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## Police question ex-boyfriend in woman's death

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland police found a woman's body early Wednesday near a back yard of the Millpointe subdivision on the city's southwest side, and her boyfriend was in custody as authorities investigated an apparent homicide.

Police Lt. Dan Karrick identified the woman as 22-year-old Laci Green, a 2004 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

The cause of her death remained under investigation Wednesday.

"We don't know how she was killed," Police Chief James Ridener said. "We're waiting on the (Wayne County) Medical

Examiner's report. There were no obvious signs of trauma."

Green was found after her parents woke up between 4 and 5 a.m., noticed her missing and called police, Ridener said. Her body was found near the Glenwood side of Millpointe, in what the chief described as an easement area where power lines are strung.

"What I can tell you is that it's a girlfriend/ex-boyfriend situation," Ridener said. "She was receiving some text messages and phone calls from him, and he eventually came over to her house. She got up and went for a walk with him and never returned. The parents got up around 4 or 5 a.m. They called police, and our guys fanned out,

searched the area and found the body."

A Westland detective was interviewing the ex-boyfriend Wednesday morning.

It was not immediately known when possible criminal charges might come, Ridener said.

According to Brian Baker, who lives near the scene, police officers cordoned off a section

of an area where the body was found. Baker drove by around 7 a.m. when he was taking his daughter to school.

The area is part of DTE property, and Baker said "the police had a whole corner section cordoned off."

Staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

## Business Person of the Year



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In the more than 40 years since graduating from law school, attorney Angelo Plakas has made a name for himself helping others. That work has earned him recognition as Westland's Business Person of the Year for 2008.

## Plakas honored for 'wonderful things' he's done for the city

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Attorney Angelo Plakas doesn't measure success in the number of cases won. He measures it in how it improves the lives of those he represents.

The Livonia resident counts taking on the state high school athletic association over the issue of a transfer student sit-

ting out a semester. He counts representing a Romanian priest who denounced his bishop for being a member of the Nazis' Iron Guard. He counts helping make Boulevard Gardens homeowners whole for losses sustained when their homes flooded in 1997 because of a construction mistake.

But it's other work, like helping to retrieve money

from the state set aside for the William P. Faust Public Library and setting up the Westland Community Foundation and the S.P.A.R.K. (Sports, Parks and Recreation for Kids) Foundation, that has earned Plakas accolades as the Westland Business Person of the Year for 2008.

"He really has been a strong activist in community pro-

grams," said Glenn Shaw, president of the Westland Community Foundation. "He's a wonderful person who has done a lot of wonderful things in the community."

"What I like is the different facets of what I do," said Plakas, the Westland city attorney. "If I had to do wills and trusts every

Please see **PLAKAS, A2**

## Schofield, Gabriel top vote-getters in W-W election

Results of voting in the Livonia school board race can be found on Page A2.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board incumbent Cindy Schofield handily won a third consecutive four-year term Tuesday night, while voters chose Westland Planning Commissioner William Gabriel to replace a departing trustee.

Schofield and Gabriel, victors in unofficial vote totals, will help steer a 13,800-student district that Superintendent Greg Baracy said is facing serious funding shortfalls he blamed on "Michigan's budget crisis."

With combined tallies reported by city clerk offices in Westland and Wayne, Schofield accumulated 1,431 votes and easily outpaced four other candidates. School board newcomer Gabriel clinched a four-year term and garnered 982 votes compared to 927 for Shawna Walker, 816 for Brian Mulligan and 678 for Jennifer Finley.

Gabriel will replace departing board member the Rev. Terrance McClain, who decided not to seek re-election.

Only 4.3 percent of Westland voters cast ballots in Tuesday's election — a light turnout that City Clerk Eileen DeHart attributed to voter apathy in the election.

Schofield was congratulated by board colleague Martha Pitsenbarger as vote totals came in at Westland City Hall. They already knew Schofield had won in Wayne, where she lives.



Schofield Gabriel

**HOW THEY FINISHED**  
Cindy Schofield: 1,431 votes  
William Gabriel: 982 votes  
Shawna Walker: 927 votes  
Brian Mulligan: 816 votes  
Jennifer Finley: 678 votes

"I'd like to thank the citizens of Wayne-Westland for the confidence they have shown in me by re-electing me to my position," said Schofield, who works for a family-owned rental property management business in Westland. "I look forward to continuing to work with my fellow board members."

Schofield and Gabriel will join board holdovers Pitsenbarger, Steve Becher, Skip Monit, Ed Turner and Fred Weaver.

Gabriel, whose background includes airline management, is a former Westland Library Board member who now serves on the city's Planning Commission.

"I feel like school is just about to let out (for the summer) for the students, but I'm going into a four-year school board term myself," he said. "I've got a lot of homework to do."

Please see **ELECTION, A2**

## Historical Society's fashion show features the styles of yesteryear

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

And the Oscar for Best Costume Design goes to ... the Westland Historical Society.

OK, so local historians might not earn a golden statuette. They didn't shoot a feature film, after all.

But they are hoping to turn some heads — and make a little

money — by designing a fashion show highlighting styles of days gone by, whether models want to represent the flash of the Roaring Twenties or a more repressive Victorian era.

The fashion show featuring styles of days gone by will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind City Hall on Ford Road between Wayne and

Newburgh.

"Watch as volunteer models wearing clothing styles from as far back as the early 18th century strut down the catwalk," Westland Historical Commission member Bethany Stawasz said, in an announcement she issued about the historical fashion show. "As each model walks the runway, a narrator will discuss what her

outfit says about the woman who would have worn it years ago."

Admission will be \$10. Refreshments prepared by the William D. Ford Career Technical Center will be available. The event will provide money for efforts to continue improving the Westland Historic Village Park, which includes buildings

like the restored, 1800s-era Octagon House on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

The historical society is looking for wannabe models, too, including people who have their own historical clothing from any past time period or those who are willing to pick up a pattern and make their own costume.

For more information, contact Stawasz through the historic park at (734) 326-1110 or by e-mail at bethstawasz@yahoo.com.

Tickets will be available at the Bailey Center, the historic park and from any member of the Westland Historical Society.

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### Coming Sunday in Health



Autism service dogs help children, parents

**AROUND WESTLAND**  
Volunteer opportunity

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is looking for teen volunteers to help with the 2008 Summer Reading Program, "Catch the Reading Bug!"

Volunteers will help in the Children's Department and assist at many of the library's summer events. This is a great opportunity for teens to earn valuable experience and service hours for their school or community organization.

Volunteers should currently be in the eighth grade or above. Applications are available now at the library and must be submitted by May 23. All volunteers will be asked to attend one of three training sessions - Tuesday, May 27, Wednesday, May 28, or Monday, June 2.

For more information, call the Children's Information Desk at (734) 326-6123.

**'Stamp Out Hunger'**

U.S. Postal Service employees are asking Westland residents to join them in the fight against hunger by putting their non-perishable donation in a bag by their mailbox on Saturday, May 10. Postal employees will pick up the donations and deliver them to local food banks.

**5K walk/run**

The city will join North Brothers Ford in urging walkers and runners to help cancer research by joining the company's 10th annual 5K run/walk, scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 17. The event will start from the Bailey Recreation Center. All proceeds will benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Pre-registration deadline is May 13. Call Jackie Marcaccini at (734) 524-1230 or send an e-mail to info@northbros.com.

# Oke, Mang set to roll up sleeves on LPS board

BY REBECCA JONES  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patrice Mang and Greg Oke, who faced each other in last year's race for the Livonia Public Schools board, both won four-year terms in Tuesday's election.

Incumbent Tom Bailey was defeated. Oke, an incumbent, was top vote-getter, taking 36 percent of the votes. Mang came in second, with 2,792, or 33 percent. Bailey had 2,600, 31 percent.

"I feel pretty good," Oke said. "It's nice to have some validation that people think I've been doing a good job."

Mang said she hopes people see "her willingness to work with everybody on the school board."

"I will do my best to represent all voters in Livonia Public Schools," she said.

Both Oke and Mang work for school districts. Oke is a middle school assistant principal in Center Line. Mang teaches special education at Allen Park High School.

Mang cited her knowledge of education and school finance. "Voters wanted someone who had experience in the field," said Mang, at a gathering of supporters at Giulio's restaurant on Plymouth.

Some Mang supporters advocated that voters vote only for her, even though voters could cast ballots for two. Mang said



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Challenger Patrice Mang is applauded by her supporters as she gives her victory speech. She won a seat on the Livonia Public Schools board in Tuesday's election.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Gregory Oke - 3,050 votes  
Patrice Mang - 2,792 votes  
Tom Bailey - 2,600 votes  
Turnout: Under 6 percent in Livonia

she had no part of that, and had no knowledge of whether that led to her victory.

"I was out there to market myself," she said.

In his first year, Oke said he focused on getting to know fellow board members and recently received his Michigan Association of School Boards certification.

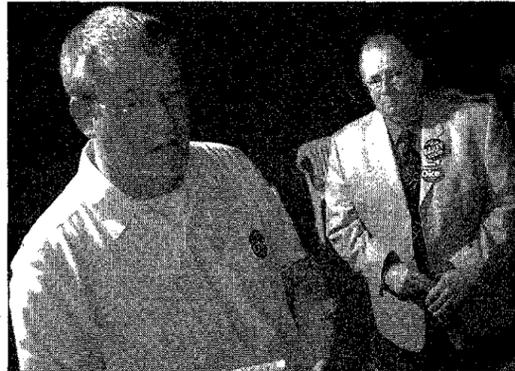
"I know what I'm in for this time around," said Oke, at a gathering of supporters at the home of school board president Lynda Scheel.

He has raised the issue of all-day kindergarten, which he said will be a part of the upcoming budget discussions. He said the issue requires more study.

LPS is predicting a \$5 million budget shortfall and loss of about 400 students for the upcoming school year.

Oke said he's feeling more pessimistic about this round of budget talks than he was last year at this time.

"I don't think any district is being optimistic about their



Livonia Public Schools board incumbents Greg Oke (left) and Tom Bailey share their thoughts, as results from Tuesday's election roll in.

standpoint," he said. "For districts with declining enrollment, there are a lot of challenges that go along with it. I think we'll do the best we can with it."

Bailey said he was happy to see Oke would make it to a full four-year term. He was disappointed, however, with low voter turnout and sign-stealing around town.

"I wish more people had found it important to vote," Bailey said, adding "I ran the best race I possibly could."

Less than 6 percent turnout of Livonia's 67,000 voters and about 4 percent of Westland's 66,500 cast ballots. Candidates had different opinions about whether stand-alone school board elections make sense. A

bill introduced last year would have forced districts to piggy-back with other elections, but that did not make it out of committee.

Mang said she would support moving them - preferably to August when local issues such as city council primaries are decided, but she would not be opposed to having them in November.

Oke said moving school elections would save money, but voters would probably not get to know the candidates as well.

If elections were to take place in November, holding them in odd years, would be a nice middle ground, he said.

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# Man sentenced to prison for home break-in

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An Inkster man will spend six to 20 years in prison following allegations he broke into a Westland home, robbed and pistol-whipped a resident, then fled across city limits to Garden City, where he was captured.

Lawrence Keith Patterson, 40, recently learned his fate after he pleaded no contest in Wayne County Circuit Court to a charge of first-degree home invasion, stemming from an afternoon incident last Aug. 17 on Cowan near Venoy.

An intruder broke into a house but was caught when a 22-year-old resident, accompanied by his girlfriend, came home unexpectedly, police Lt.

Dan Karrick has said. Police arrested Patterson amid allegations he "pointed a gun at the victim, hit him on the head with it, demanded money and then reached in his pocket and took some (prescription Vicodin) pills," Karrick said.

Patterson fled the scene but a police dog and witnesses helped police find him hiding in a garbage can on residential Dover Street, near Warren and Venoy in neighboring Garden

City, Karrick said.

No shots were fired during the incident. The victim was treated at a hospital and released for injuries he received during the assault.

Patterson had been ordered to stand trial by Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli last August on charges of first-degree home invasion, armed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm and being a habitual

offender with four prior robbery convictions.

In return for his plea, Wayne County prosecutors agreed to drop charges other than first-degree home invasion. His plea also averted a potentially longer prison term. If he had been convicted at trial, he could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed Eviction Ordinance which is on file and can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**EVICTED PROPERTY DISPOSAL ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF AN EVICTED TENANT'S PERSONAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. USE OF DUMPSTER: REMOVAL OF EVICTED TENANT'S PROPERTY.**

This section provides for the removal and disposal of an evicted tenant's personal property and requires placing and using a dumpster on private property therefor.

**SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.**

This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. REPEAL.**

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.**

This section provides that the Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, during regular business hours.

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

ALLYSON BETTIS  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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**ELECTION**

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Gabriel had extensive backing from Westland city officials, and he said some residents told him they wanted Westland to have more representation on the school board. His election will leave the seven-member board with three Westland members, compared to what had been two.

"I have confidence in my abilities," Gabriel said, adding that he hopes to contribute to a board that he said has been effective.

Meanwhile, voters in north Westland cast ballots in the Livonia school board election, which was won by returning Trustee Gregory Oke and newcomer Patrice Mang, who defeated incumbent Tom Bailey. Although voters district-wide elected Oke and Mang, Westland actually favored

Mang (606) and Bailey (548) over Oke (517).

Earlier Tuesday, Baracy, the Wayne-Westland superintendent, said the school board will face major issues related to inadequate state funding. He said the district already has made some budget cuts without hurting programs, but he is worried the situation could change.

"If the state doesn't start funding our schools ASAP, we will have to make program

cuts," he said, predicting that "we're a year away from cuts."

The Wayne-Westland board oversees a \$118 million general fund budget and another \$30 million in special funds.

State funding hasn't nearly kept pace with inflation at a time when the district's fuel costs have soared 48 percent since last September, Baracy said.

"Every district in the state is having serious, serious problems as it relates to funding," he said.

**PLAKAS**

FROM PAGE A1

day, I don't think I'd be practicing."

**IN THE BEGINNING**

Plakas was interested in being a lawyer during his undergraduate years at the University of Detroit, but that was derailed when he encountered a great teacher who shifted his focus to history. After college, he worked as a substitute teacher in the Detroit Public Schools, but swerved back to law while working on his master's degree in modern history. He had all but his thesis done, when one day while waiting for his sponsor he heard him and another professor arguing about a philosophy of history.

"I thought is this what life is all about and left the meeting,

I went to the law school and asked for an application," he said. "I graduated in 1967 just in time to see Detroit burn."

Plakas continued teaching while in law school. Thanks to a guy in his study group, he applied for and got a position at Plymouth High School teaching American history.

"It was a rewarding experience," he said. "When I left, I regretted it, I still do. At that age, the kids aren't corrupted, they're still open to new ideas."

After law school, Plakas struck out on his own and ended up working with C. Charles Bokos in Garden City. The law firm, which went through a series of name changes, eventually became Bokos & Plakas and moved to Westland in 1976. By that time, Bokos was the city attorney and the firm was handling the city's legal work. When Bokos was appointed 18th District Court judge

in August 1992, then-Mayor Robert Thomas asked Plakas to become city attorney.

**HIS LEGACY**

Plakas admits that the work he has done for the foundations and the library represent thousands of dollars in fees, but it all was important for the community. His legacy is wrestling the more than \$1 million for the construction of the public library from the state which tried to take back. He also wrote the bylaws.

"I thought it was important to ratchet it up for the quality of life in the community for the people," he said. "The money was committed money."

People who visit the library don't see the plaque that recognizes what he did. That hangs on the wall in the copier room, Plakas said with a laugh.

He also has supported the Community Foundations, D.A.R.E. and the Goodfellows and a foundation that helped out the sports teams at Mackenzie High School in

Detroit for more than 20 years until the school closed last year.

He belongs to a golf league at his church, St. Constantine and Helen, that has taken on feeding the needy. The first few years, the men cooked the food, but now they buy it and let others do the cooking.

Plakas credits his brother, Jim, 10 years his senior, and his mother for who he has become. Their father died when he was 2 1/2 years old, and Jim Plakas became both his father and brother.

"He and my mother taught me loyalty and to appreciate the very simple things, that's what we had," he said. "So I have a simple philosophy, anything for the kids. If the kids don't have a chance, then God help us."

Shaw is tickled that Plakas received the honor. Attorneys don't normally get such pats on the back, he said.

"He's a very honorable man, an all around good guy," Shaw added.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Thursday, May 15, 2008, various items of the City 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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The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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### Police seek information about holdup suspect

A fast-food worker was robbed at gunpoint Saturday night while making a night deposit at the Chase branch near the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Merriman, police said.

No shots were fired, and no one was injured during the 10 p.m. incident, Westland police Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski said.

A female employee of a nearby Burger King told police that she was robbed by a black male described as 5-foot-10 and 160 pounds. She told police he wore dark clothing a scarf over his face.

"He just approached her, got (the money) from her and took off," Trzybinski said.

The lone bandit fled on foot.

Anyone who has information about the incident is encouraged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600.



A Westland firefighter works on knocking down a fire that severely damaged a home in the northwest section of Westland Wednesday morning.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Investigators probe cause of fire

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A large fire damaged a house on the city's northwest side Wednesday morning while the homeowner was out of town, Westland Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Riley said.

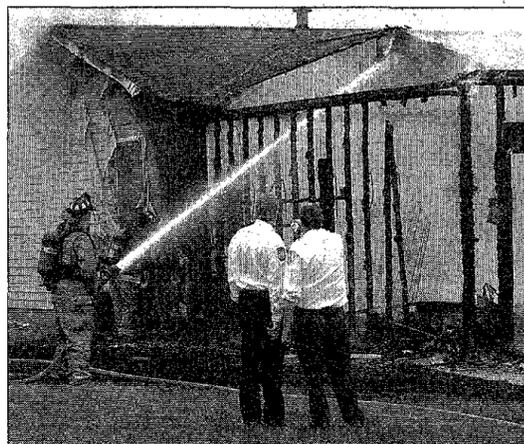
Fifteen firefighters from fire stations across the city quickly battled the blaze after several neighbors called for help around 10:10 a.m., he said.

No one was inside the single-story, three-bedroom ranch home when the fire started, Riley said. The house is located on the corner of Chestnut and Deer Creek, southwest of Hix and Koppernick roads, he said.

"Right now we're not positive what caused it," the deputy fire chief said. "The investigators are trying to figure it out. We have suspicions that it was electrical. The homeowner was out of state, and no foul play is suspected."

The fire destroyed a garage and spread to the attic of the house.

"There was severe smoke



Fifteen firefighters were on hand to battle the house fire on the corner of Chestnut and Deer Creek.

damage throughout the house," Riley said.

Firefighters managed to douse the main body of the fire within about 10 minutes, he said. They kept the flames from engulfing any other homes, although Riley confirmed that

some of the siding was melted on a neighboring house.

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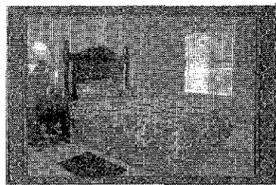
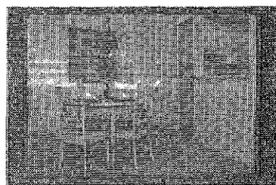
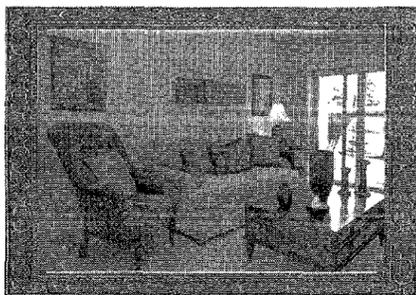
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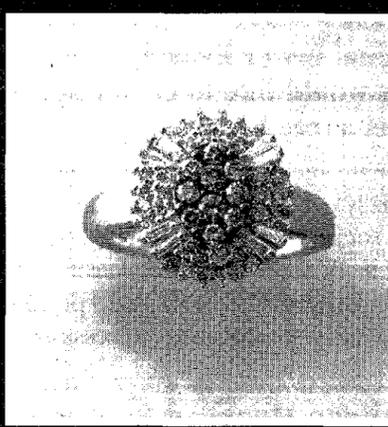


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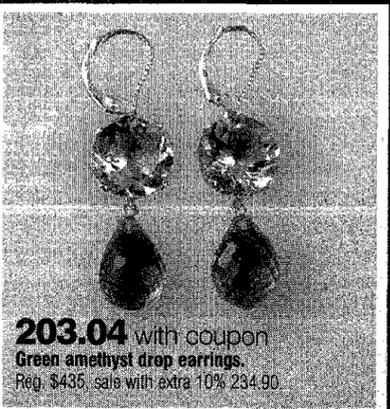


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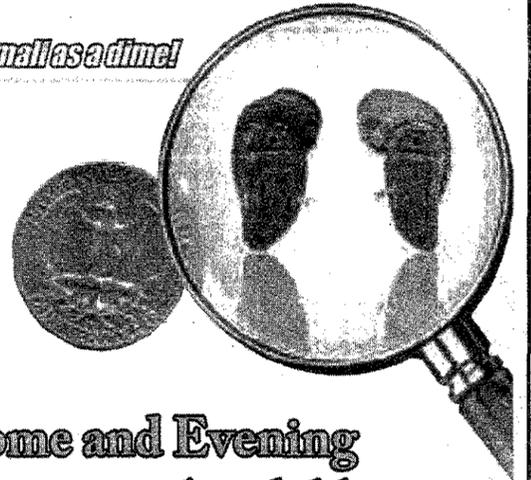
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# Schoolcraft holds two commencement ceremonies



Graduate Cindy Babcock of Canton makes sure everything is in place before the start of Schoolcraft College graduation ceremonies Saturday afternoon.



Schoolcraft College graduate Patricia Manning smiles as she receives her degree from Schoolcraft College president Dr. Conway Jeffress during graduation ceremonies Saturday.

PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Schoolcraft graduate Andrew Brown gives the student reflections address during graduation ceremonies Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.



Students from the Wayne County Regional 5-08 police academy salute during the national anthem of Friday's public safety programs graduation at Schoolcraft College.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft College celebrated its 43rd commencement at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. More than 1,300 students were eligible to receive diplomas in the ceremony, with about 420 students participating in the actual ceremony.

Nancy L. Gioia, director, Sustainable Mobility Technologies and Hybrid Vehicle Programs for Ford Motor Co., gave the commencement address. Andrew Brown, president of college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for community colleges, also addressed the graduating class.

Graduates were honored for their pursuit and completion of a wide range of associate degrees in arts, applied science, engineering, general studies and science; post-associate certificates and skill certificates in a number of areas.

In addition to the general commencement ceremony on Saturday the Public Safety programs, including police, fire, emergency medical technician, homeland security, and associate academies, celebrated their commencement in the Physical Education building on the college's Livonia campus on Friday.



Telaine Hill of Southfield has the hood of her graduation gown put on by Dan Milewski of Schoolcraft College during graduation ceremonies Saturday.

By Molly Abrahan (Detroit News) By Sylvia Rector (Free Press)

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# Israeli bonds offer a solid investment

At a recent talk I gave, I was asked about what I thought of Israeli bonds as an investment. Since this week marks Israel's 60th anniversary, I thought it would be a great time to discuss bonds and, in particular, Israeli bonds.



Money Matters  
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From an investment standpoint, a bond is an obligation — an obligation to repay the face amount of the bond plus interest. Therefore, in any bond obligation, one of the first issues is the strength of the issuer of the bond; in other words, the quality of the bond.

The highest quality bonds are the bonds issued by and backed by the U.S. government. There is no risk of default involved in those bonds. On the other hand, in bonds issued by companies that are having financial difficulties, the risks of default are much greater. Therefore,

entities with low credit ratings, in order to attract investors, must pay a substantially higher rate of interest on their obligations than entities in good financial shape and those issued by the U.S. government.

The state of Israel bonds are considered high-quality bonds. The state of Israel has been issuing bonds since the beginning of its existence and has never defaulted on its obligations to either repay the principal amount of the debt or to make an interest payment. In addition, all the rating services highly rate Israeli bonds. Therefore, from a standpoint

of quality, there is no issue that Israeli bonds are considered high-quality.

With regards to the interest rate, there are a variety of different bond programs. Some of these obligations pay interest on a regular basis, while others are zero coupon bonds which mean that you receive your interest upon maturity of the bond. If you compare other high-quality investment grade obligations with Israeli bonds, you will see that Israel bonds are paying competitive rates of return.

The key elements when you consider investing in a bond are its quality, maturity and interest rates. However, there is another intangible when it comes to Israeli bonds. Most investors, when it comes to bonds, do not really care as to how the proceeds from the

bonds are used. Many people who invest in Israeli bonds do take into consideration the quality of the bond and the return on investment; however, they also factor in what the bonds are being used to finance. Israeli bonds are used by the state of Israel to build the infrastructure of the Jewish state. Therefore, many investors and individuals who want to express their support for the state of Israel purchase Israeli bonds, not for the investment value, but as an expression of solidarity with the state of Israel. There are very few investments that you can make where the motive may not be primarily financial in nature and at the same time receive a fair rate of return.

For investors who wish to purchase Israeli bonds, whether it is to show support for

Israel, for the financial rewards or even for both, we are lucky enough to have an Israeli bond office in our community. Its phone number is (248) 352-6555. In addition, to find out more information about purchasing Israeli bonds, you can go to the Web site, www.israel-bonds.com.

There are a variety of different types of Israeli bonds with different maturities and face amounts. There is no one bond that is necessarily better than the other. Like all investments, the key is which one best suits your individual situation.

The Detroit area has had a history of purchasing Israeli bonds. Most people assume that Israeli bonds are only purchased by people who are Jewish because of their natural attraction to Israel. However, what may surprise you is the

number of Israeli bonds that have been purchased by non-Jews, corporations, unions, pension plans and by nonprofits.

For investors who are looking at showing their solidarity with Israel on its 60th anniversary, Israeli bonds are definitely an investment worth considering. After all, it's one of the few investments where you can have your cake and eat it, too, in the fact that you can get a fair rate of return and at the same time demonstrate your support and confidence in the state of Israel.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please e-mail Bloom at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Bloom live on Sundays from noon to 3:00 p.m. on WDTK-AM (1400).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at [smaison@hometownlife.com](mailto:smaison@hometownlife.com). They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**'Springtacular'**  
The Wayne Business and Professional Women will hold a fashion show, "Springtacular," Thursday, May 22, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne. The event, which includes dinner, begins at 6 p.m. The fashions are by Dress Barn and Dress Barn Women. Accompanying the local models will be local male celebrities, such as Mayor Al Haidous and City Manager John Zech. Tickets cost \$25 per person or \$20 for seniors and students. Proceeds will fund a scholarship for a high school senior as well as a scholarship for a woman returning to school. Tickets are available by calling Paulette Medvecky at (734) 641-3571.

**Installation of officers**  
Westland American Legion, Westland

Post 251 will be having its second annual installation of officers dinner/dance Friday, June 20, at the VFW Post 3323 Hall on Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner served at 7 p.m. There will be an open bar, door prizes and dancing to the music of the Walt Liepec Band 11 p.m. Installation of officers will take place at 8 p.m. Veterans and the public are welcome. Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information and tickets, call (734) 751-2275 or (734) 326-2607.

**Spa Day**  
Starfish Family Services and Gateway Community Health are hosting a "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" Spa Day to give moms an opportunity to relax and pamper themselves in honor of Mother's Day. Spa Day will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, May 12, at Starfish Family Services, 30000 Hivley Road, Inkster. The day of free pampering includes massages, manicures, Tarot card readings and makeup consultations with Mary Kay representatives. The American Cancer Society, Social Security for Women, Community Healthcare Resources, American Diabetes Association, American Heart



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Association and First Step will have representatives on hand to talk to women. The event is open to the public. To register, call Renee Lige at (248) 615-9730 by May 8. Starfish Family Services is the largest private, non-profit human service agency in western Wayne County. It offers 12 specialized programs to help educate and empower vulnerable families and children. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.starfish-online.org](http://www.starfish-online.org).

**In concert**  
The American Liberty Pops Singers are

the featured group in a '60s concert at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, benefiting the Veterans Program of the Brain Association of Michigan. The concert is sponsored by Christus Victor Lutheran Church of Dearborn Heights in cooperation with Hope Lutheran Church on 12 Mile east of Haggerty in Farmington. All proceeds will go to benefit our brain injured heroes from the War in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information, call Christine Baldwin at (313) 706-3266. All tickets are complimentary and available at the door. Seating is limited.

**Free workshop**  
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**Gain inner peace**  
University of Detroit Mercy professor Mike Whitty will lead a talk and workshop to empower people to gain more inner peace at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Unity of Livonia, on Five Mile Road. He'll be the guest speaker at the Citizens for Peace regular monthly meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

A builder of regional, community, and human unity, Whitty offers free talks on peace, spirituality, economics, politics, ecology and business. He is the National Chancellor of the International Association of Educators for World Peace, and a member of Peace Action of Michigan and the Gray Panthers. Donations are accepted by the Citizens for Peace for use of the church facilities. For additional information, contact Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

**Fish Dial-A-Ride**  
Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

**Higher Rock Cafe**  
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at [www.tsa.higherrockcafe4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660.

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### Lending a hand

Temeka Bush of Westland who works in the Comcast's Westland office, Lanora Summersett of Comcast's Southfield office) and 7-year-old Kerrigan Coleman of Westland steam a prom gown for students at Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights. Comcast volunteers, family and friends sorted and organized donated prom attire as part of Comcast Cares Day, the company's nationwide day of service, on Saturday, May 3. More than 30 nonprofit organizations throughout the state of Michigan benefited from the efforts of thousands of Comcast volunteers.

## 'Catwalk' benefit addresses pet overpopulation

BY REBECCA JONES  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If there are stray cats roaming neighborhoods, a Redford couple would at least like them to be spayed or neutered. Louis Sabo and Rebecca Godo started Project Kitty Connect a year and a half ago. A fund-raiser Saturday, May 10, will raise money for a Trap, Neuter, Return program, which Sabo describes as a humane way to manage and reduce the number of homeless cats. Catwalk 2008 registration

begins at 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. in the Nankin Mills picnic area. Registration is \$10, and walkers can also collect pledges prior to the event. So far, 20 to 40 walkers have signed on, including some local Girl Scouts. Through Project Kitty Connect, local veterinarians have agreed to offer vaccinations and spay or neutering operations at a discount, Sabo said. Project Kitty Connect is getting its start in Redford, but Sabo said the hope is to expand

it throughout the metro area. After they are trapped, kittens and adoptable adults, many of which were abandoned pets, will be placed in homes. Other stray adult cats will be returned to the streets from which they came, Sabo said. Where a willing caregiver can be found to monitor the stray colony, Project Kitty Connect will help supply food and a winter shelter. "Stray cats have a useful service to the neighborhood," Sabo said. "Typically it's a choice between cats and rats."

The nuisance, he said, comes from urine spraying or tom-cats getting into a fight over a female. Neutering addresses that, and cuts down on overpopulation, he added. Females can get pregnant five or six times per year, resulting in overpopulation. The "trap and euthanize" method doesn't stop the population explosion, Sabo said. Other cats move in and take the captured cats' place. For information about Project Kitty Connect, e-mail rebecca-godo@hotmail.com.

## MDEQ sponsors compliance conference

A western Wayne County lawmaker is inviting local community members and businesses to attend the Michigan Environmental Compliance Conference to learn about ways to improve environmental health and safety standards. The conference will take place on Tuesday, June 7, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. "I encourage our community

to take advantage of this opportunity and attend the conference," said state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "The natural resources we enjoy in Michigan are a vital part of what makes our community so special. By working together to strengthen our environmental consciousness, we will attract more visitors and investments to our community - and that will create more jobs for our workers." The Michigan Environmental

Compliance Conference is sponsored by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). More than 20 sessions will be offered, ranging from proper waste management to environmentally friendly ways to expand facilities. An expert exhibit area will also be offered to provide attendees one-on-one assistance with DEQ agency representatives. "As the Great Lakes State, we must be especially vigilant in protecting our precious resources," LeBlanc said. "Programs such as this educate our residents and help ensure that our community is a great place to live, work and raise our families." People can register online at www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops. The registration fee for the conference is \$100. For more information, call the DEQ at (517) 373-0607 or LeBlanc's office at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576.

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## Woman charged in sex case wants charges dismissed

A Westland woman charged with prostitution is asking District Court Judge William Bolle to dismiss charges against her.

Alycia Martin appeared Monday for a pretrial conference in 52-4 District Court in Troy. She had turned herself in to the court last week after having missed an earlier pretrial hearing. Martin's attorney, Frank Cusumano of Macomb, alleges the search of her hotel room violated the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, according to Troy City Attorney Lori Grigg-



Martin

Bluhm. "It was a warrantless search," she said. Martin's attorney did not immediately return a phone call. She is accused of having been paid for sex in a Troy hotel with the husband of a U.S. senator. Thomas Athans,

husband of U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, told police that he paid Martin for sex when he was stopped after leaving the hotel. Her room was later searched by Troy police. However, Grigg-Bluhm said her office will be filing a response, noting that the search was after the investigation. Martin's next court date is 1:30 p.m. June 3. She remains out on a \$100 bond.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Toarmina, Plakas deserve honors

Friday evening, the community came together to honor two individuals who have given of their time and energy to make Westland a better place in which to live. Lou Toarmina received the 2008 First Citizen Award, while City Attorney Angelo Plakas was honored as the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year.

Enough cannot be said about what these two men have done for Westland. They have heard the call to help time and time again and gladly stepped forward in answer.

Toarmina is modest about his work to improve the lives of youngsters in the Norwayne Subdivision. Easily the city's poorest area, many of its youngsters head for school ill-prepared for the academics. Toarmina saw that and came up with the idea of providing backpacks filled with school supplies. He wasn't able to do it alone and gladly shares credit for the highly successful project with the Westland Rotary, Wayne County Community College District and Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

He also saw a need to show the residents of Norwayne that despite their poverty they can be somebody by publishing a Good News letter filled with stories about people who grew up in Norwayne and went on to rewarding careers.

That's just the tip of the ice berg of what Toarmina does. He also is involved with the American Red Cross, serving on a disaster relief team, and serves on the Salvation Army advisory board. As a businessman, he has supported the Relay for Life, the Wayne-Westland school board's Project 180 Can Do! and the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Westland.

Plakas also has a keen eye for giving help where help is needed. He lent his legal expertise to help organize the S.P.A.R.K. (Sports Parks and Recreation for Kids) Foundation, which raises money for long-range parks projects that benefit youth of the city. He also helped the Westland Community Foundation get up and running and has been a strong supporter ever since.

But his greatest legacy may be the work he did in making sure Westland got the more than \$1 million from the state for construction of the William P. Faust Public Library. Plakas went toe-to-toe with the state when it tried to take the money back and won. He did the legal work for pro bono and did it to "ratchet up the quality of life in the community." No truer statement was ever spoken. The library is a vibrant addition to the city.

There is a simple explanation behind what he does and it can be summed up in three words — for the kids. Plakas is committed to helping wherever he can to help kids, even if it means taking on the state high school sports association over its rule that a transferring player must wait six months before competing in a sport. As he sees it, "if the kids don't have a chance, God help us."

We applaud the selection of Lou Toarmina as First Citizen and Angelo Plakas as Business Person of the Year for 2008. We can think of no other individuals so deserving of the honors. Their commitment to the community has definitely made Westland a great place to call home.

# Academic All-Stars represent the best our area has to offer

Congratulations to the 2008 *Observer Newspapers* Academic All-Stars — 17 students from Farmington, Farmington Hills and western Wayne County who are among the brightest and best soon-to-be graduates of local high schools.

They are smart, caring and concerned. They are determined to make a difference in the world.

Read all about them and 27 other runners-up in the special Academic All-Star section inside today's *Observer*. All of the students — All-Stars and runners-up — are intelligent, motivated and eager to expand their world. They are generous with their time and talent. They act locally, but they think globally. They are eager to make their communities, the state, the nation and the world a better place. They are grateful to their teachers and parents who have mentored them along the way.

The *Observer* has been honoring academic excellence in a special way for the last 23 years. We hold these students up for public recognition so that readers can see the tremendous talent and potential that exists in our communities.

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Congratulations to the 2008 Academic All-Star Team of Catherine Kent, Franklin High School; Xavier Ziemba, Churchill High School; Sarah Londal, North Farmington High School; Meghan Murray, Churchill High School; Krithika Shanmugasundaram, Farmington High School; George Wasylshyn, Canton High School; Ted Wakar, Plymouth High School; Halimah Oral, Salem High School; Xin-Kan Su, Canton High School; Kathryn LaBelle, Stevenson High School; Matt Durak, Plymouth High School; Marc Lecerf, North Farmington High School; Gina Rotondo, Mercy High School; Rene Perry, Salem High School; Molly Roseland, Stevenson High School; Deanna Abrash, Plymouth Christian Academy; and Alexandra Buckley, Farmington High School.



## LETTERS

### Doesn't understand problem

I believe it was Mayor Wild who suggested that a homeowner in Westland who had purchased a home in the previous three to four years should request a reassessment of the taxable value by the Board of Assessors in order to obtain an accurate up-to-date assessment of the property.

We did just that. In 2004, our parents' home changed ownership upon their death. The property was reassessed according to property values as of 2004 for a non-homestead classification.

As everyone is well aware, housing prices have fallen drastically in Michigan in the last few years. The rate of foreclosures has gone through the roof. The medium price of a home sold in March 2008 dropped by 13 percent from March 2007. The 2007 medium price was 20 percent less than in 2006. The inventory of unsold homes on the market exceeds an 11-month supply.

Armed with these facts and a list of comparable homes for sale in the area, I went before the Westland Department Assessment Board of Review. I was shocked to receive a letter stating: "This notice is to inform you that there was no change made to your 2008 assessment by the March Board of Review because: The assessment determined to be accurate."

We have been unsuccessful in selling the home — it was on the market for more than two years. We lowered the asking price by \$40,000 — no takers. We resorted to renting the home, which resulted in filings with the Landlord/Tenant Division to have the tenant evicted for non-payment — not to mention the extensive repairs that were required when the home was vacated.

Can someone tell me what it is the Westland Department Assessment Board of Review is not understanding about what's going on in the housing market in Westland, and, indeed, all over Michigan.

Margaret Reilly  
Westland

### Pandering to conservatives

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's continued pandering to the endlessly whining cadre of Christian conservatives comes as no surprise, given his past legislative record. However, they are not content with merely trashing the United States Constitution and engaging in wholesale historical revisionism. Indeed, conservative Christian efforts to indoctrinate our nation with a frightening and ignorant form of theocracy continue on many other fronts, most notably within the public education system.

Currently making the rounds at local theaters is a remarkably dishonest, even shameful anti-evolution film entitled "Expelled — No Intelligence Allowed." Even while United States students fall ever farther behind their peers in other nations by nearly every measure of academic accomplishment, conservative Christian thought police continue their attempts to usurp the established facts

of evolutionary biology with religious dogma that is cleverly labeled "intelligent design" but which is actually warmed over creationism.

The proven facts of evolutionary biology have long been beyond reproach. Christians who are secure in our faith know and understand that the majestic scope of our God is well beyond human reason. The last thing America needs is more religious propaganda taught in place of real science while we technologically fall behind the rest of the world.

The film is merely a right-wing polemic designed to appeal to those who are unable to think for themselves. Even worse, it deceitfully links the sound teaching of evolution with the Holocaust, atheism and abortion, thereby pandering to the ignorance and paranoia of conservative Christians and their phony claims of persecution by that evil secular world.

"Intelligent design" ranks with another goofy conservative favorite, "Islamofacism," in terms of sheer absurdity. The ultimate truth of our existence is found in God and empirical truth is found in science. However, there is neither truth nor intelligence allowed in "Expelled."

Joe Golonka  
Westland

### Disgusted about closing

I am thoroughly disgusted with the people who live in Westland and voted for the mayor. He has taken away our largest and prettiest park, and you sit there and vote for him to do this. WHY? I just don't understand it. Don't you like the park? It been this way for a long, long, long, long time. Whatever is there, we have already gotten it, don't you think? We are all fat, we don't want to walk in that park.

This is got to be worse than what Kilpatrick is doing by far. It is stupidity. We are all missing some good times in that park, and when those kids of the mayor grow up, he will wake up and realize he missed some good opportunities there.

One park is a whole lot better than all the others put together. That is Central City Park, and I feel we have let it down. Shame on each and every resident of Westland for letting him do it.

I hardly doubt, Charles Pickering would do any better either. I heard his views, too.

Mari Squire  
Westland

### Cleanup help appreciated

The Friends of the I-275 Bike Path would like to thank the following people for their donations to the recent cleanup that we had between Michigan Avenue and Van Born Road in Canton:

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The following businesses/organizations donated items for raffle prizes: The Livonia YMCA; Dream Dinners of Livonia; American Cycle & Fitness of Walled Lake; Rob Kelley and his students from the massage therapy program at Schoolcraft College; Leslie Briggs at REI; manager Debbie Stewart of the Holiday Inn Express and her facilities employee John, where the event was held.

Without all of your kind donations and help, this event would not have been at all as successful as it was. Thank you so much!

Dave Duffield  
director, League of Michigan Bicyclists

### An instrument

Former Rev. Jeremiah Wright Jr. is a talented black man. No doubt about that. He is a talented orator, singer, dancer and he plays his instruments well. If you think you didn't see him playing an instrument in his speech, you would be wrong. You are the instrument.

We notice that the primary theme of Dr. Wright's speech was "A Change is Gonna Come." Sounds vaguely like the slogan of Sen. Obama's campaign but most likely there is no connection. What the speech didn't explain is what this "change" is going to be or who is expected to affect this "change." In fact, Sen. Obama hasn't explained what this "change" is going to be either. We aren't expected to notice this.

What the speech didn't explain is why Dr. Wright felt that he could damn America. The same America where young men fight for his freedom. The same America where he was provided tax exempt status while he used the pulpit to damn the country that provided him that right.

Any distance between Sen. Obama and Dr. Wright is contrived. We are the instrument they are playing. Dr. Wright owes America an apology. We will be waiting.

A. Parrish  
Troy

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## Proposed RESA staffing changes pose risk for special ed students

Michigan special education question of the day, Part 1: How many Michiganians are aware of their Intermediate School District (ISD) Plans and "alternate" Special Education Plans? Part 2: How many Michiganians know that our state superintendent of public instruction has sole authority over better than 90 percent of public education and the decisions that directly impact our 1.8 million students and their teachers?



Marcie Lipsitt

Parents and teachers should be shocked into action on the Wayne County RESA proposal that if passed will warehouse 30 students with severe multiple or cognitive disabilities per teacher and three aides. However, all parents need to understand that Michigan intermediate school districts are allowed to alter the Special Education Administrative Rules through waivers and one insidious and egregious special education rule, R 340.1832e (ISD Alternate Plans), and both approvals go through the very same non-elected individual — our state superintendent of public instruction, currently Mike Flanagan.

Michigan's special education class sizes, teacher caseloads, age-spans of students and their number of school days are in an absolute free-for-all in school districts across this state and, frankly, our legislators, policy makers and Gov. Jennifer Granholm don't care.

The educational lives of 250,000 students with disabilities and approximately 3,000 in our severely multiply-impaired and severely cognitively-impaired programs are at risk and being lost to absolute neglect. Better than 26 percent of Michigan's students with disabilities are dropping out of school after entering the ninth grade. Just think about that as we come to the end of yet another mediocre at best and abysmal at worst, 2007-08 school year for Michigan's students with disabilities and especially those in our poverty-ridden communities like Hamtramck, River Rouge, Highland Park, Flat Rock, Detroit, Pontiac, Saginaw and Flint.

Former Gov. John Engler devastated Michigan's students with disabilities with his Executive Orders of 1996 (EOs 1996-11 and 1996-12) that stripped our elected state Board of Education of 100 percent of its authority over all of special education and gave sole and dictator-like authority to the state superin-

tendent of public instruction.

Former Supt. Arthur Ellis crafted and former Supt. Tom Watkins promulgated very quietly and against the wishes of the Michigan Association of Education (MEA) and American Federation of Michigan Teachers (AFT-Michigan) this vile rule, R 340.1832e, that overrides all of Michigan's state-imposed special education rules that govern class size, teacher caseload, age-span and number of school days.

So while the Wayne County RESA is proposing to warehouse 30 of its most fragile students at one time (current state rules R 340.1738 and R 340.1748 allow no more than 12 students) in one classroom, to one teacher and three aides (kind baby-sitters at best), you have ISDs like Oakland Intermediate Schools that allows students age 3-13 and 14-25 in one classroom at one time.

Parents pick your evil — or lesser evil, if such a condition exists in our abysmal special education classrooms across Michigan — but recognize that most of our children with special needs are in special education warehouses where the "I" in their "individual education plan" is forever lost; academics are on no one's priority list and social skills, life skills and an adult future that includes maximum productivity and true quality of life is almost as rare as winning the Michigan lottery.

Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Michigan's 1.8 million students that include 250,000 with disabilities and approximately 3,000 in severely cognitively and severely multiply-impaired programs matter to their families, themselves and to Michigan's ill and dehydrated economy.

Lend your support and speak up against these proposed changes — and Michigan's broken and failing public education system — by e-mailing your concerns to: Supt. Mike Flanagan at [flanagamp@michigan.gov](mailto:flanagamp@michigan.gov); Gov. Jennifer Granholm's senior education advisor Chuck Wilbur at [wilburc@michigan.gov](mailto:wilburc@michigan.gov); House Education Committee Chair Tim Melton at [timmelton@house.mi.gov](mailto:timmelton@house.mi.gov); Senate Education Committee Chair Wayne Kuipers at [senwkuipers@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senwkuipers@senate.michigan.gov); state Board of Education President Kathleen Straus at [StrausKN@aol.com](mailto:StrausKN@aol.com); and your legislators — e-mailing the Wayne RESA is not even a start.

Marcie Lipsitt of Franklin is with the Michigan Alliance for Special Education.

## Rev. Wright and Col. North sure know how to play to an audience

It made for a pretty interesting weekend in the Detroit area, when big hitters the Rev. Jeremiah Wright and former Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North came to town on speaking engagements.

Just about everyone in the country, at least those remotely following what's going on in American politics, was waiting to hear what the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Barack Obama's controversial former pastor, had to say to the Detroit Chapter of the NAACP. The speech, as well as one Wright gave to the National Press Club the next morning, was the only thing on the minds of the cable news talking heads that day.



Kurt Kuban

I attended a lesser-publicized event at Laurel Manor in Livonia where Oliver North, a controversial individual in his own right, spoke to nearly 1,000 people at a benefit for the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund. Once known for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, North is now mostly famous for his affiliation with Fox News, on which he has a segment called "War Stories."

At first glance, it seems you couldn't get two people so different from one another. One is black and one is white. And they are certainly situated at the two polar ends of the political spectrum. But watching them both (I watched Wright's speech live on CNN), I couldn't help notice they actually have a lot in common, especially when it comes to their oratory skills. In fact, anyone with an interest in becoming a public speaker could learn a great deal from these two guys.

Both Wright and North delivered exactly the kind of speeches that were hoped for by the groups that paid them to speak. The two men knew how to play to their audience.

According to the Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of the Detroit NAACP, Wright was invited to speak because he is the "hottest brother in America right now."

Members of the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers' Fund, a Michigan-based non-profit that raises money for veterans and their families, invited North because he is a tireless promoter for our troops, both former and current.

I found it interesting that both men, during their speeches, were critical of the media. In Wright's case, he said all of the attacks against him since the video of his now infamous sermon where he proclaims "God damn America" began making the daily rounds on cable news have actually been attacks on the "black church."

North, addressing why the Iraq War has become so unpopular in America, blamed the mainstream media (with the exception of Fox News) of essentially trying to destroy America. He was particularly critical that the media covered the heinous abuses that took place at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. He also blamed the media for America's defeat in the Vietnam War.

What was interesting to me is that neither man actually addressed the issues that have drawn so much criticism. In Wright's case, he never explained why he said "God damn America" in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. And North never addressed any of the myriad of reasons why people have been critical of the Iraq War — there was no mention of weapons of mass destruction (or lack thereof), lack of long-term planning for the war, no proven link between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden as

President Bush claimed, etc.

But, hey, those are probably not the topics that either of the audiences came to hear. While I would say both the Detroit NAACP and the Fallen & Wounded Soldiers Fund got their money's worth from Wright and North, I wonder if the two groups didn't hurt their case in the long run by inviting such divisive individuals.

In the case of the NAACP, I'm left scratching my head why they would give Wright a public forum to do such harm to Obama, the first African-American candidate to have a legitimate chance of winning the White House. While I'm a huge proponent of people of different races addressing the issues that have caused such a divide in this country, I have to question the timing of the Wright speech.

Back in March, Obama addressed the race issue with more honesty than I have ever heard from a politician. It gave me hope that with Obama in the White House, we might have a legitimate opportunity to solve some of the race issues we have in this country. If Hillary Clinton somehow defeats Obama, I don't think there is any doubt people will look back and blame Wright for his undoing.

I've got news for the Detroit NAACP, the in-your-face, finger-pointing rhetoric of Rev. Wright will not bring this country closer together — just the opposite.

Although it bills itself as a non-partisan organization, the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund could've picked someone a lot less partisan than North. He is anything but non-partisan.

Many of the other speakers at the event, which included Brigadier Gen. Carol Ann Fausone of Canton, a number of veterans (some of whom have been seriously wounded in wartime service), and family members of soldiers that have been killed in action, chose not to be partisan and instead implored the audience to support our troops, who are true heroes.

On that note I can certainly agree. No matter what you feel about the war in Iraq, the troops that are over there have put their lives on the line for all of us. The sacrifices they have made are extraordinary to say the least. That is something we should all be proud of. In fact, we should be more than proud. We should do everything we can to help them readjust back to life here stateside. Many are coming back with serious injuries and are in need of financial support.

That is why I think the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, which was formed three years ago by some local volunteers, is a fantastic organization. To learn more about them or to donate to their cause, please visit [www.FWSF.org](http://www.FWSF.org). Canton's Herb Scott, who is on the FWSF board, said the group raised close to \$250,000 at Saturday's fund-raising dinner.

While North was certainly entertaining, I'm not sure if his own brand of finger-pointing rhetoric will endear the group to a cross-section of society. Despite what North might think, so-called "liberals" also care about our troops, even if they don't support the war in Iraq.

While I doubt Wright and North will ever be accused of being friends, they proved to me they do have a lot in common. As my football coach used to say, it is so much easier to point the finger than the thumb. Both men proved they certainly know how to point fingers. And fire up a crowd.

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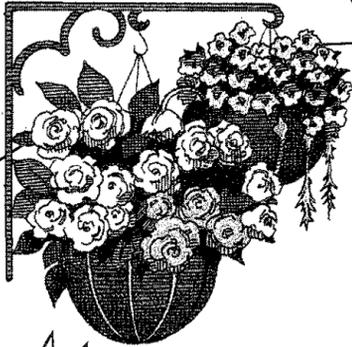
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Stevenson's Miles White pulls away from the pack as he makes his way down the track to a first place finish in the preliminary heat of the 110 meter high hurdles during Saturday's Observerland Relays.

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Churchill's Derik Peterman clears 13 feet in the pole vault during Saturday's Observerland Relays.

## Sidelines

### Best track times

All Observerland boys and girls track-and-field coaches are encouraged to e-mail their athletes' best times and distances in all events to ewright@hometownlife.com so that Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright can compile a girls track leaders standings.

The deadline to appear in next Thursday's leaders is 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 13.

### Demolition romps

Coming off a bye week, the Detroit Demolition will take 2-1 record into Saturday's Independent Women's Football League matchup Saturday against the host Wisconsin Wolves, also 2-1, beginning at 3 p.m. (CDT).

The Demolition are coming off a 53-0 triumph April 26 over the Iowa Crush, while Wisconsin downed the Columbus (Ohio) Phantoms, 25-0.

Both teams are 2-1 in the Midwest Division of the IWFL's Eastern Conference.

The Demolition and Wolves both lost to the first-place Chicago Force.

"The Wolves are a very physical team that will test us both on offense and defense," Demolition coach Tony Blankenship said.

### Spartan grid camp

Livonia Stevenson will stage its annual youth day camp for grades 2-6 from 9 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 17.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The camp is free.

The Spartan High School camp for current ninth, 10th and 11th graders will be from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, July 30-31.

Stevenson will also stage a weight room orientation for all current eighth graders interested in playing football in the fall from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4.

For more information, e-mail varsity coach Tim Gabel at tgabel@livonia.k12.mi.us.

## Spartans repeat

### Stevenson rules 38th Observerland Relays

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Coach Scott Shaw hopes a repeat victory by his Livonia Stevenson team in the 38th annual Observerland Relays is a harbinger of good things for the Spartans.

Stevenson won the boys track and field competition for the second straight year and fifth time overall Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Spartans, who had five first places, racked up 91 points and won the meet by 20

points over Northville. The top five included Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (67), Farmington Harrison (45) and last year's runner-up, Livonia Churchill (44).

The Spartans will return

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Mike Unger, Lutheran High Westland's boys track and field coach and athletic director, will have the Warriors' new track dedicated in his name on Saturday.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## The ultimate Warrior

### New track to be dedicated in Unger's name

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mike Unger wears a variety of hats at Lutheran High Westland — math teacher, athletic director, track and field coach, even bus driver.

But Unger's refuge is the track, which will be dedicated in his name between sessions of Saturday's 12-team Cougar-Warrior Invitational.

Unger has coached for 35 years — 28 as a head coach — and has distinguished himself with four boys track and field state titles, three at Detroit Lutheran West (1981, 1982 and 1987) and one at Lutheran Westland (2001). He has also won eight regional championships and 21 conference crowns, along with one MITCA Meet of Champions title (2007).

"I like the mental stimulation of math and physical stimulation of track. I like it both ways," the 57-year-old Unger said. "I don't see myself retiring from coaching until I retire from teaching. I like it so

#### THE MIKE UNGER FILE

**Age:** 57.

**Family:** Wife Andrea; daughters Elizabeth, Sarah and Deborah; son Dan.

**Duties:** Athletic director, math teacher, boys cross country, boys track and field coach at Lutheran High Westland.

**Coaching:** 35 years (1973-2007); 28 years head coach (1979-2007).

**Conference championships:** 21.

**Regional championships:** 8.

**State championships:** 4 (1981, 1982, 1987, 2001).

**MITCA champions:** 1 (2007).

much. The last couple of years, the kids have been great."

Unger moved to Lutheran High Westland the year after it opened (1986-87) and has been a fixture ever since.

Dave Ruth, his longtime assistant and lifelong friend, goes all the way

back to grade school with Unger. The two are four years apart.

"We do a nice job of compromising with each other or I wouldn't be his assistant because he does a good job of letting me do things," Ruth said. "We bounce ideas off each other all the time. He still goes to clinics because he feels he still hasn't learned everything. He wants to know everything about track and field."

Ruth said Unger is meticulous about keeping records dating all the way back to his days at Lutheran West.

"And Mike is very, very good at getting his teams to run their best and to their potential," Ruth said. "He wants a full team. His greatest quality is to get the athletes to realize what they can do. We let them know we have high expectations."

"But Mike also knows when you have good athletes, you're a good coach. He's been here with good teams and bad teams. It balances out, but he just keeps at it."

Please see **UNGER, B6**

## Sanborn sharp as Patriots turn back Western, 7-0

Turnabout was fair play Monday as Livonia Franklin avenged an earlier softball loss to visiting Walled Lake Western, 7-0, on Natalie Sanborn's four-hit shutout.

Sanborn, who struck out two and walked only one, improved to 10-1 in the year. She did not pitch in the first meeting, an 8-5 Western victory, because she

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was sidelined with a rib injury.

Offensively, Jessica Staley went 3-for-3 with a triple and RBI, while Brittany Taylor went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and RBI.

Nicole Emery also chipped in with two hits, including a triple, RBI and run scored.

Franklin, which scored seven times in the sixth inning, is now 14-5 overall and 3-3 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Losing pitcher Emily Carlson gave up 11 hits and struck out five in six innings.

The loss drops Western to 7-6 overall and 3-3 in the division.

On Saturday, Franklin won

two of three in the Salem Tournament.

Sanborn pitched a two-hitter and struck out nine in a 7-0 first-round win over Flat Rock.

Briauna Taylor clubbed a two-run homer, while Emery and Sanborn each contributed two hits and an RBI.

In the second round, tourney runner-up Lincoln Park downed

the Patriots, 6-3, as Natalie Polakowski went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Sanborn added a pair of hits, including a double.

Losing pitcher Alecia Geraghty (3-4) allowed four earned runs on five walks over two innings before being relieved by Sanborn.

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# Churchill boots Northern, 3-0

State-ranked Livonia Churchill turned in workmanlike effort Monday with a 3-0 girls soccer triumph Monday at Walled Lake Northern.

Churchill improved to 11-1-1 overall and leads the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association at 6-1. Northern falls to 4-3 in the division.

"It was a comprehensive win, we had a lot of pressure in their box," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "They (Northern) played us straight up and I liked the way we moved the ball in-and-out, and wide. We played calm and collected."

Midway through the first half Julie Greco left-footed a shot into the corner of the Northern net off a scramble in front of the Knights' box.

Diana Busch made it 2-0 before the half on a one-touch from Kayla Johnston and Hannah Otto completed the scoring in the second half from Johnston.

Bailey Brandon's long balls initiated both goals.

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Hebestreit singled out the midfield play of Lindsey Marlow, Julianne Puroll, Otto and Johnston in the midfield. Goalkeeper Stefanie Turner, who made two saves, earned her ninth shutout.

Churchill has not given up a goal in the last five games.

**SALEM 2, STEVENSON 1:** In a WLA-Lakes Division match Monday, the host Rocks (6-5-3, 4-3) earned the victory over Livonia Stevenson (6-5-1, 3-3-1) on goals by Ariel Dews and Taylor Burgoon.

Shannon Merritt's unassisted goal late in the second half gave the Spartans life, but it was too late.

"Unfortunately that woke us up and we began really pressuring Salem," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "Had the game gone on another 10 minutes, who knows? But it didn't so that's kind of irrelevant. I told the girls again as I have before, you can't wait until it's too late."

"The time to be ready to go is well before the first while, and we've really been struggling with that."

Pinta singled out the play of Merritt, Stephanie Gutkowski and Molly McConnell.

"They really played with some desire tonight," Pinta said.

**W.L. WESTERN 5, FRANKLIN 0:** Chelsea Hunter had a goal and three assists Monday as host Walled Lake Western (8-4-1) downed Livonia Franklin (1-12, 1-6) in a WLA-Lakes Division game.

Western led 1-0 at halftime and put it away with four second-half goals.

"We had a few chances that their goalkeeper made good save on or their defenders stepped in to block," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "The second half we were still last and it began to show. They found some of our holes and picked up two in the next 20 minutes. We still kept going with our attack, but couldn't finalize and couldn't break their goalkeeping. She made some key saves that let the game get away from us."

**W.L. CENTRAL 3, JOHN GLENN 1:** Marley Tisdall scored a goal and an assist Monday as host Walled Lake Central (5-5-3, 3-3-1) earned the WLA-Lakes Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (1-11, 0-7).

Megan Nikula scored for the Rocks.

**NORTHVILLE 5, WAYNE 0:** Sarah Stern's hat trick carried WLA-Western Division leader Northville (11-0-2, 7-0) to the victory over Wayne Memorial (0-13, 0-7).

# Blazers tie, wrap up No. 2 seed

Livonia Ladywood wrapped up the second seed in the upcoming Catholic League girls soccer play-offs with a 1-1 deadlock Tuesday at home against Farmington Hills Mercy.

Ladywood is now 5-4-4 overall and finishes 4-3-3 in the Central Division. The Blazers will tangle with Madison Heights Bishop Foley in a first-round play-off game beginning 5 p.m. Friday at home.

Mercy falls to 3-6-3 overall and 1-6-3 in the division.

After a scoreless first half, Ladywood took a 1-0 lead in the 69th minute on Alison Szczyпка's goal off a corner kick from Alessia Vagnini.

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Mercy's Jordan Mueller tied it four minutes later on a 25-yard free kicks.

Mercy goalkeeper Tracy Whalen made seven saves, while Ladywood's Michele Ring had three stops.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 3, LUTH. N'WEST 0:** Second-half goals by Jessica Welsler, Miranda Kasproicz and Ashley Pniwski carried Lutheran High Westland (6-6, 3-4) to the Metro Conference win at home over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Assists went to Hannah Mielke and Kasproicz.

Goalkeeper Chelsea Kyles recorded 10 saves to post the shutout.

On May 1, host Macomb Lutheran North needed a goal in

the final 10 minutes to beat the Warriors, 1-0.

**MARIAN 3, LADYWOOD 1:** On Saturday, Catholic League Central Division leader Birmingham Marian (10-0-1, 9-0), ranked No. 2 in Division 2, scored three times in the first 33 minutes to subdue visiting Livonia Ladywood (5-4-3, 4-3-2) in a match at Birmingham Seaholm.

Danielle Kamenec, Anina Ciccone and Erin Ring scored for the victorious Mustangs.

Ladywood's Alessia Vagnini scored in the 75 minute on an assist from Alison Szczyпка.

"I was worried about us coming out flat after an emotional win Thursday over (Warren). Regina and that's what happened," Ladywood first-year coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We finally woke up the second half, but it was too late."

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

CANTON 155, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 163
May 5 at Idyl Wyld
Canton scorers: Zack Conrad, 35 (medalist); Aaron Blase, 39; Andrew Rickerman, 40; Brendan Muir and Jeremy Lindbauer, 41 each; Clark Albers, 42.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 166
WAYNE MEMORIAL 188
May 5 at The Woodlands (Van Buren)
Western scorers: Blake Hunter, 40 (medalist); Brad Stone, Josh Jarrell and David Learner, 42 each; Jr. Lowe, 45.

SALEM 148, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 159
May 5 at St. John's C.C.
Salem scorers: Patrick Doty, 35 (medalist); Tyler Jeleniewski, 37; Aaron Thompson and Adam Powers, 38 each; Joel Cheesman, 40; Alex Murray, 42.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 167
WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 167
(Franklin wins tiebreaker on 5th score)
May 2 at Bay Pointe C.C.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 158, SALEM 161
May 1 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Josh Proben, 38 (medalist); Kevin Robinson, 39; Adam Yarber, 40; Matt Charnley, 41; Thomas Wagner and Dan Bostick, 43 each.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 161
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 164
April 30 at Fox Creek
Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossoian, 35 (medalist); Adam Giordano, 39; Tom Cullum, 43; Joe Attman, 44; Tim Milsik, 46; Christian Debbay, 47.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 154
WAYNE MEMORIAL 183
April 30 at The Woodlands (Van Buren)
Northern scorers: Tyler Strom, Joe Lemanski and Scott McCord, 38 each (co-medalists); Joe Parker, 40; Adam Schmitz, 44; Greg Smith, 45.

PLYMOUTH 155, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 156
April 29 at Fox Hills (Woodlands)
Plymouth scorers: Kyle Sanders, 37 (co-medalist); Kyle Eisminger, 38; Andrew Overmeyer, 39; James Bryans, 41; Trevor Birdwell, 42; Ryan Bauer, 45.

HURON VALLEY INVITATIONAL
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Waterford Kettering, 306; 2. Novi, 308; 3. Milford, 309; 4. Clarkston, 319; 5. Holly, 321; 6. Livonia Stevenson and Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 323 each; 8. White Lake Lakeland (Blue), 328; 9. Livonia Franklin and Lake Orion, 333 each; 11. Birmingham Brother Rice, 334; 12. Walled Lake Northern, 337; 13. Hartland, 341; 14. Walled Lake Western, 342; 15. Pinckney and Milford (Maroon), 343 each; 17. Howell, 355; 18. South Lyon, 359; 10. Milford (White), 382; 20. Lakeland (White), 384.

Individual medalist: Alex Lyall (Novi), 72.
Stevenson scorers: 10. Tom Cullum, 78; 20. Christian Debbay and Drew Mossoian, 80 each; 50. Alex Giordano, 85; 81. Tim Milsik, 90; 120. Dan Dufour, 105.
Franklin scorers: 26. Jordan Chisholm, 81; 37. Tony Semonick and Justin Adams, 83 each; 57. Dan Ostrosky, 57; 95. Chris Grund, 102; 97. Josh Stokes, 94.

Spartans wear City boys golf crown

It came down to the last grouping Tuesday as host Stevenson emerged the winner in Livonia Boys City Golf Tournament held at Fox Creek. The Spartans took three points apiece in scrambles, alternate shots and stroke play in the nine-hole mixed format for 10 points. Churchill was runner-up with eight, while Franklin finished third with six.

Stevenson's Drew Mossoian (37) and Adam Giordano (38) took medal play over Churchill's Josh Proben (40) and Kevin Robinson (41). Franklin's Dan Ostrosky (40) and Jordan Chisholm finished third.

In best ball, Franklin's Tony Semonick and Justin Adams took first with a 36 followed by Churchill's Brian Bint and Thomas Wagner with a 37, and Stevenson's Tim Milsik and Nick Collins with a 41.

Stevenson's scrambles winners were Jordan Rayburn and Jim Vayis, who combined for a 35; followed by Churchill's Dan Landstrom and Ryan Cioch, who carded a 38. Franklin's Chris Grund and Josh Stokes were third with a 41.

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John Glenn at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m. W.L. Western at Wayne, 3:30 p.m. Luth. North at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 South Lyon Invitational, 4 p.m. Stevenson Twilight Invitational, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10 River Rat Invitational at A.A. Huron, 9 a.m. Jackson Northwest Relays, 9 a.m. Cougar Warrior Invitational at Lutheran Westland, 9:30 a.m. BOYS GOLF Thursday, May 8 Western Wayne Invitational at Lake Erie Metropolitan, 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 9 Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m. Wayne vs. Canton at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Salem at St. John's, 3 p.m. GIRLS TENNIS Thursday, May 8 Metro. Turkeys at B.H. Andover, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10 W.L.A.A. Tourney at Plymouth, 9 a.m. Catholic League Tourney, TBA. GIRLS LACROSSE Wednesday, May 7 Catholic League Semifinals, TBA. Saturday, May 10 Catholic League Finals at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 10 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Saturday, May 10 Det. Demolition at Wisconsin Wolves, 7 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

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to the PCEP stadium in the coming weeks for the Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 regional meets.

"It's nice to win this here," Shaw said. "We have a lot to look forward to with the regional and league meets (at the same facility)."

"Hopefully, this gets things started for us. We had some injuries and, hopefully, everybody is getting healthy and peaking at the right time."

Stevenson senior Myles White set a meet record in the 110-meter high hurdles, winning the event in 13.87 seconds in a close race with Northville's Cavan Corcoran, who ran 13.90.

The old record of 14.1 seconds was shared by Wayne Memorial's Ken Riley (1995) and Livonia Churchill's Ryan Kearney (1998).

Corcoran helped the Mustangs win the shuttle hurdle relay in a meet-record time of 59.9, eclipsing the 20-year-old standard (1:00.3) set by Wayne Memorial's Wendell Smith, Pierre Hixon, Shayler Barnes and Corey Wilson in 1988.

Stevenson junior Nick Anagnostou produced one of the surprises of the night, according to Shaw, by winning the 100-meter dash in 10.89 seconds.

"He's a first-year track guy," Shaw said. "He's a soccer player; we got him out for track, and he's doing a heckuva job for us."

"We didn't expect him to step in and win the hundred. There were two kids in that race who had run under 11 seconds, and he came out and set a personal best. It was the first real big meet he's run for us."

"I had him in weight class. I talked to him about running track, and he was interested in coming out. He's been a big help."

The Spartans also won the long jump, led by White's meet-best jump of 21 feet, 7.5 inches, the 800 relay and the sprint medley relay.

"A very big surprise was our field events," Shaw said. "The shot and discus guys got second and third, and we didn't necessarily expect that."

"Those were some big points. Our long jumpers did a nice job. All of them (including Nate Sergison and Will Burek)

were over 20 feet. We came out of the field events in good shape."

The Spartans did that (and still won the meet) despite not scoring in one of their better events — the high jump.

Mitchell White and Pat York, who have jumped 6-8 and 6-4, respectively, are two of the area's top jumpers. But a third member of the relay failed to qualify, and Stevenson couldn't get into the top six with only a two-man total.

"We thought we might win it and came up with zero," Shaw said. "Our shot and discus guys (Matt Broome, Chris Golonka and Zach Whalen) made up some ground for us."

Derek Buskey, Austin White and Nate Sergison were on the winning 800 and sprint medley relay teams. The fourth member was Myles White in the 800 and Mitchell White in the sprint medley.

Depth was a key factor for the Spartans, who scored in 12 of the 16 events, according to Shaw.

"We were real happy (with the 400 relay)," he said. "There were a lot of good teams in there. We were seeded sixth or seventh and ended up second."

"A big event was the shuttle hurdles. We didn't even enter it last year, and this year we were third; so that was a big event."

The order of finish for the other teams was Salem, 34; Canton, 31; Westland John Glenn, 24; Redford Thurston, 22; Plymouth, 20; Livonia Franklin, 17; Wayne, 14; Farmington, 12; Garden City 3; and Lutheran Westland, 1. Clarenceville, Redford Union and Plymouth Christian didn't score.

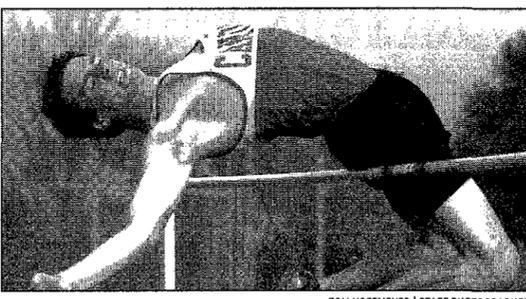
Northville captured four events, including the high jump, distance medley, shuttle hurdle and 1,600 relays, while CC took first place in the shot put, 6,400 and 3,200 relays.

John Glenn took the discus, Churchill the pole vault and Franklin the 400 relay. Salem's Kevin deBear won the individual 1,600 run in 4:35.88.

Shaw added he will apply different strategies for the league and regional meets.

"The regional to us is more about kids getting the opportunity to qualify for the state meet," he said. "We probably won't run kids in four events just to win. We'll let them do one or two and take their best shot."

"In the league meet, we ask more of the kids. They may not run their best times, but they'll place and get some points."



Canton's Keith Zech makes an attempt at 6 feet, 2 inches during the high jump competition at Saturday's Observerland Relays.

OBSERVERLAND RELAYS RESULTS

38TH OBSERVERLAND RELAYS BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 3 at Plymouth-Canton TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 91 points; 2. Northville, 71; 3. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 67; 4. Farmington Harrison, 45; 5. Livonia Churchill, 44; 6. Salem, 34; 7. Canton, 31; 8. Westland John Glenn, 24; 9. Redford Thurston, 22; 10. Plymouth, 20; 11. Livonia Franklin, 17; 12. Wayne Memorial, 14; 13. Farmington, 12; 14. Garden City, 3; 15. Lutheran Westland, 1; 16. Livonia Clarenceville, Redford Union, Plymouth Christian, 0.

RESULTS BY EVENT Discus: 1. John Glenn (T.J. Arancibia, 144-4; Zack Bozigan, 140-6; James Kelly, 139-2); 424-4; 2. Catholic Central, 388-4; 3. Stevenson, 362-10; 4. Salem, 354-2; 5. Churchill, 339-5; 6. Garden City, 336-9. Best throw: Mike Martin (CC), 150-6.

Shot put: 1. Catholic Central (Nick Landry, 40-3.5; Mike Still, 43-3; Mike Martin, 57-6.25); 141-0.75; 2. Stevenson, 129-2.75; 3. Salem, 127-0; 4. Thurston, 123-7.5; Churchill, 122-2.5; 6. Plymouth, 121-1.5. Best throw: Mike Martin (CC), 57-6.25.

High jump: 1. Northville (Eric Franceschi, 6-4; David Brown, 6-0; Carl Reid, 5-8); 18-0-2; Harrison, 16-9; 3. Salem, 16-8; 4. Canton, 16-6; 5. Churchill, 16-5; 6. Plymouth, 16-3. Best jump: Eric Franceschi, Northville, 6-4.

Long jump: 1. Stevenson (Myles White, 21-7.5; Nate Sergison, 20-2.75; Will Burek, 20-1.25); 61-11.5; 2. John Glenn, 59-10.25; 3. Harrison, 58-11.25; 4. Thurston, 57-8; 5. Plymouth, 57-7.25; 6. Northville, 57-5.25. Best jump: Myles White, Stevenson, 21-7.5.

Pole vault: 1. Churchill (Joe Tesner, 14-0; Derik Peterman, 13-5; Chris Barnard, 10-6); 38-0; 2. Northville, 34-6; 3. Canton, 34-0; 4. John Glenn, 33-0; 5. Plymouth, 32-0; 6. Garden City, 32-0. Best vault: Tesner, Churchill, 14-0.

6,400-meter relay: 1. Catholic Central, 18:47.98; 2. Northville, 18:50.96; 3. Salem, 18:51.97; 4. Canton, 18:55.76; 5. Plymouth, 19:16.57; 6. Farmington, 19:19.92.

110 hurdles: 1. Myles White (Stevenson), 13:87; 2. Cavan Corcoran (Northville), 13:90; 3. Marcus Bennett (Thurston), 14:55; 4. Renaldo Powell (Wayne), 14:61; 5. Scott Sansovich (Catholic Central), 15:16; 6. Bryan Janzen (Harrison), 15:24.

Distance medley: 1. Northville (Habib Khan, Ali Arastu, Nick Kolbow, Nifin Jacob), 11:06.1; 2. Churchill, 11:16.8; 3. Stevenson, 11:17.9; 4. Catholic Central, 11:18.7; 5. Franklin, 11:19.9; 6. Lutheran Westland, 11:26.3.

800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Derek Buskey, Austin White, Nate Sergison, Myles White), 1:31:02; 2. Harrison, 1:32:37; 3. Catholic Central, 1:32:76; 4. Canton, 1:32:91; 5. Farmington, 1:33:1; 6. John Glenn, 1:33:83.

1,600 run: 1. Kevin deBear (Salem), 4:35.88; 2. Mark Waterbury (Churchill), 4:36.5; 3. Austin Zebrowski (Catholic Central), 4:37.27; 4. Jacob Schofield (Wayne), 4:38.39; 5. Jon Zurek (Northville), 4:40.5; 6. Brian Chambers (Garden City), 4:48.74.

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100 dash: 1. Nick Anagnostou (Stevenson), 10:89; 2. Chris Pride (Harrison), 11:0; 3. D.J. Freeman (Wayne), 11:18; 4. Connor McKinney (Plymouth), 11:22; 5. Eric Piwowar (Canton), 11:24; 6. Darrell Myree (Franklin), 11:29.

Sprint medley: 1. Stevenson (Nate Sergison, Austin White, Mitchell White, Derek Buskey), 2:29.92; 2. Churchill, 2:30.02; 3. Farmington, 2:30.62; 4. Harrison, 2:32.79; 5. Canton, 2:32.82; 6. John Glenn, 2:36.02.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Northville (Eric Franceschi, Cavan Corcoran, Evan Gerish, Ali Arastu), 59.9; 2. Thurston, 1:02.3; 3. Stevenson, 1:03.8; 4. Franklin, 1:05.3; 5. Catholic Central, 1:06.2; 6. Farmington, 1:07.2.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Darrell Myree, Isaac Caded, Mike Baumgardner, Paul Voepole), 44.4; 2. Stevenson, 44.5; 3. Harrison, 44.8; 4. Churchill, 44.9; 5. Farmington, 44.9; 6. Catholic Central, 45.0.

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OBSERVERLAND RELAYS CHAMPIONS

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

SPARTAN INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK MEET

May 3 at Livonia Stevenson PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS (no team standings): Canton (C), Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day (DCD), Livonia Churchill (LC), Livonia Ladywood (LL), Birmingham Marian (BM), Farmington Hills Mercy (FHM), Northville (N), Ann Arbor Pioneer (AAP), South Lyon (SL), Livonia Stevenson (LS), Wayne Memorial (WM). FINAL RESULTS

Discus: 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 114 feet, 7 inches; 2. Maame Adomako (LL), 100-1; 3. Colette Federa (LS), 99-4; 4. Shannon Getchen (LC), 98-3; 5. Amanda Maher (AAP), 88-11; 6. Jenny Masiany (SL), 88-10.

High jump: 1. Ariel Roberts (AAP), 5-7; 2. Jenkins (N), 5-2; 3. Erica Solomon (DCD), 5-2; 4. Amanda Green (SL), 5-0; 5. Madison Williams (DCD), 5-0; Troy Hambrick (DCD), 5-0.

Long jump: 1. Roberts (AAP), 17-11; 2. Green (SL), 17-6; 3. Spencer Lane (DCD), 16-10.5; 4. Judith Hofmann (AAP), 15-10.5; 5. Taylor Moore-Willis (DCD), 15-9.75; 6. Ciampa (N), 15-7.5.

Pole vault: 1. Reynolds (N), 9-8; 2. Emily Williams (AAP), 9-2; (tie) Eren Ural (LC), Jamie Marinhugh (LC), Steslick (N) and Violet Whitney (AAP), 8-8 each.

Shot put: 1. Abron (LC), 38-4.75; 2. Solomon (DCD), 33-10; 3. Rebecca Bartek (LS), 33-6.5; 4. Brigid Molloy (LL), 32-4.5; 5. Britanni Logan (DCD), 32-3; 6. Taylor Bryon (LC), 32-0.5.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Pioneer, 9:52.13; 2. Northville, 10:04.76; 3. Stevenson, 10:11.1; 1:31:02; 2. Harrison, 1:32:37; 3. Catholic Central, 1:32:76; 4. Canton, 1:32:91; 5. Farmington, 1:33:1; 6. John Glenn, 1:33:83.

100 hurdles: 1. Maher (AAP), 15.7; 2. Konopka (N), 15.8; 3. King (N), 15.9; 4. Megan Yanik (LL), 16.36; 5. Margarita Lazarevska (LC), 16.7; 6. Solomon (DCD), 24.76.

100 dash: 1. Christina Wade (AAP), 13.2; 2. Amber Simpson (DCD), 13.3; 3. Angaella Renfro (AAP), 13.4; 4. Lindsay Lipa (C), 13.5; 5. Ashley Terry (FHM), 13.6; 6. Alyssa Pace-Patterson (AAP), 13.7.

800 relay: 1. Pioneer, 1:45.6; 2. South Lyon, 1:49.2; 3. Ladywood, 1:51.0; 4. Country Day, 1:51.6; 5. Churchill, 1:51.6; 6. Canton, 1:52.4.

1,600: 1. Rachel McFarlane (C), 5:07.7; 2. Courtney Calka (LS), 5:08.1; 3. Laura Knight (AAP), 5:32.4; 4. Liz Murphy (N), 5:29.9; 5. Sarah Opydie (LS), 5:44.0; 6. Miriam Holzman (AAP), 5:46.0.

400 relay: 1. Pioneer, 50.7; 2. Canton, 52.1; 3. Country Day, 52.1; 4. Marian, 53.1; 5. Northville, 54.2; 6. Stevenson, 55.0.

400: 1. Jessica Lee (AAP), 1:01.8; 2. Drury (N), 1:02.0; 3. Megan Vitale (L), 1:02.2; 4. Jenkins points; 2. Clawson, 29; 3. Harper Woods, 26.

Shot put: 1. Taylor Hall (Cville), 39 feet, 0.75 inches; 3. Andrew Jasmir (Cville), 36-3. Discus: 1. Jasmir (Cville), 117-10; 2. Hall (Cville), 96-9; 3. Matthew Neal (Cville), 93-5.

High jump: 1. Joey King (Cville), 5-10; 2. Joey Nelson (Cville), 5-2. Long jump: 1. Clawson, 17-4; 2. Nelson (Cville), 16-10.75; 3. J. King (Cville), 16-6.75.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Nelson (Cville), 18.2; 2. Daniel Pepaj (Cville), 18.5; 3. Josh Wilkins (Cville), 19.9.

300 hurdles: 1. Ben Watts (Cville), 46-4; 2. Pepaj (Cville), 46-5; 3. Deondre Hogan (Cville), 55.1.

100 dash: 1. Clawson, 11.6; 3. Levonte Brooks (Cville), 12.4.

200: 1. Harper Woods, 23.8. 400: 1. Ryan Glass (Cville), 58.8; 2. Christian Grates (Cville), 59.4; 3. Matt Parent (Cville), 1:03.0.

800: 1. Leonard Hogan (Cville), 2:27.2; 3. Corbin Orchard (Cville), 2:34.7.

1,600: 1. Gaven King (Cville), 5:31.9; 2. Parent (Cville), 5:32.0.

400 relay: 1. Harper Woods, 46.5; 2. Clawson, 47.9; 3. Clarenceville, no time; 800 relay: 1. Harper Woods, 1:37.0; 2. Clarenceville, disqualified; 1,600 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Mose Hobson, Nelson, Hogan, Glass), 3:59.9; 3. 300 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Watts, Hogan, Grates, Glass), 10:05.0.

Clarenceville's dual meet record: 10-1 overall; 3-0 Metro Conference.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULT MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH 69 LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 68

May 6 at Lutheran North Shot put: 1. Frankie Cain (LW), 44 feet, 8 inches; 3. Troy Golze (LW), 38-9.5.

Discus: 1. Cain (LW), 112-9; 2. Joe Krueger (LW), 112-8; 3. Ryan Richter (LW), 112-4.

High jump: 1. Kyle Kempf (LW), 6-0; 3. Zach Robinson (LW), 5-6.

Long jump: 1. Sawitzky (LN), 19-2; 2. Ethan Haller (LW), 18-5.

Pole vault: 1. Paul Rieft (LW), 10-6; 2. Justin Palka (LW), 10-6.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Patterson (LN), 16.0; 2. Rieft (LW), 17.95.

300 hurdles: 1. Wiegand (LN), 44.9; 2. Rieft (LW), 45.9.

100 dash: 1. Kyle Kempf (LW), 11.2; 2. Robinson (LW), 11.9.

200: 1. Kempf (LW), 23.3.

400: 1. Olivero (LN), 53.5; 3. Mike Greening (LW), 55.8.

800: 1. Spencer Lyle (LW), 2:07.8; 2. Paul Rockrohr (LW), 2:08.4.

1,600: 1. Lyle (LW), 4:44.5.

3,200: Carabell (LN), no time available.

400 relay: 1. North, 1:37.2; 1,600 relay: 1. North, 3:40.3; 3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Rockrohr, Alex Kemp, Rice, Lyle), 8:40.9.

Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 6-1 overall, 3-1 Metro Conference.

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 2 May 5 at W.L. Western No. 1 singles: Lucy Klanko (LC) defeated Lauren Longyear, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Paige Fallu (LC) def. Jillian Bean, 7-5, 5-7, 6-1; No. 3: Katelyn Foster (LC) def. Kelly Doherty, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Sarah Kean (WLV) def. Kelly Houghan, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Kelly Feiner-Jenna Zuccarini (LC) def. Michelle Cha-Eric Oslip, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; No. 2: Lauren Vella-Nikki Fata (LC) def. Emily Sklar-Nicole Jackson, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; No. 3: Vidya Sadasivar-Janani Sadasivan (WLV) def. Courtney Bennett-Danielle Vasko, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Brianna Devlin-Val Rose (LC) def. Nicole Lada-Lauren Stevin, 6-7 (4-7), 6-3, 6-0.

Churchill's dual match record: 6-6 overall, 5-5 Western Lakes Activities Association.

SALEM 8, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0 May 5 at Wayne No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Jessica Novack, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Alli Carpenter (S) def. Morgan Greig, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Liz McKinley (S) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Linda Ling (S) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Madelyn Bevil-Kara Windsor, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Kelsi Thomas-Jessica Gregg, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Jennifer Hunsaker-Jacklyn Hoover (S) def. Nancy Watson-Xi Yan Wang, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Jenny Gambino-Bethany Haller (S) def. Jessica Gush-Victoria Baker, 6-4, 6-1.

Dual match records: Salem, 7-2-1 WLAA; Wayne, 0-13 overall, 0-10 WLAA.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0 May 5 at Franklin No. 1 singles: Erica Rouleau (WLC) def. Angelica Woods, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Stephanie Indianer (WLC) def. Emily Wisniewski, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 5-3; No. 3: Sayuri Yoshido (WLC) def. Emma Stack, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Liz Slusher (WLC) def. Jessica Jajko, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Sarah Johnson-Madison Bartelt (WLC) def. Michelle Thompson-Angela Tomassini, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Alicia Segnitz-Nicole Mehta (WLC) def. Lauren Osiwala-Jennifer Neamtu, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Angela Stawasz-Mackenzie Conn (WLC) def. Rebecca Fanner-Angela Browning, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Melissa Koshi-Rena Molnar (WLC) def. Stephanie Belcher-Lauren Pennington, 6-1, 6-0.

Franklin's dual match record: 2-7 overall, 2-7 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1 May 5 at Stevenson No. 1 singles: Lindsay Hostetter (LS) defeated Samantha Giles, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Laura Sims (LS) def. Sara Pruett, 7-6 (7-5), 6-0; No. 3: Paige McNamara (LS) def. Kasheena Martin, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Carl Marschner (LS) def. Louissa Villaroman, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Halle Baker-Brooke Zywisk (WJG) def. Katey Roberts-Katherine Morse, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; No. 2: Gabrielle Sabatini-Laura Gumper (LS) def. Lauren Baker-Desiree Clenny, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Ashley Benvenuti-Shannon Dwight (LS) def. Kaylyn Bothell-Shannon McFadden, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Danielle Jagodzinski-Simona Enea (LS) def. Dominique France-Latina Yacks, 6-1, 6-3.

Stevenson's dual match record: 8-1-2 overall, 7-1-2 WLAA.

SALEM 4, LIVONIA STEVENSON 4 May 1 at Salem No. 1 singles: Lindsay Hostetter (LS) defeated Tracy Lytle, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Laura Sims (LS) def. Alli Carpenter, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Paige McNamara (LS) de. Liz McKinley, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Linda Ling (Salem) def. Carl Marschner, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (Salem) def. Katey Roberts-Katherine Morse, 7-5, 7-5; No. 2: Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (Salem) def. Gabrielle Sabatini-Laura Gumper, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Ashley Benvenuti-Shannon Dwight (LS), def. Emma Vanhoff-Emily Hayter, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2; No. 4: Amanda Emmons-Alex Lamb (Salem) def. Danielle Jagodzinski-Simona Enea, 7-5, 6-2.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 7-1-2 overall, 6-1-2 WLAA; Salem, 6-2-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 4 WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 4 April 30 at W.L. Central No. 1 singles: Lindsay Hostetter (LS) defeated Erica Rouleau, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Laura Sims (LS) def. Stephanie Indianer, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Paige McNamara (LS) def. Sayuri Yoshido, 7-6, 7-6 (8-6); No. 4: Carl Mars

# Rocks' Posler zaps Chargers; Spartan soph no-hits Hawks

Joe Posler threw a four-hitter and Drew Grabowski's 2-run single in the third inning proved to be the difference Tuesday as Salem downed host Livonia Churchill, 2-0, in a battle for first place in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Salem is now 12-7 overall and 5-2 in the Lakes, while Churchill falls to 10-10 and 4-3.

Posler, who went the distance, struck out six and walked only one to outduel Churchill starter Shea Dwyer, who allowed nine hits, a pair of walks and struck out six in seven innings.

Salem's Heath Parling collected three hits for the victorious Rocks.

**W.L. WESTERN 6, FRANKLIN 3:** Steve Astrien's grand slam homer in the bottom of the seventh Tuesday enabled WLA-Western Division co-leader Walled Lake Western (11-3, 6-1) to stun Livonia Franklin (10-9, 3-3).

Astrien clubbed a one-out, 1-0 pitch off Franklin starter and loser Jesse Carpenter. In 6.1 innings, Carpenter allowed just three hits, walked six and struck out two.

Winning pitcher Jake Holloway gave up 11 hits over seven innings. He struck out six and walked two.

Franklin trailed 2-0 after five innings, but took a 3-2 lead with a run in the sixth when Mike Basner walked with the bases loaded to score Jeff McCullough, followed by two more in the seventh on a double by Carpenter, a two-out pinch-hit RBI single by Tyler Barnes followed by an RBI single from Anthony Andrus.

Basner, Carpenter and Andrus each finished with two hits for the Patriots.

"We stranded guys the entire game," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "It was kind of a bummer it ended that way."

## WLA BASEBALL

**JOHN GLENN 5, W.L. CENTRAL 4:** Andrew DeLuca went 2-for-4, including the game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning Monday to score Steve Hickson as host Westland John Glenn (12-12, 4-2) downed Walled Lake Central (12-10, 2-4).

Jace Paciocco added a 2-run double in the fourth inning and pinch runner Chris Kangas stole a base and scored a run in highlight a 4-run Glenn uprising.

Winning pitcher Robert Fraser went all seven innings, allowing just five hits and two walks. He struck out seven.

Derek Mitchell was the losing pitcher in relief. He went the final three innings, allowing one run on four hits.

Hickson also went 2-for-4 as Glenn collected a total of 12 hits.

Mitchell went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Cody Rzeznik also went 2-for-4. Cody Glanz knocked in a pair of runs.

**SALEM 16, STEVENSON 1:** In a four-inning mercy Monday, the host Rocks (11-7, 4-2) rolled to the WLA-Western Division win over Livonia Stevenson (4-14, 0-7) as Drew Grabowski, Justin Horger and Joe Posler each collected three hits.

Mike Tuttle knocked in Stevenson's lone run.

Dave Hales was the winning pitcher.

**NORTHVILLE 14, WAYNE 4:** In a five-inning mercy Monday, Matt Deacon and Demari Saunderson each belted grand slams as the Mustangs (21-1, 6-1) downed Wayne Memorial (8-14, 0-7).

Deacon went 4-for-4, while Saunderson went 2-for-3 for the WLA-Western Division co-leaders.

Jon Bryant took the loss for Wayne.

Zeb Hancock collected three hits for the Zebras, while Dominik Corredino homered.

**STEVENSON 5, HARRISON 3:** Sophomore Jeff Sorenson faced

just 28 batters and fanned 15 in a no-hit effort Saturday as Livonia Stevenson (4-12) beat host Farmington Hills Harrison (10-9) in the opener of the Farmington Big 8 Tournament.

Sorenson walked only four in going the distance.

Harrison starter Craig Sacha also went all seven innings, allowing five runs on six hits and five walks. He struck out nine.

Stevenson won it with two runs on the seventh on Jake Wilson's 2-run double scoring Sam Vomastek and Sorenson, who also had an RBI.

Dan Conrad, Kyle Sutton and Greg Griffin each scored runs after reaching base on walks for the Hawks.

**COUNTRY DAY 6, STEVENSON 5:** A late rally by Livonia Stevenson (4-13) fell short Saturday against Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (10-10) in the second game of the Farmington Big 8 Tournament at Farmington Hills Harrison H.S.

Jon Samaan went 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead the Spartans, while Josh Strautz, Grant Campbell, Jeff Sorenson and Eric Krauss also knocked in runs.

David Abood, the winning pitcher in relief, collected two hits and two RBI for the Yellowjackets. Eli Lewitt and Ben Neilsen also had two hits apiece.

Mike Tuttle, the losing pitcher, went 4.2 innings, allowed five earned runs on 10 hits and two walks. Dave Niesyto went the final 1.1 innings in relief, fanning three.

**JOHN GLENN 14, PINCKNEY 4:** On Saturday, Steven Murphy clubbed a grand slam and Jerome Scales contributed a 2-run homer - both coming in the third inning - as Westland John Glenn (11-11) took five innings to mercy the Pirates in the opening round of the Brighton Invitational.

Andrew DeLuca knocked in five runs for the Rockets, who lost the second game to 19-2 Hartland, coached by Glenn alum Brian Morrison, 11-4 as Daniel Winn socked a grand slam.

# Warriors cruise to invitational baseball title with two easy wins

Lutheran High Westland went 2-for-2 in Saturday's in an invitational baseball tournament hosted by the Warriors.

Lutheran Westland, now 14-3 overall, repeated as champions with victories over Plymouth Christian Academy, 11-5, and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 13-1.

"We definitely had a good day," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We were coming off a bad game Thursday against (Bloomfield Hills) Cranbrook and we needed to come out and play strong and get our conference back."

"We did that and we're able to win our tournament for the second straight year."

In the win over PCA, Nate Bachert went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two RBI in the Warriors' 13-hit attack.

Other hitting standouts for the Warriors included Dan Abbott (2-for-4; two doubles; two RBI; Sam Ahlersmeyer (2-for-4, double), RBI; Ryan Rakovalis (2-run homer); Austin Baglow (RBI); Chris Barnaby (RBI); and Billy Meier (RBI).

Trevor Zinn, the losing

pitcher, homered for PCA.

Austin Baglow pitched the first five innings to pick up the victory for the Warriors. He struck out six, walked two and allowed three earned runs on five hits.

Derek Fleetham hurled two scoreless innings of relief.

In the opener, Lutheran Westland belted next-door-neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in five innings, 13-1, as Austin Baglow had two hits and three RBI.

Abbott, Bachert, Micah Hausch and Meier (two RBI) also chipped in with two hits apiece.

Hausch, the winning pitcher, allowed one earned run on two hits and a walk in five innings.

Andy Barber took the loss for the Hawks, while Ryan Jones knocked in the lone HVL run.

Huron Valley beat Washtenaw Christian, 15-1, in five innings as Shawn Schaffer got the win on the mound and Aaron Howell went 2-for-4.

**RU 13, CLARENCEVILLE 3:** In a non-conference game Tuesday, host Redford Union (14-7) scored seven times in

the third inning to mercy Livonia Clarenceville (1-16).

Keith Landon was the winning pitcher.

Starter Jacob Bibik took the loss for the Trojans. Ramsey Haddad allowed just one run in relief.

Tyler Hendrickson double twice and scored two runs for Clarenceville.

**HURON VALLEY 10, FRANKLIN ROAD 2:** Richie Mamo went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-8, 5-2) earned the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division win Tuesday at Novi Franklin Road Christian.

Aaron Howell also contributed two hits in the victory.

Winning pitcher Ryan Jones went all seven innings, allowing just four hits. He struck out 13 and walked only two.

The loss drops Franklin Road to 2-5 in the MIAC-Red.

**LUTH. N'WEST 16, CLARENCEVILLE 2:** Nate Myers had a grand slam Monday and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest scored six first-inning runs to mercy host Livonia Clarenceville (1-15, 1-6).

Justin Klausmeier was the winning pitcher, while Tyler Hendrickson suffered the loss.

Dan McAlpine and Dan Schifman each drove in a run for the Trojans. Levan Go added a hit, stolen base and scored a run.



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The County of Wayne will hold a public hearing on an application for the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley (NHVRV) sanitary sewer system to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The County is proposing improvements to the NHVRV interceptor system. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 10, 2008 at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1709.

The proposed project consists of short term corrective action plan improvements that will reduce infiltration and inflow into the interceptor system and correct structural deficiencies visually identified during sewer televising. Improvements include rehabilitation of portions of the interceptors, overflow regulator structures and upgrades to the manhole structures.

If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements in 2009. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to traffic.

The estimated annual cost per household, for residents of the service area, is presented below:

Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household
Canton	\$1.57	Dearborn Hgts	\$2.97	Garden City	\$4.08
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Northville Twp	\$2.08	Plymouth	\$5.12	Plymouth Twp	\$1.70
Redford Twp	\$5.28	Romulus	\$0.66	Van Buren Twp	\$1.06
Wayne	\$7.83	Westland	\$4.35	Oakland City (Novi)	\$3.05

Executive summaries of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Romulus, Van Buren Township, Wayne, Westland and Novi. The complete project plan is available for inspection at OHM - 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI and Wayne County Department of Environment - 415 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, MI, beginning on May 9, 2008.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 10, 2008 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:

**North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley SRF Project Plan**  
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# SOFTBALL

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In the final game, Farmington jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings before Franklin stormed back on Brittany Taylor's three-run homer and Brianna Taylor's two-out three-run homer. Emery also had an RBI single. Sanborn recovered from a rough start to pitch a complete game. She scattered nine hits, walked five and struck out three in the six-inning time limit.

Host Salem beat Lincoln Park in the tournament final, 1-0. **SALEM 4, CHURCHILL 1:** Freshman pitcher Briana Lee struck out 14 and allowed just three hits Tuesday as the host Rocks (16-4, 6-1) downed Livonia Churchill (9-13, 3-4) in a WLLA Lakes Division encounter. Emily Meade had two of Salem's seven hits and scored a run. Two Churchill errors resulted in two unearned runs. Paula Guzik had two of the Chargers' three hits and scored the lone run. **NORTHVILLE 10, WAYNE 0:** Winning pitcher Jenna Dumbleton helped her own cause, reaching base with a pair of doubles and three runs scored Monday as the Mustangs (18-4, 6-

0) took five innings to mercy host Wayne Memorial (5-14, 0-6) in a WLLA Western Division matchup. Catcher Sarah Rounsifer added a pair of doubles and scored twice. **SALEM 9, STEVENSON 6 (9 INNINGS):** The Rocks (15-4, 5-1) won a marathon contest Monday at Livonia Stevenson (6-5, 3-3) in a WLLA Lakes Division. The hitting hero for the Rocks was Emily Meade, who knocked in the game-winning run with a ninth-inning single that scored Kelli Janiczek. The Rocks received some insurance when the next batter, Lizzy Mazorowicz, doubled in Meade and Mary Johnson. Briana Lee earned the mound win for the Rocks as she yielded

11 hits and one walk. The Rocks drilled 11 hits. **W.L. CENTRAL 11, JOHN GLENN 0:** In a WLLA Lakes Division game Monday, host Walled Lake Central (13-6, 4-2) won as Lindsay Okena allowed just four hits against Westland John Glenn (1-11, 0-6). Okenka struck out five and walked only one. Glenn used two pitchers, Brittany Holbrook, who took the loss, and Amanda Caudill. Stacey Truskowski had two of Glenn's four hits. **CHURCHILL 6, W.L. NORTHERN 0:** Natalie Hiser hurled a complete-game, five-hit shutout Monday as host Livonia Churchill (8-12, 3-3) beat Walled Lake Northern (7-7, 3-3).

Hiser struck out four and walked only one in notching the win. Katie Stodulski collected three of Churchill's 10 hits and scored three runs. Deanna Wagner, the losing pitcher, fanned five and walked two. Kari Knight had two of Northern's five hits. On Saturday, Churchill went 2-1 in the Whitmore Lake Tournament with wins over Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, 9-4, and Morenci, 11-2. The only loss came against Adrian Lenawee Christian, 12-1. Recent JV callup Andrea Jewell pitched the first two games and recorded her first varsity win. Jordan Kerr and Emily McShane homered in Game 1 and Game 3, respectively.

# UNGER

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After he was cut from the Lutheran West baseball team during his freshman year, Unger migrated to the track, where he ran distance for Ruth's dad Erv.

He later ran two seasons for Henry Ford Community College and transferred and graduated from Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Neb.

When he was in college, Unger knew he wanted to coach cross country, but admitted, "I didn't know a lot about track."

"I ran into Dave's dad, I went out for track, and found out I could run," Mike said. "It was the will of the Lord that I ended up coaching and teaching."

Unger got his coaching start in January 1973, when a West math teacher left to go into the insurance business.

"What I learned from Dave's dad is how to relate to kids," Unger said. "The way he interacted was so positive. He was my mentor. He let me try things and I would read and read."

"I would go to coaches clinic; you'd find out what you don't know. My dad (Ernie) and Dave's dad would drive to meets together and that was neat, too."

Unger never gets bored with coaching. It's quite the contrary, according to Dave Ruth.

"He gets excited and I kind of hold him down," the Lutheran Westland assistant said.

Unger, however, admits he isn't as high-strung as he used to be.

"I used get bent out of shape about rules and regulations," he said. "I'd get pretty wound up. But I don't let things bother me like I used to be. I've mellowed and I enjoy it more now."

Winning the 2001 Division 4 state championship ranks as one of Unger's most cherished moments.

"At West, we were expected to win a couple of times, but when you don't think you can win and watch it all unfold in front of you is just as exciting," he said.

In 1982, Unger had a premier high jumper, Louis Cox, who became only the second prep in the state to clear 7 feet. The other top high jumper at the time was Ypsilanti's Dennis Lewis.

"It was at the Huron Relays and I couldn't eat dinner," Unger recalled. "That's something I'll never forget."

Through the efforts of the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Detroit, along with Lutheran Westland parents, boosters and alums of West like Cincinnati attorney George Vincent, the new six-lane track, estimated to cost nearly \$140,000, became a reality.

The track also features new runways and approaches for the long jump, pole vault and high jump, along with a new long jump pit and pole vault area outside the track for easier track administration.

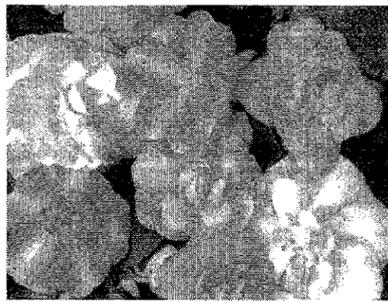
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And now Lutheran High Westland will even host a Division 4 regional May 17.

"We never thought we'd get a track," Dave Ruth said.

The dedication ceremony will begin around 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Westland is located at 33300 Cowan Road, eight blocks east of Wayne Road. A light lunch will be served in the school lobby at 11:30 a.m. If you plan to attend the luncheon, call (734) 422-2090 or e-mail mwalker@lhsa.com.

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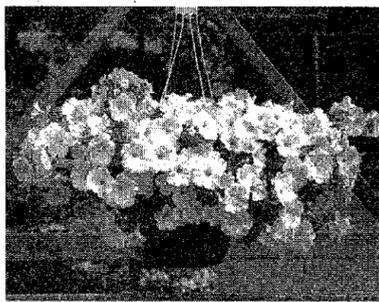
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On the other hand, you could always download one of two extremely good alternatives — both of them free. The first is one I've mentioned before: OpenOffice ([openoffice.org](http://openoffice.org)).

This amazing suite of programs affords virtually all the same tools found in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and even Visio. It's not quite as pretty, but it should get the job done for most users.

The best news, aside from the fact that OpenOffice is available free of charge, is that it offers full file compatibility with its Microsoft Office counterparts. Thus, you can open, say, Word-formatted documents, save spreadsheets in Excel format, and so on.

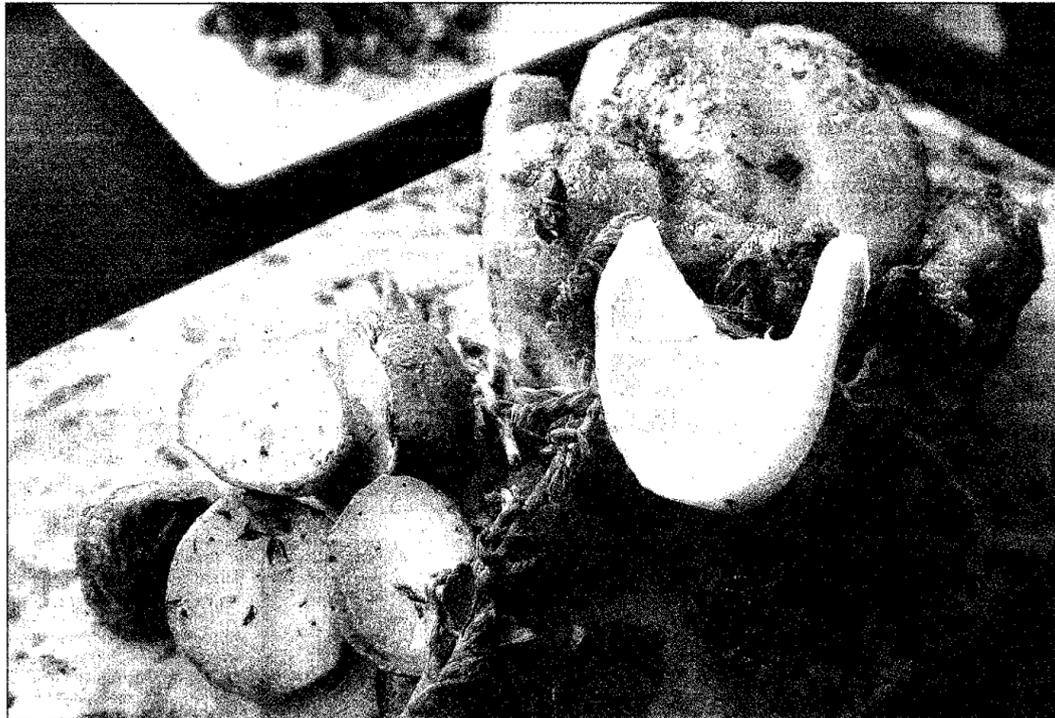
(Actually, OpenOffice doesn't yet support Office 2007 documents—only earlier versions, but the upcoming 3.0 version will.)

Some users find OpenOffice to be overkill. For those folks I'd recommend Lotus Symphony ([symphony.lotus.com](http://symphony.lotus.com)), which also offers word processing, spreadsheets, and presentations.

Interestingly, Symphony uses the same core software as OpenOffice. But it wraps it in a much prettier, easier-to-use interface. Thus, I'd recommend it for novice users and those who don't need database and drawing tools.

If all you need is a word processor, try AbiWord ([abisource.com](http://abisource.com)). It's fast, easy to use, and free.

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Schellig prepared this chicken with a rub of onion powder, garlic powder, paprika and black pepper.

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## Mother's Day: Set her table with roasted chicken and seasonal dishes

 BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
O & E STAFF WRITER

Cheryl Heppard has always loved food.

She remembers her childhood, growing up in Livonia. Her mother, Cathy Howton, was a stay-at-home mom before she decided to become a nurse. She always had dinner ready at home, Heppard remembers.

"She was a 'meat-and-potatoes' woman," said Heppard, who is a board certified holistic counselor (or health coach) at [www.MichiganHealthCoach.com](http://www.MichiganHealthCoach.com). "She knows the importance of cooking to bring the family together."

Sometimes Cheryl and her mother cooked together. Spaghetti, chicken soup and roasts often filled plates at the Howton home.

Matt Schellig, owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham and a Culinary Institute of America graduate, said he enjoyed his mother's scrambled eggs and cheese, a dish he still enjoys to this day. "My mom (Sue Ann Schellig) cooked a great Swiss steak," said Matt. Schellig, always the chef, wants to cook foods his way, so much so that he tried to add to Mom's stir fry by tossing things from the other side of the kitchen into the stir fry, he said with a sly grin.

Schellig and Heppard con-



Cheryl Heppard, holistic counselor at [www.MichiganHealthyCoach.com](http://www.MichiganHealthyCoach.com), and Matt Schellig, chef and owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham, remember the culinary influences of their mothers.

duct cooking classes at Aunt Olive's twice a month.

As a teenager Heppard enjoyed fast food, pizza and brownies, "everything you eat in high school," she said. She said she was about 20 pounds overweight back then. In her 20s, she turned to a vegetarian diet, but found she was replacing animal proteins with pastas and sugar. "That didn't work for me," she said. "Instead of chicken, we would have pasta, and you can only eat so many beans and lentils each day."

Today she maintains a plant-based diet, with salads and vegetables along with a protein, including chicken and fish, but she avoids red meat. She tells clients to fill up on salad, then eat vegetables and finally eat the protein last.

Heppard's mother died four years ago, but Heppard continues a tradition of mother-and-daughter meals with her own 8- and 10-year-olds. "The kids love to peel and chop cucumber," Heppard said. Heppard's grandmother, Evelyn Button, taught Cheryl how to make "awesome" Italian meatballs and eggplant parmesan, Heppard said, and she still lives in Livonia. (Button is an astrologer and once did New Year's predictions for all the zodiac signs in the Observer & Eccentric.)

"A few of (my mother's) recipes I still use, like the chicken soup and spaghetti," Heppard said. "I work toward more of a marinara sauce, and serve the meatballs on the side. And I make it with a lot more onions."

What works for a Mother's Day or late spring meal?

Roasted chicken is great for a meal and leftovers. "You can cook one day, then stretch it into two or three meals," Heppard said.

"Chicken is an easy dish and everyone likes it," Schellig said. "It's good roasted and it's the best way to do it. It's a simple roast with an herb rub. You truss it and roast it." The chicken is neatly and tightly trussed.

"We called this recipe 'proposal chicken,'" Heppard said.

Schellig cooks half a chicken per person.

Add that to an asparagus mushroom salad with light sherry vinaigrette, and you're pulling in some local flavors,

 Please see **MOM, D2**

## Bobby Flay visits Monday

Bobby Flay, the host of numerous cooking shows on the Food Network, including *Iron Chef America* and *Throwdown*, will autograph his new book, *Bobby Flay's Grill It!* at 7 p.m. Monday, May 12, at Borders, 34300 Woodward Ave. in Birmingham.

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**Bobby Flay**

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Do consider entering the grant competition and bring

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### WINE PICKS

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- 2005 Ghost Pines \$23
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- 2005 Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve \$26
- 2004 Matanzas Creek \$29

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- Mix with salt and baking soda to unclog drains.
- Dilute with water to deodorize your garbage disposal.

For more information, visit [www.versatilevinegar.org](http://www.versatilevinegar.org).

**WINE**

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the Mark of Distinction to metro Detroit!

**MARKHAM AT 30**

It has been said that 30 is the new 20. So, when we learned that Markham Vineyards was celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, we asked "has it been that long?" It has, and if you've not tried a Markham wine lately, you've not experienced the era of winemaker Kimberlee Nicholls at the helm since 2001.

In its early years, Markham's focus was cabernet sauvignon but the introduction of its first merlot with the 1980 vintage was the start of the image as a merlot winery. "I'm really proud of the success we've had with merlot," Nicholls said.

"It's our flagship wine and I want it to be feminine and fleshy," Nicholls says masculine cabernet sauvignon is fine with her but she wants consumers to be able to tell the difference between the two varietals.

Like its entire wine portfolio, Markham makes high quality Napa Valley wines at

very fair prices.

This is so refreshing in an era when it seems that any wine bearing the Napa Valley designation has skyrocketed in price. We recommend the following as best buys from Markham: 2006 Sauvignon Blanc \$15, 2004 Merlot \$23 and 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon \$29.

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**MOM**

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Heppard said. It's better to buy produce from a local farmer.

"You can go to a farmer's market and it's better because it was picked a day before, rather than being shipped in from another place."

"What a great way to say 'I love you' to your mom, by cooking her a healthy meal," said Heppard. "It's important to cook at home. With restaurants, you don't always know if the chicken has no antibiotics or is hormone free. You don't know how much salt or sugar is used. It's important to take control of your and your family's health."

For more information, visit www.MichiganHealthCoach.com or www.auntolives.com.

**MOTHER'S DAY MEAL**

**CHICKEN**

Before baking the chicken, brine it overnight in a mixture of 1 cup of salt, 1 cup agave nectar (available at Aunt Olive's and specialty markets) and one gallon water. (See note.)

The following day, rinse the chicken, then rub with a mixture of 1 tablespoon each of onion and garlic powder, paprika and black pepper. If desired, add a pinch of cayenne pepper.

Truss the chicken by tying its legs with butcher's twine or use skewers to hold the legs in. Bake at 350 degrees for about 1 1/2 hours, figuring approximately 15 minutes for each pound. If desired, sear the chicken near the end of the cooking by increasing the oven temperature to 450-500 degrees. Watch closely so the chicken does not overcook.

(Note: If agave nectar isn't available, use 1 cup of sugar.)

served with a grilled piece of salmon, chicken or beef. Makes one quart of salad.

Note: For the sherry vinaigrette, combine 1/2 cup of sherry vinegar, 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil, 1 cup vegetable oil, 1 bunch thyme, and salt and pepper to taste, then whisk. Taste to adjust seasonings to your personal preference. Makes 3 cups.

**CREME BRULE**

- 2 quarts cream
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 vanilla bean
- 30 egg yolks
- 1 cup milk

Combine cream, sugar and vanilla bean in a stainless steel pot and bring to a boil. Whisk the egg yolks and milk together. Temper the cream into the egg mixture. Strain and place in the ramikens. Bake at 350 degrees (on low fan) for 25 minutes or until done.

**DARK CHOCOLATE FONDUE (Sin)**

1 pound dark chocolate  
3 cups rice or almond milk  
Assorted cut and washed fruit  
Cut the chocolate into little pieces and place into a double boiler. Bring the milk up to a simmer, then add to the chocolate. Cut and wash fruit, then pat with a dry cloth. (It's best if you let the washed fruit sit on a towel to dry.) Dip fruit into chocolate.

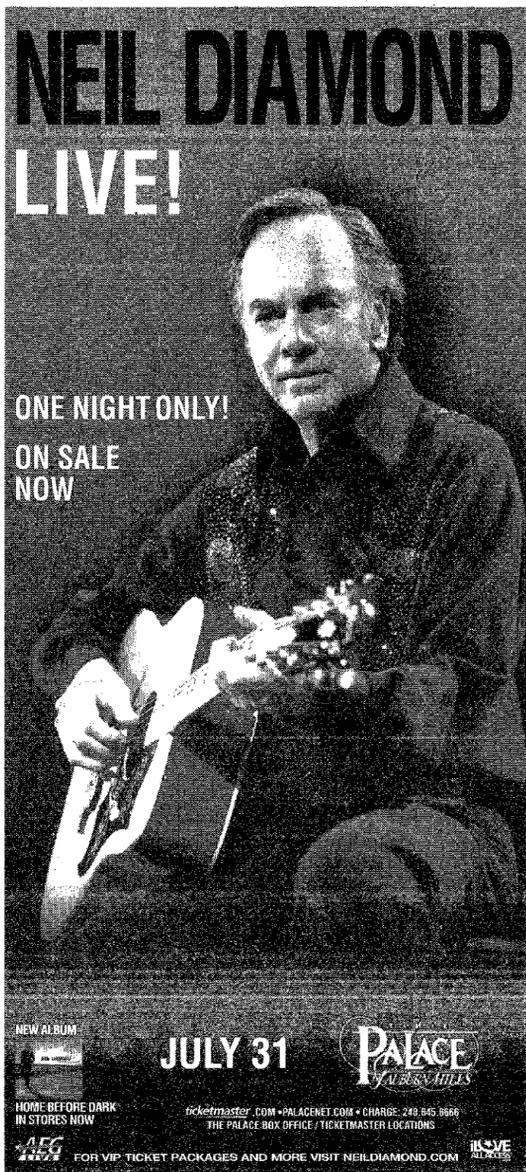
(Note: To make the chocolate sin in the photo, prepare recipe to the point of cutting the fruit and instead, pour chocolate into molds and let harden.)

Recipes courtesy of Matthew Schelling, owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham.

**MOREL AND ASPARAGUS SALAD**

- 1 pound morel mushrooms
- 1 pound asparagus
- 1 small diced red onion
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup sherry vinaigrette (see note)

Toss the morel mushrooms and asparagus with a little bit of olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast in the oven at 350 degrees until fully cooked. (The asparagus with have a bright green color and the mushrooms will have lost a significant amount of moisture. Taste a mushroom to see if it is done the way you like them.) Quarter or half the mushrooms and cut the asparagus into 1-inch long pieces. Toss all the ingredients together and serve. This salad also could be



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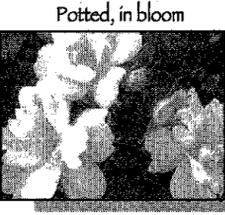
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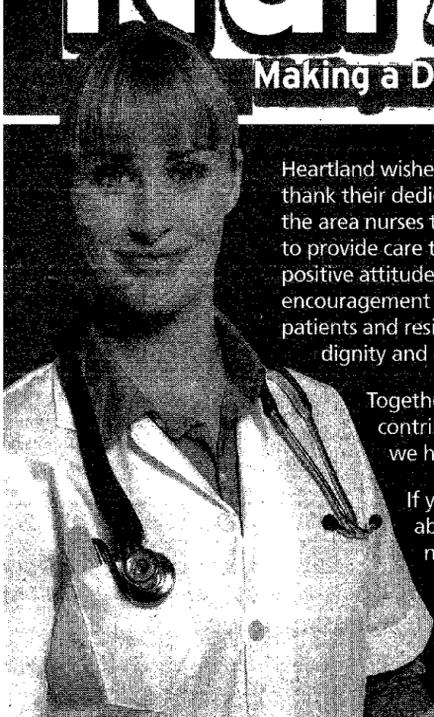


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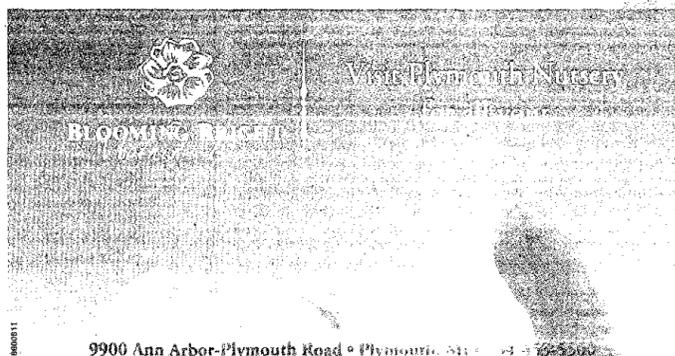
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MAY

**Rummage sale**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. For information about donating, working, or shopping, call the church at (248) 644-2040, visit <http://fpcbirmingham.org>/RummageSale, or send e-mail to [fpc.rummage.sale@gmail.com](mailto:fpc.rummage.sale@gmail.com).

**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.

**Holy Ghost Outpouring**  
7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 8-9 (no charge). Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. May 10, at Marriott Southfield, 27033 Northwestern (S30 with Prophetess Dianne Palmer). Call (313) 438-1177 or [www.newwinelibrary.org](http://www.newwinelibrary.org).

**Evening of evangelization**  
The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office for Evangelization continues its evening series with Rev. Alex Kratz of the diocesan Mobile Evangelization Team 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All interested Catholics welcome. Kratz expands his teachings from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' booklet, *Go and Make Disciples*. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

**Bethany Suburban West**  
Cinco de 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.

**Single mom's luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, north of Five Mile. The lunch is free of charge, but reservations required. Call (734) 427-8743 to leave your name. Free children's activities and baby-sitting will be provided along with a special music presentation, a small gift, and a short message of encouragement for single moms.

**Choir concert**  
Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir perform 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. No admission. A freewill offering will be received. The concert is open to the public. For details, call (313) 532-8655.

**Prayer vigil**  
In connection with World Day of Prayer and the Livonia Prayer Breakfast, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church opens its doors to the public 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 15, for a Prayer Vigil at the church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Visit [www.christsaviorsavior.org](http://www.christsaviorsavior.org) for more information.

**Seekers of spiritual intelligence**  
Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the journey to an emotionally mature church during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in May 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](mailto:beaconhillccdoc@aol.com).

**Spring rummage sale**  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, USA, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-8844.

**Flute concert**  
3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, A Flutist's Travelogue with Holly Clemans, assisted by Darlene Kuperus, keyboards. Program includes works by Bach, Mozart, Telemann, C. McMichael and P.D. Bach, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Freewill donation benefits the 2008 Holy Trinity Workcamp trip.

**Living rosary**  
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All area Catholics invited to participate in the ceremony held by candlelight. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month of Our Lady, follows the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200.

**Polish festival**  
5-11:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, 1-11 p.m. Saturday, May 24, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, May 25 (Polka Mass at noon), food, music, games, rides, Vegas Tent, at St. Stanislaus Kostka, 266 Antoine, Wyandotte. Call (734) 285-9509. Memorial service to honor veterans 4 p.m. Sunday.

**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](http://www.CantonCF.org).

**Concert**  
Featuring Marie Bellet 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$5, refreshments provided. Call (734) 425-5950. Bellet is a wife and mother of 9, who has written and recorded 4 albums of song celebrat-

ing marriage and the family.  
**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

**Patriotic pops concert**  
7 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Handbells, Ensembles and Children's Choir present American favorites and a salute to U.S. Armed Forces. Child care provided through age 4. No admission charge. For details, call (248) 374-7400.

**Summer camp**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program is currently taking registrations for Summer Camp from June 9 to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia.

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ONGOING

**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@aol.com](mailto:sean.humby@aol.com), or visit [www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html](http://www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html).

**Sanskrit chanting**  
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Koczyński, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 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](http://www.renaissanceunity.org).

**Church schedule**  
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday 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.

**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.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.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](mailto: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.livoniafaith.org](http://www.livoniafaith.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](http://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.

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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.

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**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](http://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.

**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](http://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 Mullieris 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 [mitchmidt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mitchmidt@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 [crcrane@thecapuchins.org](mailto:crcrane@thecapuchins.org). To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit [www.cskdetroit.org](http://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](http://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.

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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](http://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.

**F.I.R.E. ministries**  
With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

**New worship schedule**  
Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org).

**Sunday worship**  
11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

**Worship services**  
10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at [www.orthodoxlivonia.org](http://www.orthodoxlivonia.org).

**Pancake breakfasts**  
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

**Men's breakfast**  
Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

**MOPS meetings**  
The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to [nikki.tiernan@gmail.com](mailto:nikki.tiernan@gmail.com).

**Bible studies**  
Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

**MOPS groups**  
Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to [cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com](mailto:cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com).

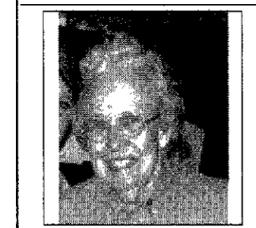
**LOGOS Youth Club**  
Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org) or call (248) 349-1144.

**HeartCry**  
The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, *The Hope of a Homecoming*, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

**Women of the word**  
Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the

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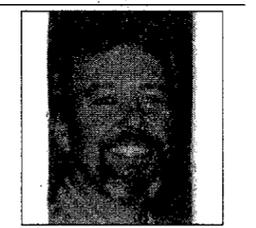


**BETTY J. SUSAMI**  
Age 88 May 3, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Dear mother of Nancy (Roger) Boettcher, Jack (Mary Lou) Susami. Dearest grandmother of Cathy Welch, Carla (Dommy) Luberto, Mari Susami-Downing (Ryan), and Molly Susami; and great grandmother of Jordan, Matthew, and Kendall Luberto. Loving sister of Carl Nelson. Funeral services were held at St. John Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, Redford. The family appreciates memorial contributions to the church. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery. Please share a memory with the family at [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

**EVA K. BITTMENN**  
Age 92, May 4, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Joseph (Ida) Bittmenn and Kathryn (William) Sautter. Grandmother of Rev. David J., Mark (Michelle) and Paul (Carrie) Bittmenn, William (Carol) and Scott (Casandra) Sautter. Great-grandmother of Victoria, Ellyn, Zachary, Nicholas, Samantha and Christina. Services were held on Thursday at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Burial in New Jersey. Share your special thoughts and memories at [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)

**LAWRENCE "Larry" JOLLIFFE**  
Larry was born July 25, 1937 in Plymouth, son of Evered and Grace Jolliffe. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1947. He was an Army veteran and a graduate of Michigan State University. He retired in 1997 and was a stock broker for over 20 years with First of Michigan. He was an avid golfer, reader and world traveler. His survivors include his sisters Miriam Kovall and Jean Champe; and brother Keith (Ruth) Jolliffe. Services have taken place.

**O. RUTH CORNELLY**  
Age 85, of South Lyon, passed away at home May 1, 2008. She was the Beloved wife of William F. Cornely and Devoted Mother and Best Friend of Karen Cornely. She enjoyed making many beautiful quilts and gardening her prize flower beds. She made numerous friends over the years with her late husband while living in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Tennessee, and Michigan. A Memorial Service was held on May 7 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd, Rockville, MD 20852 9813.



**FRANK (Hank) MURLAND III**  
Of Farmington Hills, Age 52 passed away of cancer on May 4th, 2008 at home with his family at his side. Hank was born in Cincinnati, Ohio but lived most of his life in Farmington & Farmington Hills. He was a graduate of Farmington High School (1973) and of Michigan Tech University (1980) from which he earned a mechanical engineering degree. Hank was vice president of Turbine Tool & Gage and of IFG Gage Components of Livonia and was actively involved in the operation of both companies. All those who knew Hank were aware of his passion for hunting and fishing. He was always anxious to share his experiences with both old and young alike. Numerous youngsters benefited from his knowledge of the outdoors. Hank excelled in many individual sports such as water skiing, snow skiing and swimming. He was very good on a trampoline and was an avid scuba diver. His love for the water and boating was evident in time spent on Torch Lake and on his boat, "Goosebumps" on the Great Lakes. Hank became involved with the Farmington Glen Aquatic Club as a youngster when he was his father's right hand man and remained a dedicated member all his life. He served several times as president but was better known for his devotion to preserving and upgrading the club. Hank is survived by his wife, JoAnn, sons Michael and Frank (Cam) daughter Ellee, mother Audrey, all of Farmington Hills, father-in-law Alben Gross, mother-in-law Gertrude Gross, both of Elk Rapids, Michigan, sister Terri (Doug Foster), brother Greg (LeeAnn), nephews, Court, Austin and Andrew, sister-in-law Nancy Allard (Jon), nephews Andrew and Joseph, sister-in-law Lisa Woodley (David) and nephew Logan and niece Natalie and sister-in-law Mary Gross. He is preceded in death by his father, Frank C. Murland, Jr. An open house will be held at Farmington Glen Aquatic Club, 33500 Freedom Road, Farmington, 48335 on Saturday, May 10th from 2 to 6 P.M. An "Honorary Celebration of Hank" will begin at 4 P.M. The family has requested that donations be made to the following: Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute c/o Development Office, 4100 John R., Detroit, MI 48201 or University of Michigan, Department of Radiation Oncology, 3621 S. State Street, Suite 700, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or Whitetails Unlimited, P.O. Box 720, 2100 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

**VERONICA BOHEIM**  
Age 73, Farmington, MI, passed May 5, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022. Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

Bible study

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

Fellowship Dinners

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313)534-7730.

Thrift Shop

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early

Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

Morning prayers

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call

(734) 425-6360.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. A Christian women's group.

Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Celebrate Recovery

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

Sunday service

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

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church,

16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

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For Church Directory changes and information regarding advertising in this directory, please call Donna Hart (734) 953-2153 the Friday before publication. To mail copy: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or Fax to (734) 953-2121

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## Charmed, I'm sure

Make Mother's Day special with perfect gift.

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

There's no need to search high and low for the perfect Mother's Day gift when jewelry is enough to charm any mom.

Whether worn as pendants or bracelets, charms of all kinds make for sentimental and stylish presents.

Here are some suggestions for charming charms found in Metro Detroit:

### THOMAS SABO CHARM CLUB

Tiffany & Co. locket

These adorable three-dimensional sterling silver charms affix with lobster clasps so they're easy to move and change. Available exclusively in Metro Detroit at Mazzoni Jewelers in Farmington, the German-made charms come in trendy shapes that reflect modern lifestyles. Fashionista moms will love enameled handbags, stilettoes and sunglasses, while new moms will treasure a bracelet strung with tiny booties, binkies and baby buggies. And who wouldn't swoon over a string of birthstones representing each of her children and grandchildren?

Best of all, starting at \$23 for letter charms, they're affordable.

"Somebody can give a really nice gift and not spend a whole lot of money," shop owner Mike Mazzoni said.

Visit [www.mmazzonijewelers.com](http://www.mmazzonijewelers.com).

### TROLLBEADS TASTE

In a new twist on tradition, Trollbeads are charms and beads rolled into one. A wide selection of Trollbeads fill display cases at Mazzoni Jewelers, and fly off shelves at Alexander J. Bongiorno Creative Jewelry in Troy. Mix and match circular silver and gold beads featuring animals, textures, flowers and unusual fairy tale creatures like mermaids and lucky dragons. For Mother's Day, cherubs holding numbers that represent the ages or birthdates of children (\$34) are especially appropriate. Intersperse colorful Trollbeads made of colored glass and you've got a gift tailored just for her.

### TIFFANY LOCKETS

If it's a Mother's Day to truly celebrate, spoil her by splurging on a luxurious locket from Tiffany & Co. at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Lockets are available in various shapes and sizes, and can be personalized both inside

Wendy Von Buskirk, Features Editor  
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A Thomas Sabo charm bracelet with birth stone charms at Mazzoni Jewelers in Farmington.

and out. Have the smooth polished surface engraved with initials, names and dates then hide a special photo or message inside for an invaluable keepsake she will surely treasure. Delivered in the famous robin's egg blue Tiffany box, this gift will have her at 'hello.' Visit [www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com).

### HAIG'S HANDPRINTS

A child's handprint preserved in clay or paint is a traditional Mother's Day offering. Now, Haig's of Rochester Fine Jewelry is offering a new spin on this classic gift, with children's handprint charms. The sterling silver or gold charms start at \$65, and can be personalized with engravings. Best of all, this unique gift will give twice, as Haig's has pledged 10 percent of the sales to Crittenton Hospital Medical Foundation, Women and Children Services. Visit [www.haigsofrochester.com](http://www.haigsofrochester.com).

### CONTAGIOUS CHARM

Dog tags take on girly glamour in stamped charm necklaces from Catching Fireflies stores in Berkley and Rochester. Circular sterling discs, made by Chicago artist Michelle Rubin, celebrate births or memorialize children and grandchildren with names, dates and special messages.

Combine large and small discs (starting at \$13.50) emblazoned with words of your choice, and add birthstone accents to create a completely custom necklace. Visit [www.catching-fireflies.com](http://www.catching-fireflies.com).

### TAPPER'S DAY BY DAY

If your mom needs special support this Mother's Day, Tappers Diamonds and Fine Jewelry has a charm that will help her cope and show you love her at the same time. In honor of local resident Nancy Rosenthal, who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis, Tapper's has created a sterling silver and diamond charm inscribed with the words "Day By Day." Available in limited supply as part of a Mother's Day promotion, \$49 from the sale of each necklace (\$149) will be donated to the National MS Society, Michigan Chapter. Visit [www.tappers.com](http://www.tappers.com).

## guest! pink picks

BY CHERYL HALL LINDSAY

Cheryl Hall Lindsay is director of fashion, public relations and special events for Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection. She's also a wonderful wife and mom. Hubby David, and sons, Alex, 15, and Clark, 12, are Cheryl's top priorities.

Yet she manages to stay fabulous, acting as a role model to other working moms throughout metro Detroit and beyond. How does she do it?

Two rules: Don't sweat the small stuff and take time every day for you.

"You'll feel better, look better, and be ready to do what Moms do best — take care of everyone else!" she said.

In honor of Mother's Day, here are some more of Cheryl's style secrets:

### Wear It!

BCBG tunic tops — there's a style to flatter every age & shape

### DON'T Wear It!

Open-toe sandals without a pedicure — splurge (husbands, get the hint!) or polish your own toes and go!

### Tote It!

A Chanel handbag of any kind — you'll always be in style

### Kick It!

Christian Louboutin pumps — you absolutely cannot go wrong

### Face It!

La Prairie Anti-Aging Stress Cream — a Mom Must-Have

### See It!

"Willy Wonka Junior" at Berkshire Middle School, May 8-11

### Shop It!

That's easy — Saks Fifth Avenue, of course!

### Drink It!

Champagne — celebrate every day

### Eat It!

Signature Grille's beef tenderloin, served with a Riverfront Towers view

### Use It!

The DIA, MOCAD, Cranbrook, Belle Isle, Meadow Brook Hall — we are surrounded by cultural jewels

### Experience It!

The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn for an in-town getaway

### Accessorize It!

David Yurman bangles — the more, the merrier

### Dream It!

You CAN have it all — but you'll have to work for it!



Cheryl Hall Lindsay with sons Alex and Clark.

### Jewel It!

Judith Ripka cocktail rings — pretty colors and so much fun

### Smell It!

Chloe Eau de Parfum — heavenly!

### Work It!

Your body — walk, jog, swim — just get out and move!

### Understand It!

Groves Water Polo — or whatever sport your kids play

### Do It!

Support "charity:water" — \$5 helps provide life's most basic necessity

### Remember It!

To say "I Love You" to those you do

## Macomb's Partridge Creek proves shop-a-holics will travel

All it took was the first sunny day to break 60 degrees and I was ready to motor out to Macomb County to The Mall at Partridge Creek. I headed up Mound Road to pick up the best shopping partner ever, my mom and fellow Rochester Hills native Susan Casola.



Around the Corner

### Stephanie Angelyn Casola

Together we embarked on the area's newest outdoor shopping mecca armed with credit cards. With ample parking and stores yet to open in the sprawling landscape that's curiously close to longtime shopping behemoth Lakeside Mall, it was easy to find a space and walk right in. Partridge Creek is anchored by Saks-owned department store Parisian and new addition Nordstrom, which opened to much fanfare April 18. Outside, a brick path winds

its way through bustling shops, children's play areas, bocce ball courts, a 30-foot fireplace, a television court, and eateries for famished shoppers. We opted for Bar Louie with its high-backed booths and Tex-mex inspired menu. But Max & Erma's, Brio, California Pizza Kitchen and P.F. Chang's looked equally crowded.

After lunch, we sauntered our way into some tried-and-true favorites — H&M for wardrobe staples, SHI by Journeys for a flirty pair of pink and brown canvas flats, Sephora to grab a new concealer, Benefit's Erase Paste, and The Gap for a cheery yellow summer trench. Along the way it's hard to miss the hordes of dog-owners who proudly take advantage of four dog comfort stations and pet-friendly environs. We fussed over Fido and took a break for — what else — coffee and chocolate. My mom snagged some plush seats at Moonstruck Chocolate Cafe while I ordered up our cappuccinos and one truffle each. Chocolate is hard to pass up at Partridge Creek, since it's prominently

placed on every corner. There's a Nestle Toll House Cafe, a Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and a Godiva too.

Fully recharged, we perused the country's first freestanding Calvin Klein store, and sniffed heavenly-scented potions at Bath & Body Works. We rotated in and out of dressing rooms at my mom's favorite — Ann Taylor and mine, Banana Republic. And soon enough we were loaded with packages and shipped-out.

But we'll be back. And next time we're planning on manicures and a movie. The Mall at Partridge Creek is located at 17460 Hall Road, on the south side of M-59 between Garfield and Romeo Plank roads. For more, visit [www.shoppartridgecreek.com](http://www.shoppartridgecreek.com).

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## 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 [wvnb@hometownlife.com](mailto:wvnb@hometownlife.com).

### Mother's Day Teas

■ The Costick Center in Farmington Hills will host a fashion show tea 2-4 p.m. Friday, May 9, with sweets, cosmetic tips, prizes and gifts. One winner will receive a custom makeover. 28600 11 Mile Road, (248) 473-1830.  
■ The Community House in Birmingham will present a mother/daughter tea 11:30 a.m. Saturday May 10. The dress-up event includes tea sandwiches, sweets, punch, piano music, dance performance, storytelling and more. Daughters eight and under may bring their favorite doll to compete for best look-alike/dressed-

alike daughter and doll. Best look-alike mother and daughter, oldest and the youngest grandmothers, and most members of the same family also will be recognized. \$14/children, \$19/adults. 380 S. Bates, (248) 644-5832.  
■ The Dearborn Inn will host its 8th Victorian Tea to benefit autoimmune research 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 10 with lunch, dessert, music, silent auction, and fashion show of garments from 1860-1940's. Dress in tea attire from your favorite fashion period, and vie for prizes for best ensembles and hats. 20301 Oakwood Blvd., (586) 776-3900.  
■ The Detroit Historical Society Guild will host an etiquette tea party at the Detroit Historical Museum noon-3 p.m. Sunday, May 18 for boys and girls 7-14 and adults. Enjoy desserts, lemonade,

and an etiquette lesson in the new Cadillac Café. \$12 includes etiquette book. (586) 777-5898.

**Promenade of Hope**  
HAVEN's 2008 Promenade of Hope event will echo a plea to end domestic violence and sexual assault at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8. The evening includes cocktails, strolling dinner, fashions by WSU design students, and auctions at the Detroit Newspapers Print Facility, 6200 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Tickets, \$200, call (248) 322-3703.

### Hudson's Print Auction

About 60 ads from Hudson's will be included in Swann Galleries' annual spring auction of Modernist Posters beginning at 1:30 p.m. May 12 in New York. The collection of Hudson's posters, circa 1940's, used to promote seasonal specials and sale items at the



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now defunct Hudson's Department Stores, are valued \$3,000-\$4,000. Visit [www.swanngalleries.com](http://www.swanngalleries.com) or call (212) 254-4710 to make arrangements to bid by phone, fax or mail.

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