitlyn Napier. Mrs. Feliks also is survived by many aunts and uncles.

Staff writer Dave Varga contributed to this story.



Margaret Feliks



Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township enters the courtroom Monday for the first day of his trial.

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Letskemann testified Wednesday it was Orlewicz who not only stabbed Sorensen repeatedly, but also beheaded and burned him.

"(Orlewicz) went around him and cut his throat," Letskemann testified. "He was stabbing him with very quick motions. (Sorensen) kept trying to say things, and (Orlewicz) just kept stabbing him."

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Judge Annette Berry listens Monday during jury selection in the trial of a Plymouth teenager accused of killing and beheading a River Rouge man.

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In his opening statement Monday, defense attorney Joseph Niskar told jurors in the trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz that the death of Daniel Sorensen was an act of self-defense followed by a panicked attempt by a frightened teenager to cover the whole thing up.

But the teenager who helped Orlewicz dispose of Sorensen's body testified Wednesday the whole thing was the end result of an elaborate plan to lure Sorensen to Canton and kill him because he owed Orlewicz \$400 and had stolen a gun belonging to Orlewicz.

And, although Alexander Letskemann agreed to help to erase his own \$100 debt to Orlewicz, he testified Wednesday he couldn't watch Orlewicz behead Sorensen because "it was disgusting."

Orlewicz, of Plymouth Township, is charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a body in the death of Sorensen, a 26-year-old River Rouge man who died Nov. 7. Police say Sorensen was lured to the Canton Township garage of Orlewicz's grandfather, where they say the murder took place, by a fabricated plan to extort money from a teenager who'd recently come into an inheritance.

Sorensen's decapitated and burned body was found the next day in a Northville Township field. His head was found in the Rouge River a couple of days later.

If convicted, Orlewicz, a Canton High School senior, faces life in prison without parole.

Letskeman, an 18-year-old from Westland, pleaded guilty last week to second-degree murder in exchange for his testimony. In exchange, prosecutors agreed to recommend a sentence of 20-30 years, plus another 10 years to run concurrently for mutilation of a corpse.

## Schofield: New curriculum, testing are challenges for district

This is the first in a series of interviews with the five candidate campaigning for two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in the Tuesday, May 6, school election.

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to serving on the Wayne-Westland school board, Cindy Schofield sees her role as one of promoting public education and working with legislators and community organizations in improving it.

But she also has another job. "As an individual, I think my job is to be



Schofield

the cheerleader for public schools and promote Wayne-Westland schools and make sure community knows they're the best schools they are, that they are the best schools out there for their students," she said.

Schofield is seeking a third four-year term on the school board in the May 6 election. The Wayne resident is the current school board vice president, a position she has held for six of her eight years on the board. She also chairs the curriculum subcommittee and serves on the policy and human resources subcom-

mittees.

The mother of three children who have gone through Wayne-Westland Schools, Schofield said she is willing to listen to both sides of an issue.

"I have connections throughout school system with parents and staff so that when given policy to vote on I go back to those groups and ask their opinion," she said. "I admire and respect our administration but I want to check out for myself that it's what we want to do."

According to Schofield, the biggest challenge facing the school district is dealing with the new state-imposed high school

Please see **SCHOFIELD, A2**

### CINDY SCHOFIELD

**Who:** Cindy Schofield of Wayne, a lifelong Wayne-Westland resident and graduate of John Glenn High School and Rochester College in Rochester, Mich.

**Family:** Married, she and her husband, David, have three children. Two are Wayne Memorial High School graduates, while the youngest is a high school senior.

**Employment:** She is employed by Norplex Associates, a family-owned rental property management business located in Westland.

**Community involvement:** She is a past PTA president, treasurer and secretary at Schweitzer Elementary School, past member of school improvement teams at Schweitzer and Wayne Memorial, co-chair of the 1998 Citizen Bond Committee and member of the Citizen Bond Construction Committee, and co-chair of the Wayne Memorial High School Zebra-Parent Advisory Group. She also has been a member of a variety of booster groups, including instrumental music, swimming and diving, cross country and track and field.

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## WITNESS

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## ON THE STAND

At one point, Letkemann testified, Orlewicz told him (Letkemann) to grab a second knife that was sitting on a car parked in the garage and "help, or he's going to win." Letkemann said he picked up the knife, but before he could use it he saw Orlewicz stab Sorensen in the back of the neck and then watched Sorensen sag back to the floor.

"(Sorensen) was gasping for breath, but JP was telling him, 'Let it take over,'" Letkemann said.

Letkemann, Wednesday's biggest witness who was on the stand for several hours, told the jury he left the garage during the beheading and said when he came back in, Orlewicz had Sorensen's head cradled in his hands and actually used one hand to move Sorensen's jaw.

"He moved the jaw ... up and down and said, 'How's it going, Alex?' as if mimicking (Sorensen) saying it," Letkemann testified.

Letkemann said he and Orlewicz, with help from a third friend, Isam Ayyash, loaded Sorensen's body into the back of Orlewicz's Chevy S-10 pickup and drove it to a field in Northville Township, where they dumped it. Letkemann said Orlewicz then doused the body with gasoline and set it afire.

The pair then left Sorensen's car in a Meijer parking lot in Westland, and disposed of his head the following day by throwing it in the Rouge River in what Letkemann called a "desolate" part of Hines Park.

Ayyash testified Wednesday he got a call from Orlewicz summoning him to the Canton garage and, when he got there, he testified he kicked the body, which at that point had been wrapped in a tarp, because he thought "it was some kind of sick joke."

Ayyash said he helped Orlewicz load the body into the truck, then gave Orlewicz his jeans and T-shirt because Orlewicz's clothing was bloody.

"He said he stabbed (Sorensen) and killed him ... he cut his head off ... the head was in a blue container," Ayyash testified.

Letkemann and another teen, Alex Mullins, who testified

Tuesday, said the killing had originally been planned for a day earlier. Mullins, a friend of Orlewicz who initially denied any involvement in the crime, said Tuesday in Wayne County Circuit Court he stood "lookout" outside the Canton Township garage of Orlewicz's grandfather during the aborted murder attempt the day before the actual killing.

## TEEN TESTIFIES

Mullins testified the death was actually supposed to take place Nov. 6, and Orlewicz asked him to be the lookout in case his (Orlewicz's) father showed up. Mullins said Orlewicz helped him cover garage windows with a "some-what worn" tarp, and that Orlewicz covered the garage floor "with a blue tarp ... it looked new."

Under questioning from Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran, Mullins said he first heard Orlewicz talk about killing Sorensen "weeks earlier."

"He said he wanted to stab him ... bag him in a tarp ... and hang him upside down burning," Mullins testified. "JP told (former co-defendant Alexander Letkemann) and me that (Sorensen) owed him money and he was angry about it."

Police say Orlewicz abandoned the idea of killing Sorensen on Nov. 6 because Sorensen had been dropped off by his girlfriend, who would then have been a witness to Sorensen's last whereabouts.

After the failed plan on Tuesday, Mullins said Orlewicz asked him to come back the next day (Nov. 7), but Mullins testified he decided not to.

"At first I wasn't objecting, but eventually I ... decided I didn't want to be part of it," Mullins said.

Mullins admitted on the stand Tuesday he had initially lied to police about his involvement, but told the truth when Canton police questioned him in the wake of a plea accepted by Orlewicz's former co-defendant, Westland teenager Alexander Letkemann.

Letkemann pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and mutilation of a corpse in return for his testimony. At sentencing later this month, Letkemann is expected to be sentenced to 20-30 years on the second-degree murder and 10 years on the mutilation, with the sentences

to run concurrently.

Mullins admitted Letkemann's plea was a factor in his decision to admit his involvement. He said he didn't tell the truth initially because "I was scared and didn't want to get dragged into it."

Other witnesses testified about Sorensen's movements the day of his death. Girlfriend Breanna Milowe, 21, of Redford said Sorensen told her he had to "meet JP" the afternoon of Nov. 7, and arranged to see each other again later that evening when Milowe got out of class. The pair met on Myspace.com about a month before Sorensen's death.

Ashleigh Scarlett, 23, of Livonia testified she and Sorensen shared some fast food at the Subway restaurant at which Scarlett worked. Scarlett testified Sorensen left shortly after 3 p.m., saying he had to "meet with JP."

She testified Sorensen told her he and "JP" were going to get \$3,000 from an unidentified friend of JP's. Sorensen told Scarlett "they owed it" to them.

When asked if "JP" was in the courtroom, both Milowe and Scarlett identified Orlewicz.

The first two days of testimony saw lawyers for both sides follow the path they each mapped out in their opening statements. Moran Monday called the murder a premeditated act that was the result of a well-thought-out, deliberate plan.

Defense attorney Niskar called Sorensen's death an act of self-defense and a case of panic in its aftermath. Niskar called Orlewicz "a loving son, a loving brother, a loving friend" and said the teenager acted in self-defense after an angry Sorensen, upset that the intended victim of the extortion hadn't shown up, pulled a gun on Orlewicz.

"It was never a plan to kill (Sorensen)," Niskar told jurors. "It was a plan to extort money. (Sorensen) pulled a gun on (Orlewicz), a fight ensued and in self-defense (Sorensen) was killed."

Niskar painted the victim, Sorensen, as someone who carried a gun and a knife, and tried to "influence teenagers ... into his world of crime, into his world of drugs."

It was a tough thing for Sorensen's parents, James and Kimberly Sorensen of Westland, to hear.

"It's hard," James Sorensen admitted. "There are two sides to everything, and we just have to deal with that. We just want (the jury) to listen."

Assistant Wayne County Medical Examiner Dr. Leigh Hlavaty testified Sorensen had suffered 13 stab wounds prior to his death. Two of the wounds — one to the chest that pierced the heart and another to the upper abdomen that struck the liver — likely combined to cause Sorensen's death, she said.

She also said the lack of soot in Sorensen's airway indicated his body — 80 percent of which was badly burned — had been burned after his death.

Hlavaty also testified there were no drugs or alcohol in Sorensen's system at the time of his death.

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## Free dump day

Westland's Department of Public Service will have a "free dump day" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the transfer site at 37137 Marquette, east of Newburgh. Only Westland residents will be permitted to use the transfer site and must show identification. Residents who have questions may call (734) 728-1770.

## Mom to Mom sale

St. Damian School in Westland will hold its spring Mom 2 Mom Sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the school, 30055 Joy, Westland. For more information, call Dawn at (734) 983-0221.

## Garden Club

The Westland Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Collins House, located in the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. There will be a discussion on landscaping plans for the park and on the plant and seed exchange, which will be happening on May 15. Everyone is invited. For more information, call (734) 522-3918.

## Benefit concert

The Westland Jaycees will sponsor a benefit concert for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Research at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Penalty Box, at 28121 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The cost is \$5 and will include eight bands, food and door prizes.

Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) occurs when the diaphragm does not fully form, allowing abdominal organs like the stomach, spleen, liver,

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and intestines to enter the chest cavity. The defect can occur on the right or left side or both, but left side CDH is most common. One in every 2,500 babies is afflicted by CDH, which can cause minor lasting health problems, such as feeding aversions, asthma, scoliosis and short-term oxygen dependency, or major ongoing health problems, including ventilator dependency, brain damage, hearing problems and death.

For more information, call the Westland Jaycees at (734) 226-0400 or visit their Web site at [www.westlandjaycees.org](http://www.westlandjaycees.org).

## Bowling fund-raiser

A bowling fund-raiser will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Vision Lanes on Ford in Westland to benefit Chris Grochowski who has been battling leukemia for 2 1/2 years.

The cost is \$25 per person, \$45 per couple and includes 3 games of ninepin no tap (five people per lane), shoes, pizza and pop. There also will be a 50/50 raffle, a special High Rollers 50/50 raffle and silent auction.

Register by April 12. For more information, contact Patty Sheppard at (734) 414-0696 or by e-mail at [Sheppard6@hotmail.com](mailto:Sheppard6@hotmail.com) or Tracey Hrubick at (734) 414-7431 or by e-mail at [lucky\\_locket\\_tmh@msn.com](mailto:lucky_locket_tmh@msn.com).

## 2nd annual Read-In

The Lutheran Church

of Our Saviour will hold its second annual African American Read-In 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the church, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. The event will feature free books for all children under 18 years, the reading of literature of African American writers and refreshments. Bring the whole family. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

## Golf outing

The Westland Summer Festival will sponsor a golf outing with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Inkster Valley Golf Course, 2150 Middlebelt, Inkster. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The event is intended to raise money for this year's festival. Participants will get a hot dog lunch, and a buffet banquet and awards will follow at 4 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road.

Costs are \$80 for an individual entry, \$100 for a tee box sponsor, \$320 for a foursome entry, \$1,000 to for a foursome entry and to put a sponsor's name on a refreshment cart, or \$2,000 for a foursome entry and to sponsor a logo on souvenirs. Those who can't attend still may make donations.

For more information call Tony Wager at (734) 637-7992 or Diane Fritz at (734) 595-4981.

## Day of prayer

The Wayne/Westland/Garden City Ministerial Association is hosting a National Day of Prayer event noon Thursday, May 1 at Westland City Hall. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Cathy Fisher at (734) 306-8242.

## Church observes 50th anniversary

Former members are being invited back to Community Freewill Baptist Church in Westland Sunday, April 13, to join in a service of celebration of the church's 50th anniversary.

The celebration will be part of the worship service at 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Pastor

James Lawson will officiate. Sunday school for all ages will be at 10 a.m.

The church, originally known as Bibleland, was founded on April 10, 1958, by the late Dr. Porter served as its pastor for 35 years. The gymnasium was recently remodeled and replaced the original sanc-

tuary which was torn down. The church, located at 33031 Cherry Hill west of Venoy has a membership of about 100. It offers Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6:30 p.m. Sunday and prayer service and Bible meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

## SCHOFIELD

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curriculum and testing. In particular, it's students who are struggling to meet the mathematics requirements.

"I believe as a district we need to be proactive in finding a solution so that our dropout rate doesn't soar," she said. "Forty percent of our ninth-graders flunked Algebra I the first semester."

Schofield said the district has added a fundamentals class to be taken in conjunction with an algebra class to reinforce strategies and is looking at seventh-hour class to allow for some credit recovery. The district also is looking at ways to make summer

school affordable to students of low-income families so they can make up lost credit.

"I don't oppose them (requirements), I think we need them," she said. "I think it would have been nice to have been able to have few more years to work with middle schoolers to have them ready. This is such a dramatic change for state. I think with these requirements, we've taken the joy of learning away from them. We must comply with what state wants us to do, but I don't think will be good for all students in Michigan."

Other issues facing the district are funding and declining enrollment. While the district has a fund equity so it can maintain programs, it needs to examine them to make

sure "we're seeing the desired results," Schofield said.

And with funding tied to enrollment, the district needs to continue to market itself. "We need to promote it to families both within and outside our community and we need to examine why families leave us," she said.

As for why she should be re-elected to the school board, Schofield said she believes in the district and has the passion for it.

"I believe in the Wayne-Westland schools and I want to see them continue to do a good job of educating the children," she said. "I have the time to give to the schools and I enjoy what I am doing."

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, April 17, 2008, various items of the City of Westland Police Department will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.

The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.

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Pursuant to State Law, a sale will be held at: **Secured Self Storage**, 6855 Yale, Westland, MI, April 26, 2008 at 1:00 pm.

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## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - PROPOSED ROLL PUBLIC HEARING - MAPLEWOOD PHASE II

PRESENT: Mayor Plakas, Councilmembers Walker, Wasczenski, Gora, Kerwin and Dodge.  
 ABSENT: Councilmember Todd.

RESOLUTION BY: Councilmember Wasczenski.  
 SUPPORTED BY: Councilmember Dodge.

WHEREAS, at a Regular Meeting of the Council on April 7, 2008 the City Council adopted a Resolution of Determination for Special Assessment District 4220, and the City Assessor was directed to prepare such roll; and

WHEREAS, such roll has been prepared and is presented herewith;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held on Monday, April 21, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135, notice of such Public Hearing to be published in the newspaper of general circulation of the City, and that notice of such meeting be given by first class mail to the last known owner of each parcel affected thereby pursuant to the Garden City Code of Ordinances Chapter 40, Section 40.06.

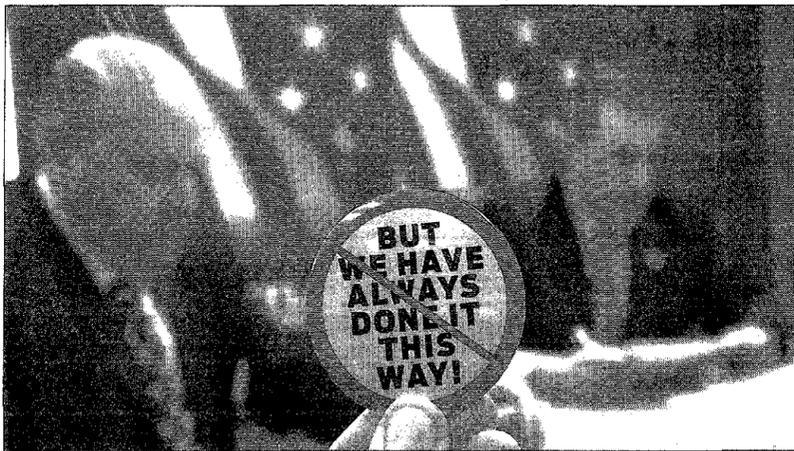
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Here's the button worn by Mayor William Wild's administration to show that things are being done differently this budget year.

## Council schedules 2 budget sessions

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland City Council members listened intently Monday evening as Mayor William Wild gave them a 30-minute synopsis of his newly proposed \$60.6 million budget, which reflects the harsh realities of brutal economic times.

Next, the council will dissect the mayor's spending plan during two public, four-hour study sessions at City Hall. The first will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday; the second, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

Wild, in his second year as mayor, has proposed a budget that he concedes is remarkably different than those of years past. He has vowed that the city needs to move beyond the status quo to weather troubling times and to continue providing services that residents expect.

To prove his point, Wild has issued buttons that his directors pinned to their business attire Monday. They read, "But We Have Always Done It This Way" — yet the slogan was defaced with a red line drawn through it like a No Smoking sign.

Wild has proposed a spending plan that he said staves off a \$3 million hole in city finances. As reported in Sunday's *Observer*, the budget calls for an 8 percent water-sewer rate hike; two layoffs and 12 full-time jobs left vacant; the elimination of some part-time

positions; and a heavier workload for directors and their workers, among numerous other measures.

An average household will pay \$60 more a year for water, but would recoup about half of that from reductions in trash-disposal and drain taxes.

In developing his plan, Wild's administration reviewed every line-item expense in the city's budget. Moreover, the mayor required every department head to submit four budget proposals, ranging from their ideal spending plan to a 15 percent cut. His eventual budget landed somewhere in between.

The budget protects a \$1.8 million surplus, dipping below the \$2 million mark. Still, the balance isn't nearly as threatening as a \$200,000 balance of seven years ago, said council President James Godbout.

"I would never want to see us get in that position again," Godbout said.

In an interview, Wild didn't just outline gloom-and-doom scenarios. In one bright spot, he said the Mike Modano Ice Arena could turn a \$30,000 profit next year, a dramatic turnaround from a \$250,000 deficit about five years ago.

For residents who want to sit in on the new budget talks, here's a tentative schedule:

This Saturday, council members will discuss income/revenue at 10 a.m.; finance department, City Hall and grounds, and gen-

eral government at 10:15 a.m.; police at 10:30 a.m.; the joint dispatch program at 10:45 a.m.; the mayor department at 11 a.m.; the council's legislative department at 11:15 a.m.; the city clerk's office at 11:30 a.m.; and elections and police/fire civil service at 11:45 a.m.

The meeting will continue with assessment/board of review at 12:15 p.m.; personnel department at 12:30 p.m.; general civil service commission and police/fire retirement board at 12:45 p.m.; building department at 1 p.m.; senior resources and Commission on Aging at 1:30 p.m.; and Youth Assistance at 1:45 p.m.

On Saturday, April 26, the council will discuss 18th District Court at 10 a.m.; the city attorney's office at 10:15 a.m.; fire department at 10:30 a.m.; cable station WLND at 10:45 a.m.; the library at 11 a.m.; economic development at 11:15 a.m.; special economic development districts at 11:30 a.m.; and the planning department at 11:45 a.m.

The sessions will continue with community development/housing at 12:15 p.m.; parks and recreation department at 12:30 p.m.; parks and rec advisory council and historical commission at 12:45 p.m.; the city's golf course and ice arena at 1 p.m.; general maintenance/motorpool at 1:15 p.m.; highway maintenance/water and sewer at 1:30 p.m.; and sanitation/trash-disposal issues at 1:45 p.m.

## Alert resident helps police nab suspects in 2 break-ins

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An alert witness on Westland's south side trailed four home invasion suspects in their getaway car while phoning local police, who nabbed four defendants during a traffic stop.

The incident led to four defendants being arraigned Monday on second-degree home invasion charges, and one of them also is charged with having a 9mm pistol under the seat of the car, police Sgt. David Dinsmore said.

The charges stem from two home invasions that Dinsmore said happened last Thursday evening while no one was inside two residences at the Old Orchard Mobile Home Park, near Glenwood and Wayne roads. An alert witness told police he saw suspicious activity and decided to trail a vehicle leaving the scene.

Intruders had forced open the door of one home, and they gained entry to a second residence by cutting a screen and opening the door, Dinsmore said.

A male witness trailed the

getaway car, phoned police and guided them to the area of Venoy and Dorsey roads, where Dinsmore said officers stopped a green, 1994 Pontiac. Police found stolen items in the car ranging from clothing to a jewelry box and bottles of coins, the detective said.

Officers also found the pistol tucked under the car seat, Dinsmore said.

Police Lt. Dan Karrick, who heads up Westland's detective bureau, commended the witness for helping police arrest four defendants.

"It was a great effort on his part, most definitely," Karrick said, adding that police depend on citizens to help them fight crime.

Four defendants appeared before 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli on Monday for an arraignment on second-degree

home invasion charges. They have been identified as Justin Adkins, 20, of Westland; Rodney Severance, 22, of Canton; his female cousin, Casey Severance, 22; and Bryant Roach, 19, of Westland.

Adkins also was arraigned on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Cicirelli entered not-guilty pleas for the defendants and ordered them jailed in lieu of \$25,000 cash/surety bonds. They are scheduled for an April 17 preliminary hearing that will determine whether they will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Second-degree home invasion is punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Adkins could face up to five years, if convicted of having a concealed weapon.

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APRIL

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczyński, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. Eleven Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, east of Inkster Rd., Dearborn Heights. \$2 bag sale at 2:30 p.m. Call (313) 274-3820.

Open house

4-7 p.m. Friday, April 12, open house with silent auction to celebrate completion of the conversion of St. John's Episcopal Church Rectory into a new multi-purpose, handicap accessible youth house, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 453-0190 or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Bethany Suburban West

All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Sequence Tournament (board games) 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479, or Michele (313) 996-8644. Monthly breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday April 19, at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. For details, call Kathy, (734) 513-9479.

Men's conference

Put Out into the Deep: Brothers in Christ Standing Together Saturday, April 12, at University of Detroit Mercy's

Callahan Hall, Detroit. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, the conference doors open at 7 a.m. followed by a day of speakers and Eucharistic celebration, concludes at 4 p.m. For information, visit www.christschosen.com.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12, in the church gym and classrooms at St. Thomas a' Becket, 555 S. Lilley, Canton, phone (734) 981-1333. Check Web site for details, kirstemoline.com/mom-2mom.html. Over 70 tables and racks of great finds for babies, toddlers and kids. Several Large Item Rooms full of strollers, cribs, car seats, exercisers, large toys, etc. Admission \$1. Those shopping with strollers will be admitted after 10 a.m.

Celebrating families

After 5 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 12, and after 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses Sunday, April 13, in the Monsignor Alex Brunett Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. View large LEGO displays, watch short movies on joys and struggle of Catholic family living, browse Catholic bookstore's display, supervised LEGO play area for the kids. No charge.

Pancake breakfast

8:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 13, in the activity center at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$4 adults, \$4 children age 10 and under.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Vespers

Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit services continue Sunday, April 13, at St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church, Troy. General public as well as Orthodox Christians invited. Proceeds used for COCC charities and projects. Bring nonperishable packaged food for donation to Orthodox parish food pantries for needy in metro area. For information, call Richard Shebib (734) 422-0278 or send e-mail to paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

Rummage sale

Donations accepted 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 14-16; Congregational Pre-Sale 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 17; Public Rummage Sale 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 18, and 9:30 a.m. to noon (\$2 bag sale) Saturday, April 19, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

The Petticoat Ladies

Meet Sarah Poik, Mary Todd Lincoln, Julia Grant and Ida McKinley at a presentation 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. No charge but reservations requested. Call (734) 421-7249 by April 11.

Holy Cow rummage sale

Pre-sale noon to 4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 17 (cost is \$3); 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 18, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0190 or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Rummage sale

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 18, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19, in the fellowship hall at 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty roads. \$2 bag sale on Saturday.

Evening of evangelization

The Archdiocese of Detroit's

Office for Evangelization invites all area Catholics to join Rev. Alex Kratz of the Archdiocesan Mobile Evangelization Team 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 18, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. The evening will begin with a Holy Hour, followed by small-ground discussions, teaching, and fellowship. The series continues on May 9, and then resumes Sept. 19, and runs through December. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Card party

Ss. Simon and Jude Church will hold a Happy Days luncheon and card party 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 18, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. The cost of the non-smoking event is \$7 per person and there will be table and door prizes and 50/50 raffles. For ticket reservations, call (734) 722-1343.

Mom2Mom

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19, at Garden City First United Methodist Church. Admission \$1. Tables still available for \$20. Call Rhonda at (734) 795-6921 for more information.

Sisters in Christ

Women's conference 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford. Cost is \$40 pre-conference registration, \$50 at door. Call (313) 534-7730.

Day of Reflection

Bethany Central Board is offering a Day of Reflection hosted by the Rochester Bethany 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. This Mini Conference will have two topics: Social Security Benefits for Divorced People and the Catholic Annulment Process. There is no cost for conference and lunch will be served. For details, call Audrey (248) 613-5461.

Pax Christi conference

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Christo Rey Church, Lansing. Theme focuses on bringing an end to racism. Registration fee \$40 until April 12, \$45 after, visit www.paxchristi.org, send e-mail to TirakPaxMI@aol.com or call (517) 482-2558.

MAMA's Coffeeshouse

15th anniversary celebration Saturday, April 19, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, near Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Open Mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Features The Biddies (Jan Krist and Kitty Donohoe), Floyd King and the Bushwackers, Joel Mabius, Matt Watroba, Jim Bizer and Mustard's Retreat. Admission \$15, \$13 seniors and age 16 and under. For information, call (248) 569-0965. To reserve a slot for Open Mic, call (248) 626-4650.

Blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 20, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222.

Spring rummage sale

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 24-25, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the hall at St. Joseph Parish, 16101 Rotunda Dr., Dearborn. Call (313) 336-3227.

Rummage sale

Books, clothes and lots of odds and ends 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. There will be a bag sale at 12:45 p.m.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence

Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the multi-faceted theme of spiritual intelligence during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in April at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Reformed Protestant services

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

Vacation Bible School

Registration began April 7 for Vacation Bible School to run July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

UPCOMING

Spring fund-raiser

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Rd., south of Cherry Hill, Canton. A variety of vendors will be displaying and selling products. No admission fee. Refreshments and Bake Sale available. For information, call (734) 495-0035.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

org.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday May 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost \$10. Doors open 7:30 PM. Call (734) 261-5716. Cinco d'Mayo/Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday May 9, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee. Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 17, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call (734) 513-9479. Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

Father Kern award dinner

In honor of the Rev. Clement Kern Thursday, May 8 (6 p.m. reception and silent auction, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. award ceremony). Tickets \$100. For information and reservations, call (248) 666-1194.

ONGOING

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.single-place.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the 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.

Sunday services

Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

Tai chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings

Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills) is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

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ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulleris Dignitatem - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Day of service

Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Worship

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Worship service

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m., and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

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New worship schedule

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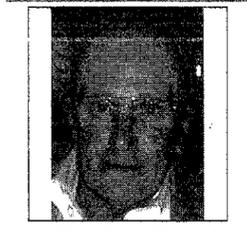
Sunday worship

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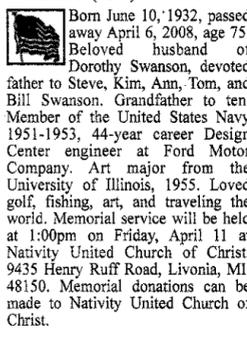
**ANDREW C. THOMAS**  
April 7, 2008, age 89 of Dearborn. Beloved husband of Gladys. Dear father of Sharon (Dave) Fleming, and Judy (Doug) Marks. Loving grandfather of Kara (Joe) Liguori, Kyrsten Marks, Kayle Fleming and Alyssa Marks. Great-grandfather of Tristan. Also survived by an extended family of in-laws, nieces, and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 11:00 am from the First United Methodist Church, 22124 Garrison, Dearborn, MI. Memorials to Kewadin Methodist Church or Arbor Hospice. Arrangements by Querfeld Funeral Home, Dearborn, MI  
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**JAMES (JIM) SWANSON**  
Born June 10, 1932, passed away April 6, 2008, age 75. Beloved husband of Dorothy Swanson, devoted father to Steve, Kim, Ann, Tom, and Bill Swanson. Grandfather to ten. Member of the United States Navy 1951-1953, 44-year career Design Center engineer at Ford Motor Company. Art major from the University of Illinois, 1955. Loved golf, fishing, art, and traveling the world. Memorial service will be held at 1:00pm on Friday, April 11 at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia, MI, 48150. Memorial donations can be made to Nativity United Church of Christ.

**HELEN PATRICIA (Gawthrop) KIRKPATRICK**  
Passed away on March 28, 2008 after a long illness. Helen was born on February 3, 1922 in Huntington, WV, the second of four girls and daughter of Dr. Joseph Ford Gawthrop and Iris Catherine (Kinzing) Gawthrop. Her sisters, Catherine Hiner and Lucy Kautz, still reside in Huntington and her youngest sister, Lois McCallister, resides in Pennsylvania. Helen attended Marshall University and then married her high school sweetheart, the late Robert ("Kirk") Kirkpatrick on March 4, 1944. Helen and Kirk lived in CA during WWII and eventually settled in MI in 1950 where they raised their family. They spent many winters in Palm Beach Gardens, FL and eventually moved there permanently. Helen raised four daughters; Wallace, who resides in Corte Madera, CA, Robin, who lives in Chicago, Nancy from Bloomfield Hills, MI and Chris Millis who lives in Clarkston, MI. There are seven grandchildren to whom Helen was very devoted; Sarah, Ted, Peter, Elise, Lara, Stephen and Jonathan. Helen was a remarkable wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. She will be remembered for her kindness, compassion, grace and gentleness. In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome donations to the Alzheimer's Association.

**BRUCE M. ROBERTSON**  
April 5, 2008, age 57, of Wayne, MI. Beloved husband of Joanne. Dear father of Heather (Jerry) Robertson Mitchell. Brother of Patricia (Carl) Stano. Loving grandfather of Quinn Miller, Matthew Mitchell & Anthony Mitchell. Funeral Friday, 1pm at the UH Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Wed., 3-9pm & Thurs. 12-9pm. Scripture Service Wed., 7pm. Family requests memorials to Dearborn Animal Shelter. Please visit and sign a tribute at:  
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**MARGARET R. (MOLLIE) FELIKS**  
Died April 6, 2008, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, from injuries suffered in a traffic accident in Livonia. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth M. Feliks, and her son, Christian M. Feliks, both of Redford; her parents, Richard and Gail McKnight of Westland; her mother and father-in-law, Nancy and Thomas Feliks of Livonia; her brother, Edward (Mihwa) McKnight of Livonia; her grandmother Marion McKnight of Kalamazoo; her birth mother, Mary (Mark) Amas of Spokane, Washington; her birth siblings, Christa and Matthew Shulters of Michigan, and Chelsea (Andrew) Napier of Washington State; her nieces and nephews, Sam, Gina, Jessica and Kimberly Taylor and Emily McKnight of Michigan; Miranda and Kaitlyn Ball of Florida, Troy Meister of Michigan, and Rylan and Kaitlyn Napier of Washington State; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Mollie was a 1990 graduate of Churchill High School and was employed as a dental technician at Expertec in Westland. Visitation will be from 1-9pm Friday, April 11, with a service of remembrance at 7pm at the L.J. Griffin Funeral home, 7707 Middlebelt Road, Westland. Memorial service will be at 11 am Saturday, April 12, at the funeral home. Family requests contributions to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation in lieu of flowers. Memorial tributes may be made at griffinfuneralhome.com

**LILLIAN MCINTOSH**  
Age 84, Livonia, MI, passed April 6, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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# Franciscan priest to lead Evening of Evangelization

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Alex Kratz is so enthusiastic about spreading the word about Jesus Christ he recently took a break from his vacation in Rome to e-mail information about an upcoming Evening of Evangelization at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia.

The series begins Friday, April 18, and continues May 9 then resumes in September and runs through December.

Kratz is a member of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Mobile Evangelization Team and serves as a sacramental minister at St. Colette's Parish in Livonia on weekends. A Franciscan priest, Kratz was an Associate Pastor at St.

## EVENING OF EVANGELIZATION

**What:** The Rev. Alex Kratz leads a Holy Hour followed by discussions, teaching and fellowship  
**When:** 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 18  
**Where:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Series continues May 9, then resumes Sept. 19 and runs through December. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Michael's in Southfield for four years. He is currently in residence at St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit.

Kratz writes, "Catholic Evangelization is revolutionary in a good sense because it deals with every aspect of life. It is

based on continuing conversion in one's relationship with Jesus Christ as it seeks three goals (from the U.S. Bishops): to renew all Catholics to have such enthusiasm for their faith they will freely share it with others, invite all others to have a faith home in the Catholic Church, and transform society with Gospel values by promoting the dignity of each human person seeking the common good and promoting family life."

Kratz grew up in Cincinnati. Every summer he would visit his mother's side of the family in Italy. This gave him a global experience that explains why he believes Evangelization can solve the world's problems.

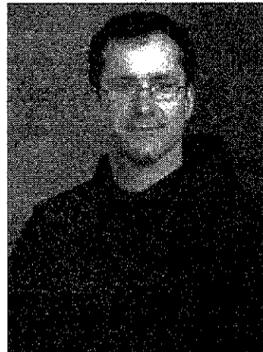
Kratz actually wanted to be a professional soccer

player until he read about St. Francis of Assisi and through him "came to know Jesus Christ." Even in high school Kratz knew he would be doing evangelization work and went on to study theology at the University of Notre Dame. He earned a Master of Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago after studying biblical archaeology and Scripture in the Holy Land. During this time he stayed in Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The town happens to be in Palestinian territory. Kratz saw the people's suffering and felt God's call to "comfort, comfort my people" (Isaiah 40:1).

After a year of living in a Christian Palestinian town in

the Holy Land, he returned to Michigan. Eventually Kratz was led to Paco Gavrilides, the director of the Mobile Evangelization Team which helps parishes learn "to share their faith more openly and freely" and to think creatively about how to be more inviting to the unchurched, the young, young adults and others.

The Evening of Evangelization begins with a Holy Hour of prayer and intercession that the Holy Spirit open doors and hearts to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, writes Kratz. Then the priest will present a half hour of teaching from the U.S. Bishops' document on Catholic Evangelization: Go and Make Disciples. This will be followed by fellowship.



Rev. Alex Kratz returns from Rome to lead an Evening of Evangelization at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia.

"Many people feel alone in this work and will come to be pleasantly surprised when they come to know other like-minded individuals," wrote Kratz.

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OUR VIEWS

## Take advantage of drop-off day

April 22 is recognized worldwide as Earth Day, a time for the residents of this planet to focus on keeping it healthy and green. More than 500 million people and national governments in 175 countries are observing the day this year.

According to www.earthday.gov, "Earth Day is a time to celebrate gains we have made and create new visions to accelerate environmental progress. Earth Day is a time to unite around new actions. Earth Day and every day is a time to act to protect our planet."

Residents in Westland can do just that — protect the planet — by taking their hazardous waste to the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority's drop-off at Garden City Park Saturday. The drop-off allows residents of the authority's member communities to dispose of unwanted or no longer needed common household items.

Although we cannot completely stop using hazardous products, we can make sure that leftovers are managed properly. Got an old, unwanted computer sitting in your garage? Don't put it at the curb, bring it to the drop-off site. Computer monitors, CPUs, keyboards, mouse devices, printers, copiers, fax machines and cell phones will be accepted for disposal.

What's in your garage, kitchen or basement that needs to be disposed of? Oil-based paints, varnishes, cleaning solvents, household and automotive batteries, mothballs, lead found in shot and sinkers, gasoline, used motor oil in a container, mercury from thermometers and thermostats and fluorescent light bulbs, wood preservatives, pesticides and weed killers, oven cleaners, transmission fluid/antifreeze, pressurized cans, smoke detectors and propane tanks?

The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of hazardous waste in the basement and garage and in storage closets. Improper disposal like pouring them down the drain or toilets, on the ground or into storm sewers can contaminate wastewater treatment systems. Keeping them around the house can present hazards to children and pets. Putting them out in the trash can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

Let's face it. The best way to get rid of household hazardous waste is by bringing it to the drop-off. Don't look at it as an inconvenience, consider it your contribution to creating a healthy, sustainable environment. It doesn't cost anything. You need only show your driver's license to verify that you live in a member community and you have six hours — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — to do it.

Rise and shine or sleep in, just make sure you start your spring cleaning on Saturday by properly disposing of your hazardous household waste.

## State needs to move ahead in addressing energy issues

Two weeks ago, the Michigan Senate passed a bill setting renewable energy standards for state government. The bill would require that the state purchase at least 25 percent of electrical energy from renewable sources by 2025.

Environmentalists called it a good first step, but it's far from the comprehensive energy package that some have expected. The Senate and the House have each been struggling with a number of energy-related issues. Getting all parties to agree has been difficult and differences don't always break along partisan lines.

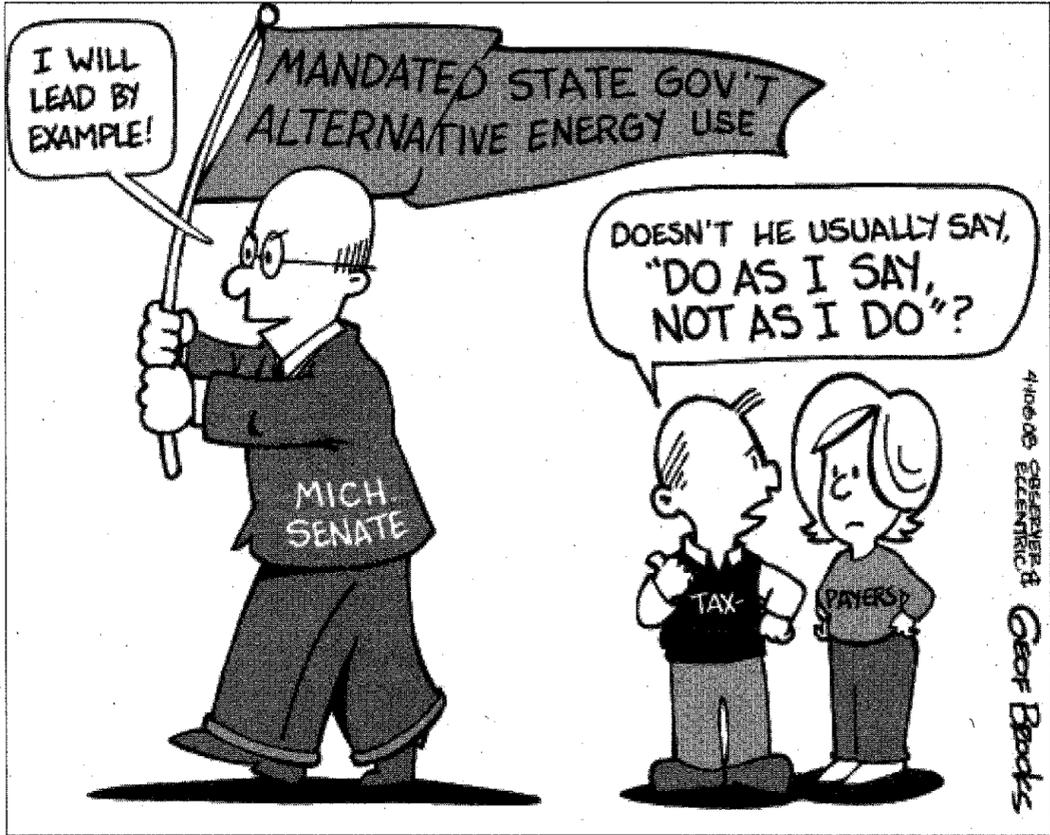
Environmentalists are fighting efforts to bring new coal-fired electrical plants online. They are pushing for higher RPS, which would involve replacing a percentage of coal-generated electricity with such alternatives as wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and hydro. They are also pushing energy-efficiency programs that would provide some kind of tax credit for more efficient energy use.

But alternative energy sources are controversial. Michigan has a good wind supply in some areas off of Lake Michigan, but many object to the unsightly windmills needed to capture that energy. Solar is promising, but Michigan has fewer sunny days than most other states. Utility companies are concerned whether they can meet the standards being discussed in the Legislature.

Another issue is Public Act 141, which led to the partial deregulation of electric utilities. The act allowed for choice in the purchase of electricity, which has saved some large power customers money but may be creating higher rates for others. Utilities want to limit that choice.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, is in the middle of these issues as chair of the Senate Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee. He says the Senate will be moving on energy issues over the next two months. He has long sought an overall approach to regulated and unregulated energy issues.

We continue to support a move toward a higher RPS for the state. We understand the complexity in dealing with these issues and the contending stakeholders. But our state needs to address these issues from a broad perspective that assures our energy needs, protects our environment and keeps us in step with other states in energy policy.



### Collect state sales tax

There is an approved ballot proposal for the August 2008 election that ask us, the taxpayers, of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties for a tax increase to help fund the Detroit Zoo.

Taxpayers, wake up! How can the governor and state legislature ask us for a tax increase when they continue to avoid collecting millions of dollars per year of sales tax from online and mail order purchases? We see this as totally irresponsible. There is money to be collected from our 6 percent sales tax law. Both the state and federal legislation is passing exemptions to this 6 percent sales tax law, as we, the taxpayers, are sleeping.

Now is the time to contact our state and federal legislators and our governor and let them know that they cannot and should not ask for more taxes when they continue to allow millions of dollars per year go down the drain. As of now, there is a bill pending in Congress that will permanently exempt the collection of the 6 percent sales tax on online purchase. Unless we, the taxpayers, express our outrage, the ongoing discrimination against consumers who pay 6 percent on items purchased in our stores will continue.

We have to stop this. It can be done. Both the federal and state legislators have a role in stopping the biased enforcement of our state's 6 percent sales tax law. If there's a will, there's a way for them to stop the loss of millions of dollars per year that should be coming to our state.

James and Mary Murphy  
Westland

### Media doesn't show bias

On the pages of the *Westland Observer* of March 20, a letter writer claims that the "Media show bias" which is further from the truth and not objective. Usually major or local newspapers side with Israel regardless of how harsh the treatment is, especially the suffocation of 1.5 million people as a collective punishment in Gaza Strip and being attacked at any time day or night by force of arms from the ground, air and sea. As a result, 120 innocent Palestinian Arabs were killed, half of which are civilians. This attack was not mentioned by the writer.

The problem here is whenever someone mentions the Palestinian as a victim of this tragedy, the hardship, the blood bath for the last 60 years, people jump up to defend Israel without knowing the facts, never traveled and may have not been born there. Soon I will be 86 years old, plus being born in Palestine, traveled twice with my wife with our American passports with no respect shown by Israeli forces, even though the State Department repeatedly told Israel to respect all American-Arabs of Palestinian origin to be treated like first-class citizens when they carry the green or blue passport.

I am not defending any party in the

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West Bank and Gaza Strip. My intention is to be fair and objective and give some justice for those millions of refugees outside of Palestine and to the inhabitants of the land Israel occupied but never gave any justice to themselves or the Arabic people of Palestine. Justice for all means peace for all.

Sid Shahin  
Westland

### Health care reform needed

National Health Care is all the talk of this presidential election. It seems the "one payer," "single provider" or "Canadian style" system is the rage. There are several problems with these systems that need to be addressed.

We need to keep in mind that health care and health insurance are two complementary systems that must be kept separate. You don't make an insurance claim to do the regular oil change on your car; you just pay for it out of your pocket because it's a predictable maintenance cost just like a yearly physical. But you would file a claim if you were in an accident because accidents are unpredictable. This is "risk management" and you don't buy your auto insurance at the gas pump.

The private, for-profit insurance industry has done a good job at risk management and competition among many companies will keep costs down and efficiency up. The exception is national disasters like a hurricane, where the federal government must step in.

Lastly, if abortion services are any part of national health care reform the whole thing will be torpedoed.

Health care reform should include:

- Tax-free Health Savings Accounts of \$5,000 that each person would use first to control costs of their own health.

- Compulsory medical insurance with caps through employers or groups like credit unions and trade organizations.

- State and federal catastrophic insurance for long-term or very expensive care like cancer or multiple sclerosis that exceeds the insurance caps.

- Every insurance company and medical provider would take on an equal proportion of the number of people that cannot afford or are unable to get insurance or medical care to spread the risk fairly.

- Specialized and expert medical courts to hear insurance and malpractice complaints.

- Mandatory yearly physicals or all government assistance, tax refunds, employment or benefits would be withheld.

- No abortion services except in the strict case of saving the life of the mother.

We don't want the government making health care decisions for us so we must step up and bear the cost and responsibility ourselves.

Frank Kalinski  
Livonia

### Part-time Legislature

A citizen from birth and a proud Michiganian, I'm proactive in the campaign to put a part-time Legislature initiative on the November ballot. The reasons are many.

Michigan does not need and cannot afford 148 lawmakers for 9.6 million citizens. California has 120 for 33 million citizens. Ours are the second highest paid, after California, and Michigan is only one of four states with a full-time Legislature.

But more dire, more disturbing and, sadly, more prophetic for the future, is the disquieting and appalling indifference of many who are eligible to vote, to let their voices be heard, by the simple act of signing a petition but don't! Many have signed: It's the don'ts and won'ts to whom this article is addressed.

Why? Some responses: "I don't believe Michigan is one of only four states with a full-time Legislature" (from an academic); "The part-time thing is just another Internet scam"; "I don't trust Lansing"; "I'm not interested"; "I've heard this song before." Many responses are laced with vulgar military expressions not fit to print. They all tell a story, a story of cynicism, skepticism and distrust: They smell a rat!

Many feel disenfranchised; they don't trust politicians; they believe they've been "snowed" by party rhetoric and — most of all — Michigan's economy is negatively affecting them while Lansing generates more hot air, useless tax proposals and spurious press releases. I share many of these feelings. But I also believe that "We the People" still has meaning if "We the People" act in concert and demand better government in Michigan. Signing a petition is a step toward that goal.

Michiganians did not just fall off the turnip truck, and most know they're getting "the treatment" from Lansing. Wanna get even? Get off your duff and sign. The computer-savvy can get the whole story at: www.TurnMichiganAround.com and/or www.Reformmichigan.gov.

William Carruth  
Royal Oak

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"We're trying to learn everything about it. We're just trying to see how burnt we can get."  
- Robert Willey who attended last week's Town Hall meeting on foreclosure prevention and options hosted by Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland

## Pioneering entrepreneurs gave state deserved reputation for innovation

Michigan sometimes can seem like a place stuck in time, caught between a past that relied on cutting giant white pines and digging copper out of Upper Peninsula mines, and a future that seems tied to an endlessly shrinking or "restructuring" automobile industry.

Why, many ask, is our state so unwilling to try new things? Possibly, it's the result of an economy that for decades relied on massive industrial enterprises (the Big Three and their giant suppliers) that gave workers little incentive for innovation or risk-taking. Without any doubt, we've been infected by widespread feelings of dependency and belief in a sort of corporate welfare state.

Certainly, generations grew up believing that all they had to do was catch on with "Generous Motors" and they'd be set for life. As a result, many now sadly believe that the spirit of innovative brilliance and entrepreneurial risk never settled in Michigan.

Ah, but how wrong they are! This may come as a shock to many, but there was a time when Michigan was widely regarded as the Silicon Valley of America, a place where entrepreneurs seemed to spring up out of the ground and took on the risks of failure with a jaunty optimism.

It happened right around the beginning of the 20th century. Back then, a whole raft of entrepreneurs created entirely new companies that were on the cutting edge of what was then regarded as high technology. Many of them went on to establish firms that became giant players in today's global economy.

The most famous example: Henry Ford, who in 1903 founded today's Ford Motor Co. Ford became successful thanks to his adaptation of the fundamental new technology of the assembly line. His innovation was to use interchangeable, identical parts to manufacture the automobile quickly and at an affordable price. When Ford dumped a bunch of identical parts on the floor of an exposition in Paris, the assembled crowd gasped in admiration.

And he had plenty of company: Herbert Henry Dow, a Canadian chemist, heard about the salt seeps around Midland. He invented a new way of extracting bromine from the quantities of brine in the area. And the company he started in 1897 to exploit this new technology — the Dow Chemical Co. — is today arguably the world's leading firm of its kind.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg was a physician who started a sanatorium in Battle Creek to experiment with his new-fangled ideas about a good diet for sick patients. His brother, Keith Kellogg, had the idea that he could sell this stuff and

make a profit. So he founded the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Co. in 1906. The resulting Kellogg Co. made Battle Creek the cereal city. Another physician, Dr. William Upjohn of Kalamazoo, was aggravated by the problem of finding ways to give his patients just the right amount of medicine. The elixirs of the day varied in potency and the pills were so hard you had to bust them up with a hammer! So in 1886, he and his brother, Henry Upjohn, founded the Upjohn Pill and Granule Co., later renamed the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co. It went on to become a world leader for a century, until gradually disappearing into the Pfizer empire after 1995.

J.L. Hudson founded in 1881 the J.L. Hudson Co.; by the 1930s it was the third largest retailer in the world. A serial entrepreneur, Hudson also founded the Hudson Motor Co. (1909-54), which had a relatively short but glorious life.

Each of these entrepreneurs took advantage of the distinctive resources of Michigan at the time. As a result of the profitable logging operations that cut the great pines of northern Michigan and dug the ore from the mines, Michigan had a lot of startup capital available to finance new ventures.

Dow had only to look around at all the brine around Midland and figure out how best to take advantage of it. The Kelloggs were lucky enough to be on the rail line that brought corn to the ovens of their toasted corn flake company and shipped boxes of cereal around the country.

The point is, however, that both sets of men figured their natural advantage out, at a time when other men couldn't see it.

Each of these took what they had to work with in what was, back then, the Silicon Valley of America and added imagination, drive and quite a lot of luck and guts. They made great companies — and great fortunes — that still stand as monuments to the Michigan economy.

What we sometimes forget is that they weren't always successful, either — certainly not the first time. Ford's first two automotive companies failed. Many of the other pioneers of the industrial age had their financial ups and downs as well.

But they endured and pressed on — and did so without Starbucks, modern medicine or air conditioning. So, even in today's relatively dark days of high unemployment and widespread home foreclosures, there is no reason that men — and women — like them cannot do the same, or better. In fact, given the lessons we've learned from the past, it would be a surprise if they didn't succeed.

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Phil Power

## Organ donation option fulfills families' wishes, saves lives

In February, 35 Michigan citizens gave the gift of life: Upon their death, they donated their organs so that others may live. This tied the previous mark for a single month and followed a record-breaking 2007 in which 301 people in the state became organ donors.



Richard Pietroski

But these are not mere numbers. Organ donors are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, friends and colleagues. They give their life-saving gifts out of selflessness, out of generosity and out of a trust that their decision will be handled respectfully and will do the greatest good.

That last issue of trust is especially important to us at Gift of Life Michigan. As the state's federally designated organ and tissue procurement organization, we have a solemn duty to honor the wishes of donors and their families.

One option Gift of Life increasingly uses to fulfill those wishes is called Donation after Cardiac Death, or DCD. It is the surgical recovery of organs from a donor whose heart has naturally and irreversibly stopped beating, versus the more common method of donation after brain death.

DCD is not new; it is the way all donations were done prior to the establishment of brain death laws in 1968. Now, everyone from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to the Institute of Medicine endorses its expanded use as a way to address the nation's severe shortage of organs available for transplant. Last year in Michigan, 27 hospitals facilitated a record 53 DCDs.

A recent California case, however, has raised questions about the process. Gift of Life Michigan has no connection to that case, which has yet to be resolved, but we welcome the opportunity to explain the clear policies and procedures we follow so that DCD is done properly. Among them:

- Gift of Life Michigan ensures that a dedicated team of organ donation coordinators and a clinical manager are involved at the donor hospital to coordinate all aspects of DCD consent, preparation and organ recovery, compared with the typical single coordinator assigned for a standard brain death

The DCD option and Gift of Life's clear policies ensure that a donor's death is handled with dignity and respect. They ensure that the donor and his or her family are able to leave a legacy of helping others. And they ensure that the roughly 3,000 people in Michigan in need of an organ transplant have a greater opportunity to receive new life.

donor surgery. Only the hospital's attending physician may assess and declare death on all donation cases.

Upon arrival at a hospital, all organ removal teams are required to review the Gift of Life Michigan Donation after Cardiac Death Requirements for Surgical Teams, which outline the family's and donor's wishes, limitations set by the physician of the donor, and the hospital policy.

Specifically, all surgical team members present at the DCD candidate's hospital shall not be involved in any of the following activities: 1) Prescribing or influencing the medical treatment or comfort care management of the DCD candidate; 2) Being present in the DCD candidate's room at any time during the period involving withdrawal of mechanical support and leading up to death declaration; 3) Charting the DCD candidate's death or being involved with any activity surrounding the diagnosis of cardiac death.

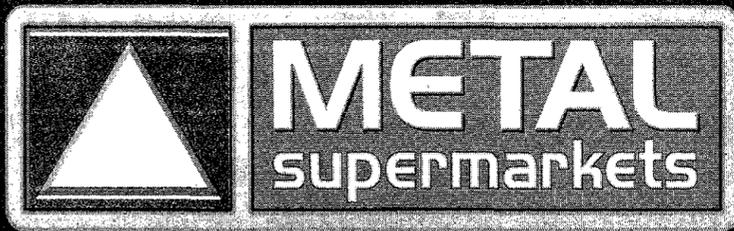
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If you'd like additional information about the organ donation process, or you would like to sign up to be a donor, go to [www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org) or call (800) 482-4881.

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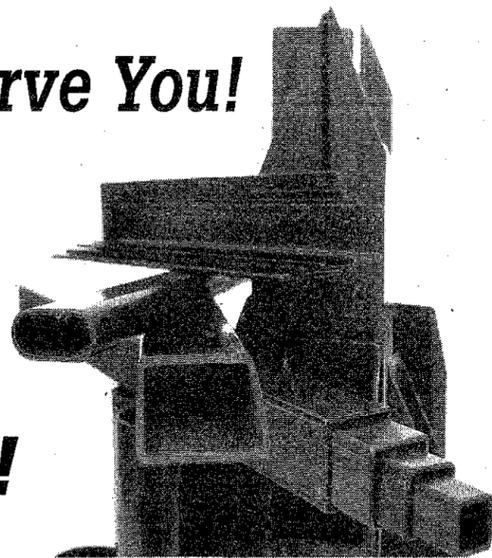


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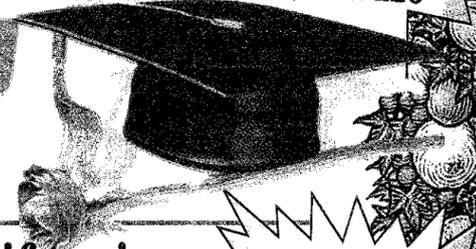
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## Chargers' Johnston forges tie

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a replay of last year's Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 district finals, Livonia Churchill and Northville's first meeting of the 2008 season ended in a 3-3 deadlock.

Churchill is now 1-0-1 overall, while Northville is 2-0-1.

Churchill fell behind 2-0 during the first half as Northville's

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Theresa Yankovich scored from

32 yards out at the seven-minute mark followed by Jeanette Dolmetsch's goal from 30 yards out in the 32nd minute.

Junior Kayla Johnston, who finished with a hat trick for the Chargers, then scored the first of her three goals on a header off the near post. The assist came from Bailey Brandon following a long throw-in that was flicked by Hannah Otto to the near post.

Johnston scored again at the four-minute mark of the second half when she took a pass off her chest from Brandon, sliced between two Northville defenders, and one-timed a half-volley.

"It's probably the best goal I've seen from any high school player," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "It was an outstanding game by Kayla. She was in a new position. It was an attacking midfield spot, centralized, and she thrives on it."

Churchill took a 3-2 lead midway through the second half when Johnston eluded a pair of Northville defenders in the middle of the field and rocketed a bullet shot from 30 yards out.

But Northville scored the equalizer with only five minutes remaining on Sarah Stern's penalty kick which slid off the finger tips of Churchill goalkeeper Stefanie Turner. The PK came after Julia Bowden was pulled

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Wayne goalkeeper Nickole Jarvis stops Glenn's Megan Nikula at point-blank range during Monday's inter-district matchup. Defending on the play is Wayne's Michelle Goff.

## Glenn makes Zebras' Phare Game

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rival Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial girls' soccer teams were both starving for a win when they met Monday afternoon.

Glenn was coming off a season-opening 8-0 loss on April 2 to Walled Lake Western in coach Marty Sylvester's varsity debut, while Wayne was winless in three starts following a 6-0 setback on the same night to Walled Lake Central.

And thanks to senior Aranda Phare's two first-half goals, visiting Glenn was able to earn its first win of the season with a 2-1 triumph.

"Every time we play Wayne, it escalates the tenacity and the enthusiasm of our girls," Sylvester said. "It's an inter-district match and for some reason they seem

to kick it up a notch. I'd like to see us do that more in some of our other games."

Both of Phare's goals came on break-aways against Wayne goalkeeper Nickole Jarvis. The first was unassisted, while second was assisted by sophomore Ali Zarate. The goals came at the nine and 14-minute marks.

Wayne sophomore Megan Maynor cut the deficit to 2-1 with a goal with three minutes left in the half off an assist from Avalon Selan.

But the Zebras, despite constant second-half pressure, couldn't score the equalizer against Glenn goalkeeper Katie Yax, who came on for starter Lauren Whitt after she skinned up her elbow in the first half while trying to make a save.

"It was a heartbreaker because we dominated the second half," said Wayne coach Evan Baker. "We had a ton of shots

and we had the ball in their end the whole time, and couldn't find the back of the net."

Baker changed his defensive alignment to neutralize Phare, while Glenn went into a defensive mode.

"They (Glenn) had a one-forward look and by the end of the game they had it pretty clogged up," said Baker, whose team slipped to 0-4 overall. "The wind was blowing hard. We took the wind the second half. It's too bad we gave up the two goals."

Glenn's standout in the midfield, meanwhile, was senior captain Kailey Coleman.

"She's our Energizer bunny, the voice of the team who directs the defense back there," Sylvester said.

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## Charger errors prove costly in loss

BY TIM SMITH  
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The return of good pitching and defense had Garden City varsity baseball coach Steve Herman in a happier mood following the host Cougars' 5-3 victory Tuesday over nonconference opponent Livonia Churchill.

Herman's team lost 18-17 to Livonia Franklin on April 2, in a contest featuring 17 walks issued by his pitchers.

But a strong starting performance by junior pitcher Adam McCloud went a long way toward helping Garden City improve to 1-1. McCloud gave up three runs in 5.1 innings (two on a bad-hop single in the fifth), struck out seven and walked just three — two in his final inning of work.

Coming in to get two pop-ups with the bases loaded with the score tied 3-3 was senior Angelo Zoccoli.

Garden City broke the deadlock in the bottom of the sixth, with a two-run, two-out rally. Churchill senior reliever Shea Dwyer hit Zoccoli in the back with a pitch and sophomore Gegatic Williams (1-for-2,

two runs) doubled on an 0-2 pitch, sending Zoccoli to third.

An infield error scored the lead run and junior Anthony Glass (2-for-4, one RBI) singled home an insurance tally.

Zoccoli nailed down the win with a scoreless seventh, despite two bloop singles.

"He (Zoccoli) pitched against Franklin and gave up a whole bunch of runs (but he really came back today)," Herman said. "That's how I know he can throw. He came in with the bases loaded and he got two popouts."

The second of those was hauled in by junior catcher Tyler Twigg, seeing his first varsity action behind the plate in the absence of starter Max Stratton.

The foul off the bat of Churchill's Andy Szymanski (2-for-4, two RBI) looked to be headed over the backstop, but it drifted back into play and settled into Twigg's glove.

"It was big for him to stay on it, and he made it (the catch) look so easy," Herman

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Churchill pitcher Josh Payzant throws a pitch during Tuesday's game at Garden City.

## Blazers run wild in win vs. Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scott Combs couldn't ask for a better debut as Livonia Ladywood girls softball coach as his Blazers opened the 2008 season Monday at home with a six-inning

10-0 mercy of Livonia Churchill. Junior pitcher Sarah Stempin earned the victory, allowing just six hits and a pair of walks while fanning eight.

"I thought Miss Stempin was outstanding," Combs said. "She walked only a couple, hit her spots and did a good job changing speeds. We want

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## Sidelines

### Ballinger lauded

Madonna University's Liz Ballinger (St. Johns) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week (April 7) after picked up three conference victories.

Ballinger went the distance in all three games, fanning six and allowing just four earned runs in 17 innings of work.

### Mighty mat mite

Coolidge Lower Elementary School student Owen Atienza, 5, of Livonia recently placed first in the 46-pound class at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association Tournament, March 29-30, at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse.

He was joined by his two older brothers, Jordan, 12, who placed seventh in the 85-pound class and attends Riley Middle School, along with Nathan, 8, who competed in the 63-pound class.

All three compete for the Canton Wrestling Club.

### MU softball signee

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White announced the signing Monday of Holland West Ottawa pitcher Katie Boomgaard to a letter-of-intent for the 2009 season.

Boomgaard, a third-year varsity player, led OK Red Conference in strikeouts as a junior.

She was named the team's Most Improved Player as a sophomore.

Boomgaard was also named the Holland Sentinel's Player of the Week after posting 12 strikeouts in a game against Zeeland East.

### MU soccer signee

Madonna University women's soccer coach Paul Thomas announced the signing Monday of Trenton High School midfielder Brittany DeRupa for the 2008 season.

DeRupa is a two-time All-League selection and serves as the Trojans' team captain.

She plans to study Education.

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# Rockets swoop past Falcons by sweeping doubleheader

Westland John Glenn started its 2008 baseball season on a high note Saturday for new coach Tom Wakefield by sweeping a double-header from visiting Farmington High, 67-6 and 12-8.

Kevin Lafave sent 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles, two runs scored and an RBI in the opener for the Rockets, who bolted out to a 4-0 first-inning advantage.

Pitcher Robert Fraser, who struck out six, got credit for the win with relief help from junior Jacob Sperry, who picked up the save.

Sperry got the win in the nightcap, while the offense was sparked by Andrew DeLuca, who went 2-for-3 with a double, triple, two RBI and two runs scored.

Farmington, which slipped to 2-2 overall, out-hit the Rockets 10-8.

**FRANKLIN 11, W. BLOOMFIELD 1:** Winning pitcher Jesse Carpenter helped his own cause going 4-for-4 with a double, five RBI and two runs scored Tuesday as host Livonia Franklin (4-1) downed the Lakers (1-1) in a non-league encounter.

Carpenter went all five innings, allowing one earned run on six hits. He struck out eight and walked two.

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Garrett Gumm also went 2-for-3 with three runs scored.

"It was the best game we've played so far," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "We've been swinging the bats well, but today we got the pitching and defense to go with it."

Franklin committed a season low one error while out-hitting West Bloomfield 11-6.

**PLY. CHRISTIAN 10, HURON VALLEY 6:** Trevor Zinn struck out 13 and scattered six hits and two walks in going the distance Tuesday as Plymouth Christian Academy (1-0) won its season opener at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-1).

Kevin Bottorff paced PCA's six-hit attack going 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI.

Bryan Gruenewald and losing pitcher Ryan Jones each went 2-for-4 for the Hawks. Gruenewald had a double, while Jones added an RBI.

Jones worked the first four innings, allowing seven runs on four hits. He struck out eight and walked four before giving Wayne to Aaron Howell, who finished up allowed three runs on two hits and a walk over three innings.

**LATHRUP 16, CLARENCEVILLE 2:** Ted Woodard pitched a one-hitter Tuesday as host Southfield-Lathrup (1-2) mercied Livonia Clarenceville (0-3) in a non-conference game.

Lathrup collected a total of 16 hits.

John McAlpine and Dan Schiffman each knocked in runs for Clarenceville. Levan Go added a single, stolen base and a run scored.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 16, LUTHERAN SOUTH 0:** Micah Hausch pitched three perfect innings, fanning eight of nine batters he faced Monday as host Lutheran High Westland (1-0) took three innings to mercy Newport Lutheran South (0-2).

Sam Ahlersmeyer went 3-for-4 and knocked in five runs for the victorious Warriors, including a 3-run double in the second inning and a 2-run homer to end the game in the third.

Dan Abbott also went 2-for-2 with a double and two RBI, while teammate Adam Zehel contributed three RBI with a 2-run double and a sacrifice fly.

**NOVI 13, STEVENSON 1:** On Saturday, the host Wildcats (1-0) collected 12 hits to mercy Livonia Stevenson (0-1) in five innings in the season opener for both teams.

Winning pitcher Tyler Scott struck out seven and allowed just two hits for Novi.

Danny Kilger went 3-for-4 to lead Novi, while Pat Schleuke went 2-for-5 with a homer and five RBI. Phil Coleski and Garrett Green also added two hits apiece.

John Saaman went 2-for-2 to pace the Spartans. James Bowby added an RBI that scored Jake Wilson.

**FRANKLIN 14-16, BELLEVILLE 4-19:** In a double-header Saturday, the visiting

Tigers salvaged a split with Livonia Franklin by scoring three times in the top of the eighth to break a 16-all deadlock.

Franklin took the opening in five innings, 14-4, as Jeff McCullough was the winning pitcher. He struck out seven, walked six and allowed all four runs.

Belleville starter Cory Primeau gave up five runs in the first without getting an out.

Michael Basner went 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles and three runs scored followed by Garrett Gumm, who was 3-for-4 with a double and five RBI; and Wayne Hawkins, 2-for-2 with a walk and five RBI.

Adam Overholt went 2-for-3 with an RBI double for the Tigers.

Overholt got the win in relief in the nightcap, going the final 2.2 innings allowing just one hit. He also went 2-for-2 with three walks, while Zach Whitehouse went 2-for-4 with three RBI.

Basner was 4-for-6 with a triple and five RBI in the loss for the Patriots. David Muller and Mark McRobb each added two hits.

The Patriots made six errors in the second game as Anthony Andrus took the loss in relief. He gave up three runs, all unearned, on three hits and two walks over the final 2.1 innings.

Tyler Barnes, who gave up eight runs (four earned) and Basner, who allowed eight earned runs, combined to pitch the first 5.1 innings.

# Krohn propels Zebras to doubleheader win

Taylor Krohn figured prominently in Wayne Memorial's season-opening double-header sweep Saturday of visiting Ypsilanti Lincoln.

The junior pitcher won both ends of the girls softball twinbill as Wayne swept the Railsplitters, 11-6 and 12-11. She also had the game-tying RBI single in the Zebras' four-run seventh-inning rally.

Megan Zuccaro had the game-winning RBI single scoring Jordan Berry.

Krohn also pitched the final three innings in relief of starter Bianca Hayes to pick up the win.

Leading hitters for the Zebras in the nightcap included Heather Henning, 4-for-5 with two runs scored; Zuccaro, 3-for-5 (two runs); and Berry, 2-for-3 (three runs).

Krohn pitched a complete game in the opener, scattering seven hits to go along with five strikeouts and only one walk.

Both Zuccaro and Henning each went 3-for-4 and combined for four runs.

**MT. CARMEL 12-7, HURON VALLEY 1-8:** Emily Helwig went 7-for-8 on the day with two doubles and a game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday as host Westland Huron

## PREP SOFTBALL

Valley Lutheran (1-1) divided a twinbill with Wyandotte Mount Carmel (1-1).

Lauren Adlof's one-out double started the game-winning rally and Helwig, who went 4-for-5, knocked in the deciding run. Nicole Smith also went 3-for-3 with a pair of runs scored for the Hawks.

Christina Gutierrez, who worked the first three innings and the last frame, allowing three runs, was the winning pitcher. Paige Sharrow, who took the loss, in the opener, worked the fourth and fifth innings.

Helwig went 3-for-3 in the opener with a pair of doubles.

Jessica Halasy, who struck out 10, walked one and allowed just four hits in five innings, was the winning pitcher for the Comets.

**GARDEN CITY 16, CHURCHILL 0:** In a non-conference game Tuesday, the host Cougars (1-1) pounded out a total of 17 hits took five innings to mercy host Livonia Churchill (1-3).

Winning pitcher Hallie Minch scattered five hits, struck out eight and allowed no walks over five innings.

Minch also collected four hits at the plate, including a double, while teammate Katelyn Shattleroe added a pair of triples and drove in three runs.

Losing pitcher Natalie Hiser walked two and struck out two in the loss.

Rachel Elery collected two of Churchill's five hits.



Garden City's David Ciciora slides into home safely past the tag of Churchill catcher Tyler Bledsoe during Tuesday's game at Garden City.

## BLAZERS

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her to work the front to the back of the plate, not just side-to-side. She did a good job following the game plan."

Churchill starter Natalie Hiser, a freshman, walked four of the first six batters she faced and paid dearly for it. Four passed balls and five wild pitches allowed Ladywood runners Alyssa Gietl, Kyla Suchy, Gina Sykes and Jessica Payne to score. Stempin had the lone hit of the inning, an RBI single scoring Payne to make it 4-0.

Combs promised his team would be aggressive on the base paths and it didn't take long for the Blazers to put it into practice against Churchill's shaky defense.

"We work on base running three times a week, often in batting practice, anytime we have an opportunity," Combs said. "We worked 45 minutes on it yesterday (Sunday). You have to be aggressive because you don't know when you're going to run into a power pitcher."

Ladywood, who collected 11 hits on the day, added three more runs in the second inning to take a commanding 7-0 advantage on an RBI single by Alyssa Abramowski, an RBI double by Sykes and an RBI single by Sykes.

The Blazers added another run on the third on an RBI groundout off the bat of Courtney LaValley to score courtesy runner Julie Bushart following a lead-off walk to Stempin.

In the fifth, LaValley singled and came all the way around on a pair of Churchill throwing miscues.

The game ended in the sixth when Sykes, the sophomore shortstop who went 3-for-4, doubled and scored on Churchill's fourth error of the game.

"I think we could have made some field plays in the first inning and that set the tone for the game," said Churchill first-year coach Lou Kuratko, whose team slipped to 1-2 overall. "I think we may have tried too hard."

The visiting Chargers also had trouble adjusting the Catholic League three-ball, two-strike count.

"Our pitcher (Hiser) struggled, but that happens, and remember that she's a freshman," Kuratko said. "She learned something today and she'll be a better pitcher."

Meanwhile, the entire Ladywood roster saw action. "We've got good hitting and good team speed," Combs said. "It's good we got everybody in — all 14. I like to reward them all because they all work hard."

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## CHARGERS

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said. "And that was with the bases loaded."

As for McCloud, the coach went to him before the game with a straight-forward message. "I told McCloud, 'Just throw strikes and we'll see what happens. He only walked three, and even when he did fall behind (in the count) he was able to battle back.'"

Starting for Churchill (0-2) was 6-foot-3 sophomore right-hander Josh Payzant, who also pitched a good game but was victimized by errors.

The Cougars took a quick 1-0 lead in the first, thanks to a pair of miscues that brought in Williams.

It was 3-0 in the third, with starting shortstop Zoccoli (1-

for-3, two runs) lacing a double to left-center and scoring on an RBI single up the middle by junior David Ciciora.

With two out, Ciciora scored from second on a ground-ball single to center by McCloud. The strong throw by Dwyer (Churchill's starting center-fielder) who had nailed Ciciora, but the Cougar's beautiful fadeaway slide enabled him to escape the tag of junior catcher Tyler Bledsoe.

Later in the game, a one-hop throw from Dwyer cut down Williams trying to score.

"He's got a great arm," said Herman about Dwyer. "I probably shouldn't have tested him." Chargers' coach Ron Targosz concurred, noting that "She's a good ballplayer, those (throws) kept us in the game at the time."

Churchill chipped away with two in the fifth. Singles by

Payzant and Dwyer set up the chance and a smash to short by Szymanski took a vicious hop off the chest of Zoccoli, enabling two runs to score.

The Chargers evened the game in the sixth, with a bases-loaded walk to senior Derek Poremba scoring junior third baseman Ricky Scully (2-for-4, one RBI), whose inning-opening blast to deep left went for a double instead of a fence-clearing homer only because of the wind.

According to Targosz, as disappointing as it was for his team to commit four errors (after playing a good defensive game in the opener), it was even more frustrating to watch some players look out of sync at the plate.

In particular, he lamented how the Cougars were able to get out of that bases-loaded situation in the sixth without giving up the lead run.

"All you've got to do is hit

a little ground ball and they have to at least throw you out at the plate," Targosz said. "Especially with the infield in."

Targosz said the team's recent hard work in the batting cage to help improve bat speed and timing didn't immediately pay off, either.

"But it's different in the cage as opposed to live pitching," he added. "We just have to get going. It's early in the season, so they're going to get better."

Herman, meanwhile, said his team came through with some big hits, none bigger than the double by Williams. He quickly fell behind 0-2 against the fireballer Dwyer, but drilled the very next pitch into the gap. "It was huge that 'Gee' was able to put the bat on the ball after getting out-matched the first two pitches."

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# Founders Park to host annual Klotz Classic

The second annual Hank Klotz Memorial Baseball Classic, honoring the memory of former Redford Union coach and community leader who succumbed to cancer in 2006, is slated for Saturday at Founders

Sports Park in Farmington Hills.

Founders is located on the north side of Eight Mile Road, between Farmington-Newburgh roads.

RU hosted the inaugural tournament last year at the

high school.

But Panthers' head coach Mike Taylor explained that the move was made to accommodate more teams.

Scheduled to join RU for this year's invitational are Redford Thurston, Wayne

Memorial, Southfield, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Detroit Country Day and Riverview.

Games will take place at 10 a.m. and noon, with the finals scheduled to begin around 2 p.m.

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## Demolition's Hefner anxious to get 2008 IWFL season off

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Hefner was always around the gridiron growing up, tagging along fall Saturdays with her dad Mark to University of Michigan games in Ann Arbor.

"I loved it as a kid, I watched and followed Michigan college football, so I had a pretty good understanding of the game," said the 2000 Livonia Churchill High grad, who played a number of different sports in high school including track and field, basketball, volleyball and softball.

Hefner, a mechanical engineer with Troy Design & Manufacturing, is in her second season as a 5-foot-9, 170-pound defensive end for the defending Independent Women's Football League champion Detroit Demolition, which opens its season Saturday night at Livonia Franklin H.S. against the Columbus (Ohio) Phantoms in an Eastern Conference matchup.

Hefner, who lettered in the shot put and discus at Churchill and made it to the state meet during her prep days, decided to give football

a shot last season urging of a friend, current teammate Heather Hebert, who is listed as a 4-foot, 100-pound line-backer.

"I love playing football and I can't wait for the season to start," said Hefner, who played the entire 2007 IWFL championship game as the Demolition captured the 2007 title, 17-7, against the Atlanta Xplosion, the team that snapped Detroit's 52-game win streak in the 2006 championship game. "I've been weight training, doing Bikram Yoga. I feel I'm in good condition now."

Many of the Demolition's star veterans return for 2008 including quarterback-defensive back Bridget Porter, along with running backs Kianna Dennis and Aisha Brown.

But several of the longtime standouts such as starting quarterback Kim Grodus and linebacker-kicker Misty Findlay have retired and will be missed.

The Demolition have been practicing three nights per week in preparation for Saturday's opener, the first of eight regular season games.

"We have a lot of new talent, a strong core of new, refresh-

ing additions that will help us out greatly," said Hefner, who has also been working out at tight end. "Practices have been very challenging, very competitive. It's been a lot of hard work."

The Demolition have compiled an impressive 65-3 overall record with five national championships in six years under coach Tony Blankenship, a former Michigan player and Detroit Southwestern High coach.

"We've always had the pressure as a team because of our record and the five championships," said Hefner, who has an engineering degree from Lawrence Tech. "But coach Blankenship does a good job of keeping us focused and keeping the eye on the prize."

Hefner's personal goals include "more tackles and sacks," and "be more aware of opposing offenses."

Game time for the Demolition-Phantoms match is 7 p.m. and tickets are \$10 at the gate. Franklin H.S. is located at 31000 Joy Road (just east of Merriman).

For more information, call the team's phone number at (248) 474-9176; or visit [www.dett demolition.com](http://www.dett demolition.com).

## Livonia club hosts fencing hopefuls

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Foil, epee and sabre competition will be at the forefront this weekend in Livonia as Summer National spots will be at stake when the Underground Fencing Organization (UFO) hosts the Michigan Division II and III men's and women's qualifying tournament at Salle d'Etroit.

Action begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with men's sabre and women's epee. It is followed by men's epee and women's sabre at 10:30 a.m.; women's foil, at noon; and men's foil, at 2 p.m.

"Anybody can watch, we encourage people to come out

and admission is free," said Amy Webster of the host UFO club, which is located on 36745 Amrhein Road, just west of Levan and south of I-96.

UFO is the home to 2006 Division II men's epee national champion Benjamin Schleis.

Webster said 30 competitors from across the state in the Michigan Division of the Great Lakes Section will be gunning for spots in the U.S. Fencing Association's Summer Nationals, July 1-10, in San Jose, Calif.

The first-day competition is open to fencers classified 'C' or lower.

Action continues Sunday at Salle d'Etroit with more three-weapon qualifying showcasing

Cadet (under-16) and Junior (under-19) classes and Youth-14 and -16 team competitions for any A and B ranked fencers.

The morning session begins at 9 a.m. with the Y-14 men's and women's epee; along with the Cadet women's sabre; 9:45 a.m.; Y-14 women's sabre; 10 a.m.; Y-14 men's foil; 10:30 a.m.; Cadet women's sabre; 11 a.m.; Cadet men's epee; 11:30 a.m.; Y-14 women's foil.

The afternoon session starts at 2 p.m. with Cadet women's foil and Cadet men's sabre followed by Cadet men's foil at 2:30 p.m.

For more information about the tournament, call UFO at (734) 432-5014; or visit [www.michfencing.org](http://www.michfencing.org) or [salleddetroit.com](http://salleddetroit.com).

## Stevenson stymies Pats, 3-0

### GIRLS SOCCER

Livonia Stevenson parlayed an efficient first half Monday night en route to a 4-0 girls soccer victory at Livonia Franklin.

The Spartans, who jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead, improved to 2-2 overall with the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory.

Molly McConnell opened the scoring at the 22-minute mark followed a throw-in from Tasi Newton on a ball that ended up bouncing in front of the box.

Krista Kane's header off a corner kick by Taleen Mergian gave the Spartans a 2-0 lead. Kayla Kimble, making her first appearance of the season, scored the third goal when she took a ball from 25 yards out, turned and volleyed it over the head of the Franklin goalkeeper Sheri Helmer, a freshman.

Rachel Stevens converted Stevenson's fourth goal with nine minutes left in the game after McConnell beat a Patriot defender wide, cut towards the goal and slotted a perfect pass.

"I thought our backs did well tonight, our first game with Kayla back there," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "I thought she was the best player out there tonight."

Rachel Simari and fresh-

man Michelle Krawczyk combined for the shutout in goal for the Spartans.

"We struggled the final third, not many seemed that motivated tonight. Franklin works hard and made it difficult to create opportunities."

Franklin coach Jen Barker, whose team was coming off a 3-0 loss Friday at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, liked the play of her backline, which consisted of juniors Courtney Smith and Renee Burger, along with sophomores Kelsey Lank and Erin Roulier.

"They really stepped up their game and helped keep the game from getting too out of hand," Barker said. "Sheri (Helmer) had her best game yet in goal making some great saves for us. Kelly Walblay (freshman midfielder) and Kelly Powers (senior midfielder) made a big impact for us."

The loss drops Franklin to 0-3 overall.

"Overall I was content with the way we played," Barker said. "It wasn't perfect, but for this early in the season and our last game that was a bit rocky, we did well. We're still working to keep ourselves organized in the run of the game, but

we're getting there."

LADYWOOD 3, BISHOP FOLEY 0: Livonia Ladywood (2-0, 2-0) rode the sterling midfield play of senior Alison Szczyzka on Tuesday to beat Catholic League foe Madison Heights Bishop Foley (1-2, 0-2).

Szczyzka, bound for Western Michigan University, scored in the 25th minute of the opening half off an assist from Kristen Selasky.

Alessia Vagnini made it 2-0 in the 55th minute on a feed from Kaitlyn Vitale and Caitlin Szczyzka completed the scoring in the 79th minute from Vagnini.

Goalkeeper Michele Ring made four saves to notch her first shutout for the Blazers.

"It was very, very good effort all-around," Ladywood first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "And I thought Alison (Szczyzka) dominated the midfield."

CLARENCEVILLE 8, CHAVEZ 0: Amanda Moody notched a hat trick as Livonia Clarenceville (2-0) romped to its second straight win Monday with a non-conference triumph at Detroit Cesar Chavez.

Moody, a senior, now has seven goals on the year after bagging four in a season-opening 8-0 victory April 2 over Romulus Summit Academy North.

Teresa Parent also chipped in with two goals for the Trojans, who led 3-0 at halftime.

Jordan Fyffe contributed a goal and assist, while Ashley Welch and Jill Brown tallied the other Clarenceville goals. Amber Dermire also assisted.

Goalkeeper Kelly Jolly, who made two saves, notched her second straight shutout.

## CHURCHILL

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down in the box.

"We shouldn't been down 2-0, but I thought we responded really well, went up 3-2, and then gave it back, it is what

it," said Hebestreit, whose team went 1-1-1 last year against the Division I state semifinalist. "We went with a 4-4-2 to a 3-5-2 (alignment) and I thought Lindsay Marlow, Johnson, Brandon and Julianne Puroll pressured them in that formation."

"Also, I thought Hannah

Otto did so much work — winning balls, possessing, playing the ball at the feet in the offensive side of the field. And I thought freshman Kelsey Rothermel, playing as a central defender, was calm and collected back there."

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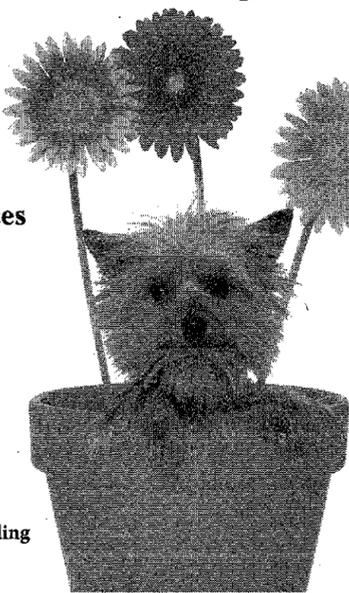
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**PREP TRACK & FIELD RESULTS**

**PATRIOT TRACK RELAYS**  
**April 5 at Livonia Franklin**  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Franklin, 121 points; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 88; 3. Garden City, 65; 4. Redford Union, 39; 5. Taylor Kennedy, 36; 6. Taylor Truman, 24; 7. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 20.  
**FINAL BOYS RESULTS**  
**Shuttle hurdles:** 1. Franklin (Cameron Wludvka, Brandon Tower, Eric Green, Stuart Gregory), 1:08.3; 2. W.L. Northern, 1:11.0; 3. Country Day, 1:19.5; 4. Kennedy, 1:24.1.  
**3,200-meter relay:** 1. W.L. Northern, 8:51.6; 2. Franklin, 8:53.3; 3. Garden City, 9:16.1; 4. Country Day, 9:27.4; 5. Truman, 9:39.5; 6. Kennedy, 10:49.4.  
**400 relay:** 1. Franklin (Darell Myree, Tower, Mike Baumgardner, Paul Voegelé), 44.8; 2. Truman, 46.3; 3. RU, 46.6; 4. W.L. Northern, 46.7; 5. Garden City, 47.1; 6. Kennedy, 47.6; 7. Country Day, 47.9.  
**Sprint medley:** 1. Franklin (Myree, Baumgardner, Voegelé, Tony Lawson), 1:39.9; 2. W.L. Northern, 1:40.3; 3. Garden City, 1:41.9; 4. RU, 1:43.9.  
**Distance medley:** 1. W.L. Northern, 12:02.6; 2. Franklin, 12:05.1; 3. Garden City, 12:20.5; 4. Truman, 12:24.5; 5. Country Day, 1:39.3; 6. RU, 12:29.8; 7. Kennedy, 12:49.3.  
**800 relay:** 1. Franklin (Gregory, Voegelé, Baumgardner, Myree), 1:34.8; 2. W.L. Northern, 1:36.1; 3. Country Day, 1:39.3; 4. Truman, 1:40.2; 5. Kennedy, 1:40.4; 6. RU, 1:41.3.  
**Throwers relay:** 1. Franklin (Jarius Woolfork, Jimmy Provot, Sean McAuliffe, Michael Gadsby), 53.9; 2. Kenney, 54.7; 3. W.L. Northern, 55.6; 4. Garden City, 56.1; 5. RU, 56.2.  
**1,600 relay:** 1. W.L. Northern, 3:40.9; 2. Franklin, 3:46.8; 3. Garden City, 3:51.8; 4. Truman, 3:51.9; 5. RU, 3:54.6; 6. Kennedy, 3:54.9; 7. Country Day, 4:17.1.

**Pole vault:** 1. Garden City (Larsen, Snyder, Anderson), 30 feet; 2. Franklin, 29-6; 3. RU, 26-0; 4. W.L. Northern, 17-0.  
**High jump:** 1. W.L. Northern (Brian Carter, Bo Wilinski, Moy), 16-5; 2. RU, 15-1; 3. Franklin, 15-8; 4. Kennedy, 10-3.  
**Long jump:** 1. Franklin (Isaac Cadet, Baumgardner, McCaffery), 57-3; 2. RU, 51-6.5; 3. W.L. Northern, 50-10.75; 4. Kennedy, 49-0; 6. Garden City, 47-1.25.  
**Shot put:** 1. Garden City (Love, Habert, Clark), 18-0; 2. Franklin, 12-10; 3. Kennedy, 10-7.5; 4. W.L. Northern, 10-5-7.5; 5. RU, 9-8-5; 6. Country Day, 37-3.  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Walled Lake Northern, 104 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 103; 3. Garden City, 63; 4. Harper Woods Regina, 54; 5. Taylor Truman, 26; 6. Redford Union, 21; 7. Wayne Memorial, 20.  
**FINAL GIRLS RESULTS**  
**Pole vault:** 1. Franklin (Meghan Powers, Anastasia Bending, Mady Byrd), 23 feet; 2. W.L. Northern, 18-0; 3. Garden City, 7-0.  
**Long jump:** 1. Truman, 43-8.25; 2. Regina, 41-2.75; 3. Franklin (Monica Hardy, Sam Campbell, Kelly Tapella), 38-4.25; 4. W.L. Northern, 37-3.5; 5. Garden City, 33-8.  
**High jump:** 1. Garden City, 12-1; 2. Franklin (Liz Hollaway, Sam Culp), 9-1; 3. W.L. Northern, 8-6; 4. Regina, 8-3.  
**Shot put:** 1. Franklin (Ashley Price, Savannah Haig, Brittany Milican), 91-5.5; 2. W.L. Northern, 88-2.5; 3. Regina, 80-8; 4. Garden City, 69-0; 5. RU, 68-0.5; 6. Wayne, 50-4.  
**Discus:** 1. W.L. Northern, 268-2; 2. Franklin (Price, Haig, Milican), 250-1; 3. Garden City, 195-10; 4. Regina, 193-6; 5. RU, 153-5; 6. Wayne, 121-4.  
**Shuttle hurdles:** 1. Franklin (Caroline Cucci, Seneca Scott, Jen Mueller, Campbell), 1:14.12; 2. Regina, 1:17.55; 3. W.L. Northern, 1:18.77; 4. Garden City, 1:32.78.  
**3,200-meter relay:** 1. W.L. Northern, 10:45.6;

2. RU, 11:12.6; 3. Garden City, 11:19.11; 4. Franklin (Victoria Church, Shannon Niznik, Catharine Studzinski, Brittany Dilley), 11:35.11; 5. Regina, 12:08.61.  
**400 relay:** 1. W.L. Northern, 53.31; 2. Franklin (Corrine Haro, Tapella, Mueller, Molly Hirst), 53.69; 2. Wayne, 54.9; 3. Truman, 54.97; 5. Regina, 55.94; 6. RU, 56.18.  
**Sprint medley:** 1. Franklin (Ashley Butkowski, Olivia Hernandez, Hardy, Scott), 1:59.8; 2. W.L. Northern, 2:03.6; 3. Wayne, 2:07.62; 4. Truman, 2:15.77; 5. RU, 2:20.95; 6. Garden City, 2:25.08.  
**Distance medley:** 1. W.L. Northern, 12:53.29; 2. Franklin (Megan Wickens, Dominique Jordan, Mallory Church, Megan McPherson), 14:12.28; 3. Garden City, 14:46.02; 4. Regina, 16:09.1; 5. Truman, 18:29.93.  
**800 relay:** 1. W.L. Northern, 1:52.38; 2. Wayne, 1:54.76; 3. Franklin (Butkowski, Hernandez, Mueller, Hardy), 1:56.95; 4. Truman, 1:58.06; 5. Regina, 1:59.16; 6. Garden City, 2:01.31.  
**Throwers relay:** 1. Franklin (Haig, Price, Milican, Karen Kalinski), 1:04.75; 2. Regina, 1:06.15; 3. Garden City, 1:18.32.  
**1,600 relay:** 1. W.L. Northern, 4:20.21; 2. Garden City, 4:40.85; 3. RU, 4:45.12; 4. Regina, 4:47.99; 5. Truman, 5:10.77.  
**COED RELAY RESULT**  
**400:** 1. Franklin (Haro, Myree, Hirst, Voegelé), 49.6; 2. W.L. Northern, 52.7; 3. Garden City, 53.4; 4. Regina, 58.8.  
**BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 61**  
**WHITMORE LAKE 58**  
**April 8 at Whitmore Lake**  
**Shot put:** 1. Andrew Jasmer (C'ville) 39 feet, 10 inches; **discus:** 1. Jasmer (C'ville), 119-10; 3. Joe Haapala (C'ville), 116-3; **high jump:** 1. Joey King (C'ville), 5-8; 2. Joey Nelson (C'ville), 5-6; **long jump:** 1. Machin (W.L.) 18-5; 2. Adrian Myers (C'ville), 18-4; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Machin

(W.L.) 15.7; 2. Daniel Pepaj (C'ville), 19.8; 3. Nelson (C'ville), 23.5; **300 hurdles:** 1. Machin (W.L.) 44.3; 2. Ryan Glass (C'ville), 47.9; **100 dash:** 1. Jeremy Gainer (C'ville), 11.4; 3. Todd McCullar (C'ville), 12.3; 200: 1. Gainer (C'ville), 24.0; 2. Moses Hobson (C'ville), 25.2; **400:** 1. Gainer (C'ville), 54.7; 3. Darryl Whitaker (C'ville), 1:00.0; **800:** 1. Mainez (W.L.) 2:13.4; 3. Derek Zink (C'ville), 2:23.4; **1,600:** 1. Mainez (W.L.) 5:04.9; 3. Matt Parent (C'ville), 5:12.0; **3,200:** 1. Munro (C'ville), 11:03.3; 2. Parent (C'ville), 11:23.7; **400 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Hobson, Levonte Brooks, T. McCullar, Gainer), 47.7; 2. Whitmore Lake, no time available; **800 relay:** 1. Clarenceville (Aaron McCullar, Hobson, Brooks, T. McCullar), 1:39.4; 2. Whitmore Lake, NTA; **1,600 relay:** 1. Whitmore Lake, 3:58.0; 2. Clarenceville, 4:02.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Whitmore Lake, 10:32.0; 2. Clarenceville, 10:52.0.  
**Clarenceville's dual meet record:** 2-0 overall.  
**GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**WHITMORE LAKE 118**  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 81**  
**April 8 at Whitmore Lake**  
**Shot put:** 1. Machin (W.L.) 24 feet, 7 inches; 2. Alica Hargrove (C'ville), 23-4; **discus:** 1. Ashley Hall (C'ville), 84-4; **high jump:** 1. Smid (W.L.) no height available; **long jump:** 1. Rennells (W.L.) 14-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Smid (W.L.) 17.68; **300 hurdles:** 1. Smid (W.L.) 51.62; **100 dash:** 1. Rennells (W.L.) 14.23; 2. Aneta Elliot (C'ville), 14.44; **200:** 1. Brushell Brown (C'ville), 30.12; 3. Elliot (C'ville), 30.5; **400:** 1. Brown (C'ville), 1:09.9; **800:** 1. Smid (W.L.) 3:09.0; **1,600:** 1. Cattley (W.L.) 6:11.0; 2. Shelby Dermire (C'ville), 6:18.0; **3,200:** 1. Totten (W.L.) 13:21.0; 3. Dermire (C'ville), 13:46.0; **400 relay:** 1. Whitmore Lake, 55.2; 2. Clarenceville, 59.8; **800 relay:** 1. Whitmore Lake, 1:55.0; 2. Clarenceville, 2:05.0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Whitmore Lake, 4:55.0; 2. Clarenceville, 5:20.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Whitmore Lake, 11:30.0; 2. Clarenceville, 11:52.0.  
**Clarenceville's dual meet record:** 0-1 overall.

**Spartans' Hostetter nets title**

Livonia Stevenson's No. 1 singles player Lindsay Hostetter is off to a flying start to the girls tennis season. The senior captured a gold medal Saturday in the Ann Arbor Invitational by defeating Ann Arbor Pioneer's No. 1 singles players Kelsey Van DeWege, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4. Hostetter also won her other two matches in the round-robin format, 6-1, 6-1, and 6-1, 6-0.

Host Pioneer led the team standings with 23 points followed by the Pioneer 'B' squad with 11 followed by Stevenson and Temperance Bedford with eight and six, respectively. Stevenson senior Laura Sims was runner-up at No. 2 singles losing only to Pioneer's Katherine Globerson, 6-2, 6-1, after winning two matches in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3 and 6-0, 6-0.

Stevenson junior Paige McNamara earned a victory at No. 3 singles over Bedford's Lucy Zhad, 6-3, 7-5, while No. 4 singles player Carli Marschner, a sophomore, defeated Bedford's Megan Gross, 6-2, 6-4. Stevenson's No. 3 doubles team of junior Danielle Jagodzinski and sophomore Simona Enea won a silver medal based on the number

**GIRLS TENNIS**  
of sets won, which included a 6-4, 6-4 triumph over the Pioneer 'B' team duo of Jennifer Wei and Maya Laine. Jagodzinski and Enea lost in three sets to Bedford's Kristi Osentoski and Katie Marti, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 5**  
**FERNDALE 4**  
**April 8 at Bicentennial Park**  
**No. 1:** Lauren Forsyth (F) defeated Heather Ballard, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 2:** Brittany Adams (F) def. Paige Harter, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Janel Robins (F) def. Katie Beaver, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 4:** Liz Murphy (C'ville) def. Kaitlin Ma, 6-1, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Amanda French-Lindsay Harting (C'ville) def. Alkia Churn-Maria Wilson, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 2:** Angela Bell-Shelby Woody (C'ville) def. Rebecca Knight-Abiyann Cardelli, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 3:** Channa Vgorski-Scarlett Devis (F) def. Tanya Dmuhowski-Tia Dmuhowski, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 4:** Stephanie McHugh-Megan Tallman (C'ville) def. Jessica Grene-Brittany Barnes, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 5:** Corey Shattuck-Carol Beasley (C'ville) def. Angi Romanluch-Danielle Yoze, 6-4.  
**Clarenceville's dual meet record:** 3-1 overall.  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 8**  
**CLAWSON 1**

**April 7 at Bicentennial Park**  
**No. 1 singles:** Heather Ballard (C'ville) defeated Almira Sones, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Paige Harter (C'ville) def. Anna Hayes, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Katie Beaver (C'ville) def. Kerry Ettinger, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Liz Murphy (C'ville) def. Alyssa Gilbat, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 1 doubles:** Kelly Ling-Rebecca Allen (Clawson) def. Amanda French-Lindsay Harting, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 2:** Angela Bell-Shelby Woody (C'ville) def. Hunter Parsons-Sarah Allen, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 3:** Tia Dmuhowski-Tanya Dmuhowski (C'ville) def. Stephanie Tennis-Laura Clissold, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Stephanie McHugh-Megan Tallman (C'ville) def. Kaitlyn Sikora-Danielle Biskner, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 5:** Alaina Wygant-Corey Shattuck (C'ville) def. Alyssa Gilbat-Melissa Webb, 8-4.  
**Clarenceville's dual meet record:** 2-1 overall; 1-0 Metro Conference.

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## Take a diversified approach to backing up your data

For someone who claims to be tech savvy, I learn a lot of lessons the hard way.

Take my backup drive (please!), a Maxtor Shared Storage II. It's a network drive, meaning it connects to my router to provide storage for all the PCs in my house.



Tech Savvy

I use it as the central repository for my music library. It's also the destination for daily backups of my primary PC.

Because the MSS II incorporates a pair of hard drives configured to "mirror" one another (meaning all data gets duplicated on both drives), it's about as fail-safe a backup system as you can have.

Or so I thought. A few days ago, my MSS II died. Poof. It just stopped working. A call to Maxtor's tech support (which, to the company's credit, was answered immediately by an English-speaking human) proved distressing: The unit was bad and would need to be replaced.

Of course, the one-year warranty had already expired. Oh, and my data? Gone forever, unless I wanted to spring for pricey data-recovery service.

Thankfully, this was not the catastrophe it could have been.

My only real concern was my MP3 library, which currently spans some 3,200 songs. Rebuilding it would have been a major hassle.

Luckily, I didn't have to: The entire library was riding around in my Zune player. Normally, you can't pull files off a Zune the way you can an external hard drive, but a little Google searching revealed a simple hack that made it possible. Within a few minutes I'd copied all my tunes to my PC.

It was like I had an unintentional backup. And it reminded me of the time my Outlook data file got corrupted, destroying all my addresses, appointments, tasks, and memos.

Fortunately, all I had to do was sync my Palm PDA, which had copies of everything, and presto: data restored.

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JEFF DUNN

At 'Antiques Roadshow' in Las Vegas, a guest can't hold back her tears when she discovers that the ring she inherited from her grandfather's pawn shop is an extremely high-quality, five-carat, Asscher-cut diamond, set in platinum. Appraiser Adam Patrick of A La Vieille Russie, values the item between \$165,000 to \$175,000. Tickets are now available, through a random drawing, for the show's Michigan stop this summer.

## Hidden treasures

STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

'Antiques Roadshow' comes to Michigan this summer

*Antiques Roadshow*, the popular PBS show that pairs the excitement of a treasure-hunt with a dose of history, will make a Michigan stop on its summer tour this year. In

### 'ANTIQUES ROADSHOW'

**When:** Saturday, Aug. 9  
**Where:** DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids  
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**Watch the Roadshow:** The show airs at 8 p.m. Monday nights on PBS.

each episode, appraisers meet with independent dealers from across the country to determine the value of their antiques and collectibles. Some are stunned to find the value much higher than they ever dreamed, while others discover

their treasure is worth little more than its sentimental value.

Start gathering up those family heirlooms, scour the neighborhood garage sales and bring your wares to the show to learn all about these finds. Tickets are now available for *Roadshow's* visit to Grand Rapids, Mich. The event is set for Saturday, Aug. 9 at DeVos Place.

Don't wait, a random

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JEFF DUNN

In this episode of 'Antiques Roadshow,' the owner (right) brings in a very personal 'Saturday Evening Post' cover illustration, painted by her stepfather, John Falter. In fact, the little girl featured on the cover is the owner herself at age 5. The cover and equally adorable story prompt appraiser Kathleen Guzman of Heritage Auctioneers to assign a value of \$175,000 to the item. On Aug. 9 Michigan residents can participate in the 'Roadshow' when it stops in Grand Rapids.

## P.K.N.T. is an acronym to know

Here are a few questions about your wine shopping habits. Do you shop at a specialty wine shop? Do you find it convenient to purchase wine at the grocery while you are doing your weekly shopping? Do you have a price range when you buy wine? Would you like to find a value wine that you can afford to drink with dinner on Tuesday evening?

If you are likely to take a recommendation, we have one for you. Appearing in your local grocery this month is a new Chilean wine brand P.K.N.T. (pronounced "picante") and guaranteed to "spice up your life" at \$7 per bottle.

If you're young or feel young, this wine aims to please by bringing fun and pleasure into your life. The stylish label featuring a long, slender, silver chili pepper is instantly rec-



Focus on Wine

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ognizable. It is reminiscent of the long, slender country of Chile squeezed between the Pacific Ocean to the west and the Andes Mountains to the east. From north to south, Chile is almost 2,800 miles long and approaches Antarctica at the southern tip of Patagonia.

Here are a few P.K.N.T. wines to buy:

■ 2006 Sauvignon Blanc is bright and fresh with citrus notes; it makes for easy drinking.

■ 2006 Chardonnay has a smooth mouthfeel with fresh pineapple aroma and flavor.

■ 2006 Rose is made from

cabernet sauvignon which gives a dark red fruit character.

■ 2006 Merlot is easy to like with good fruit and structure.

■ 2006 Carmenere is grown mostly in Chile and often mistaken for merlot.

■ 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon has ripe fruit with a good balance of dry tannins.

### SMALL PLATES AND WINE

Do you need menu ideas with wine suggestions? Would you like a collection of terrific small plates recipes? How about food and wine guidelines? You should discover the new book *Small Plates, Perfect Wines* by Lori Lyn Narlock sponsored by Kendall-Jackson, Andrews McMeel Publishing (\$16.95) available at your local bookstore, online at [kj.com/book](http://kj.com/book) or

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### WINE PICKS

Your tastebuds are thinking spring. Satisfy them with out-of-the-ordinary wines such as Albarino from Spain's northwest region of Rias Baixas. Try: 2006 Condes de Albarei Salneval \$10, 2006 Condes de Albarei \$15 and 2005 Condes de Albarei Carballo Galego \$25.

Sticking to classical? Buy a Chardonnay that you may not know from the following.

**Pick of the Pack:** 2006 Morgan Double L Vineyard \$44

**Excellent:** 2006 Gaineys Sta. Rita Hills \$20, 2005 Marimar Estate Dobles Lias \$45

**Very Good:** 2006 Robert Talbott Kali Hart \$14, 2007 Kim Crawford Marlborough (Unoaked) \$17

2006 Soverain Alexander Valley \$17, 2006 Murphy-Goodie Sonoma

County \$17, 2005 Donati Family Vineyard \$18, 2006 Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve \$21

2006 Hess Suskol Vineyard \$25, 2006 Marimar Estate Don Miguel Vineyard \$35

**Wallet Friendly:** 2006 Bogle \$9, 2006 Cupcake Vineyards \$10 - one of the best at this price but available at Cost Plus World Market only.

2006 Peter Lehmann Barossa \$11

**Passover Wines from France:** 2005 Fortant Chardonnay, 2005 Fortant Merlot and 2004 Fortant Cabernet Sauvignon, each at \$13 and certified kosher for Passover as well as Yayin Mevushal (universally kosher) or flash pasteurized. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

## ACCENTS

### VICKIE WINANS APPEARS IN ADS

Art Van Furniture has partnered with award-winning gospel recording artist, Vickie Winans, to create a new series of radio advertisements. The spots, which began airing throughout the state this week, include music and words written by Vickie and her son Marvin Winans, Jr.

As a native Detroit, Vickie Winans has shopped at Art Van since she was 19 years of age. In the spots, she sings the tagline "Art Van, where you belong/Art Van, now you're finally home" and shares her experiences as a customer.

Winans has enjoyed a 20-year career in gospel music. In that time, she has had six Grammy Award nominations, eight Stellar Awards and an NAACP Image Award.

For more information on Art Van Furniture, visit [artvan.com](http://artvan.com).

### STARTING SEEDS

Look, it's too early to plant, OK? Don't be fooled by those mid-50 degree temperatures. But it's not too early to start seeds. In fact, it might even be little late for those early spring crops.

LeRoy Wolff, an advanced master gardener, will discuss planting seeds, what works and what doesn't at an Introduction to Gardening: Starting Seeds with the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 at the Environmental Interpretive Center Room 119 at University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Rd. Visit [www.mgawc.org/prog\\_intro.htm](http://www.mgawc.org/prog_intro.htm) for more information.

Want to learn how to attract butterflies to your yard? The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association hosts a slide lecture on how to attract those beautiful insects at 7 p.m. April 16 at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Admission is \$3, free for SEMBA members. Call (734) 326-0578 or visit [www.sembabutterfly.com](http://www.sembabutterfly.com).

And if you're an orchids fan, the Michigan Orchids Society hosts Roger Zielinski of Raising Rarities on Sunday, April 20, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street, Birmingham. Zielinski, who has grown terrestrial orchids for 10 years, will present "Cypripedium culture in pots" at this free program. Zielinski's passion lies in antique roses and 17th century gardens. There will be a potting demonstration at 1:40 p.m., so bring an orchid that needs re-potting to the meeting along with potting mix and a clean pot.

The meeting starts at 2:30 p.m. For more information call (586) 416-1496.

**TECH**

FROM PAGE D1

**THE DIVERSIFIED BACKUP PLAN**

Smart investors know the value of having a diversified portfolio. I recommend you implement a diversified backup plan as well.

As illustrated in my examples, a Zune or iPod already serves as a de facto backup of your music (though you may have to jump through a hoop or two to retrieve it). And if you have a smartphone or PDA that syncs with your PC, you can consider your contacts and calendar backed up as well.

If you're a Firefox user (and you should be), it's a simple matter to make copies of your bookmarks, which most users would be loathe to lose. Just install the free Foxmarks plug-in (foxmarks.com), which copies them all to the Web—and incidentally, can also keep them synchronized across multiple PCs. Internet Explorer users can accom-

plish the same thing with BookmarkSync (sync2it.com).

Speaking of synchronization, you can take advantage of extra PCs by copying data to their hard drives. I use FolderShare (foldershare.com) to sync folders between my desktop PC and my notebook. That's not only useful from a work standpoint (I always have access to my important files), it also creates a kind of bonus backup.

FolderShare uses the Internet as the go-between for files. If you just want to sync across your home network, look no further than SyncToy (http://tinyurl.com/2cu9fh). Both programs are available free of charge.

As for e-mail, a few weeks back I wrote about routing your mail through Google's free Gmail service (gmail.google.com) as a way to stop spam. If you use Gmail's IMAP feature, that effectively provides a Web-based backup of all your messages.

What about photos? If you're a Flickr user (flickr.com), consider spending \$25 annually

for unlimited online storage. Use Flickr's software to upload new photos to your account and presto: Effortless online backup.

While we're on the subject of online storage, check out Carbonite (carbonite.com) and MozyHome (mozy.com), both of which offer unlimited Web space for reasonable rates. Their software runs in the background on your PC and automatically uploads new and changed files.

Of course, you should also be making regular backups using more conventional methods, like external hard drives.

My dead network drive served as a chilling reminder that data loss can happen without warning. If you have a diversified backup plan in place, you'll rarely find yourself without recourse.

**Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the CheapSkate blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

**Complaints sometimes get action**

There is not a week that goes by when I don't hear from a homeowner who is having a problem with a fairly new home appliance and can't get any satisfaction from the repair company or the manufacturer. The stories I've been told make my hair stand up. It is all too rare when a consumer contacts me with a follow-up story that is of a positive nature.



**Appliance Doctor**

**Joe Gagnon**

Today, that happened when I received an e-mail from Joyce who writes: "I talked to you about a month ago when I had a three-way phone call with my sister Judy who lives near Ionia. We talked about a problem she had with her Whirlpool washer and dryer. You gave her a few suggestions (one of which was to contact a Lansing television station) and I said I'd let you know what happens. Here it is. "She contacted a place in Lansing and they sent her some forms to fill out and send back in. Within a week

of returning these forms she was contacted by one of the top people of Whirlpool and they went over her history of complaints. They apologized for all she went through to get this solved and wound up offering her an exchange on any of their products, or a complete refund including all delivery and sales taxes she paid. She researched other washers and dryers and finally settled on a GE washer and dryer.

Whirlpool then instructed a local distributor in her area (which wound up to be the store from which she purchased her washer and dryer, which told her they couldn't do anything for her when she first complained) to pick up the Whirlpool washer and dryer. She had a check in hand for the full amount within three days of them picking them up. She is completely elated with her new GE set and is on cloud nine. We want to thank you so much for your suggestions and help."

Now let's face it, folks, you don't see many stories like this in my column — at least not for the last several years. Many of you watched the three-piece nightmare story that Channel 4's consumer reporter Ruth Spencer about her washing

machine a few months ago. She went through a lot of trouble to get her washer repaired. I have a feeling that her story has a lot to do with how the Ionia woman came to get satisfaction from a manufacturer. I would bet that a memo went to sales and service personnel who worked with customers, which stated that if a television station ever inquires about a dissatisfied customer, all employees should make sure the consumer is completely satisfied.

If my impression of how this episode went down is correct (and I can't be sure of this), it is truly another sad day in the appliance world. Do the manufacturers only respond in the proper way when publicity about a problem with a major home appliance is exposed in the masses?

If not, this story is a miracle and if you have a miracle I would love to hear from you. Stay tuned.

**Joe Gagnon** can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

**ROADSHOW**

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selection of applicants will be drawn in May but all who are interested in attending must apply online by April 20. Those chosen from the drawing will receive two tickets and may bring along two items for a free evaluation.

Birmingham's own Caroline Ashleigh, of Caroline Ashleigh Associates, Inc., is among the appraisers on the show. She

called Filter recently to share the news.

"After 13 seasons this is our first time back in Michigan." It's been more than a decade since the show taped in Southfield and as a Michigan native she's pleased to see Antiques Roadshow finally return.

Ashleigh, host Mark L. Walberg, and the cast and crew of *Antiques Roadshow* will all be on hand for the Michigan taping.

On the show, Ashleigh

specializes in collectibles, rugs and textiles. She is a senior certified member of the Appraisers Association of America and serves as a consultant for top auction houses including Sotheby's. She began her career on staff at the Detroit Institute of Arts and Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. Learn more about her work at http://appraiseyourart.com.

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**WINE**

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phone (800) 769-3649. Suggestions for pairing wine with food are made by Kendall-Jackson winemaker

Randy Ullom and serving tips are provided for small plates menus. Fifty uncomplicated, small plates recipes are beautifully illustrated with wine suggestions for each. At the end of the book, chef Justin Wangler put together several

season-focused menus with preparation plans. He illustrates how small plates can be mixed and matched. If you are out of entertaining ideas or just need to shake up your meal planning, try some of the unique and refreshing small plates ideas from *Small Plates, Perfect Wines*.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

**Green Lunch Series - Composting 101**

Join The Sierra Club for the Green Lunch Series meeting, conducted in the Whole Foods Market, 1404 Walton, in Rochester Hills, at noon Friday, April 11. Stop in a few minutes early for lunch, and join Jane Giblin, a certified master composter, as she discusses the basics of composting. Learn what food waste can be used in a compost pile, such as fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells, and coffee grounds. To register, call (248) 652-2100. For more information, go to http://www.sierraclub.org/community/oakland/events.asp.

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**FOOD CALENDAR**

Schellig, the first and third Thursdays of every month. Learn about Greek foods April 17; May 1 add 15 is vegan, located at Aunt Olives, 525 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$50 per person, for more info and to pre-register call (248) 592-0869 or visit www.MichiganHealthCoach.com

**Great American Meatout**

Events encourage people to go meatless for the day and explore a plant-based diet, noon-5 p.m. April 13, Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest (south of Nine Mile Road, west of Woodward), \$10 adults, \$5 students, free to children under 6 and VegMichigan members, call www.VegMichigan.org, 877-778-3464.

**Learn at Lunch**

Create meals from the pantry with spring soup, pan-seared salmon and a trio of sauces, quick corn pudding and free-form fruit pies, \$8 materials fee payable in class, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 14, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

**The Community House**

Several classes offered during the months of April and May, including Homemade Bread (homemade pizza dough, challah and yeast rolls), 7-9 p.m. April 14; Cuisine of the Emilia Romagna, class will sample a meal with Piadina, including prosciutto and farinata; salsiccia alla campagnola sausage and nutella e fragoline, instructed by Gloriana Severini-Casadel, 7-9 p.m. April 16; Hands-on Knife Skills, 6:30-9 p.m. April 22; Healthy but Yummy (learn about whole grains), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 28; Authentic New Orleans, 7-9 p.m. April 30; Learn to Prepare a Mother's Day Brunch, 7-9 p.m. May 5; 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

**Green Street Fair**

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# Consider color, upholstery when mixing two styles

**Question:** "I have an Arts & Crafts style home and we've just added a new, four-season sun porch behind the home. I plan on using my existing wicker furniture, but how do I successfully mix the look of wicker furniture with the Arts & Crafts style of the rest of the house?"

**Design Solutions**

**Terri Guastella**

When mixing furniture styles, there are a few things to consider. The stain color, paint color, upholstery, and overall shape of each furniture piece will help you to pull together an eclectic mix of styles like a pro.

Arts & Crafts is normally very linear with exposed, stained wood. Wicker, by contrast, is usually curvilinear with a painted finish. To marry

these two styles, you will first want to paint your wicker in a color similar to stained wood. That color range can be anywhere from a medium, honey oak color to dark brown walnut.

If your wicker furniture is upholstered cushions, consider reupholstering in a more linear pattern or one depicting nature, like more traditional Arts & Crafts. Avoid the flowery, cabbage rose look and go more for a leaf style motif. The color palette in Arts & Crafts style tends to be earth-inspired warm tones like russet brown, mossy greens, sea blue, and terracotta.

Add other pieces, such as end tables and a coffee table, to help bring the two styles together. For example, choose a round, Stickleby style end table to acknowledge the curvy lines of the wicker. You can still have the Arts & Crafts look without the hard, angular edges. Avoid fussy, Victorian or country

style pieces. Remember that Arts & Crafts also incorporates some of the Art Deco look from the turn of the last century, which has curvy lines, much like your wicker furniture.

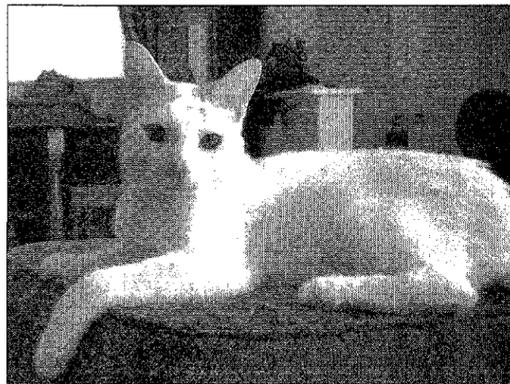
Gorman's Furniture has a lovely display of the Stickleby Furniture line and it is a worth a trip there, with some photographs of your wicker furniture, to discuss with an in-house designer your design challenges for your sun porch. You can also visit [www.stickleby.com](http://www.stickleby.com) to view the furniture line from the comfort of your own home.

Don't fret; marrying these Mars and Venus furniture styles is possible with thoughtful planning.

**Terri Guastella**, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at [www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com](http://www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com).

## Pet of the Week

He is named "Nosey" because of his big nose and because he's so curious to see whatever humans are doing. Nosey needs a home quickly - he doesn't like being kept in a cage and he gets sad because he's lonely. Nosey was found wandering the streets of downtown Detroit when a local attorney rescued him from the cold. He was underweight, cold and hungry. Today he is under one-year-old, healthy, neutered, has his claws and gets along great with children. Nosey is very affectionate, playful, a lapcat and loves being held and cuddled. He is white with some caramel-colored accents. Nosey even likes other cats, but would probably do best as the only animal in the house. He will be your best friend. If you can rescue him, call the Michigan Area Animal Adoption at (313) 571-2985 or (248) 259-5492, or visit online at [www.metroaaa.petfinder.com](http://www.metroaaa.petfinder.com).



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April 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College

### Saturday, April 12 Collage XVI Concert

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8 p.m.  
DiPonio Room inside VisTaTech Center

Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 students, \$3 seniors/children under 12  
Information: 734-462-4403

### Tuesday, April 15 Sarah Olson, Art Presentation and Lecture

Associate Professor of Art Sarah Olson provides a lecture and displays original art created during her recent sabbatical. Included are works inspired by Olson's visit to China, which was sponsored by a Fulbright Grant.

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center

Admission: Free  
Information: 734-462-4400, ext. 5221

### Wednesday, April 16 Logan Skelton, piano and Stephen Lusmann, baritone

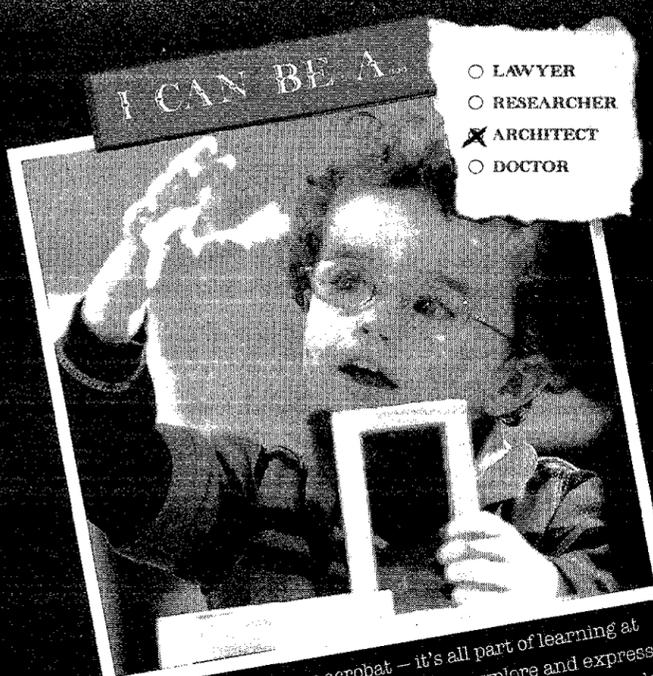
Pianist Logan Skelton is a much sought after pianist, teacher and composer whose work has received international critical acclaim. Baritone Stephen Lusmann has sung leading roles with major opera houses in Europe and America. Together they offer the premiere performance of Skelton's Ohr Songs, a cycle of pieces set to texts by American artist George Ohr.

Noon to 1 p.m.  
Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center  
Admission: Donations accepted  
Information: 734-462-4403

### Friday, April 18 Yehonatan Berick, violin, and John Ellis, piano

Sonatas for violin and piano by Johannes Brahms are on the program in this collaboration of performers whose talents have taken them around the globe. Berick has toured North America, Europe and Israel. Ellis is known in the U.S., Finland and Germany for his piano performances lecture-recitals.

7:30 p.m.  
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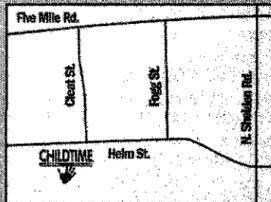
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# pink

## pink picks

By Wendy



**Wear It!**

A beautiful silk scarf — so many ways to tie one on!

**Don't Wear It!**

Crocs — unless you're in the garden

**Kick It!**

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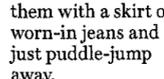


**Take It!**

Victoria's Secret Patchwork Beach Bag

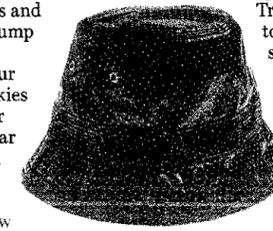
## Ward off rainy weather with these whimsical accessories

Deary rainy days call for all-the-more cheery rain gear — the sort that makes you want to jump right into those puddles, the kind that shields you from the elements no matter what. A couple of years ago I splurged on a great pair of black and pink wellies. Granted they don't have any arch support to speak of and there isn't a heel in sight, but I live for those rainy blustery days when I can pair



Stephanie Casola

them with a skirt or worn-in jeans and just puddle-jump away. So keep your eyes on the skies and find your go-to rain gear as the season hits its soaking stride. Here are a few ideas to brighten any day filled with April showers:



J Crew's Rainy Day Hat says it all, with polka dot panache.

After all, it's one of the top 10 items every woman must own, according to *Tim Gunn's Guide to Style* on Bravo TV. And it covers up everything from a serious work suit to a flirty spring dress. This season the trench hemlines will rise. Try a cropped style, like the one you'll find at The Gap in a neutral called **Gargoyle Taupe**. It's \$69.50 at Gap.com or find it at locations at Livonia's Laurel Park Place, The Village of Rochester Hills, and Troy's Somerset Collection.

**GIVE IT A TWIRL**

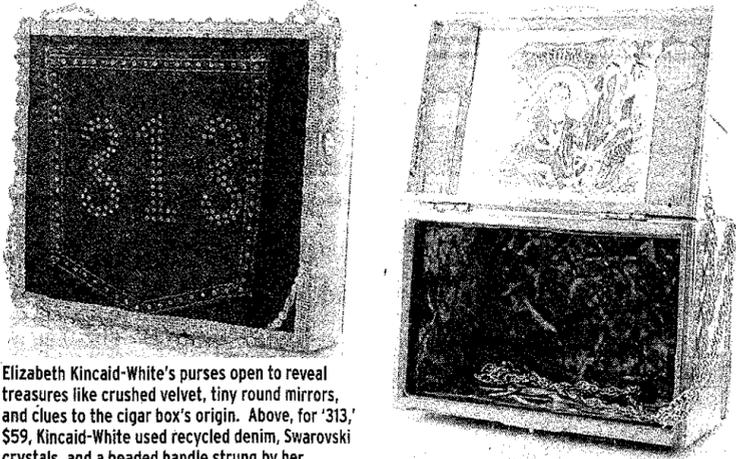
There's nothing like a whimsical and weather-worthy umbrella to keep those rain-drops at bay. Oliver's Trendz in downtown Birmingham sells a host of flower-coated, polka-dot patterned umbrellas by Michiko London Koshino. They come complete in a purse-shaped matching carrying case and make a perfect gift. At \$24 each, they are sure to

get you noticed while walking down the busiest of streets.

**SPOTTED TOPPER**

Rain-proof hats have moved far beyond those slick yellow toppers that matched an old pair of galoshes. If you prefer to sport a hat rather than carry an umbrella, J Crew offers a cute black **Rainy Day Hat** with tiny polka dots. It would serve any outfit well — even those old galoshes. It's \$48 at jcrew.com or a store near you like the Village of Rochester Hills, Somerset Collection in Troy or Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Outwear can reflect your style as much as anything else you put on. And inclement weather just gives you another excuse to get creative and put your wardrobe to work.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a self-confessed shop-a-holic. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Shop Around the Corner? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.



Elizabeth Kincaid-White's purses open to reveal treasures like crushed velvet, tiny round mirrors, and clues to the cigar box's origin. Above, for '313,' \$59, Kincaid-White used recycled denim, Swarovski crystals, and a beaded handle strung by her daughters.

## Tribute to Style

Troy designer turns cigar boxes into wearable art

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
OSE STAFF WRITER

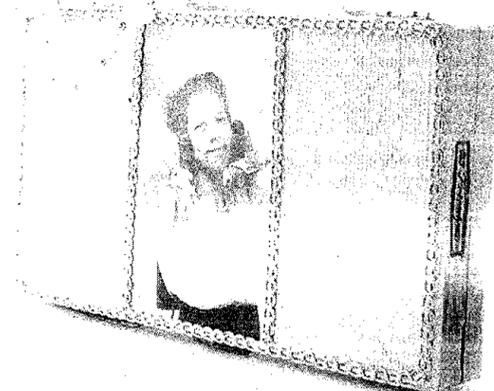
At first, Elizabeth Kincaid-White didn't think much of the cigar box purse her husband bought home for her as a gift.

"Howard got me one from The Chop House in Ann Arbor. It got so much attention, even though I thought it was rather plain," she said. "Then I found out how much he paid for it."

Kincaid-White was shocked by the price tag, and set out to make one herself. Little did she know her craft project would eventually turn into her own handbag label, **Tribute Box Collection**.

"I made a few and sold a few," the Charleston, W.Va. native said. "When they were accepted by the DIA's Valerie Mercer for a special gallery of local artists during the Dr. Walter O. Evans exhibit, I knew I had something."

The Troy fashionista now collects as many cigar boxes



TAFARI STEVENSON-HOWARD

'Portrait,' \$52, is adorned with an old family photo, and neutral tapestry from Haberman's fabrics.

as she can from relatives and local humidors. Her husband occasionally brings home empties from The Capital Grille, where he is a sommelier, and Smoky's Fine Cigars in Royal Oak gives her a deal, even donating boxes for a Mother's Day project at Congregation Shema Yisreal in Bloomfield Hills.

Although the concept of turning fragrant wooden cigar boxes into handbags isn't new, Kincaid-White puts her unique stamp on the craft. She adorns them with everything from recycled denim and faux fur

to Swarovski crystals, tiny seashells, flashy feathers and vintage photographs.

Her daughters, Carmen, 8, and Noelle, 6, help string beads for handles and decoration.

Each purse is a hand-crafted treasure.

"I haven't seen anyone carrying one of my handbags while out and about yet, however when it happens ... oh, what a day that will be."

Elizabeth Kincaid-White's Tribute Box Collection purses are available online at Detroit Fashion Pages, www.dfpboutique.com.

## Malls & Mainstreets

If you have an item for the Malls & Main Streets calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wendy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

**Russell Simmons at Macy's**  
TROY — Russell Simmons, founder of Def Jam Records, will visit Macy's Oakland, Troy at 5 p.m. Friday, April 11 to launch his new menswear line. Make a \$70 purchase from Russell Simmons Argyle Culture and Simmons will sign his book, "Do You," as a gift with purchase.

**JCPenney's New Store**  
CANTON — J.C. Penney Company, Inc., will celebrate the grand opening of its location at 43690 Ford Road in Canton with a ribbon cutting at 8:45 a.m. Friday, April 11. Customers can regis-

ter there to win prizes through April 19, including a \$1,000 JCPenney gift card. The new, 104,000-square-foot store includes a Sephora beauty boutique, the American Living collection of fashions for men, women, children and home, a portrait studio, optical center, in-home custom decorating, and a salon.

**Vintage Treasures**  
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