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## 'Long shot': Park may not reopen this year

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Central City Park is virtually certain to remain closed this summer as county and city leaders inch toward a cleanup plan that officials concede will come with a multimillion-dollar price tag.

Even so, officials hope that a new round of methane tests in

coming weeks will help them close in on a remediation plan for the park, a former landfill that also is widely contaminated with lead in places like the baseball diamonds.

"The odds are very long that the park will be available this play season," Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said Monday.

His remarks followed a 75-

minute meeting at Westland City Hall that, for the first time in 15 months, involved residents in talks with Wayne County officials, city leaders and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality representatives. The session drew a couple dozen citizens and was far less contentious than the public thrashing that officials endured in November 2006, when it became known

that the park's contamination had been kept quiet for years.

Mayor William Wild, a former city council member who was among those kept in the dark, ordered the 100-acre park fenced off when he became mayor 13 months ago. Officials indicated Monday the site will remain closed indefinitely.

The latest meeting came after methane probes found elevated

levels of the gas — common to landfills — in soil near the Bailey Recreation Center and Westland 18th District Court. Fire Chief Michael Reddy confirmed that four rounds of tests inside those buildings found zero levels of methane in recent weeks.

Elevated methane, which can potentially cause an explosion if it seeps into confined spaces, has

triggered plans for a new round of testing in soil and groundwater in coming weeks closer to the municipal complex and also on the park's east side near Carlson, where earlier results indicated no problems.

Moreover, the county's environmental consultant, Soil & Materials Engineers Inc. of

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### Around the world

China and Vietnam are just two of the countries that will be showcased at a cultural fair at St. Mary's School Sunday. Colleen Verla of Canton will carry the papier-mache head her mother made for the eight-foot long Chinese dragon that kindergartners will show off during the fair Sunday. Read the story on Page A4.

## Trash hauler submits reorganization plan

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland's trash-hauling company expects to survive financial woes that landed it in U.S. Bankruptcy Court late last summer, and city officials confirmed that garbage-pickup complaints by residents have tapered off.

Inkster-based Midwestern Sanitation Co. filed a Chapter 11 plan to reorganize amid hopes of emerging in a better financial position and remaining in business.

"I'm very optimistic," company President Paul Ruthenberg told the *Observer*.

Midwestern has submitted its reorganization plan in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Detroit, he said, and interested parties, including creditors, will have several weeks to respond with any objections. Ruthenberg is hopeful that the court will formally accept the plan by spring.

Midwestern, part of a trash-hauling company that also includes Painter & Ruthenberg Inc., has historically been the city's garbage contractor. It

lost business in some communities, but continues to serve Westland, Taylor, Inkster and Sumpter Township.

Ruthenberg indicated that the company's financial problems began after it tried too hard to expand, resulting in "uncontrolled growth" that impeded its ability to provide top-notch service as a small, family owned business.

"It's an extremely humiliating process to go through for any family," he said. "But we're back to doing business the way we did maybe 15 years ago, and it's comfortable."

City officials have remained hopeful that Midwestern's financial position will improve, because Westland's trash-hauling costs could potentially skyrocket by having to switch to a bigger company.

Responding to questions, Mayor William Wild said the city still receives sporadic complaints about garbage pickup, but the number of problems has decreased. A smaller volume of trash also could be helping the

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## McClain bows out of school board race

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER



McClain

Just over 24 hours before Wednesday's 5 p.m. deadline for filing petitions in the May 6 school election, incumbent school board Trustee Terrance McClain made it official: He will not seek a second four-year term.

McClain made the announcement Tuesday afternoon. He had pulled petitions last week for the election, but said he "struggled with the idea of being an active participant with everything I have going on."

"It was a very difficult decision," he said in a phone interview. "I love this district, I love what I do, but I needed to take something off my plate."

Two four-year terms, currently held by McClain and Cindy Schofield, will be filled in the annual school election.

his wife's health and his position as a minister/evangelist at Annapolis Church of Christ in Westland as reasons for not seeking re-election.

"The church has been very gracious about the time I have spent on education and graduate degrees, I owe it to them to focus on my ministry," he said.

McClain was appointed to the board in October 2003 to fill a seat vacated by Richard Bisiminger and was elected to a four-year term in June 2004. At the time, he described himself

as a perpetual student and while serving on the school board, he has completed work on his master's degree and earned accreditation with the Michigan Association of School Boards.

He began working on his doctoral degree last fall and hopes to complete the program in four years. His goal is to follow in his father's footsteps and become a university professor teaching counseling.

"My father retired as a university professor, he's now a consultant with the Georgia Department of Education," McClain said. "I've got some big shoes to fill."

He currently is licensed to be a school counselor and has a limited licensure in counseling. He has a position at Trenton High School that is related to his doctoral work at Oakland University.

"When I worked on my master's, my instructors were flexible; they'd let me go to (school) meetings and not count it as an absence," McClain said. "These professors are not like that."

McClain added that his decision "provides for someone else the opportunity I had for five years."

As of last Friday, four district residents — Schofield, Shawna Walker of Wayne, Brian Mulligan of Westland and Robert Robinson of Westland — had pulled petitions. Petitions also had been requested on behalf of Christopher Szabo.

"I love the district, I like to believe I brought something positive to the position," McClain said. "My colleagues on the board have been great to work with."

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## Hearing postponed again in beating case

Dressed in a suit and free on a \$50,000 surety bond, a Wayne man appeared last Thursday in Westland 18th District Court for a preliminary hearing to determine whether he should face trial on charges of beating his pregnant girlfriend and causing a miscarriage.

But Daniel Reed Jarrett II's hearing was adjourned until March 6 — marking the second delay — after a defense attorney asked visiting Judge William Szlinis for more time.

Jarrett is accused of beating and kicking his 19-year-old girlfriend, who was 21 weeks pregnant, during a Jan. 3 incident at a friend's residence at Woodland Villa, an apartment complex near Warren

and Central City Parkway in Westland.

Jarrett could face penalties ranging up to life in prison, if he's convicted of assaulting a pregnant woman and intentionally causing a miscarriage/stillbirth.

The victim has returned to Texas, where she had met Jarrett while he was attending Abilene Christian University, Westland police Sgt. Michael Harhold has said. The couple had been visiting Michigan when police said the incident occurred.

According to police, the incident erupted during an argument over whether Jarrett's girlfriend should have had an abortion.

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### Coming Sunday in Health



Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) affects adults and children

# Tenants return home after broken pipe fixed

Residents have returned to a high-rise Westland apartment building after a water pipe burst Sunday evening during one of the coldest days of the year.

Fire officials were called when the pipe ruptured at Hunters West Apartments and sent water flowing into some units, Chief Michael Reddy said.

Maintenance workers had to shut off power as they addressed the problem, and many residents sought warmth by staying elsewhere with family and friends.

The apartment complex is located at Yale and Hunter, in a neighborhood south of Westland Shopping Center.

### CORRECTION

The story in the Sunday, Feb. 10, issue of the *Westland Observer* about the annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee

should identified former media specialist Edhre Truesdell Smith as helping start the event 28 years ago.

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3010 - Richard Williams - 2 TVs, Loveseat, Misc Items  
5016 - Thomas Jeter - TV, Entertainment Center, Mattress  
5138 - Ederique Goudia - Book Shelf, Tote, 8 Boxes

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A011 - Brian R. Davis - box, bag, tote  
A016 - Tracey Wilburn - box, bag, tote  
B048 - Keyanna Wafford - box, bag, tote  
B072 - Michael Kowalski - totes, vac, tools  
B081 - William Childress - box, bag, tote  
B097 - Margret Mercing - box, bag, tote  
B109 - Latanya Harris - box, bag, tote  
B117 - Engrid Gudger - box, bag, tote  
B118 - Robert Smith - washer, dryer, entertainment center  
B126 - Jeffrey Johnson - box, bag, tote  
B131 - Catherine McDonald - box, bag, tote  
B149 - John Mason - boxes, refrigerator  
B269 - Thessalonia Stubbs - box, bag, tote  
B282 - Nefertiti Morris - bed, couch, washer  
B309 - Jason Hernandez - box, bag, tote  
B321 - Tisha Delaney - box, bag, tote  
B345 - Audrey Powell - box, bag, tote  
B392 - Lacie Lesniewski - box, bag, tote  
C016 - Katie Day - box, bag, tote  
C025 - Lola Yonko - box, bag, tote  
C043 - Tonia Johnson - box, bag, tote  
D001 - Trinity Ministries - box, bag, tote  
D007 - Sharon Mitchell - box, bag, tote  
D026 - Cher-ri Pye - box, bag, tote  
D034 - Julia Hightower - box, bag, tote  
D037 - Charmaine Land - box, bag, tote  
F003 - Anthony Woods  
F018 - Bradley Moscarello.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING**

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

**Case #2165 - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Child Care/After School Program, Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Parcel #082-99-0016-303, Southwest Corner of Annapolis Avenue and Middlebelt Road, Billy J. Hales**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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### Used book sale

Stock up on great reads for a nominal fee at the Friends of the Library used book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 15-16 from, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren Road. For more information about the book sale or the Friends of the Library, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

### Hockey Day

The Mike Modano Ice Arena will host Michigan Hockey Day celebration 1-2-20 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. Anyone who wears Mike Modano memorabilia or a jersey, T-shirt, or hat which bears the number nine will get in free. Nine is the jersey number of Dallas Stars center and Westland native Mike Modano, the all-time goal-scoring and points leader amongst American-born players in the NHL. Regular admission for open skate at Mike Modano Arena on Michigan Hockey Day is \$3.50 for kids and seniors and \$4.50 for adults. Skate rental

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is \$2.50.

The arena's "Learn to Skate" program also will begin on Saturday, Feb. 16. The first session of the 10-week course which will teach the ends and outs of skating, will be 9:50-10:50 a.m.

The Mike Modano Ice Arena is at 6210 N. Wildwood, just north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

### Comedy fund-raiser

The Westland Historical Society will present a fund-raiser, Comedy for a Cause, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, in Livonia. Tickets are \$15 each and available at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind City Hall on Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 729-6683. The Westland Historic Village Park is open for visits 1-4 p.m.

### AROUND WESTLAND

Saturdays on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

### Bowling fund-raiser

A bowling fund-raiser to benefit the Motor Bulldogs Baseball Association will be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford, Canton. Check-in time is 8 p.m., bowling starts at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a raffle ticket to win a 36-inch TV, three games of bowling and pizza. There will also be 50/50 drawings, mystery games and raffles. For tickets or more information, call Dennis Montie at (734) 306-2706.

The Motor Bulldogs Baseball Association a travel baseball league made up of children age 8-13 and under from Garden City, Westland, Redford, Livonia and other surrounding communities.

### Scrapbooking

You can spend a whole day or a half day scrapbooking at a scrapbooking workshop being offered 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish,

32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Light breakfast, lunch and dinner, snacks and beverages are included in the cost of \$35 for a full day and \$20 for a half day. Space is limited, so call Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867 or Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934 to reserve a spot.

### Z-PAC dinner

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

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

Proceeds will benefit the Wayne High Class of 2008.

### ORDINANCE NO. 253

#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 2-701 THROUGH 2-708 TO GOVERN COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS

##### THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That Chapter 2, Article X, Section 2-701, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Policy**  
It shall be the purpose of this Article to regulate the purchasing of property by the City, consistent with the Charter and the desirable policy of assisting local business concerns.

**Section 2.** That Chapter 2, Article X, Section 2-702, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Definitions**  
For the purpose of this Article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

- (a) "City" shall mean the City of Westland.
- (b) "City Council" shall mean the Westland City Council.
- (c) "City-based business" shall mean a business which is located within the city and which has made payment of commercial, office, manufacturing or research and engineering property taxes on real or personal property to the City for at least one (1) fiscal year.
- (d) "Fiscal year" shall mean the fiscal year of the City, being July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- (e) "Invitation for bids" shall mean the complete assembly of related documents whether attached or incorporated by reference, furnished to prospective bidders for the purpose of bidding.
- (f) "Lowest responsible bidder" shall mean the bidder who submits the lowest bid, after utilizing the local business preference equalization formula, and otherwise meets all requirements set forth in this Code.

**Section 3.** That Chapter 2, Article X, Section 2-703, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Competitive Bidding: Required**  
Except as otherwise authorized by Michigan law or this Article, competitive bidding, to be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2-705 of this Article, shall be required for the following contracts:

- (a) Where the obligation of the City under a proposed contract for the performance of any public work or for making any public improvement is five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars or more, sealed bids shall be solicited pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-705 of this Article.
- (b) Where the obligation of the City under a proposed contract for the purchase of any materials, tools, apparatus or any other thing or things, the consideration or cost of which shall exceed seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars.

**Section 4.** That Chapter 2, Article X, Section 2-704, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Exceptions to Competitive Bidding: Requirements**  
Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article, the bidding process as contained in Section 2-705 of this Article may be waived prior to the making of a contract for a public work or public improvement greater than Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars or contracting for the purchase of materials, tools, apparatus or other things in excess of Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars, in the following instances:

- (a) In the case of an emergency which threatens the public health, welfare or safety of the residents of the City and which requires the immediate purchase of a supply, service or construction, the Mayor shall have the power to authorize the procurement of the necessary items on the open market without competition, regardless of the amount of the expenditure, but in no event shall the price exceed commercially reasonable prices. Prior to procurement of the necessary items, the Mayor and/or Department Director shall use all reasonable efforts to obtain three (3) written quotes, detailing the cost for labor and/or materials, and at the next regular meeting of the City Council following such purchase a full, detailed, written report of the circumstances of the emergency purchase shall be made by the Mayor to the City Council; or
- (b) Where the subject of the contract is a product or material not competitive in nature and no advantage to the city would result from requiring competitive bidding, and the City Council, upon written recommendation of the Mayor, authorizes execution of a contract without competitive bidding; or
- (c) Where a contract for goods or services is funded by a grant for which City Council approval is required, acceptance of the grant by the City Council shall be deemed an acceptance of the procurement regulations and procedures specified by the grant.

**Section 5.** That Chapter 2, Article X, Section 2-705, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Competitive Bidding Process**  
For all purchases for which competitive bidding is required, procurement of competitive bids shall be as follows:

- (a) **Invitations for bids.** An invitation for bids shall be issued and shall include a purchase description, and all contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement. The purchase description shall seek to promote overall economy for the purposes intended and encourage competition in satisfying the City's needs, and it shall not be unduly restrictive.
- (b) **Public notice.** Adequate public notice of the invitation for bids shall be given a reasonable time prior to the date set for the therein for the opening of bids. If a state or federal law or

regulation controls the procurement process, the City shall comply with the state or federal law or regulation. In the absence of exigent or emergency circumstances, adequate notice shall mean publication of a public notice which summarizes the invitation for bids in a the City newspaper of record once, with the last publication being not more than one week prior to the date set forth therein for the opening of bids. After publication of one (1) advertisement, specifications shall not be changed without the publication of a new advertisement calling attention to such change.

(c) **Vendor disclosure statement.** All parties submitting bids for City contracts shall include with their bids a disclosure statement, as required by Section 2-507 of this Code of Ordinances, which shall disclose to their best knowledge any substantial interest held by the following individuals or their immediate family in the vendor's business; the mayor, members of city council, city clerk, department directors, deputy directors, and all other appointed boards or commissions or elected officials/employees.

(d) **Bid opening.** Bids shall be opened publicly by the Purchasing Agent or Controller in the presence of one or more witnesses at the Westland City Hall at the time designated in the invitation for bids. The amount of each bid and such other relevant information as may be specified by regulation, together with the names of each bidder, shall be recorded, and the record and each bid shall be open to public inspection.

(e) **Bid acceptance and bid evaluation.** Bids shall be unconditionally accepted without alteration or correction except as authorized in this Code. Bids shall be evaluated based on the requirements set forth in the invitation for bids, which may include criteria to determine acceptability, such as inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, delivery, and suitability for a particular purpose. Those criteria that will affect the bid price and be considered in evaluation for award shall be objectively measurable. The invitation for bids shall set forth the evaluation criteria to be used. In addition, to the evaluation criteria set forth in the invitation, the following criteria may be considered, in addition to price:

- (1) The ability, capacity, and skill of the bidder to perform the contract promptly and within the times specified, without delay or interference;
- (2) The quality of performance of the bidder on previous contracts with the City;
- (3) The previous and existing compliance of the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract;
- (4) The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the bidder to perform the contract; and
- (5) Whether the bidder is a City-based business.

(f) **Correction or withdrawal of bids; cancellation of awards.** Correction or withdrawal of inadvertently erroneous bids prior to the bid opening shall be allowed. After the bid opening no changes in bid prices or other provisions of bids prejudicial to the interest of the city or fair competition shall be permitted.

(g) **Award.** The contract shall be awarded with reasonable promptness to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid meets the requirements set forth in the invitation to bid. The City shall have the right to reject any or all bids.

**Section 6.** That Chapter 2, Article X, Section 2-706, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Local Business Preference**

In comparing bids, the bid of any City-based business shall be deemed a better bid than the bid of any competing firm which is not a City-based business whenever the bid of such competing firm shall be equal to or higher than the bid of the City-based business, after the appropriate equalization percentage credit has been applied to the bid of the City-based firm. For all contracts with a value of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars or less, the equalization percentage shall be Three (3.0%) Percent. For all contracts with a value of greater than One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars, the equalization percentage shall be One (1.0%) Percent. The firm making the lowest bid thus evaluated shall be deemed the lowest bidder. Any bidder who claims entitlement to an equalization percentage credit shall agree to make available to the city the records necessary to establish eligibility.

**Section 7.** That Chapter 2, Article X, Section 2-707, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Assignment Prohibited**

A City-based business may not assign or subcontract any contract with the City to a non-City-based business without the approval of such assignment or subcontract by the City Council.

**Section 8.** That Chapter 2, Article X, Section 2-70, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

**Conflicts with City Charter**

In the event any provision of this Article is found to be in conflict with any provision of the Westland City Charter, the provisions of the Charter shall be controlling.

**Section 9.** That all other provisions of Chapter 2 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 10. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 11. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 12. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 13. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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# Organizers ready to kick off 2008 Relay for Life **PARK**

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BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

If you like walking, don't mind doing it late at night and want to help a good cause, then organizers of Westland's 2008 Relay for Life want to hear from you.

Preparation for the 24-hour walk will be Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the AMVETS Hall, 1217 Merriman, west of Cherry Hill. Registration will be at 6:30 p.m., with the hourlong program starting at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

"Last year, the event raised more than \$100,000 and we're looking to raise more than that this year," said Holly Sorrano of the American Cancer Society.

Twenty-three teams have already signed up for this year's event, thanks to an early bird special, but more teams are needed.

The kick-off event will provide an opportunity for people to get information about forming teams and fund raising and about helping with the event. Sorrano also is looking for the names of cancer survivors to participate in the survivor lap.

"Call me with the name and address and we'll send them an invitation to the event," she said.

Westland has been hosting a relay since 2001. This year's event is scheduled for May 31 to June 1 at Jaycee Park at Wildwood and Hunter. This is

the second year at the neighborhood park. It was moved to Jaycee Park last year after Central City Park was closed to the public due to concerns about contamination.

Sorrano said organizers are glad to be back at the Jaycee Park.

"We're excited to be at the park again, we absolutely love the location," she said. "The track is a little smaller, so we could get cozier with the teams. We lined the entire track."

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event. It helps raise money and awareness to support its mission to eliminate cancer as a major health issue.

Teams raise funds in advance and during the 24 hours during which members walk the track to show fact that cancer never sleeps. In addition to the survivors' lap, a luminary ceremony also is held to honor those who have lost their battle with the disease.

People interested in attending the kick-off event can call Sorrano at (248) 663-3452 or send her an e-mail at Holly.Sorrano@cancer.org. Or they can stop by the AMVETS Hall next Thursday evening.

"We always plan for more, we always have more space and food," Sorrano said. "The more the merrier."

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Plymouth, will conduct its own air tests inside the city buildings, said Cheryl Kehres-Dietrich, SME senior consultant.

Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt has questioned whether tests also should be conducted inside the nearby police department, main fire station and at City Hall, where water is known to seep into the basement.

"This building floods terribly," Graunstadt said.

Chief Reddy has indicated that a methane monitor, similar to a carbon monoxide detector, will be placed in the Bailey Center. He also said fire officials will recommend that court officials install one.

All of the park test results, including findings of methane, surface-level and underground lead, and other contaminants, came from 56 soil borings throughout the park. County officials hope to conduct the next round of testing as early as March.

Beth Vens, the MDEQ's project manager, said the state will make its analysis of the tests a top priority. Moreover, she said there's nothing to stop county and city officials from moving ahead "now" with developing a remediation plan, as long as they include steps for venting methane from the ground.

Her remarks countered earlier statements from city and county officials that a possible cleanup plan is being delayed by the MDEQ's call for further testing.

Officials have said monitoring wells will likely remain on the park's perimeter to allow for

ongoing testing, and those will be incorporated into a cleanup plan.

Some residents Monday said they want the park reopened as soon as possible, even though city and county officials still haven't developed a formula for paying for remediation efforts. The county owns the park and leases it to Westland, but the city may have some culpability because the former Nankin Township — now the city — once dumped garbage on the site.

"This worries me," resident John McGuire said. "It's a lot of money. It's a big expense."

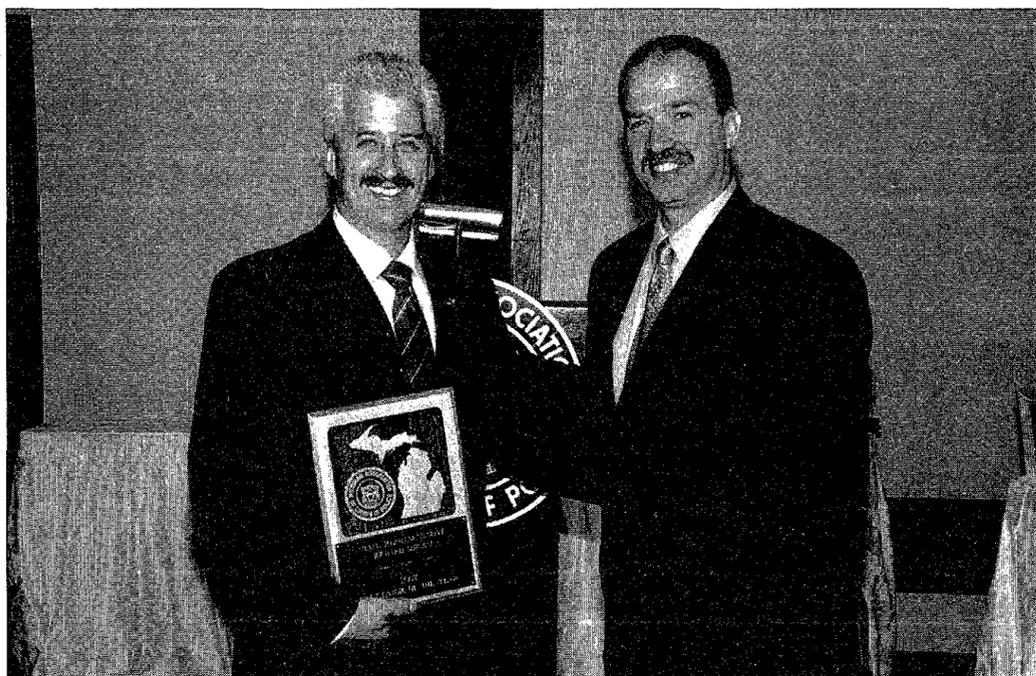
The cleanup could potentially include hauling away some soil and certainly will involve covering the contamination with some type of barrier to protect park users. One MDEQ official has estimated the property will need capping with 30 inches of clean soil or clay.

Despite the contamination, Helmkamp reiterated that 140 children last year were tested for potentially harmful levels of lead, and ultimately no one was found at risk. Still, officials can't reopen the park for baseball, soccer and other uses until it is deemed safe.

Helmkamp predicted the park will be closed this year for a second summer, but he couldn't speculate about 2009. He confirmed that the remediation will be in phases and that it will cost millions of dollars.

Although the project will certainly be expensive for the county and potentially the city, Helmkamp said officials also are exploring the possibility of securing federal dollars to offset local costs.

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## 'Tremendous honor'

Former Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes (right) congratulates State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, on being named Michigan Legislator of the Year by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. LeBlanc, who called it 'a tremendous honor,' received the award last Thursday during the MACP's 2008 mid-winter training conference in Grand Rapids.

# It's a date: District offers 4th installment of Project 180

It's baaack!

The Wayne-Westland school board and the district's Family Resource Center are teaming up again to present Project 180 Saturday, March 1, at Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview, east of Wayne Road, Westland.

The free family event will be held 10 to 1 p.m.

This is the fourth year for Project 180 which started by then board President Frederick Weaver as a program to help parents and children living in the Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln Elementary attendance areas.

It has since expanded to include all parent and students in the school district. And for

the first time students and parents will be able to attend break out sessions together. Some of the sessions include:

- Developing Healthy Eating Habits. Learn fun and exciting ways to make meal time fun and healthy.
- Balancing Activities and School. How can students juggle after-school activities and school?
- What to Expect at College. Hear from college students what it's like beyond high school.
- Help! My Kid is Entering Kindergarten. Calm your nerves and your child's as the enter school for the first time.
- Working Together for

School Success. Learn things you can do with your child at home to reinforce what they are learning at school.

- Dating 101. Open a dialogue with your teenager about dating.
  - Positive Discipline. Discuss appropriate discipline for every age.
  - Baby-sitting 101. Tips and techniques to become the best baby sitter on the block.
- There will also be information on Medicaid applications, the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and the district's Schools of Choice program. To register, call (734) 419-2709.

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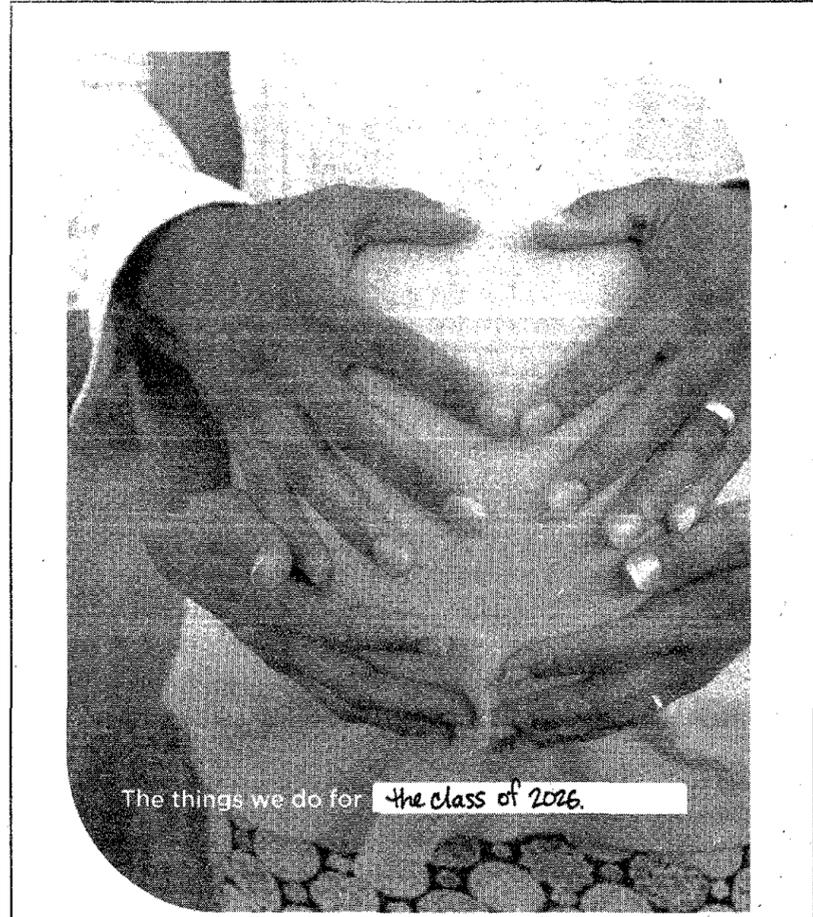
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# School's cultural fair lets guests see world

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

"Do you know why they throw firecrackers at the feet of the dragon?" asked Sister Teresa Howard as youngsters in her kindergarten class snaked their Chinese dragon through the hallway of St. Mary's School.

"It's to keep the dragon awake," was the response.

The youngsters were showing off their eight-person dragon which will be displayed during a cultural fair at the Wayne school on Sunday, Feb. 17.

Each of the school's 15 classrooms have studied a different country and will have different items, food, songs and in the case of the kinder-

gartners, costumes related to their country. In addition to China, Vietnam, Scotland, Ireland and Japan are among countries studied by elementary grades, while the middle schoolers tackled North America, said Principal Jaylee Lynch.

The cultural fair also is an open house for parents of prospective students and is a "no pressure way of checking out our school," Lynch said.

"It's an opportunity to take a trip around the world without leaving the city," she added. "Anyone who'd like to stop in, it's a great way to see what we do in St. Mary's."

The fair will open immediately following the church's 10 a.m. Mass and run through 1:30 p.m. The school draws

students from Wayne, Westland, Canton, Garden City, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Van Buren Township and Belleville. It offers a strong academic program and is in the "last leg" of the process for school of distinction, Lynch said.

"What's wonderful about the school is that the parish supports it," Lynch said. "The cultural fair is a great way for parish members who don't have students here to come in and see what students are learning."

Preparation for the cultural fair began last October and Kindergartners have been learning a little bit every day, said Sister Teresa. They have made Chinese lanterns, fans and panda bears to decorate their classroom and made their own Great Wall on the hallway.

Joining them as they walk around with the dragon will be Lucy Hoblach's kindergartners who have been studying Vietnam. Her students will wear gold hats that they made,



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Kindergartners shake noisemakers to keep their dragon awake as they rehearse for St. Mary's School's cultural fair.

while Sister Teresa's students will wear red hats and shake noise makers when they walk with the dragon.

The dragon was made by parent Carol Verla of Canton. She used colorful material and black see-through netting to create the dragon students hold up with poles to maneuver around the school.

Verla also made a papier-mâché head and with the help of daughter Colleen painted it and decorated with feathers.

"It's exciting," said Colleen, who gets to carry the head. "It's cool, but the head is heavy."

Parents interested in more information about the school,

can call (734) 721-1240 or just show up for the cultural fair. Eighth-graders will be available for guided tours of the building.

"Anyone thinking about bringing a student here, it's a great time to meet the teachers and the staff," said Lynch.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 518- Ann Marie Swift-box,sofa,tv
- 0134-Bruce Leaman-boxes,bags,totes
- 1014-Deborah L Carr-boxes,bags,totes
- 1016-Jon Byrne-boxes,bags,totes
- 1032-David Kankula-boxes
- 106-Deanna Harper-boxes,bags,totes
- 1121-Joseph Swiney-boxes,bags,totes
- 126-Stephanie Gestrich-boxes,bags,totes
- 139-James Davis-boxes,bags,totes
- 149-Audrey Williams-boxes,bags,totes
- 218-Krystyn Overbeck-boxes,bags,totes
- 422-Rikki Manning-boxes,bags,totes
- 641-Christine LaPalm-boxes,bags,totes
- 914-Alicia Puckett-boxes,bags,totes

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 2031-Larry Adams-sofa,dresser
- 3082-Michael Height-boxes totes bags
- 3097-Thomas Lippford-ent center tv sofa
- 3046-Aaron Mccaskey-boxes,bags,totes
- 3078-Dennis Ruivo-boxes
- 3090-Borders Books-books
- 6050-Fatme Berry Yamani-boxes totes bags
- 6055-Debra Bynum-tv freezer hutch
- 6093-Rosemarie Schafer-chairs totes
- 9084-Demetrius Terrell-boxes totes bags
- 4043-Jacqueline Yurkovich-box,totes,bags
- 4071-Brenda Kline-boxes
- 6121-Kimberly McMillan-box,bags,totes
- 7029-Mansfield Sports Cards-boxes
- 7107-Kevin Cotton-boxes,bags,totes

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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

Case #1336B - Proposed Land Division and Combination, Parcels #017-99-0048-700 and -0047-002, South Side of Joy Road, East of Newburgh Road, Efstratios Calagias (Glenn Shaw Jr.)

Case #1421H - Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to Verizon Wireless Communication Center, 39400 Ford Road, Parcel #027-99-0001-003, North Side of Ford, West of Hix Road, John McCormick

Case #1538C - Proposed Land Division, Parcel #027-99-0001-004, 39200 Ford Road, North Side of Ford Road, Westland of Hix Road, Richard L. Knappe

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday March 4, 2008.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

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

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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, February 21, 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:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
3688250	1991	Chevrolet	GMT-400	1GCDK14K6MZ102725
3786873	1984	Oldsmobile	Delta 88	1G8AN69Y8E9740366
3321620	2000	Jeep	Cherokee	1J4FF48S7YL244979
3851987	1989	Chevrolet	Caprice	1G1BN51E9KR228135
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3852151	1986	Chevrolet	Caprice	1G1BN69H0G9105349
3851960	1994	Nissan	Altima	1N4BU31D3RC245554
3851967	1999	Chrysler	Cirrus	1C3EJ56H5XN613603
3851980	1991	Ford	Escort	1FAPP1280MW166921

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.

The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold.

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## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On FEBRUARY 19th, 2008 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1989	Pontiac	Grand Prix 4D	Green	1G2WJ14T1KF298788
1995	Pontiac	4D	Blue	1G2JB5240S7525201
1998	Jeep	Cherokee SW	Black	1J4FJ68S9WL195632
1991	Pontiac	Sunbird 2D	Blue	1G2JB14T3M7646014
1996	Chevy	Cavalier 2D	Green	1G1JC1249TM125053
1993	Dodge	Dynasty 4D	Blue	1B3XC4635PD171846
1992	Lincoln	4D	Blue	1LNLM9748NY750670
1995	Chrysler	Town & Country	Green	1C4GH54L0SX626506
1995	Chevy	2D	Black	2G1WW12M2S9115554
2000	Pontiac	Grand Prix 4D	Green	1G2WP52K9YF252070
1990	Ford	E-250 Van	White	1FTGS24H7LHB10750

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

**30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION**

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after FEBRUARY 5, 2008 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
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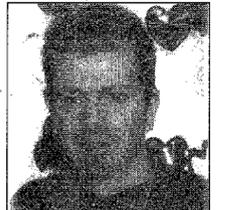
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## ANN PASUTIN

February 1, 2008, age 91 in Gaylord, formerly a longtime resident of Beverly Hills. Wife of the late Andrew. Dear mother of Renee Gritzinger (Larry) and Karen Dipzinski. Loving grandmother of Amy Gritzinger Coleman, Mark Dipzinski and Kristine Dipzinski Pohlman. Also survived by four great grandchildren. Sister of Helen Schave, the late Anton Koptur and the late Mary Szuk. View obituary and share memories at: [www.desmondfuneralhome.com](http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com)



## DUANE KIRK BRISKI

Age 35, of Jenison, passed away February 1, 2008 at Saint Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, where he had been a patient for several days. Duane was born October 10, 1972 in Southfield, the son of Paul and Gloria (Lassila) Briski. Duane grew up in Westland; where he attended the Wayne Westland schools and graduated from Wayne memorial High School in 1990, throughout his childhood, he loved sports and played on many local teams. Duane was united in marriage to the former Cheryl Brown on June 7, 2002, He lived in Ypsilanti and Spring Lake, and since 2003 made his home in Jenison. Duane was employed by Carter Lumber for 8 years and also Johnson Controls. Most recently, he was employed by Plastech, where he worked as a mold changer. Duane was passionate about carpentry, enjoyed working on his house and dreamed about one day building his own home. He continued to enjoy sports, country western music, deer hunting, and debating politics and religion with anyone willing to take on the challenge. However, his most loved activity was being the proud father of his two children, Jessica and Brandon, whom he cherished more than anything else in this world. Duane was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wilbert Lassila and Elaine (Lampinen) Lassila Maata; his grandfather, Anton Briski, Jr.; and an aunt, Rose (Lassila) Perala. Duane is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his children, Jessica and Brandon; his parents, Paul and Gloria Briski of Garden City; three brothers, Stephen Briski of Dearborn Heights, David Briski of Garden City, and Brian (Gina) Briski of Westland; his grandmother, Lucille Briski of Garden City; two nieces, Kate and Angelina Briski, both of Westland; an aunt, Patricia (Dick) Yates of Lacey, Washington; three uncles, John (Joyce) Lassila of Las Vegas, Anthony (Kay) Briski of Janesville, Wisconsin, and Curt Briski of Pontiac; an uncle-in-law, Peter Perala of Twin Lakes; two great-aunts, Evelyn Kupous of Hancock and Mary Lou Howard of Houghton; his parents-in-law, Kenneth and Barbara Brown of Garden City; and numerous cousins, friends and co-workers. Following cremation, a memorial service for Duane will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland. Family and Friends may call at the funeral home from 4:30-9:00PM, and condolences for the family may also be left at: [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



## ELEANOR JACOBS

February 11, 2008, of Huntington Woods. Beloved wife of the late Roy. Dear mother of Jerry (Laura) and Judy Simcina. Loving grandmother of Jill, Joy, Todd and Katelyn. Visitation Thursday 2-9 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. service at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorials suggested to Hydrocephalus Association, 870 Market St., Suite 705, San Francisco, CA 94102. Share your memories at: [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)



## IMRE F. NYILAS

Age 69, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away Feb. 6, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**MARY F. "Chita" McGEARY**  
Age 77, February 12, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Peter G. Dearest mother of Terri (Tom) Schmidtke, Judy (Lindsay) Walker, Diane (Jamie) Walker, Cathy (Ron) Richard and Peter A. (Lisa). Grandmother of Tommy, Lisa, Lindsay Jr. (January), Steven, Ryan, David, Ronnie, Michael, P.J. and Jordyn. Great-grandmother of Bryant, Allyssa and Katelyn. Dear sister of Sandra Goss. Visitation Thursday 5-9pm and Friday 12-9pm at the John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 10:30am until an 11am Mass St. Robert Bellemere, 27201 W. Chicago (S. E. corner of W. Chicago and Inkster).



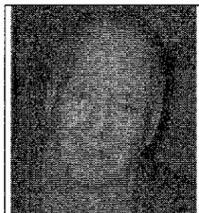
## JEAN LEITGEB (Nee Zalusky)

Age 80, of Westland, formerly of Dearborn Heights and Detroit, passed away February 8, 2008. Loving wife of Frederick. Retired from R. L. Polk after many years of service. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck ), Plymouth. In state Friday from 9:00 AM until 9:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. Entombment at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Ste 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076. To share a memory please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



## MARY ROZENE KLEMIC

Age 50, of Birmingham, died February 9, 2008, at her parent's home in Detroit. Mary was born February 21, 1957, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She graduated from Detroit's St. Mary's of Redford High School. Mary attended Wayne State University on a full academic scholarship and graduated with honors with Degrees in Mass Communications and English. While at Wayne State University she worked on the campus paper, The South End. Mary was a reporter and editor for 3 years at the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Times-Herald, where she covered city hall, police, school districts and special features writing. She worked at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for the past 25 years, initially in positions including city government reporter, school reporter, copy editor and features writer and later as editor of the Arts and Creative Living and At Home sections, as well as special sections editor. Mary was active in her union, the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC local 34022. Mary enjoyed living and working in Birmingham. She was a member of Bloomfield Hills Village Club and belonged to the Church of St. Alan. Mary was active in her condominium association board as well as a member of several organizations supporting fine arts in the metro Detroit region, including the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary. She was an art enthusiast and in her many years as the editor of Arts and Creative Living sections of the regional Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, she had a significant impact in publicizing and promoting regional developments in the arts. Mary loved literature, both as a professional writer as well as an avid reader of all manner of the written word. She also loved and supported the performing arts: live theater, cinema, dance and music. Mary played piano and guitar and studied violin and Russian. Mary is survived by: her parents, John and Rozene Klemic of Detroit; siblings, John Klemic of Pasadena, California, Gladys Klemic of Naperville, Illinois, and James Klemic of Falls Church, Virginia; nephews, Joseph and Sam, niece, Mary and many aunts, uncles, cousins, co-workers and friends. Mary is preceded in death by her brother, Thomas Klemic. Funeral Mass at Church of St. Alan, Coolidge (Between 15-16 Mile Rds.), Troy, Monday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Sunday 4-8pm. Prayers 7pm. Interment in St. Michael's Cemetery, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Memorials appreciated to Providence Cancer Center, Providence Health Foundation, 22255 Greenfield Road, Suite 228, Southfield, Michigan 48075.



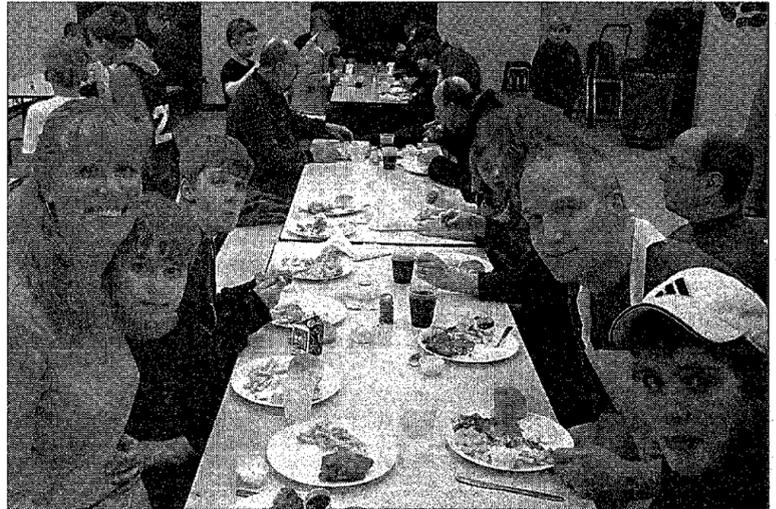
## JOHN "JACK" HAY MARRIED HIS CHILDHOOD SWEETHEART

Mr. Hay, age 82, died February 9, 2008, at William Beaumont Hospital, in Royal Oak. He was born October 7, 1925, in Detroit. He was a resident of Bloomfield Hills for 23 years, and a former resident of Royal Oak and Highland Park. He retired as Chief of Detectives from the Highland Park Police Department after 27 years. Following retirement, he served as Vice-President at S.E. Broach for nine years. Mr. Hay was a very warm and loving person who was fun to be around, and he enjoyed the company of others. He will be remembered as very intelligent and a good businessman. Through all his medical problems, he never complained. He enjoyed playing golf and baseball, and loved landscaping and being out of doors. He also taught and coached Little League Baseball. And he enjoyed an occasional practical joke. Proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran during WW II, discharged June, 1946 with rank of Corporal. Loving husband for 28 years of Frances Martin. Step-brother of Dorothy Rose. First cousin of Linda Golden and Phillip Hay. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A. J. Desmond & Sons 248-362-2500. Funeral Mass: Thursday, February 14 - 10:00 AM at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Woodward and 12 Mile Road, in Royal Oak, with Rev. Msgr. William Easton officiating. Memorial Tributes to: American Heart Association or The Smile Train, 245 Fifth Ave., Suite 2201, New York, NY 10016. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



## SOPHIE KATHLEEN PARK (nee Cichon)

Age 96, died February 11, 2008, peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. Born Dec. 26m 1911 to John and Mary Cichon in Piney Fork, Ohio. Graduated from Providence Hospital Nursing School in 1934; on Nov. 5, 1942, married John Paton Park Jr., who precedes her in death. Worked at multiple hospitals, nursing homes, and doctors' offices in the Detroit and Plymouth areas prior to retirement in 1971. Beloved by her children, Mary Alinda McKeown-Moak (Lynn Moak) of Austin, TX; John Park (Susan) of Jackson; and Patricia Schwimmer (Edward) of Ypsilanti. She is also survived by seven grandchildren (Jeffrey and Pamela McKeown, J. Scott, Adam, and Daniel Park; Jeremy Allmendinger and Nicole McKay) and 13 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by sisters Ann Nemeth and Mary Chulick, and brothers John and Joe Cichon. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth Thursday 1-4pm and 6-9pm; Rosary Thursday 7pm. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road at Beck Road, Plymouth, Friday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Leave condolences at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



## Fish fry a crowd pleaser

An overflow crowd of nearly 600 filled the school cafeteria as St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia offered its first all-you-can-eat Lenten Fish Fry of the season Friday, Feb. 8. Project chair, Bruce Murray of Westland judged the dinner to be 'one of the busiest and most successful evenings yet' in the dinner's three-year history. "We've gone through more than 300 pounds of fresh, center-cut Alaskan cod and at least 175 pounds of french fries," he added, "and all the comments that I've heard have been really favorable." The dinners continue 4:30-7 p.m. each Friday in Lent through March 14, in the St. Michael School cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The menu includes hand-dipped fried or baked cod, green beans, french fries, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, rolls and beverages. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 for children ages 3-11, free for age 3 and under. Carry-out orders available at \$7 each. Stations-of-the-Cross will be offered in the church immediately after each dinner at 7 p.m. Information is available at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org). Pictured is Dan LaViolette of Livonia enjoying a brief break from his kitchen duties to join his wife, Jackie, and sons Mike (right), Chris (far left) and Joe (next to Jackie) for dinner.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

### FEBRUARY

#### World religions

Have you ever wondered why there are so many different religions? How should Christians view other religions? What is God at work in other religions? What is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions? Farmington First United Methodist Church offers a six-week, video-based study on Christianity and Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. Classes available 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 7, Tuesday class began 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 5, at the church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6573 for details.

#### Lenten concert

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten Services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, organist Kevin Byisma plays music by Bach, Franck, Bridge and Heiller, at Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, in Detroit's Civic Center at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median on Jefferson Ave. at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

#### Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites everyone to its All You Can Eat Lenten Fish Dinners, 4:30-7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, 22, 29, and March 7 and 14, in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. Livonia. The dinners feature a choice of hand-dipped fried or baked cod along with a large assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 for children ages 3-11, free for age 3 and under. Carry-out orders available at \$7 each. For information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

#### Antique show

44th Annual Antique Show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 S. Woodward at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. This year 28 dealers show silver, crystal, china, pottery, clocks, jewelry, dolls & toys, garden décor, oak-pine-walnut furniture, sewing collectibles, vintage clothing & hats, orientalia. Homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, complete dinners & desserts available Friday. Luncheon menu only on Saturday. A country store offers homemade breads, cookies and candy. Also offered is an assortment of silk spring flowers and decorative items. Donation is \$5 per person. Ample on-site parking free. All proceeds help support St. John's Open Hands Food Pantry and a variety of missions and projects of the Episcopal Church Women.

#### Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include dinner and movie 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Grape Expectations Wine and Tapas Bar, Plymouth, call Bruce at (734) 459-7235. Single Place Ministry meets Thursdays 7:45-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.single-place.org](http://www.single-place.org). Cost is \$5 per person.

#### Court of St. Brigid

Scholarship Program sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, will be held

Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Stephen Walsh AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit (313) 535-4110. Educational scholarships will be awarded to the winner and her court. For more information, call Maureen Kelly at (734) 632-0334 or visit [www.detroitirish.org](http://www.detroitirish.org).

#### Learning from loneliness

Dr. Paul Melrose talks about loneliness and how caregivers can assist their care receivers and even themselves with loneliness 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29987 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. RSVP by Feb. 14. Call (248) 474-4701.

#### The Catholic Marriage FAQ

Deacon William Meahan presents the things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but, 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 17, in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Pre-registration requested, call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

#### Reformed Protestant services

A new series of sermons on the Doctrines of Grace is being 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 Road, Canton. For more information, call Richard Waldecker at (734) 664-1815, visit [www.westminsterconfession.org](http://www.westminsterconfession.org), or e-mail Humby at sean.humby@fuse.net.

#### Mid-week worship

Continues to March 12, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Evening begins with worship followed by a simple meal of bread and soup, and concludes with fellowship and mission projects.

#### Lenten services

Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20, 27, March 5 and 12. Holy week services 10 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; Good Friday (March 21) Reflections on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m., Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 427-1414. Weekly worship services 10 a.m. Sundays with nursery, Adult Learning and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. No 6 p.m. Sunday services during Lent or Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

#### Lenten services

Noon and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 20, and 27, and March 5 and 12, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The Pulpit Theme is The Places of Passion. Holy Week services 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16 with Confirmation; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; noon and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 21 and Easter Sunday, March 23.

#### Worship conference

Worship in Spirit and Truth conference Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23, Friday events begin at 7 p.m., Saturday at 9 a.m. and close with a worship service at 8 p.m., at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, between Beck and Sheldon, south of M-14. Topics include Who, Why and When We Worship along with many others. Registration, including lunch and dinner on Saturday, is \$25, \$10 per child for child care and meals. For information, call (734) 453-5280.

#### Lenten services

Continue at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel every Wednesday through March 13, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, (313) 534-7730. Maundy Thursday service will be 7:30

p.m. March 20, the Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. March 23 in the sanctuary.

#### 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).

#### Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23, and the fourth Saturday of every month, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. Free clothing for men, women and children. For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org).

#### Lenten symposium

Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan, Sterling Heights. Featured speaker is the Rev. Monsignor Charles Mangan of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Cost is \$40 advance (\$45 at door), \$20 students, free for seminarians. All speakers also attend the youth symposium (cost \$15 for ages 12-17). Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by Mass at 8 a.m. For more information, visit [www.holytrinityapostolate.com](http://www.holytrinityapostolate.com), send e-mail to [barbaramm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbaramm@sbcglobal.net) or call Shirley at (313) 277-8905, Jerene (248) 625-2461 or Bonnie (586) 781-8523. Registration form must be received by Feb. 20.

#### The Jesus Prayer

A Lenten presentation by Byzantine Catholic Bishop Nicholas Samra 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church Banquet Hall, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. \$10 donation at the door covers hall and refreshments. RSVP by Feb. 20. Call (734) 422-0278. Presented by Pascha Books & Gifts now located at the Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church. Learn how the words are based on scriptural texts.

#### Widowed Friends

Widowed men and women of all ages are invited to a 2:30 p.m. Mass Sunday, Feb. 24, followed by fellowship and refreshments at St. Columban Parish, 1775 Melton, north of 14 mile between Woodward and Coolidge. Enter the building door in back closest to rear parking lot. For information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406.

#### Men's retreat

Feb. 29 to March 2, at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Outer Drive and I-96. Single rooms, own bath, all meals. Cost is approximately \$125. Call Ruben at (734) 261-5321 for appointment.

#### Divorce recovery

The winter/spring workshop meets 7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday until March 13, at Ward Church, Northville. Cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door and includes materials and refreshments. Free childcare provided and financial help is available if needed. Deadline for registration for current session is Feb. 7, call (248) 374-5920.

### UPCOMING

#### Preschool registration

Little Lambs Christian Preschool will have open registration for fall classes at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at 45000 N. Territorial, inside First Baptist Church of Plymouth. A kindergarten readiness program is offered for 3's, 4's and

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young 5's Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Five to 1 student/teacher ratio. Spanish and sign language, field trips, portfolio books, and conferences. Call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 1, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information (734) 261-5716.

VBS summer ministries

The International Christian Education Association presents its 42nd preview 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Get a head start on your church's summer program by viewing exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, attend 4 of 20 workshops on organizing, planning

and administering summer programs, also make and take puppetry and teaching techniques, morning refreshments and lunch included in registration fee. The event is non-denominational and open to the public. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceonline.org.

A music ministry concert

I believe! 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Concert showcasing the Children's, Youth and Chancel Choirs, TeDeum, Children's and Youth Handbell choirs along with the Northville Concert Chorale. No tickets needed. Free will offering. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

Garage sale

Includes household items, tools, books, games, toys, electronic toys/games/equipment, clean, gently used children's clothing & baby items 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 7, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, Grab bag noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, at St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Admission \$1 per person. Garage sale

donations accepted before and after masses March 1-2 in parish garage. No furniture, adult clothing accepted. No strollers permitted during sale. For information, call Ruth McCarthy at (734) 464-5973.

Bethany Suburban West

Lenten Mass 9 a.m. Sunday, March 9, at Madonna Chapel, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Please use the Newburg entrance, breakfast to follow. Call Kathy for details (734) 513-9479.

Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the St. Linus Activity Center at the school. Cost is \$5 or bring a snack or dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet), and we will supply the paper products and coffee. Play cards or board games for the evening. There will be prizes. Call Kathy for details and directions (734) 513-9479 or Michele (313) 996-8644.

Special night of worship

With Men of Grace 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, one block east of Beck at McClumpha,

Plymouth. For more information or a map visit www.risenchrist.info. This free event offers an evening of spirituals, hymns, traditional and contemporary, original music, and arrangements performed by Men of Grace from Grace Centers of Hope (Pontiac). Free will offering will be taken. They are a living example of how a life can be transformed from addiction, abuse and violence to one filled with meaning, hope and faith. The group has been honored to sing for President Bush, the Detroit Tigers, Governor Jennifer Granholm, and featured at hundreds of civic, corporate, church and school events.

Easter season worship

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, and 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia; noon Good Friday, March 21, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia and 7 p.m. Good Friday, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia

(contemporary service), and 7 a.m. Easter Sunday at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh, north of Eight Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

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Blended family workshop

7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays through April 2, at Ward Church, 40000 6 Mile Rd., Northville. Call (248) 374-5912. The Step-Family Doctor, Pastor Paul Clough, facilitates the group focusing on the issues pertaining to the blended family. Registration best but last minute walk-ins welcome.

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# O&E editor Klemic put 'heart and energy into her work'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Mary Klemic loved writing. Klemic chose journalism as a career while in high school at about the time of Watergate, remembers her sister, Gladys Klemic. Mary closely followed the reporting of the story and it made a strong impression on her, Gladys said.

"Mary saw journalism as a form of community service to provide useful, accurate information to the public," Gladys said. "She had a strong sense that it is important to have a free press to investigate and record events as an unbiased source of truth."

Mary Klemic, who edited a regional HometownLife section and special sections, and previously the At Home, Arts and Creative Living sections for the *Observer & Eccentric*

*Newspapers*, died Saturday morning after battling cancer for nearly 10 years. She was 50.

"Mary appreciated the power of well-chosen words to affect people's hearts," Gladys said. "She liked to refer to historical speeches that managed to defuse difficult situations or rouse people to action or persuade them of a good cause. That was important to her — the importance of journalism in the community, that sense of community, justice and the truth. She put a lot of heart and energy into her work."

She called Mary a "wonderful sister and a terrific aunt who was generous, considerate and thoughtful."

Klemic's work ethic and dedication will be missed at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"The news staff is saddened by Mary's death," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the

*O&E* and a longtime colleague. "Mary was an award-winning member of the *O&E* family for nearly 25 years. Mary was passionate about her work. She truly loved being a community journalist."

"A former *Observer & Eccentric* Journalist of the Year, Mary was a superb and meticulous copy editor. She was so proud of the *O&E* award because it came from her colleagues," Rosiek added.

A Birmingham resident, Klemic was a member of the Bloomfield Hills Village Club, belonged to the Church of St. Alan in Troy, was active in her condo association board and a member of several organizations supporting arts in the Detroit region, including the Detroit Institute of Arts and Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary.

Klemic had a significant impact in publicizing and pro-

moting regional developments in the arts. Linda Chomin, health and community life reporter, began writing for Klemic when she was editor of *Creative Living* 17 years ago.

"Mary was a strong supporter of the arts community for many years and one of the most versatile reporters I know," she said. "She was always looking for a good story and dedicated to getting the story right. But besides being a co-worker, she was a friend."

Diane Gale Andreassi worked with Klemic as a temporary reporter in the early 1980s, and later as a freelance writer. Andreassi described her as "brilliant, humble and thoughtful," demonstrating a "keen ability to write the wittiest lead."

Jeanette Keramedjian, who publicized events for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, worked with Klemic for more than 20

years. Her articles helped boost ticket sales and turned the annual events into successes, Keramedjian said.

"Her articles are beautifully written and accurate," she said. "Her articles were beautifully detailed and that's when Mary's personality really came out."

Klemic graduated from St. Mary's of Redford, then graduated with honors from Wayne State University with a degree in mass communications and English, attending on a full scholarship. She worked at *The South End*, WSU's student newspaper, then worked at the *Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Times-Herald* before the *O&E*.

Mary is survived by her parents, John and Rozene Klemic, as well as siblings John Klemic Jr., Gladys (Pepin Carolan), James (Kathryn) and the late Thomas Klemic.

The funeral Mass will be 10



Mary Klemic

a.m. Monday at the Church of St. Alan, 2345 Coolidge (between Maple and Big Beaver roads) in Troy. Friends may arrive at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Sunday and a prayer service is scheduled at 7 p.m. at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14 Mile and Maple roads). Interment will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Memorials can be sent to Providence Cancer Center, Providence Health Foundation, 22255 Greenfield Road, Suite 228, Southfield, MI 48075. Condolences can be e-mailed to [lynchfuneraldirectors.com](http://lynchfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cold weather a reminder of needs of needy in our community

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

This week's cold weather has many of us thankful we have warm homes and workplaces. Not everyone's so fortunate.

The Salvation Army is reaching out a helping hand to homeless people and others in need during this cold snap and year-round. If you'd like to support the work of the Salvation Army in eastern Michigan, you can call (877) SAL-MICH or make an online donation at [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org).

Also under way is planning for the 21st annual Dick Puritan Bed & Bread Radiothon, to be broadcast 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29, from Oakland Mall in Troy in support of the Salvation Army. You can donate now either at [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org) or via the radio sta-

tion WOMC's Web site at [www.womc.com](http://www.womc.com).

Checks may be sent to the Salvation Army, Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, Mich. 48075.

"Unfortunately, the need never seems to go away," said John Hale, interim director of development. Hale cited the successful Red Kettle fundraising campaign this past Christmas.

For Christmas 2006, the Salvation Army raised more than \$7.1 million, and a \$7.2 million goal was set for Christmas 2007. The effort didn't do well at first, Hale said, but picked up and ended with just over \$8 million raised.

"We started to get some bigger gifts," he said. "One person gave us a quarter of a million

dollars." That was a big help, with needs up significantly, Hale said, citing a 292 percent increase in the suburbs alone.

"So those dollars have been put to good use," said Hale, adding donations for the Dick Puritan Bed & Bread Radiothon can be made by phone at (248) 307-1043. He noted just giving up morning coffee a few days will give you money to support the Radiothon.

Hale said the Feb. 29 event is the largest single-market, single-day radiothon in the U.S. and possibly worldwide. Its goal is \$2.4 million.

"There's still a great need," he said. "It's so dangerous for people to be outside when it's 5 degrees or below."

The Salvation Army in our region provides:

- over 700,000 nights of shelter annually
- shelters more than 2,100 people daily
- serves 9,300 meals a day.

The Puritan event supports a mobile feeding truck, along with several shelters for needy people. The Salvation Army has more than 40 locations in southeast Michigan, some of which like Royal Oak aren't shelters but can be used as such temporarily with mattresses or cots for the multipurpose room.

"It's just too cold to be outside, so we do that," Hale said.

He and other Salvation Army officials particularly appreciate financial contributions. "We're able to use those dollars for purchasing power. We know exactly what we need. It allows us to be flexible," Hale said.

Another nonprofit group helping in Michigan is The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) at 1212 Griswold

St., 10th floor, Detroit, Mich. 48226. Those who need help with utility bills should call (800) 866-THAW (8429). Information on donating to THAW online is at [www.thawfund.org](http://www.thawfund.org). The nonprofit's e-mail is [info@thawfund.org](mailto:info@thawfund.org).

"Once the winter season commences, it's always an important time," said John X. Miller, chief executive officer for THAW. THAW just held its own radiothon with co-sponsor WWJ radio, which raised some half million dollars.

"Ninety percent of that will go to help people paying their utility bills," Miller said. THAW gets some matching money from utility companies DTE Energy, Consumers and SEMCO (serving the Thumb), which is appreciated.

Both men agree Detroiters are a generous bunch, even

when times are tough. Hale finds Detroiters "are sharing to help their community and in some cases to help their neighbor."

"Metro Detroit is generally recognized as one of the most philanthropic communities in the country," Miller said. That probably goes to our religious diversity, he said. "I also think it's just part of our culture."

THAW works with people to avert crisis, working on such things as energy conservation. You can better insulate your home, Miller said, turn down the thermostat when going to bed and even be attentive to recharging of a cell phone or laptop.

"We're advocates for long-term solutions for energy issues," Miller said.

# Rolling over into IRA is most flexible option when leaving a job

It seems almost weekly we read about layoffs, buyouts or other restructuring plans. If you are in this situation, it is important to review the alternatives and make the right decision. There is, however, one issue that every employee who loses his/her job does have control over and that's what to do with their retirement money.

When someone leaves their employer, regardless of the reason, they have a number of options with regard to their retirement account. The first option is to leave the retirement account as is. Another option

is to directly transfer the retirement money into an individual retirement account (IRA). The third option — if they have a new job — is to directly transfer their old retirement savings account into a retirement savings account with the new employer.

I recommend a direct transfer into an IRA because you now

have 100 percent control of your retirement money. In addition, you can also control cost.

Many retirement plans have high fees that erode an investor's return. Unfortunately, many of these fees are not readily disclosed and unless you do some research you don't know what you're paying. By directly transferring the money into an IRA, you can have better investment options and lower fees.

One of the downsides of leaving the money in your old employer's retirement plan is you are bound by its rules, which may not be as flexible

as you would like. In addition, employers are changing the options within their retirement savings plan at an accelerated rate. You can be in an investment that you like, but because of an employer's change in the plan, you may no longer have that option.

If you directly transfer your money into an IRA, once you purchase an investment it's yours and you don't have to worry about any changes.

I'm not a fan of directly transferring money into a new employer's plan. Once again, it has to do with control over your money. Your new employer can decide to change its investment options and once again you have no say.

I used to have one major exception for individuals who were leaving one of the major auto companies — Ford, General Motors or Chrysler. I used to say you wouldn't be making a mistake by leaving your money in these plans. Things, however, have changed. Even though the plans offered for their current employees are still good, they're not as good as they used to be. For instance, GM has just gone through a major revamping of its retirement savings program and many funds that were offered are no longer available to investors.

Unfortunately, it's not as easy as just transferring the money into an IRA, because you have

to be leery of the vultures in our society who prey on people leaving their employer. What some financial salespeople do is to put investors into high-cost, underperforming investments. I have seen many retirees who left their company and put their retirement accounts in investment vehicles such as variable annuities, which make no sense whatsoever except for the people selling them. The key to being a good investor is to keep money in your pocket.

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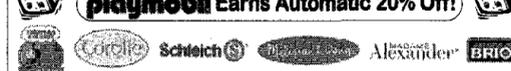
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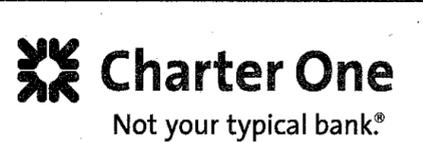
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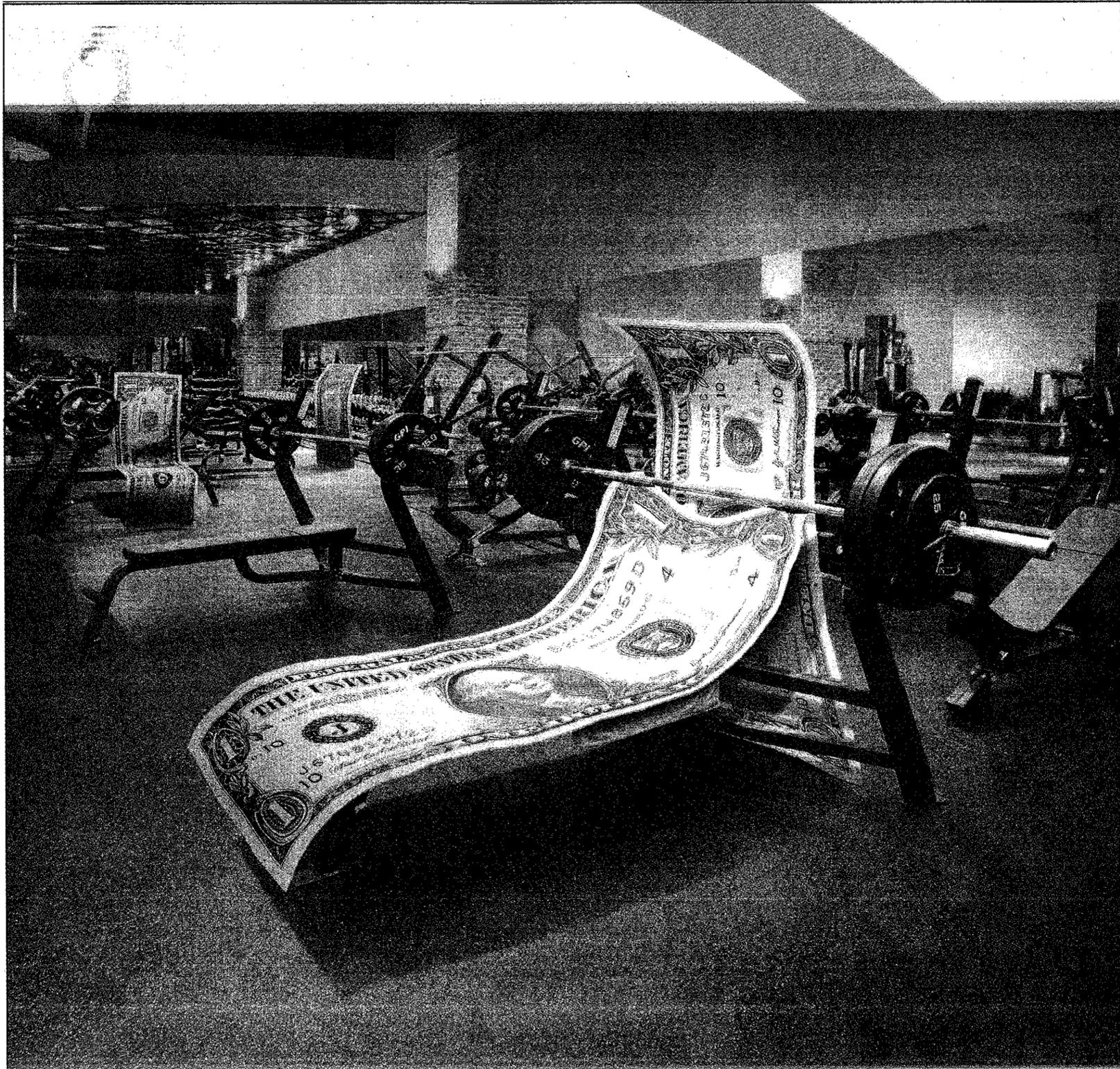
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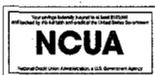
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OUR VIEWS

## Change won't curb citizens' comments

In November 2002, the Westland City Council came under fire when it decided to revamp its agenda, limiting citizens' comments to the first half hour of the meeting and to time at the end of the business agenda.

The idea at the time was to put an end to lengthy comments that delayed the business portion of the meeting. At the time, residents denounced the decision, saying it was an assault on their and other residents' right of free speech.

Now the council is considering streamlining the agenda even further by removing the second citizens' comments. Residents would still get to speak during the first half hour. If there are more comments than time, it would resume after the business items.

According to Council President James Godbout, the city has one of the most liberal policies for public comment in the area. He wants to make the meetings more businesslike, but the proposal isn't setting well with residents who again see it as curbing their right to speak.

While it does appear it is an attempt to rein in the amount of time people spend at the podium, it does not curb their right to speak. What is does do is allow council meetings to be conducted in a timely fashion.

Residents need to remember that the primary purpose of the council meeting is to conduct the business of the city. It convenes to do such things as approve site plans, pass ordinances and pay the city bills. It also hears comments and complaints and answers questions.

The people should be a part of the meeting, and we applaud those residents who show up at every meeting. However, residents need to understand that the business of the city is to provide services to them, and it's the council's job to make sure those services are provided. Residents are not and should not be the council's primary focus at meetings.

Citizens' comments is meant to bring issues to the council's attention and comment on agenda items. What's being proposed more than covers that. However, we believe that the time allotted for each citizen to speak should not be cut. Residents should have adequate time to address their concerns and make their comments. Godbout may call five minutes liberal, but it pales in comparison to the unlimited amount of time council members can spend speaking at the end of the meeting.

Freedom of speech is a foundation of our democratic lifestyle. We believe it will remain alive and well in Westland, even with the elimination of the second citizens' comments.

## Take some simple steps to make flu season safer

Now that we're in the dead of winter, flu season — which got off to a slow start — is just starting to hit its peak.

While the number of cases from October through early January was below average, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control, the number of confirmed cases of influenza has jumped in the last month across the country. In fact, more than 30 states reported widespread influenza activity during the first week of February, and it is only expected to get worse.

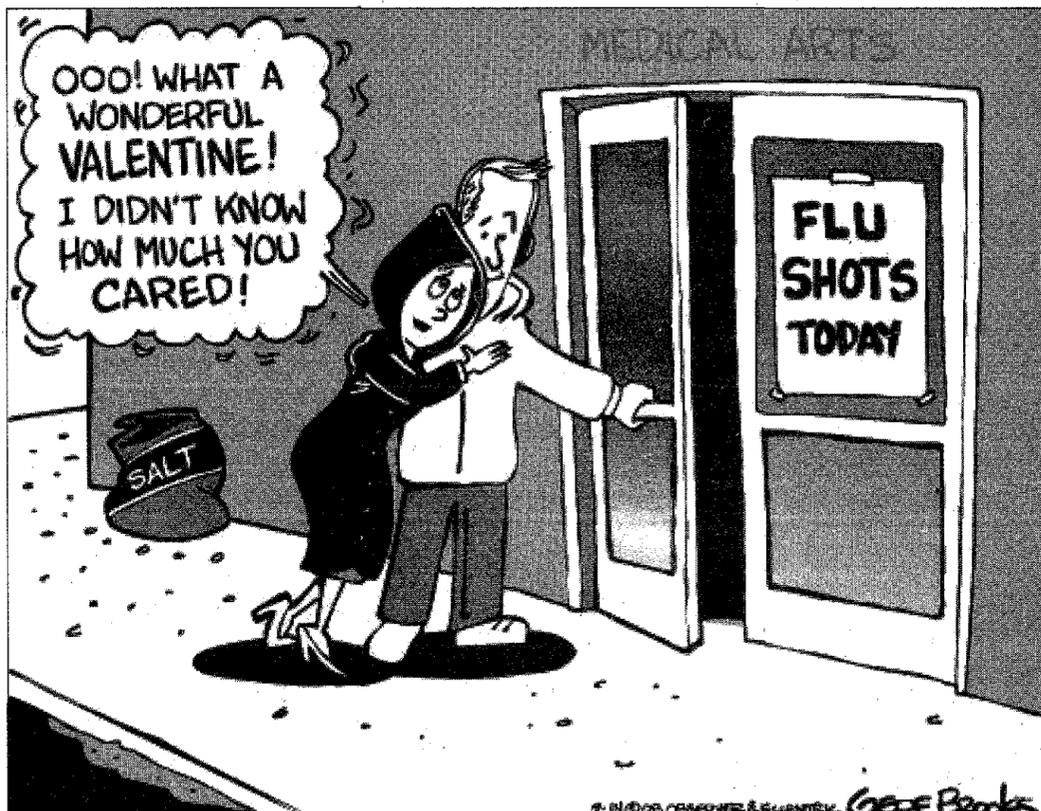
The CDC's Influenza Division, which collects and analyzes information on influenza activity in the U.S. each week, reported this week that the status and severity of the flu in our area is currently high.

Between 30 million and 60 million Americans get influenza each year. As anyone who has ever had it can tell you, influenza can be a real pain. It can also be very dangerous. Each year, the disease hospitalizes about 200,000 Americans and kills about 36,000, according to the CDC.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by several strains of the influenza virus. Its debilitating symptoms, which can last between two and seven days, include severe headaches, extreme fatigue, high fever, coughing, sore throat and muscle aches. It also can lead to life-threatening complications, such as pneumonia. Young children and adults above the age of 50 are particularly susceptible.

There are a couple of things you can do to minimize your risk of contracting the flu. First and foremost is getting vaccinated. Unlike in years past, when the amount of vaccine ran short, there are still some vaccinations available, including through the Oakland County Health Division — Flu Shot Hotline at (800) 434-3358 — and the Wayne County Department of Public Health, which can be contacted at (734) 727-7000.

Some other simple steps you can take include frequently washing your hands, and covering your mouth with a tissue (rather than your hand) when you cough or sneeze to keep germs from spreading. Also, getting plenty of sleep will help ward off the virus.



LETTERS

### Perjury damages system

I pray Kym Worth has the integrity to prosecute Kwame Kilpatrick and Christine Beatty for perjury. Last I knew, perjury was a federal offense ... a crime against the judicial system, attacking it at its roots and obstructing the process through which justice is carried out.

Has it become acceptable to lie under oath? What message is being sent? No big deal ... everyone (beginning with Clinton) does it ... and politicians can get away with it? If not dealt with, perjury will set a precedent and greatly damage our judicial system itself.

Dale Mary Orsucci  
Livonia

### Recalls 'a petty waste'

As a taxpayer I would like to voice my opinion on these silly attempted recalls of elected officials. This is a complete waste of time and taxpayer money! There is a group of citizens called the Michigan Taxpayer Alliance that serves no purpose other than making the lives of our elected officials even more difficult than they are already.

Why doesn't this special interest group consider finding a way to serve our communities instead of trying to tear them apart?

As a constituent of state Sen. Glenn Anderson and state Rep. Andy Dillon (Speaker of the House), I have received immediate responses to any questions I have brought to either of them.

Andy and Glenn, thank you both for the service you give your constituents and this state. Your dedication will be at the forefront of our great state's turnaround.

People, the next time you find yourself faced with signing a recall petition, instead "ask not what your state can do for you; but what you can do for your state." Recalls are a petty waste of time!

Marti Bush  
Redford Township

### Constitution has been ignored

I would like to see that the federal government is under control, whether both sides agree or not. This is not the case. It has become obvious that the government has been subverted to elements within the Republican Party instead of being American first.

We cannot get officials to respect congressional oversight and the president is using signing statements and executive orders to override laws passed by Congress.

The Constitution has been ignored in spite of the fact that all officials take an oath to protect and uphold the Constitution. The time to act has come.

Lorraine Norton  
Livonia

### Privacy invasion

This administration has taken too many liberties and gone against what is legal and appropriate far too many times.

The average citizen of this country, which is the largest percentage, are just living an everyday life and trying

to make a living and survive, despite the cost of living steadily increasing at an astronomical rate. I wonder if this administration spies on the wealthy as much as they do the middle class and poor, or are they exempt from this disgusting and illegal practice. That the telecommunications companies do this administration's dirty deed, they should be held liable. Now all we have to do is somehow impeach this moron from the high position he has held for far too long. I'm sure many in this country are in agreement that we wait patiently with bated breath for the day that this administration is no more!

Linda J. Solomon  
Farmington

### Comcast, stop whining

The scene is being replayed many times, in my living room: the Comcast invasion of their marketing muscle, telling us about their negative opinions about AT&T and the Big Ten Network.

Please, Comcast, stop giving us that apple pie image, while maintaining your ambitious course and dominating behavior of trying to crush your competition. I, for one, have waited through a 23-minute wait in your endless message loop, waiting to make human contact.

Try a new corporate game face, by steering some of those bullying dollars that you're spending trying to cripple your competition and embrace us with some good, old-fashioned human voice service.

C.R. Hucul  
Plymouth

### We need a fair tax policy

Anti-tax groups are peddling an extremely simplistic, but very unrealistic and fiscally irresponsible message. Their message is that tax increases are bad and tax cuts are good. Anti-tax zealots preach that we can keep cutting all kinds of taxes without having to see corresponding cuts in the services and benefits we receive from government.

You almost never hear a serious discussion about how different taxes are paid by different sets of people, or how different taxes have differing impacts on the economy. The anti-tax folks also never point out that being opposed to taxes means also being opposed to all those government services and programs that those taxes pay for including police and fire protection, good schools — both K-12 and higher education, prisons to keep criminals off the streets, Medicare, Social Security, homeland security and our military.

On the federal level the fiscal irresponsibility of this anti-tax mentality can be seen with growing deficits being financed with money being borrowed from our children and grandchildren. Ill-advised tax cuts have led to a growing inequality between those few who have wealth and political connections and who receive much of the benefits from cutting such taxes as capital gains and estate taxes and the rest of us who pay the largest part of the cost for those tax cuts in the form of reduced government spending on such items as medical insurance for children, tuition assistance and veterans benefits.

Yes, I don't like paying taxes either. Yes, I agree that well-planned tax cuts can be fair, desirable and good for middle-class taxpayers. However, mindless demands for tax cuts without any truly thoughtful discussion and analysis are making it increasingly difficult for us to address serious, long-term problems. These problems include our deteriorating infrastructure (roads, bridges and schools) and our growing dependence on overseas oil.

We need a fair, well-thought out tax policy that leaves room for fiscally responsible tax cuts but which preserves essential government programs involving public safety, health, education, infrastructure and national security. Above all, that tax policy has to be equitable for middle-class taxpayers and not be at the expense of our children and grandchildren.

Paul J. Veselenak  
Royal Oak

### End cancer at ballot box

Do you know that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime? And that more than 40,000 women and 450 men die of breast cancer each year?

I know you're as troubled by these numbers as I am. That's why I wanted to tell you about a concrete step you can take right now to help end breast cancer. Susan G. Komen for the Cure Advocacy Alliance is launching a new campaign called I Vote for the Cure. It gives all of us a chance to challenge the 2008 presidential candidates to make breast cancer a priority in their campaigns.

Our next leader will have the power to make significant advances in treatment, screening and research — for all Americans. And we have the power to elect that leader. Join me in telling the candidates: American voters want to end breast cancer forever. Last year I walked all 12 walks in 12 different cities. I have walked with many survivors and I know from experience the pain and suffering they went through. Won't you please take a few moments to sign the petition on IVotefortheCure.org? Thank you for your time and God bless you.

George Nummer  
Clawson

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# Having right to recall lawmakers doesn't make it right thing to do

If Marc Corriveau thinks the recall effort against him is partisan politics at its worst — he does, and it is — he's also smart enough to know it's not the last shot he's going to take from Republicans angered over losing the 20th District they had claimed for so long. It's simply the latest salvo.



Brad Kadrich

Corriveau, the Democrat from Northville who won the open seat left vacant when former Republican John Stewart (himself, ironically, now a Democrat) was term-limited, was actually targeted last year, when former Republican state lawmaker Leon Drolet dragged a giant ceramic pig through Corriveau's district.

Now, a Plymouth Township resident named John Hett has drafted a recall petition aimed at forcing Corriveau out of office. Hett claims no political affiliation, and political observers don't seem to know much about him.

Hett's claim the recall is just about "one guy who got fed up" with what's going on in Lansing — after the legislature voted to raise taxes to help with the deficit — is a tough notion to swallow in an area as politically charged as this district.

Corriveau isn't the only target. Also in Republican crosshairs are Aldo Vagnozzi, who represents the Farmington-Farmington Hills area, and House Speaker Andy Dillon from Redford.

Want to convince someone these recalls aren't simply political ploys? Then come up with a valid explanation for targeting Vagnozzi, a frail, 82-year-old term-limited representative who'll be out of office this fall in the first place.

Recalling Corriveau might make sense because he's a young up-and-comer some are already touting for the state Senate seat being vacated in two years by Bruce Patterson.

One might think it made more sense for Corriveau's critics to find someone to run against him in November. Fear not, they're going to do that, too. A key Republican strategist said last week Republicans will "throw a lot of money" at the race, hoping to reclaim a seat to which, until two years ago, they could claim squatters' rights.

And those who don't believe such a campaign would turn ugly need only reflect on the 2006

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election, when Republicans waged a nasty campaign against Beth Stewart.

And Stewart (at the time) was a Republican. Like her husband, she has since become a Democrat.

Vagnozzi said he's fighting back with a petition of his own, an unofficial campaign that says, simply, "No to recall." Corriveau isn't waging that kind of campaign and, frankly, both he and Vagnozzi probably have better, more productive things to do.

While Corriveau knows he can ill-afford to just ignore the recall, he also believes Hett isn't behind it, and the fact the real antagonist — Drolet — has made himself scarce has made him hard to combat.

"I will continue to do the job I was elected to do, and do it to the best of my ability, but I can't afford to fall asleep at the switch and ignore this, either," Corriveau said. "But, it's hard to fight a ghost."

The people out in front of these recall efforts certainly have the right to petition, and watching the Legislature slug it out in the closing moments of the budget didn't do much for the popularity of politicians.

The thought here is recalls are a waste of time and don't work often enough to make them a viable option. Unhappy with a legislator? The primary is six months away, plenty of time to find a viable candidate.

That would be an easier path to support than is the dog-and-pony show we're being asked to believe now.

Just because you have the right to do something doesn't mean it's the right thing to do.

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# Raising state's dropout age essential in modern economy

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has it right — raise the dropout age and do it now!

Why does Michigan have a law on the books dating back decades that makes it "legal" for children to drop out of school at the age of 16? Whose kids should be allowed



Tom Watkins

to leave school without at least a high school diploma? Yours, mine? Our state policies should mirror what any of us would at a minimum want and expect for our own children.

Times have changed. There was a time in Michigan and America where one could drop out of school and get a good-paying job at a factory,

join the military or work on the family farm. Those days are long gone. Factories have not hired someone without a high school diploma, let alone a high school dropout, in more than a decade. The armed forces now require at least a high school diploma to join today — GEDs are not readily accepted. And you need exceptional skills and knowledge to be a successful family farmer today.

We have moved from a society where you needed to be able to "lift" for a living to a society where you now need to "think" for a living.

Given today's fast-paced global economy, allowing children to leave school without the education they need and deserve is state-sponsored stupidity at best and institutionalized racism at worst.

If we had the horrific dropout statistics in our white, middle-class suburbs as we do in Native American, African American or Hispanic American communities, Michigan's citizens would be marching on Lansing demanding that our lawmakers do something. If the dropout problem were viewed as a public health issue in our urban centers — it would be labeled an epidemic.

However, it is far more than just raising the legal age at which one can drop out. As responsible adults and educators, there is a moral, societal and economic imperative to develop appropriate alternative programs to educate children so they may, one day, support themselves and their families and fully participate in our democratic society.

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Let's not forget that this is one social problem with a built-in solution. Under Proposal A, Michigan's schools are funded by the number of students attending. The local school district loses a minimum of \$7,200 for every child who drops out.

Once again, Gov. Granholm has urged the state Legislature to adopt legislation that sends a clear message to our students — education matters.

We need to do more than just change the law. We need to change our attitudes, beliefs, and our educational programs to meet the needs of today's students.

Is it OK for your child to leave school at age 16 without an education to survive and thrive in the 21st century? The community and state that truly leave no child behind will also be the community and state that will rule economically. Michigan can only be that state if we are serious about doing all we can to assure our children are prepared to compete in this rapidly changing, disruptive, technologically driven knowledge economy, where ideas and jobs can and do move around the globe.

For Michigan to prosper, we must remember — it is education, stupid.

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## C'ville hangs tough

### 16-1 Trojans prevail, 76-67, in triumph over Thurston

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's snow kept some spectators from attending host Clarenceville's big game against "friendly rival" Redford Thurston.

But the good-sized crowd that did make the trek enjoyed sizzling action, with the Trojans holding off the tenacious Eagles 76-67 in a nonconference varsity boys basketball thriller.

Clarenceville (16-1) led all night against Thurston (14-3) until a fourth-quarter 14-2 run keyed by several steals by Eagles' junior guard Greg Morgan knotted the contest at 65-65 with one minute to play.

"Greg came up with some steals, they all played hard and never gave up," said Eagles' head coach Brian Bates.

A pull-up jumper in the lane by senior forward Delmichael Youngblood brought Thurston even for the first time since the opening tip.

Moments later, however, Clarenceville junior wing guard Jamie Stewart (28 points, 11 rebounds, four blocks) broke a 67-all tie when he drove the lane for a layup. The Trojans then finished off Thurston with seven foul shots.

But Bates lamented the turnovers and inconsistent shooting that took place earlier, enabling Clarenceville to take a 20-10 lead after one frame and maintain a comfortable advantage most of the game.

"Turnovers put us in the hole," Bates said. "They came out fired up and ready to play. It was a big

game for them, a huge game for them."

Clarenceville head coach Corey McKendry said his team did get off to an excellent start, with Stewart and 6-foot-3 senior forward Jeremy Gainer scoring 13 and nine points, respectively, in the first half when the Trojans built a 37-31 edge.

All seemed decided in the final minute of the third quarter. Clarenceville's Gainer and senior point guard Lonnie Fairfax scored baskets following Thurston giveaways to pad the Trojans' lead to 53-44 after three.

Then, in the first play of the fourth, Stewart threw down a rousing slam, opening up an 11-point margin.

But the Trojans needed to catch their collective breath in the fourth, suddenly finding themselves in a ballgame.

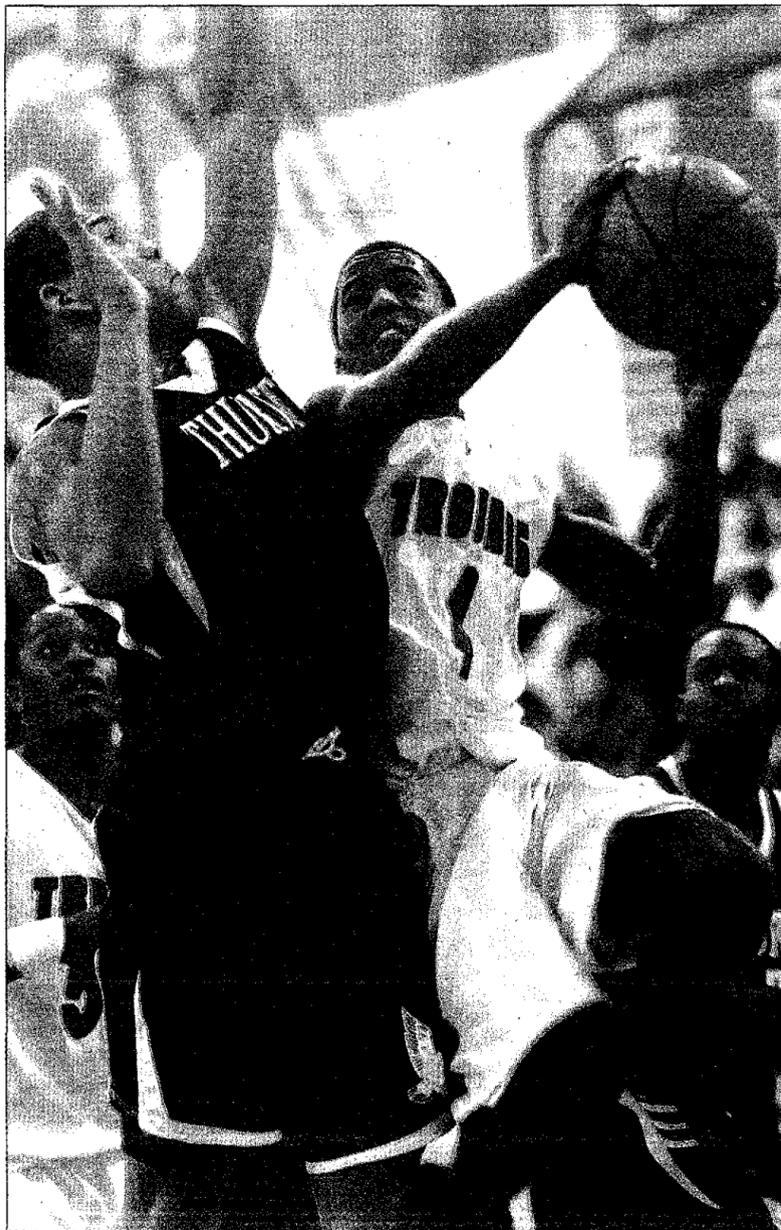
"They (Eagles) just refused to quit, and our kids were kind of surprised at how hard they came at us," said McKendry, asked about Thurston's late rally. "And when things got real tight, our players just stepped up."

"Jamie made a great take to the basket. Lonnie Fairfax gets rolled on and makes those two free throws."

McKendry added that the coaches and players know each other, and that "the past couple years this has become a really good rivalry, a friendly rivalry. ... This is a game we circle on the schedule each year."

One reason it's a big game for the Trojans is it provides an

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Clarenceville's Lonnie Fairfax hangs in the air in an attempt to score over Thurston's Jarmel Bloodsaw.

## Sidelines

### Schick lifts ISU

The Illinois State University women's gymnastics team is off to a 4-1 start following a 193.975-190.625 win Friday at home over Rhode Island as freshman standout Erica Schick (Livonia Stevenson) took runner-up honors in the all-around with a score of 38.825.

Schick posted scores of 9.575 (vault), 9.775 (uneven bars), 9.75 (balance beam) and 9.725 (floor exercise).

On Feb. 1, Schick was the all-around winner with a 38.675 in a 192.775-191.825 road victory at Centenary (La.) College.

She posted scores of 9.475 (vault), 9.775 (uneven bars), 9.85 (beam) and 9.575 (floor).

### Blazer icers split

Livonia Ladywood is now 11-8-1 overall after splitting a pair of Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League games last weekend.

On Saturday, Ann Arbor improved to 11-1-1 in the league with a 5-2 win over the host Blazers at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Kristina Harter twice, while Angie Chronis, Rachel Freeman and Emy Gutman (empty-netter) each added one goal for Ann Arbor.

Heather Sartorius had a goal and assist for Ladywood, which slipped to 11-6 in the league. Abby Kienbaum tallied the other Ladywood goal.

Ladywood netminder Michell Wynnemko made 24 saves, while Ann Arbor's Tori Carito had 20.

On Friday, eight different Blazers scored in an 8-0 mercy-rule win over Bloomfield at the Southfield Civic Center Ice Arena.

Elise Sarwarski, Kaitlin Gaule, Veronica Fradette, Eman Freij and Courtney McCauley scored first-period goals.

Niki Jacobs, Julie Bushart and Kelsey Campbell added second-period goals.

Ladywood goalie Jessica Pavea had to make only two saves en route to the shutout.

### LJAL-MU clinics

On Saturday, Feb. 23, the Livonia Junior Athletic League and Madonna University staff will stage a pair of clinics (ages 7-16) including a girls fastpitch skills beginning at 9 a.m. at Frost Middle School; along with a hitting, catching and batting skills for boys from 1-3 p.m. at Churchill High School.

The cost is \$25 each for the girls fastpitch skills and the boys baseball skills.

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## MU blows chance

### Bridges' 36-point scoring effort goes in vain

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Pretty much all that Madonna University's men's basketball team had going for it Saturday was the strong play of senior forward D.J. Bridges, who set a personal record for points with 36 against visiting Cornerstone.

Bridges also hit four-of-five treys in the first half, propelling the Crusaders to leads of 14-2 after just 2:24 of the key Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference contest and 47-37 at halftime.

But during second-half crunch time, the Golden Eagles took over with dominance in the low post, rallying for a stunning 80-76 victory.

Cornerstone tallied 46 points in the paint, compared to Madonna's 20, and that keyed the Golden Eagles (13-13, 7-3) to a victory that pushed them past the Crusaders into second place. "They played 40 minutes and we played about 37," said dejected MU coach Chuck

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Henry, whose team dropped to 15-12 overall and 7-4 in the conference.

Canton alum Bridges also downplayed any personal achievement. He canned 12-of-17 field-goal attempts and grabbed eight rebounds, easily leading all scorers in the afternoon game.

"The points were nice," Bridges said. "But they don't really feel good now that we lost. I'm always 'win first.'"

According to Bridges, it was disappointing to lead virtually all day for nothing.

"That was a game we really wanted to win, especially to stay at the top of the league (close to Aquinas)," he said.

"They buckled down on defense, that's for sure. And they simply made plays."

"They had some players step up and hit some shots when they needed them. ... I take my hat off to that team."

The Crusaders hit just 11 of 30 field-goal tries in the sec-

ond half, while Cornerstone came to life (16-32).

Freshman forward Kelvin DeVries (15 points, seven rebounds) probably was the top clutch performer for Cornerstone.

He threw down a slam, then stole an in-bounds pass at half-court and went in for a layup on the subsequent play to cut Madonna's once-comfortable lead to 72-71 with 3:20 remaining.

"We turned the ball over on a deadball situation out of bounds," said Henry, referring to the latter basket. "That's inexcusable."

But the Crusaders managed to stay in front, barely. Bridges took a nice dish from junior guard Cedric Sims and converted a bank shot down low for his record-breaking points.

It was 76-73 Madonna after Bridges hit two foul shots with a little more than two minutes to go.

DeVries came through again, however, this time

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## Stevenson posts rally vs. Trenton for 4-4 tie

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

To say it was a productive weekend for the Livonia Stevenson boys hockey team would be a huge understatement.

Following a 2-1 victory Friday night over the state's No. 2-ranked team in Division 1, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, the Spartans laced up their skates again Saturday in the Michigan High School Hockey Showcase and rallied for a 4-4 overtime deadlock with host Trenton, ranked No. 1 in Division 2, in a game played at Kennedy Recreation Center.

"It was two pretty high level hockey games to play and it was great for our program," said Stevenson first-year coach David Mitchell, whose team is now 20-0-2 overall. "Trenton kept forcing the issue. They like to play up-tempo and it was much more wide open than the previous night (vs. CC). It was more of a special teams battle."

The game featured a total of 61 shots and six power-play goals.

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Trenton (16-1-4) led 2-1 after one period on goals by Cory Denback and Scott Henegar, while John Vella countered for Stevenson on assists from Mike Voran and captain Mark Bekkala.

Ryan Kelly put the Trojans up 3-1 at 5:54 of the second period, but Ryan Baratono answered with a power-play goal from Vella and Bekkala.

In the final period, Josh Miller put the Trojans up two goals, 4-2, but the Spartans stormed back on Vella's power-play goal from R.J. Kierdorf and Voran at 5:46 followed by Voran's goal from Bekkala and Baratono with only 55 seconds remaining in regulation.

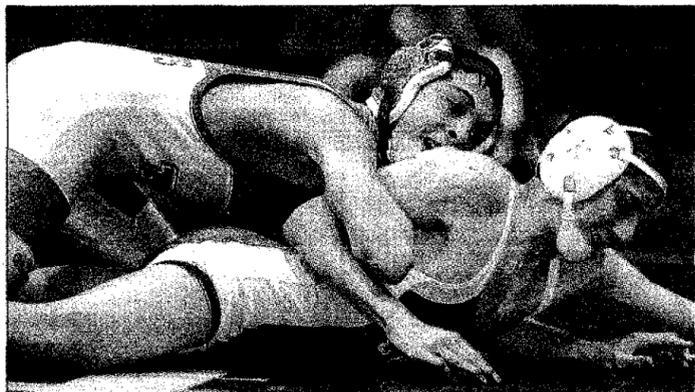
The Spartans had a power-play opportunity during the five-minute OT session, but couldn't cash in.

Stevenson netminder Pat McHugh made 29 saves, while Trenton counterpart Marco DeGrazia turned away 24 shots.

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## Going to the mat

It was a repeat performance Saturday of last month's Observerland final as Westland John Glenn's 103-pounder Anthony Pavlich (top) downed Canton's Waleed Faraj for the Western Lakes Activities Association crown. The Chiefs captured the team title with Livonia Franklin finishing second. See the story and results on page B3.



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## Clarenceville earns outright Metro crown

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Clarenceville's wrestling program had reason to celebrate Saturday as the Trojans earned their first outright Metro Conference championship in school history at Lutheran High Westland.

Clarenceville, the dual meet champion at 5-0, edged Macomb Lutheran North for the tournament team title, 170-161. The host Warriors were third with 134, followed by Harper Woods (121), Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (50) and Hamtramck (15).

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# Semifinals set: Churchill wins at buzzer to join Glenn, Wayne

Livonia Churchill earned its first Western Lakes Activities Association boys playoff win since 1986 in dramatic fashion Tuesday night with a 51-49 triumph over visiting Walled Lake Western.

Senior guard Ryan Whittum picked up a loose ball and drove the length of the floor for the game-winning lay-up as time expired to propel the Chargers, now 11-7 overall, into Friday's WLAA semifinal against 16-2 Wayne Memorial, the Western Division champion. (Game time is 7 p.m. at Wayne.)

With the score deadlocked at 49-all, Western got possession with 2:49 left and held the ball until the final eight seconds.

The Chargers' Ryan Woods and Ryan Rosenick both tipped the ball. It landed in the hands of Whittum, who went one-on-one and beat a Western defender for the game-winning basket.

It was Churchill's third win this season at the buzzer.

"We needed one stop at the end and we got it," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "Ryan (Whittum) was under a lot of

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pressure going to the basket one-on-one.

"It was a battle. Both teams beat each other up. It was very physical. But it was a good way to end a hard-fought game."

Whittum ended up with a team-high 16 points, while senior guard Andrew Vagnetti added 11.

Rosenick, a senior center, finished with nine points and 14 rebounds, while Woods, a junior guard, came off the bench to score nine.

Dramel Hogan paced the Warriors (9-9) and all scorers with 19 points. Matt Vercellino contributed eight.

Churchill won despite making only 6-of-14 free throws, while Western was 6-of-8.

WAYNE 50, W.L. CENTRAL 34: Jeremy Lovelady's double-double propelled Wayne Memorial (16-2) to a first-round WLAA playoff win Tuesday at home over Walled Lake Central (6-12).

Lovelady, a 6-foot-10 senior center, finished with 12 points and 15 rebounds.

Martez Abney and Mike Lee paced the Zebras in scoring with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Wayne got untracked after falling behind 12-8 in the first quarter.

"I thought our defense was bad the first half even though they (Central) had only 17," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "Defensively we were much better the second half. We got down on our ankles and did not get beat off the dribble. And I thought we did a good job of keeping them off the foul line."

Cody Rzeznek and Derek Mitchell each scored nine points for Central, who went 6-of-6 from the free throw stripe. (Wayne was 0-for-1.)

JOHN GLENN 73, PLYMOUTH 33: State-ranked Westland John Glenn (17-1) invoked a second-half running clock en route to a 40-point, first-round WLAA playoff win Tuesday at home over the Wildcats (6-12).

Senior forward Stefan Marken paced a balanced Glenn scoring attack with 17 points.

Others in double figures for the Rockets included Keshawn Martin (15), Earl Hardison (11) and Dorian Prather (10). Austin Anderson also contributed eight.

The Rockets were 9-of-12 from the foul line, while Plymouth was 6-of-13.

Glenn led 22-5 after one quarter and 41-16 at intermission. The Rockets opened up a 40-point advantage with 4:34 to go in the game.

Senior guard Brandon Roberts scored eight for Plymouth. STEVENSON 58, CANTON 49: Senior Pat

York and junior Ricky Chrzasz popped in 18 and 13 points, respectively, leading Livonia Stevenson (7-11) to a WLAA consolation round win against the host Chiefs (5-13).

Stevenson led 25-19 at halftime and 39-35 after three quarters before outscoring Canton 19-14 during the final period.

"Both Pat (York) and Ricky (Chrzasz) really stepped up and played well tonight," said Stevenson first-year coach Mike Allie, whose team shot 12-of-15 from the foul line.

Chris Bailey scored 10 to lead the Chiefs. Marlon Glynn, Will Tidwell and Dan Stoney each added eight.

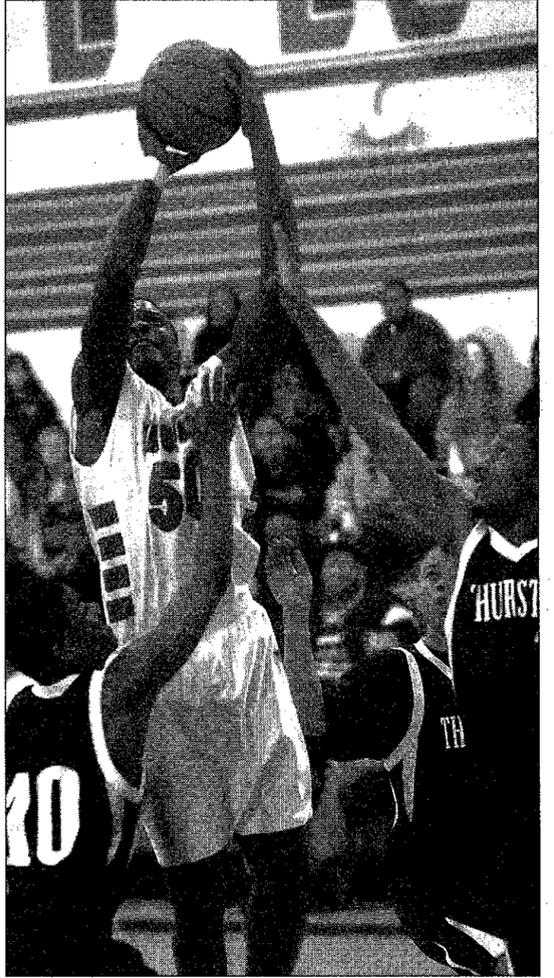
FRANKLIN 67, W.L. NORTHERN 52: Jeff Poole's 19 points sparked Livonia Franklin (5-13) to a WLAA consolation round victory Tuesday at home over Walled Lake Western (3-15).

Three other Patriots scored in double figures including Kevin Percin (12), Conner Leidal (11) and Ryan Matthey (10).

Northern's Leroy Jackson, who connected on six 3-pointers, scored a game-high 22 points.

"Early on we able to create scoring opportunities in the open court and we did a nice job against their zone," said Franklin first-year coach Jeremy Rheault, whose team jumped out to a 41-29 halftime advantage.

Franklin made 8-of-10 free throws on the night, while Northern hit 3-of-6.



Clarenceville junior center Jeremy Gainer goes up strong over Thurston's Ronald Brown (left) and Kyle Crockett (right).

# Warriors no match for Clarenceville

Lutheran Westland boys basketball coach Brandon Bekius felt outgunned and outmanned on Monday night - and rightfully so.

His ninth-seeded Warriors were facing Metro Conference leader and top seed Livonia Clarenceville without top scorer Josh Kruger (out with the flu) and the result was predictable.

The host Trojans improved to 15-1 overall with a resounding 77-39 first-round playoff win.

"We tried to slow it down, take a good shot and not get into a running game with

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them," said Bekius of the Trojans. "Defensively they (Clarenceville) were just outstanding. They took us out of everything we tried to do. The pressure got to us."

Junior Jamie Stewart paced the Trojans with 19 points, while senior guard Craig Van Nostrand, a recent transfer from Detroit Southeastern, impressed in his Clarenceville debut with five 3-pointers en route to 15 points.

Darryl Whitaker and Matt Garant contributed 11 points

each for the Trojans, who led 20-3 after one quarter and 43-17 at halftime.

Ryan Rakovalis scored 15 for the Warriors, whose modest three-game losing streak came to an end. Junior forward Sam Ahlersmeyer added seven points.

Clarenceville, which hit 20-of-29 free throws, takes on Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett in Friday's Metro Conference semifinal. Game time is 7 p.m. at Clarenceville.

Lutheran Westland (4-13) will travel Friday to meet Rochester Hills Lutheran

Northwest in a consolation round game.

FRANKLIN ROAD 44, HURON VALLEY 31:

Three players scored in double figures Tuesday as Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division leader Novi Franklin Road Christian (14-2, 7-1) held off host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (9-13, 1-8).

David Mansfield paced the victorious Warriors with 14 points. Jordan Ramos and Ryan Carlson added 11 and 10, respectively.

Junior guard Aaron Howell paced the Hawks and all scorers with 18 points.

Both teams shot proficiently from the foul line - Franklin Road (15-of-16) and HVL (13-of-18).

## C'VILLE

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opportunity to silence critics of the team who don't take it seriously because of Clarenceville's Class B designation.

"If we didn't win this game tonight, ... it would be like, 'Oh, they're 15-1 but they haven't played anybody,'" McKendry said. "Where now we can say we have a win against a very good (Class A) team."

That very good team featured balanced scoring which came too little, too late. Youngblood (15 points) and

Morgan (12 points) did most of their scoring for Thurston down the stretch, scoring 22 of their combined 27 points after halftime.

Collecting 13 points was junior guard Marcus Jones (three triples).

Clarenceville's Gainer scored 17 and collected 11 boards, while Fairfax registered 16 points and nine assists.

The Trojans also were helped by senior guard Craig Van Nostrand, who scored 10 points in just his second game of the season. The transfer from Detroit Southeastern recently became eligible.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Feb. 14

Wyan. Mt. Carmel at Huron Valley, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15

Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Lutheran N.west, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

(Metro Conference Semifinal)

G.P. Univ.-Liggett at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

(WLAA Playoff Semifinals)

Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Thursday, Feb. 14

Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m.

Wyan. Mt. Carmel at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.

(WLAA Playoffs at W.L. Northern)

Franklin vs. W.L. Northern, 5:30 p.m.

Salem vs. W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

(Operation-Friendship at Det. Cass Tech)

Ladywood vs. Renaissance, 1 p.m.

Marlan vs. Pershing, 2:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY Saturday, Feb. 16

Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 6 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Feb. 14

(Team District Tournaments)

DIVISION 1

at WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Semifinals: John Glenn vs. Wayne Memorial, 5 p.m.; Romulus vs. Belleville, 5 p.m.; championship final: 6:30 p.m.

(Winner advances to the regional semifinals Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Temperance Bedford vs. Southgate district champion.)

at LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Semifinals: Franklin vs. Redford Union, 4:30 p.m.; Oak Park vs. Livonia Churchill, 4:30 p.m.; championship final: 10 minutes following 2nd semifinal. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Thursday, Feb. 14 at Novi vs. Salem district champion.)

at NORTHVILLE

Semifinals: Livonia Stevenson vs. Northville, 5:30 p.m.; North Farmington vs. Novi, 5:30 p.m.; championship final: 7 p.m.

(Winner advances to the regional semifinals Thursday, Feb. 14 at Novi vs. Birmingham

Groves district champion.)

Saturday, Feb. 16

(Individual District Tournaments)

Division 1 at Birm. Groves, 10 a.m.

Division 1 at Wyandotte, 10 a.m.

Division 3 at Lake Fenton, 10 a.m.

Division 4 at Lutheran N.west, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING Thursday, Feb. 14

Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

MISCA Meet at EMU's Jones Pool, TBA.

PREP BOWLING Thursday, Feb. 14

(at Westland Bowl)

John Glenn vs. Novi-Detroit CC, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

Catholic League Championship at Imperial Lanes, 9 a.m.

PREP SKIING Thursday, Feb. 14

MHSAA Regional at Alpine Valley, TBA.

GIRLS FIGURE SKATING COMPETITIVE CHEER Thursday, Feb. 14

Crestwood at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

Berkley Invitational, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 16

Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Wayne County CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 16

Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.

Wayne County CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Feb. 15

Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 7:11 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

Whalers vs. Kitchener Rangers at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE Friday, Feb. 15

Ignition vs. Philadelphia KIXX at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

# Glenn stops Wayne despite Goines' 29

Nastassia Goines scored a career-high 29 points and added six assists Monday, but it wasn't enough as the Wayne Memorial girls basketball team fell to rival Westland John Glenn, 65-44, for the second time this season.

Glenn ends the regular season at 9-11 overall, while Wayne falls to 3-16.

Junior center Brittany Holbrook paced a balanced Glenn scoring attack with 14 points. Jasmine Weddington added 13, while Shantinique Baker added nine.

Junior center Wendi Foster added seven points and 15 rebounds for the Zebras, who were outscored a combined 38-16 during the second and third quarters.

Wayne played without leading scorer Trena Barbee. The Henderson State (Ark.) signee underwent knee surgery Feb. 4 to repair a minor ligament tear.

The Zebras were only 10-of-25 from the free throw line (40 percent), while Glenn hit 16-of-33 (48.4 percent).

PLYMOUTH 40, CHURCHILL 30:

Shaakira Haywood's 15 points carried the Wildcats (8-11) to a victory Monday over host Livonia Churchill (6-14) in the seventh-place game in the Western Lakes Activities

## WLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

Association playoffs.

Kelsi Robinson and Stacey Klonowski each added 10 points for Plymouth, which overcame a 12-4 first-quarter deficit by outscoring the Chargers 18-6 in the second quarter.

Lindsey Graciak, a junior guard, led Churchill with eight points.

Churchill was 6-of-8 from the foul line, while Plymouth made 8-of-15.

CANTON 58, STEVENSON 40: Baylee Hollowell poured in a game-high 23 points Monday as the visiting Chiefs (6-14) ended the regular season with a win over Livonia Stevenson (4-16).

Kayla Bridges contributed 16 points for Canton, which pulled away in the second half with a 30-12 run.

Kaylee McGrath paced the Spartans with 11 points.

Canton was 9-of-12 from the free throw stripe, while Stevenson made 9-of-17.

CANTON 48, WAYNE 27: On Friday, the Chiefs (4-15) snapped a four-game losing streak with a win at Wayne Memorial (3-15).

Freshman Kayla Bridges was the catalyst, racking up 16 points and seven rebounds. Baylee Hollowell (13 points and 12 rebounds) and Kaylie Martin (12 points and six boards) also played well for Canton.

Nastassia Goines scored 17 for pace the Zebras, who were only 7-of-23 from the stripe.

# Upsetting defeat

Third time a charm as Marian upends Ladywood

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood's 16-game winning streak came to a crashing halt in Sunday's Catholic League Central Division championship game at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

The Blazers, seeking their third straight league title, were outscored 15-2 in the decisive fourth quarter as underdog Birmingham Marian came away with a stunning 47-32 girls basketball triumph.

It was Marian's first Catholic League title since 2002 and the ninth overall for coach Mary Cicerone.

Sophomore guard Anina Cicerone scored 15 points and senior forward Kara Hammer added 14 for the victorious Mustangs (12-6), who will meet Detroit Public School League champion Pershing for the Operational-Friendship crown 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Cass Tech.

(Ladywood takes on Detroit Renaissance in the consolation game at 1 p.m.)

Freshman Mara Mulroy also played an instrumental role in the victory for the Mustangs chipping in with eight points and 12 rebounds. The 6-foot center limited Ladywood senior center and Lafayette College (Pa.) signee Alex Serowoky to seven points and four boards.

Senior forward Alison Szczycka led the Blazers in scoring with 10 points.

Ladywood (16-3) had already posted wins of 43-33 (on Jan. 18) and 50-47 (on Dec. 18) over Marian, but couldn't work its magic a third time and was held to 12 second-half points after falling behind 23-20 at intermission.

"The whole second half we did not shoot well," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "We had good open looks, but not a lot of second chance opportunities. They (Marian) did a good job of boxing out."

Marian made 13-of-16 free throws in the final quarter, while Ladywood was 1-for-2.

The Blazers shot 13-of-38 from the floor (34 percent), while the Mustangs were 15-of-35 (42 percent).

"They were a much more hungry team than us both offensively and defensively on the boards," Gorski said. "Hopefully we'll learn from it. Maybe we needed something to kick us in the butt, but it was a bad time for it to happen."

HURON VALLEY 31, FRANKLIN ROAD 26: Nicole Schaffer scored 12 points and Katie Kipmiller added 10 to power MIAC-Red Division champion Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (13-6, 9-1) to a victory Tuesday at Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-7, 5-5).

The Hawks led 14-13 at halftime and gained some breathing room with a 7-3 third-quarter margin. Maurual McSweeney led the Warriors with 11 points.

Huron Valley was 6-of-8 from the foul line, while Franklin Road hit 7-of-8.

## ADULT HOCKEY STANDINGS

LIVONIA OVER 30  
MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE  
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Coldwell Bank/G&G 1-1-1/3 points  
Hunt's Ace Hardware 0-3-0/0 points  
(LeBlanc/Roskelly/St. Croix)  
Stante Excavating 2-0-1/5 points  
Livonia Auto Body 2-1-0/5 points  
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# Canton takes home WLAA wrestling championship

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Chalk up another victory milestone for Canton's wrestling team, which added to its season-long list of impressive accomplishments by winning Saturday's WLAA Wrestling Championships at Canton.

One week after capturing the star-studded Observerland tournament and three days after completing an unbeaten WLAA dual-meet schedule, the Chiefs placed 12 wrestlers fifth or higher to outpoint two-time defending champion and runner-up Livonia Franklin, 231.50 to 191.50.

Northville (158), Westland John Glenn (152) and Livonia Stevenson (143) filled out the top five spots in the final standings.

"This was a great team accomplishment today because placing 12 kids is phenomenal in this type of tournament," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "It's exciting to win the league championship because it's the first time we've done it since I've taken over the program. It's also extra special because this was the last WLAA tournament, so this group of kids will have this legacy forever."

A pair of Canton wrestlers won their respective weight brackets: 135-pound Steve

Cox, who pinned John Glenn's Jared Stephens in 3:30; and 140-pound Brent Winekoff, who held off Franklin's Brandon Smith, 14-10, in the title match.

Just as important as the two gold-medal efforts were five second-place finishes for the Chiefs.

"We had a lot of guys really step up today," said Randolph. "I thought Steve Cox turned in a tremendous performance. He's been battling some sickness, like a lot of these kids are this time of year, but he got a pin in the finals against a really good kid who was a state-qualifier and is ranked No. 4 in the state."

"Our upper-weight guys also wrestled extremely well. Our guys from 171 and up finished second, second, second and fourth, and all three of the guys in the finals had a good opportunity to win. We'll work on a few technique issues with them so that if they meet those kids again they'll have a chance to win."

Randolph also noted the effort of 112-pound sophomore Connor Johnson, who placed fifth after not being seeded at the outset of the tournament.

"I couldn't be prouder of Connor," said Randolph. "He showed a lot of heart and determination."

Thanks to three individual

champions, Livonia Churchill placed sixth with 133, eight points ahead of seventh-place Salem.

The field was rounded out by Walled Lake Central (77), Walled Lake Northern (67), Plymouth (51), Walled Lake Western (48) and Wayne Memorial (5).

Two Patriots placed first: Jared Piekenik, who edged Walled Lake Northern's Hunter West, 8-6, in the 112-pound final; and Dan Woodall, who outlasted Canton's Adam Powers, 12-7, in the 189-pound finale.

The Rockets' fourth-place showing was highlighted by championship efforts from Anthony Pavlich (103) and Jeremiah Austin (125).

Stevenson's unbeaten Ziad Kharbush won what was arguably the most intense match of the day — a 7-6 overtime triumph over Salem's Jeremy Epley. Matt Greenman (215) also battled to a title with a narrow 7-5 victory over Canton's Dan Wanshon.

Churchill's triumvirate of champions included 152-pounder Dan Small, 171-pounder Brian Ziemba and heavyweight Mark Parrish.

Salem's lone titlist was Kevin Hayter, who won at 130 by doubling up Northville's Evan Bentley, 12-6, in the first-place showdown.



The Redford St. Valentine School junior varsity girls soccer team recently won the Catholic Youth Organization season with a perfect record of 10-0-0. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Teagan Dillon, Nora Neaton, Molly McDonald, Lindsey Gallagher, Christina Pappas, Alyssa Fabrizio and Taylor Graham; (back row, from left) head coach Robert Neaton, assistant coach Joel Graham, CeCe Reed, Abby Pawl, Madeline Barnauskas, Ashley Sandelin, Kerry Prowse, Madelyn Omietanski, Tillie Kozlowski, assistant coach John Fabrizio and assistant coach Dave Prowse. Not pictured is Katelyn Bonanno.

## Perfect 10-0 for St. Val JV girls

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Perfect this year on the field, winning all 10 matches, St. Valentine's junior varsity girls soccer team also proved to be a coach's dream.

"These girls are all good athletes," said coach Bob Neaton, whose team is comprised of girls in grades 4-6. "They are fast runners, skilled ball-handlers at the offensive and defensive ends as well as the midfield area."

"And they play with a good attitude." That is the part that Neaton and others at St. Valentine School in Redford Township are most proud of.

"They listen well and learn quickly and are very polite," Neaton continued. "That's

something a coach always enjoys."

But the team's actual performance is right there at the top, too.

The squad did go 10-0-0 this fall, the only one of 32 Catholic Youth Organization JV squads in southeastern Michigan to boast that claim. They scored 44 goals, with 15 players tallying at least one marker.

Meanwhile, St. Val's did not give up a single goal during CYO action, and allowed only two in non-league matches.

St. Val's parent Jim Omietanski of Livonia, whose daughter Madelyn is on the team, said this season's success followed an excellent 2006 season when St. Val's went 9-0-1 despite having a number of fourth graders and just three sixth graders on the roster.

"What did they do for an encore this season? They improved," commented Omietanski.

Helping Neaton with coaching duties are assistants John Fabrizio, Joel Graham and Dave Prowse.

All of the players either attend St. Valentine School, located on Beech Daly near Five Mile Road, or are parishioners at the church there.

Members of the team include: Madeline Barnauskas, Lindsey Gallagher, Taylor Graham and Madelyn Omietanski (of Livonia); Teagan Dillon, Alyssa Fabrizio, Tillie Kozlowski, Molly McDonald, Nora Neaton, Kerry Prowse, CeCe Reed and Ashley Sandelin (all of Redford); Christina Pappas, of Farmington Hills; and Katelyn Bonanno, of Northville.

### PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

#### WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Feb. 9 at Canton

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 231.50 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 191.5; 3. Northville, 158; 4. Westland John Glenn, 152; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 143; 6. Livonia Churchill, 133; 7. Salem, 125; 8. Walled Lake Central, 77; 9. Walled Lake Northern, 67; 10. Plymouth, 51; 11. Walled Lake Western, 48; 12. Wayne Memorial, 5.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

**103 pounds:** 1. Anthony Pavlich (WJG) pinned Waleed Faraj (C), 2:09; 3. Jacob Smith (WLC) p. Devin Stratton (S), 0:50; 5. Steve Tuyo (LF) p. Jimmy Ahearn (P), 2:01.

**112:** 1. Jared Piekenik (LF) d. Hunter West (WLN), 8-6; 3. Josh Austin (WJG) p. Michael Forbar (LS), 2:13; 5. Connor Johnson (C) dec. Mike Baglan (N), 6-4.

**119:** 1. Johnny D'Anna (N) dec. Justin Jacobsen (LF), 8-6; 3. Carl Lucke (C) dec. Steve D'Annunzio (P), 6-3; 5. Keith Roberts (C) dec. Ray Kort (WLC), 4-3.

**125:** 1. Jeremiah Austin (WJG) dec. Donnie Watkins (C), 12-5; 3. Dave Kort (WLC) dec. John Hebert (N), 8-5; 5. Tommy Myshock (LS) p. Kevin Bennett (S), 2:59.

**130:** 1. Kevin Hayter (S) dec. Evan Bentley (N), 12-6; 3. Jeremy Piippelli (C) dec. Mitch Gonzalez (LS), 5-4; 5. Jordan Lutren (WLV) dec. Artem Gazaryants (WLC), 7-0.

**135:** 1. Steve Cox (C) p. Jared Stephens (WJG), 3:30; 3. Dave Pichla (WLN) dec. Matt Ladhoff (N), 3-2; 5. Andrew Murray (LC) dec. Anthony Mainella (LS), 7-6.

**140:** 1. Brent Winekoff (C) dec. Brandon Smith (LF), 14-10; 3. J.P. Gaffke (LC) won by major dec. over Aaron Towne (N), 11-1; 5. Dan McCahill (WJG) dec. Mark Wann (WLN), 6-2.

**145:** 1. Brian Baglan (N) dec. Raz Markosian (LS), 7-1; 3. Zaid Amarat (WJG) won by injury default over Brandon Williau (LF); 5. Justin Kane (S) dec. Josh Gustitus (LC), 4-2.

**152:** 1. Dan Small (LC) dec. Eric Kitada (WLV), 13-8; 3. Matt Haagen (N) p. Keith Zech (C), 2:08; 5. Elvin Ferreira (LF) won by major dec. over Patrick Rooser (WLN), 9-0.

**160:** 1. Ziad Kharbush (LS) dec. Jeremy Epley (S), 7-6; 3. Gary Lawrence (WJG) dec. Don Stratz (LF), 10-3; 5. Nick Muder (N) dec. Steve Van Maele (WLV), 5-1.

**171:** 1. Brian Ziemba (LC) dec. Rodger Kropp (C), 4-2; 3. Austin Root (S) dec. Garrett Hay (LF), 3-2; 5. Kevin Mantay (N) dec. Jeff Adkins (WJG), 7-2.

**189:** 1. Dan Woodall (LF) dec. Adam Powers (C), 12-7; 3. Emanuel Onwumene (LS), 7-5; 5. Vince Darofit (P) p. Sam Lepper (S) in O/SO.

**215:** 1. Matt Greenman (LS) dec. Dan Wanshon (C), 7-5; 3. Anthony Pomerson (P) dec. Cody Hay (LF), 6-2; 5. Andy Lail (WLC) dec. Zach Leinen (WLN), 7-3.

**285:** 1. Mark Parrish (LC) dec. Mike Modes (LF), 8-7; 3. Austin Micalele (LS) dec. Luke Konsitzke (C), 3-2; 5. Joe Alverson (WLV) pinned Dustin Gajowiak (WJG), 2:00.

**METRO CONFERENCE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS Feb. 9 at Lutheran High Westland**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Clarenceville, 170 points; 2. Macomb Lutheran North, 161; 3. Lutheran Westland, 134; 4. Harper Woods, 121;

5. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 50; 6. Hamtramck, 15.

#### INDIVIDUAL PLACERS

**103 pounds:** 1. Brent Gilman (C'ville); 2. Devonte Dumas (HW); 3. Kyle Hudson (LN); 112-1. Brad LaRose (LW); 2. Eric Heckler (LN); 3. Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville).

**119:** 1. Anthony Burris (HW); 2. Jake Ruth (C'ville); 3. Lath Francis (LW); 4. Matt Stiner (LN).

**125:** 1. Justin Palka (LW); 2. Jeremian Crowell (HW); 3. Sadiq Azea (Ham.); 4. Adam Siekmann (LN).

**130:** 1. Mike Marlin (HW); 2. John Sanders (LN); 3. Scott Convery (C'ville); 4. Jeremy Klotz (LW); 135-1. Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville); 2. Drew Hudson (LN); 3. Rodrick Covington (HW); 4. Ben Crandell (LW).

**140:** 1. Robby Devroy (LN); 2. John Quigley (LW); 3. Patrick Walker (C'ville); 4. Theotis Washington (LW).

**145:** 1. Scott Weigand (LN); 2. Kyle Morgan (HW); 3. Tony Brandt (C'ville); 4. Alex Bos (LW).

**152:** 1. Stephen Kemp (LW); 2. Nick Redash (LN); 160-1. Derek Robbins (C'ville); 2. Ryan Schwark (LN); 3. Ron Carney (HW).

**171:** 1. Nate Meyers (LW); 2. Nic Yancy (LW); 3. Tim Sicsinski (C'ville); 4. Josh Hadley (HW).

**189:** 1. Andrew Jasmer (C'ville); 2. Jake Hoard (LN); 3. Nathan Mizzi (LW); 4. Josh Friedel (LW).

**215:** 1. Craig Kowalski (LW); 2. Muamer Mesinovic (C'ville); 3. Steve Heinz (LN); 4. Mitch Kokko (LW).

**285:** 1. Tom Pellegrini (HW); 2. Clinton Thom (LN); 3. Matthew Neal (C'ville); 4. Greg Sanders (Ham.).

junior Cody Sillanpaa (135) and junior Andrew Jasmer (189).

Gilman owns the top record on the team at 29-6.

"The boys really came out inspired," Salciccioli said. "But halfway through the meet, we were down in fourth place. I had a talk with them and they really came through. They responded."

Clarenceville also had a pair of runners-up in 119-pounder Jake Ruth — who lost a close 7-6 decision to Anthony Burris of Harper Woods — and 215-pounder Muamer Mesinovic.

Cody Sillanpaa (112), Scott Convery (130), Patrick Walker (140), Tony Brandt (145), Tim Sicsinski (171) and Matthew Neal (285) also placed.

"All 12 of our guys took at least third or better," Salciccioli said. "They all performed to the best of their abilities. I couldn't ask for

anything more. They've been a streaky bunch all season, but when they're on, they're on."

Lutheran Westland also brought home four individual titles, led by Observerland champion Stephen Kemp (152), as well as Brad LaRose (112), Justin Palka (125) and Craig Kowalski (215).

Harper Woods' Mike Marlin (130), who became a four-time conference champ, was voted Lower Weights MVP.

And Tom Pellegrini of Harper Woods, the heavy-weight champ, won his third straight conference title en route to being named Upper Weights MVP.

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## METRO

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The last time the Trojans got a piece of the title was 1999, when they shared honors with Harper Woods.

"We figured it would really be close because in the dual meet we had with North on Thursday (41-36 win) it came to one match," Clarenceville coach Anthony Salciccioli said. "And this meet came down to the one match as well."

Clarenceville junior Derek Robbins was the hero as he ran his record to 28-9 when he decided North's Ryan Schwark for the 160-pound title, 6-4, after getting pinned by Schwark only two days earlier.

Other individual champions for the Trojans included sophomore Brent Gilman (103),

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in Division 1, jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on Keith Yackley's goals from Scott Sundberg and Garrett Miencier at 5:16 followed by Miencier's 17th of the season from Milam and Nick Harakas at 10:27.

Milam made it 3-0 at 1:55 of the second from Tyler Cotter and Mitch Carpenter. Milam scored against with only 53 seconds left in the third from Miencier.

Only five penalties were called in the game.

Cranbrook, ranked No. 2 in Division 3, got 19 saves from goaltender Peter Baumgart.

FRANKLIN 6, TAYLOR UNIFIED 1: Jordan

Chisholm had a pair of goals and one assist Saturday as Livonia Franklin (6-13-2) downed Taylor Unified in a non-league game at the Taylor SportsPlex.

Dan Ostrosky, Brandon Pump and Tyler Miller each chipped in with goal and one assist for the Patriots, who led 2-0 after one period and 5-1 after 30 minutes.

All seven goals in the game came at even-strength.

Robbie Ringe and Dave Muller tallied the other Franklin goals, while Alex Wypych had two assists.

Other assists went to Cam Wludyka, Tyler Barnes, Erik Volk, Jordan Short and Ronald Perian. Travis McGuckin scored for Taylor Unified, which was outshot 35-19.

Austin Mesler went the first 15 minutes in goal for the Patriots and freshman Travis Ferrier finished up.

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PURE ENTERTAINMENT! *Seen Thursday*

# First-place Lady Ocelots win pair of games

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team stayed hot with home wins Saturday and Monday against a pair of conference opponents.

On Saturday, the 7th-ranked Lady Ocelots took care of Flint Mott CC, 87-75.

Two days later, they routed Alpena, 88-50. The victories upped Schoolcraft's record to 20-3 overall and 13-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association - Eastern

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Conference standings.

With Monday's victory, led by Antoinette Brown's 26-point performance, the Lady Ocelots reached the 20-win mark for the fifth consecutive season.

Schoolcraft raced out to a 24-2 lead midway through the first half against Alpena and had no trouble after that.

In addition to Brown, the

Lady Ocelots' attack featured 15 points by Brittney Ivey, 12 (and eight rebounds) by Heidi Warczynsky and 11 by Erica Ott.

Chipping in with six points each were Plymouth Salem product Taylor Langhem, Adrena Walker-Price and Japera English.

Kassie Campbell scored 13 for Alpena (2-19, 2-12).

In the Saturday victory, Schoolcraft went on a 24-15 run in the second half to pull away

from the Bears (12-10, 8-5).

Scoring a career-high 26 points was Ivey, who hit 11 of 13 shots from the floor.

Warczynsky, meanwhile, set school records for free throws made and attempted in a game by making 15-of-19 from the stripe.

CORNERSTONE 67, MADONNA 59: In Saturday afternoon's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball contest at Cornerstone, the Crusaders fell

behind 36-26 at the half and could not rally despite 20 points by guard Cali Crawford and 16 by senior forward Caryn Inman.

The Golden Eagles (18-8, 9-1) took control with a hot-shooting first half, making 13-of-24 shots (54 percent).

Jenna Plewes and Kara Overbeek scored 22 and 15 points, respectively.

Madonna (11-14, 6-5) also received nine points from forward Alyssa Guerin and an eight-point, seven-rebound game from junior forward Christie Carrico.

# Alpena, Mott drub SC men

The losses continue to mount for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

In a make-up game Monday, visiting Alpena Community College downed the Ocelots, 85-62, as Austin Rowe scored a game-high 23 points while Matt Carr added 12.

Ryan Matthews tallied 13 for Schoolcraft. Anthony Harbin and Narmer Dudley each added 12, while Eric Henry scored 11.

It was the 15th-straight loss for the Ocelots, who fall to 2-21 overall and 2-12 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Alpena improved to 9-13, 6-8.

On Saturday, the NJCAA's third-ranked team in Division II, Flint Mott CC, improved to 21-2 overall and 14-0 in the Eastern Conference with an 89-44 triumph.

Jeremie Simmons led the Bears with a game-high 21 points. Lamar Drake and Thomas Kennedy added 16 apiece as Mott pulled away from a 33-15 halftime lead.

Larry Wilson (Livonia Churchill) scored 17 in a losing cause. Narmer Dudley (Farmington Hills Harrison) added 12.

burying a try to even the contest 76-76 and the Golden Eagles went up for good when 6-5 sophomore center Matt Kingshott (24 points, seven rebounds) scored an uncontested layup at the 18:40 mark.

Kingshott finished the scoring with yet another layup.

One factor Henry cited in the loss was the way the visitors took guards Jon Battle and Cedric Sims (Canton) out of the game.

They combined for just nine points, and Battle wound up fouling out late in the fourth.

Pluses for the Crusaders, meanwhile, were senior point guard Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) and senior guard Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson), who each registered 12 points.

In the second half, Henry delivered three treys in the first 7:30 to at that point help Madonna maintain its lead.

Reliance on that outside sharp-shooting, however, might have hurt Madonna when it needed to find other ways to score during the final minutes.

"Sometimes, when that (three-ball) is effective it just stagnates the movement on offense," said coach Henry. "It seemed to be that way."

Chipping in with eight points and six rebounds for the Crusaders was senior forward Mike Rashad.

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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

PREP BOYS BOWLING RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL 27 NORTH FARMINGTON 3

Feb. 12 at Country Lanes

Wayne bowlers: Eric Robertson, 236-214-450; Mike Solarz, 300-231-631; Tom Pattenucci/Nathan Mosley, 158-192; Cory Harden, 259-225-484; Zac Kyle, 191-234-425.

Regular games: 144-105-616 (4 points).

Baker games: 238-245-483 (10 points).

North bowlers: Alex Novak, 204-176-380; Sean Miller, 199-216-415; Steve LaPierre/Cody Purcell, 178-220; Ryan Turner/Sam Shreeman, 192-211; Marshall Vortriede, 216-197-413.

Regular games: 989-1020-2009 (3 points).

Baker games: 194-160-314 (0 points).

North record: 2-7-1.

FARMINGTON-HARRISON 21 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 9

Feb. 7 at Novi Lanes

Farmington-Harrison bowlers: Scott Hinger, 190-224-414; John Carahan, 209-196-405; Rob Schlotto, 188-172-360; Brandon Bingham, 228-160-396; Tyler Vance/Chris Patrick, 146-179.

Regular games: 993-939-1892 (17 points).

Bakers games: 198-169-357 (4 points).

Clarenceville bowlers: Phillip H, 197-169-366; Cody Kissandl, 126-174-300; Joe Haapla, 149-170-319; Jason Bertera, 153-165-318; Christian Grates, 162-213-375.

Regular games: 787-891-1678 (3 points).

Baker games: 217-168-385 (6 points).

GIRLS PREP BOWLING RESULTS

NORTH FARMINGTON 20 WAYNE MEMORIAL 10

Feb. 12 at Country Lanes

North bowlers: Danielle Labadie/Rachel Weberman, 126-126; Eryn Hong, 138-155-293; Amanda Golsky, 151-158-309; Caryn Roberts, 158-173-331; Jennifer Maples, 193-178-371.

Regular games: 766-790-1556 (16 points).

Baker games: 147-123-270 (4 points).

Wayne bowlers: Samantha Sawcum, 108-137-245; Amanda Hill, 148-149-297; Sara Cleveland/Laura Moody, 154-136; Rebecca Miller, 137-180-317; Ashley Odum, 148-152-300.

Regular games: 695-754-1449 (4 points).

Baker games: 136-147-283 (6 points).

North record: 5-5.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 28 FARMINGTON-HARRISON 2

Feb. 7 at Novi Lanes

Clarenceville bowlers: Amanda Diaz, 166-170-336; Danielle Labadie/Kari Cummins, 136-123; Amy Weible, 154-168-322; Sara Brown, 149-143-292; Kayla Barber, 182-229-411.

Regular games: 787-833-1620 (18 points).

Baker games: 134-180-314 (0 points).

Farmington-Harrison bowlers: Tebecha Chapman, 122-151-283; Kristen Cloraha/Kalyn Richards, 160-147; Allison Bonkin, 136-140-277; Chelsea Cooper, 137-133-270; Karla Ziemba, 171-135-306.

Regular games: 736-587-1423 (2 points).

Baker games: 133-155-288 (0 points).

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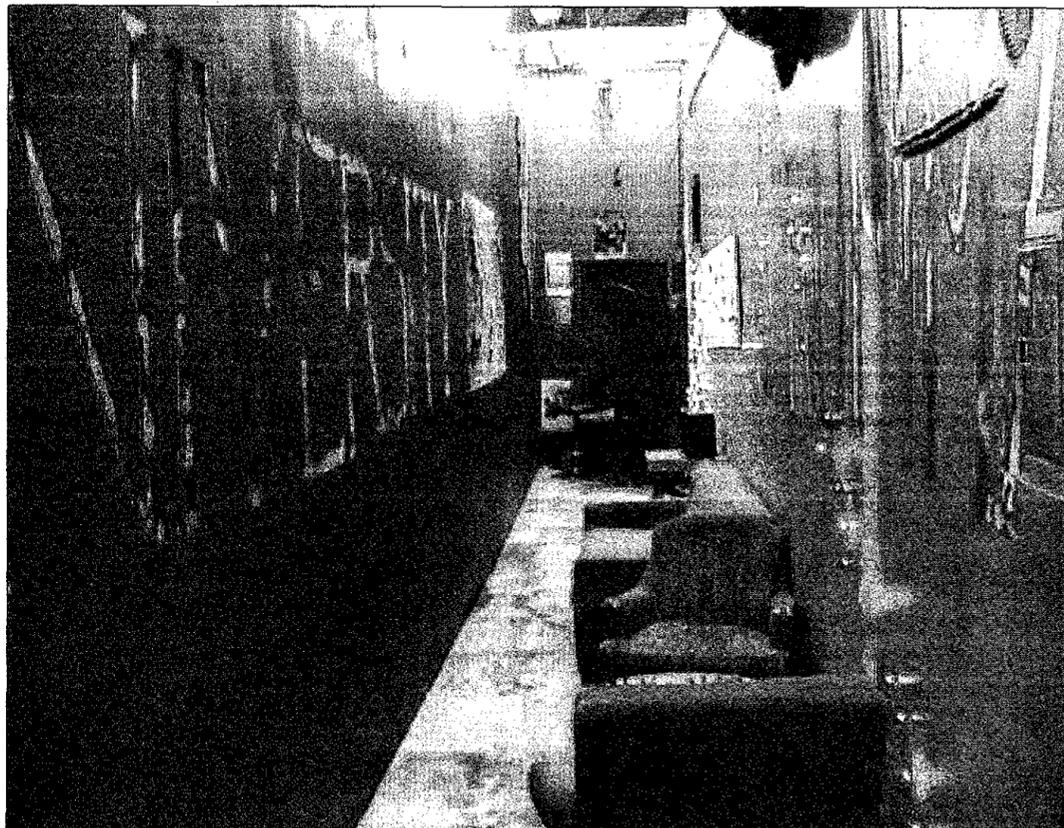
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The hallway at Alex Lauer's home.

## Artists: Show us your homes

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Calling all artists, musicians and creative people: We want to see inside your homes.

While the rest of us pore through home publications for design inspiration, we know you have natural, interesting flair.

Whether you're a fine artist with a sophisticated home, or twentysomething rocker with old records glued to your ceiling, we're hoping you will share one of your creative rooms with us.

Recently we stumbled upon the artists who live in an Eastern Market loft that they have named Scrummage University.

There, members of the band Benny Soofy use found vintage items, Christmas lights and bold paint colors for an eclectic style. The band has turned their Scrummage home into a communal atmosphere.

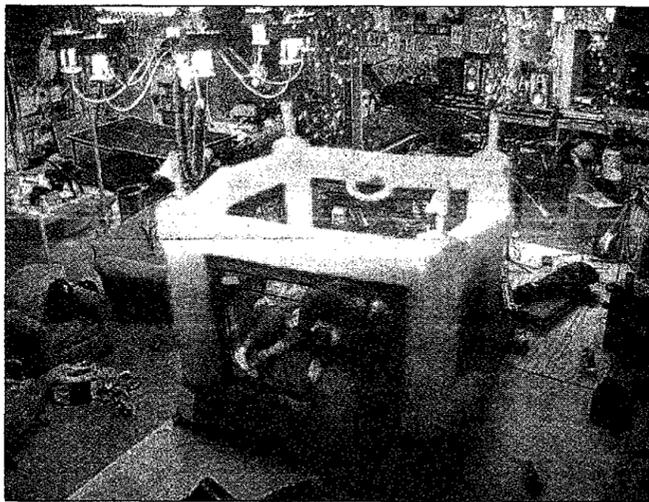
They host art exhibits and have invited bands from across the globe to perform at their space.

Benny Soofy plays psychedelic music and their home decor suits the music well.

"It's spaced out alien rock 'n' roll," said Alex Lauer, guitarist/singer/keyboardist, formerly of Southfield and Beverly Hills. "A lot of people bring us pieces to add to our place."

See more at [myspace.com/scrummage-university](http://myspace.com/scrummage-university).

"It's our home, but it's also a do-it-yourself art-space venue. People can perform here and show their art here in an open, supportive environment."



Band members of Benny Soofy design their home and allow artist friends to contribute. They call this "The Bounce Room."

"There is no judgment on anyone here." And isn't that what a home is all about?

If you're an artist or musician who would like to share a part of your home with us, e-mail: [imini@hometownlife.com](mailto:imini@hometownlife.com) or call (248) 901-2572.



## Owner of a Golden Heart

Restaurants can receive county's healthy designation

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County health officials will be rewarding restaurants that offer low-fat menu items and cook with trans fat-free oil with a "Golden Heart Healthy Restaurant" designation.

Owners and operators of Oakland County's 4,000 restaurants can expect to receive 13-question surveys soon in the mail. The surveys are aimed at encouraging restaurants to offer healthier food alternatives on their menus and create trans fat reduction/healthy diet initiatives.

"Most Americans don't eat right," said Dr. Sharon Milberger, associate director for research at Henry Ford Health System's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. "Most Americans eat too many saturated fats and sugars." Milberger added that many diners want healthier items and want to eliminate trans fats from their diets.

With that in mind, county officials created the Oakland County Trans Fats Awareness and Reduction Group, which in turn developed the survey. The group consists of dietitians, health educators and representatives from the Oakland County Health Department, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the Oakland County Intermediate Schools District and Henry Ford Health Systems. Big Rock Steak and Chop House will represent area restaurants.

### SURVEYS DUE APRIL 4

Restaurant owners and operators who want to modify their menus to create healthier food options can have recipes analyzed, for a fee, by Henry Ford Health Systems. Data collected from the surveys will be analyzed and restaurants that meet the healthy and trans fat free criteria will be eligible to receive the Gold Heart designation. The surveys are due April 4.

Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson (D-West Bloomfield and Bloomfield), who is also a member of the Trans Fat Awareness and Reduction Group, said today's trends toward informing the public in nutritional labeling of foods and calorie identification give the group a "natural position" to be involved.

"We also sought input from the restaurants," she said, citing Big Rock Chop House restaurant's involvement. Andy Delaney, president of the Michigan Restaurant Association, was also invited, she said.

"We wanted it to be a friendly process, and we want people to have choices," Gershenson said.

### GOLD HEART DESIGNATION

Vera Day Rizer, general manager at Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham, said the restaurant was approached by the county to be involved in the survey. Rizer and chef Jeff Rose are involved in the group.

"It got us thinking about the way things are prepared," Rizer said. "We prepare everything from scratch, but people aren't always thinking about the kind of oil it's fried in."

Big Rock has used trans fat free oil for two years now, Rizer said.

"We know we're doing the right thing, and a lot of restaurants may be doing the right thing, and they just don't know it," Rizer said.

The group has not developed criteria on how to designate a Gold Heart restaurant. "The team will analyze the results," Rizer said.

Rizer thinks the survey will help for informational purposes, but would not lead to more regulation, such as mandates on the publication of calorie counts on menus.

"People are looking for freshness and taste," Rizer said. "People aren't always looking at calories when they go out. They can already ask for dressings or sauces on the side. Most people save their serious dieting for when they are home." As a lower fat alternative, Big Rock offers fresh fruit and sorbets on the dessert menu, Rizer says.

Commissioner Bradford Jacobsen (R-Oxford) hopes the golden heart designation encourages restaurants to offer healthy items — if they don't already. "I eat out a lot and I know I'm not always a healthy eater," Jacobsen said. He thought about how the gold heart designation would work with diners. "I'd order the seafood with cream sauce one day, and when I go out again, I'll see the logo and remember that I didn't eat healthy the other day, so I'll order that item."

Jacobsen is opposed to banning trans fats, which was in a bill introduced by Gershenson that's currently in committee.

"All I tell people is 'buyer beware,'" Jacobsen said. "But we need to make them aware of what they are eating. If a restaurant wants to put the calories on the menu, that's fine, but most of us can look at a list of ingredients and foods on a menu, and know if it isn't healthy."

Rizer believes the survey gives restaurants a chance to promote themselves. "The survey will give us a tool to do that," Rizer said. "We'll inform our guests with a little gold heart."

## What makes a winery boutique?

There's no definition for boutique winery. In general in the United States, they're simply considered high quality with low production.

Yet, how low is low? That's not defined either, but we believe Gargiulo Vineyards, with a 3,500-case production, is a boutique winery -- and one you should get to know. Recently, the wines became available in the Michigan market.



Focus on Wine  
Ray & Eleanor Heald

In general, boutique wineries set out to distinguish themselves by expressing a sense of place in their wines. The new word for that is an expression of somewhereness. With that aim in mind, the Gargiulo family is committed to crafting wines from two Oakville (Napa Valley) estate vineyards, Money Road Ranch and 575 OVX (an abbreviation for Oakville Cross Road, the vineyard location).

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- 2006 Two Hands Angels Share McLaren Vale Shiraz \$30
- 2004 MacRostie Wildcat Mountain Vineyard \$34
- 2005 Tablas Creek \$35
- 2005 Beckmen Purisima

- Mountain Vineyard \$40
- 2002 McWilliams Stentiford's Old Vines Coonawarra Reserve Shiraz \$55
- Then there's petite sirah (not a syrah relative), with big and generous flavors.
- 2006 McManis \$11
- 2005 Vina Robles Jardine \$26
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wine named Aprile. In 2004 Food and Wine magazine named Gargiulo one of the top 20 new wineries on the planet.

### FROM TOMATOES TO WINE

Proprietor Jeff Gargiulo has been farming nearly his entire life. Before selling his company to Monsanto, he was, at one time, one of the largest tomato growers

in the world. Between 2001 and 2006, he was president and CEO of Sunkist Growers, where he spearheaded reorganization and developed diversified products such as Sunkist's pre-cut fruit and berry marketing.

Individual grapes are often called berries, so this fits! Gargiulo and his wife Valerie, purchased Money Road Ranch in

1992. By 1994, 35 of its 40 acres were reengineered and replanted to three different rootstocks and three different clones of merlot. Remaining acreage was divided among cabernet sauvignon, sangiovese and pinot gris.

In 2000, the Gargiulos purchased nine additional acres in Oakville at 575 Oakville Crossroad. This vineyard, named 575 OVX is located on the eastern side of Oakville, sandwiched between two famous Napa Valley vineyards Rudd and Screaming Eagle.

In spring 2001 Gargiulo replanted 575 OVX, one of the only south-facing sloped vineyards in Oakville, to cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and petit verdot. In May 2005 the Gargiulos began construction of a state-of-the-art winery.

### WHAT TO BUY FROM GARGIULO VINEYARDS

2004 Aprile \$45 has pretty aromatics with varietal integrity and a distinct mellow, generous and dusty impression. Aging in 42 percent new French oak for 16

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# Answers to virus, Vista, remote control and iPod movie questions

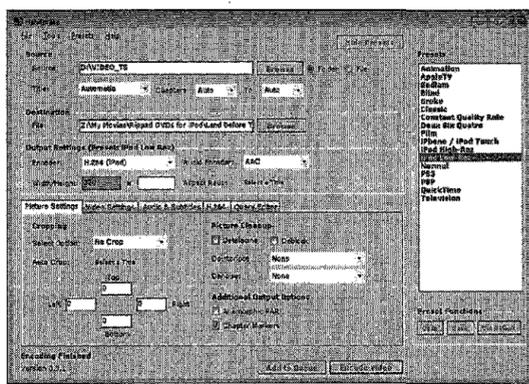
**Question:** I just received a suspicious e-mail attachment and want to make sure it doesn't have a virus. How can I scan it without opening it first?

**Answer:** Forward the e-mail to scan@virustotal.com. In a few minutes, you'll get back a report telling you what infections were found, if any.

This free service employs a whopping 32 different virus scanners, making it far more effective than the single anti-virus utility that's installed on your PC. (You do have one, right?)

You can also visit the VirusTotal.com site and manually upload any file for on-the-fly scanning. The service won't remove any viruses it discovers, but at least you'll know if you've got a problem file.

**Question:** I'm trying to help a friend or family member solve a



The free HandBrake program can copy your DVDs to your iPod for on-the-go viewing.

computer problem, but it's really difficult to troubleshoot over the phone. How can I set up a remote connection to the other PC?

**Answer:** Professional tech-support departments increasingly rely on remote-control software, which lets them temporarily take control of the user's PC to diagnose and fix problems.

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Presto: You've got full (but temporary) control over the

other PC. Now you can work your tech-savvy magic.

**Question:** I'm in the market for a new PC, but I've heard bad things about Windows Vista. Should I try to find a system that comes with Windows XP?

**Answer:** For all its shortcomings and annoyances, Windows Vista really isn't a bad operating system. It's more secure than XP, and it offers some worthwhile advantages, including Windows Media Center and improved search and networking capabilities.

That said, if you're determined to stick with XP, Dell is among the few manufacturers that let you order new PCs with the older OS.

Alternately, you could look for a closeout or recertified machine from a reseller like eCost or TigerDirect. Any model manufactured prior to January, 2007 will come with Windows XP.

There's another option, of course: Buy a Mac instead. The latest models can run both Mac and Windows operating systems, giving you the best of both

worlds. Something to consider!

**Question:** I want to watch my DVDs on my iPod. Can I copy them somehow?

**Answer:** Absolutely. In fact, 20th Century Fox recently announced a collaborative effort with Apple called iTunes Digital Copy. When you buy select DVDs, you'll be able to pop the disc into your PC and sync a mobile version of the movie straight to your iPod.

For the moment, however, the only DVD to offer this compelling feature is "Family Guy Presents: Blue Harvest." If you want to watch the movies in your existing DVD collection, you'll need to get creative.

Start by downloading HandBrake (handbrake.fr), a freeware utility for Windows and Mac systems. It converts DVDs into iPod-compatible MP4 video files.

You'll also need a utility that can decrypt copy-protected DVDs, which, technically speaking, is illegal. I've heard rumors that DVD43 (dvd43.com) is one such utility.

I've also heard that after

installing and running DVD43, you should then run HandBrake, click the Show Presets button, and then choose a suitable preset (such as "iPhone/iPod Touch" or "iPod High-Res").

Now insert your DVD, wait a minute for your system to recognize it, and then click the Browse button in the Source section. Navigate to the DVD's Video\_TS folder and click OK. Next, choose a destination for the output file (your iTunes folder is a logical choice).

Finally, click the Encode Video button — and settle in for a long wait. Even on a fast system, it can take several hours to process a typical DVD. When it's done, copy the new video to your iPod like you would any other.

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## WINE

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months gives the wine good length and roundness.

2003 Money Road Ranch Merlot \$40 showcases bright cherry, raspberry and cassis aromas and flavors.

With good structure and well-integrated fruit, oak and acid, it comes across layered and attractive.

2004 Money Road Ranch Merlot \$40 is nearly a mirror image of the 2003 with, perhaps, somewhat brighter fruit and a bit more lush in the finish.

The bad news here is that both the 2003 and 2004 Gargiulo Money Road Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon \$75 are sold out.

These are stellar wines, so get your bid in for some 2005 and long term the 2007.

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## FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

### Ritz-Carlton

The hotel's culinary team invites you into their kitchen for cooking classes. Learn cooking tips and tricks, then sit down to a dinner with wines 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday evenings as follows: Treasures of Tuscany: Regional Italian, Feb. 11; Mediterranean Mezza, April 14; Celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Mexican Fiesta, May 12; Flavor and Fire: Hot Off the Grill, June 18. Cost is \$120, \$75 dinner only. Call Leslie Jacobs at (248) 646-4517.

### Whole Foods Market

Chinese New Year cooking class, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19, \$15, you must pre-register at customer service counter no later than

Feb. 15, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield (248) 538-4600.

### Market tour

Learn ins and outs of label reading, where to look for hard to find foods and how to incorporate soy into your diet, call Stacy Goldberg at (248) 563-2920 to reserve a place on the tour, 3 p.m. Feb. 24, Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield (248) 538-4600.

### Healthy Cooking Classes

Macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson has moved out of her apartment and into a house so there's more room for students and better parking. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are 6-9 p.m. at Wilson's new home in Westland, visit the web site or call (734) 722-4553 for more information.

# Appliance news from around world

Each day on my computer I can travel many miles with the flick of a fingertip and the constant instructions I receive from my darling Valorie. She says that I am getting much better and asking fewer questions.

My travels to Mexico reveal that Whirlpool is cutting 750 jobs at its Reynosa plant and plans

to increase production at the Ramos Arizpe plant and add 600 employees by mid-year. Over in LaVergne, Tenn., Whirlpool is closing a refrigerator factory, laying off 500 workers and

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moving production to Fort Smith, Ark.

This plant is expected to gain another 250 employees by the end of this year. Whirlpool has an employment enrollment of around 78,000 and the above numbers are just a drop in the bucket. Whirlpool is providing a severance package to these folks to I'm sure ease the upheaval they must go through.

Cut across Michigan from Benton Harbor to Greenville and take a look at the work going on at the Gibson

Manufacturing factory. This 1.7 million-square-foot plant is being torn down and removed from the face of the earth.

Built in 1877 by Frank Gibson, it has made products such as wood cabinets, bomber wings and aluminum gliders for the military of World War II, and modern refrigerators that have garnished the American home with food preservation.

This demolition project began in April of last year and will be completed some time this spring. Life as they knew it in Greenville is certainly not the same, and that is a shame.

Flying in my computer flight simulator I travel over the 401 highway heading east to Guelph, Ontario to visit the headquarters of W.C. Wood Company.

If you have purchased a freezer in the last 10 years then most likely it was built by Wood, no matter what brand name you see on the front.

Newspapers in Canada point out that W.C. Wood has been purchased by Red Diamond Capital, a private investment firm based in New York. W.C. Wood has been controlled by the Wood family since it was founded in 1930. Red Diamond is an affiliate of Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan's leading trading company. Freezer production in the U.S. is just about non-existent today; I hope they

can keep it up in Canada.

In my computer travels I picked up a story with the headline: Liebherr to Introduce 36-Inch Refrigerator at K/BIS. The French-door model will be appearing at the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show in April in Chicago.

This product will have two separate compressors with ability to produce 3.5 pounds of ice in 24 hours and capacity to store seven pounds of cubes. The glass shelves are strong enough to hold 180 pounds. My hopes are that the appliance will be able to cool the refrigerator section down to around 35 degrees.

By the way, I must search out something on my computer. I haven't heard about this Liebherr brand name before this story. I don't know if they're from Canada, Mexico, Benton Harbor or Greenville. Time to find out!

Stay tuned.

**Joe Gagnon** can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to wvon@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

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# Keep comfort in mind when outfitting a guest room

Kelly of Redford asks: "I'm decorating a guest room and I don't know where to begin. I already have an office, so this room will be a guest room, only."

How lucky you are to have enough space to allow for a permanent guest room! First, you need to evaluate the needs of any potential



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guests, space plan everything on paper, and then go shopping. Normally, a guest room has at least one full-size bed or two twin beds. If a queen bed fits, that's even better. If you have regular guests staying at your home, you need to evaluate how long they typically stay and try to anticipate their needs while at your house. Will they need a dresser? Probably not. A few drawers in a large nightstand should be plenty, but be sure to allow for ample closet space to

hang clothing. A folding luggage stand is a great piece to have and pull out when guests arrive.

If your guests are technologically connected, a writing desk and chair is a nice addition. They will have a horizontal surface to set up their lap-

top, or simply charge their cell phone. Wireless or cable connection should also be considered.

A television set in the guest room is a worthwhile investment, too. It doesn't have to be large or fancy, but some people like to wind down alone and watch their favorite shows or catch up on the news.

For space planning, you will need to draw out the room in 1/4" inch scale and make sure these furniture items all fit in the room. Once that is decided, it's time to shop.

Establish a color scheme by selecting your bedding first or a dramatic piece of art work. A bed-in-a-bag set is fine for the guest room and there are deals to be had if you shop around. You can choose your paint color after you've selected the bedding and art.

Don't forget the alarm clock, a reading light, and a nice, full-length mirror. Enjoy the process of designing your guest room ... your guests will appreciate it.

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

# Ticket winners off to the show

Nine area residents are ticket winners to the "Valentine Rock and Roll Spectacular" show at the Ford Performing Art Center in Dearborn. The winners were part of a random ticket drawing in a contest sponsored by the *Observer*

& *Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers*.

The Feb. 16 show features The Reflections, The Diamonds, The Vogues, Sonny Turner and Jack Scott.

Winners are Bob Magary of Auburn Hills, Beverly Tack

of Royal Oak, Margo Tellish of Livonia, Barbara Bellaire of Canton, Larry Michalski of Farmington Hills, Michael Kromirs of Farmington Hills, Nancy Radzwion of Westland, Joyce Hudy of Livonia and Joyce Costanza of Canton.

# Toast skirts promise to warm up winter days

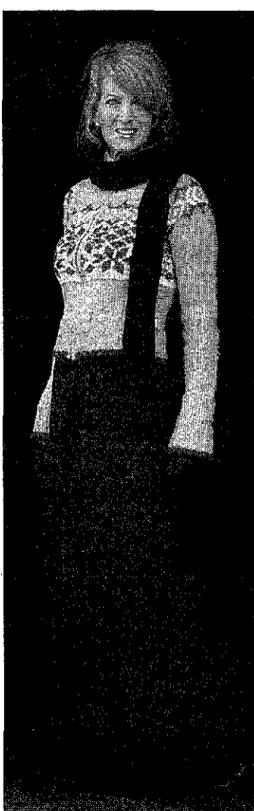
**B**ring on the chilly temperatures — the long, dragging Michigan winter coated in snow. Vivian George won't shy from it. The Harper Woods resident and musician — who splits her time between metro Detroit and Toronto — has invented a fashion-forward solution to the frigid weather. She crafted a down-filled full-length snow skirt she calls Toast.

And it's unlike any other piece of outerwear we've seen.

"You feel like a superhero," she said. Toast's stylish superpower provides protection against the harsh elements. "My aunt came up with (the name)," said George. "It keeps you warm as toast."

The invention was derived from necessity. After years of working on film sets in Toronto, George learned a thing or two about keeping warm. Working on the set of *Road to Avonlea*, she noticed the actresses wearing large, flannel skirts didn't mind the weather. It sparked an idea. Her Toast prototype began with a visit to a Detroit thrift store. She found a down feather coat and experimented by slicing off the sleeves and neck, and fashioning it around her waist. "Down keeps you warmer than any other material," she said.

Over the past six years she's worked with three manufacturers who couldn't quite get it right. Then Canada Goose took the reins and helped George perfect her product. They modeled it after the technology used on their own Expedition Parka, favored by the National Science Foundation during South Pole expeditions. "The



Vivian George created the ultimate skirt for cold climates, called Toast.

quality is unparalleled," said George.

It is versatile enough to be worn as a skirt or used as a snugly blanket or even a pillow. With a double-zipper and snaps for wearability, Toast is perfect for people who work outside 10 hours a day or those who just walk their dogs, George said. The skirt, which is surprisingly light-weight, is coated in Teflon. It can get wet without being damaged — and the down will never escape. Each skirt comes with one Grabber Mycoal Heat Treat that can be inserted into a back

pocket for extra warmth and comfort.

It's durable and simple to clean. "You just wipe it with water," said George. "There is no need to dry-clean it."

The skirt runs from extra small to large. It comes in black, though George has added various colors of lining — in hot pink, white or polar blue satin.

George is currently working toward wider distribution. While the skirts are available for sale online and in stores in Boston, New York and Toronto, she recently added a local shop to the list — Excelsior, at 23900 Woodward Ave. in Pleasant Ridge.

Owner Patti Brock-Sklar had the skirts in stock for one day and two customers had already tried it on. A down coat can look "very Michelin Man" she said, whereas a Toast skirt adds glamour. "You can wear whatever you want underneath," she said.

Toast isn't limited to women. Men wear it, too. "Wearing the skirt forces heat up," said George. While it can be paired with any sort of winter coat, often a sweater is all that's needed. "It regulates to your body heat," she said.

And beyond the utility of the skirt, it's a slimming head-turner. George can't step outside without hearing the question "where did you get that skirt?" It literally sells itself. Women have offered to buy it right off of her, she said, adding that: "The skirt makes a scene in a snowstorm."

For more information or to order online, visit [www.toast-skirts.com](http://www.toast-skirts.com).

**Stephanie Angelyn Casola** is a self-confessed shop-a-holic. She writes about beauty trends, fashionable finds and shopping tips for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Got an idea suitable for *Shop Around the Corner*? She can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or [scasola@hometownlife.com](mailto:scasola@hometownlife.com).

## HOME CALENDAR

### IKEA Events

Bring your Valentine to IKEA Canton today and receive a free entree when you buy one at equal value, and enjoy intimate live music 5-9 p.m. in the restaurant. During "American as Cherry Pie" Feb. 16-18, get a piece of cherry pie for 25¢ with purchase of an herb chicken entrée for \$5.49. On Presidents' Day, Feb. 18, bring your oldest dated penny to IKEA Canton 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Owners of five oldest pennies will win \$100 IKEA gift cards. Every person entering a penny, no matter how old it is, will be entered to win one \$500 IKEA Gift Card.

### Cottage & Lakefront Living

The Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi Feb. 28-March 2, will include log, timber frame and cedar homes, cottage rental, furnishings, lakefront homebuilders and realtors, lakeshore maintenance, boats and docks, outdoor recreational equipment, sand art demos by Big Wave Dave, and seminars about family kayak adventures and 'green' lake practices. Show hours are 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday; 2-9:30 p.m. Friday; 10

a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9; \$4 for children 6-14; children 5 and under, free. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit [www.cottageandlakefrontliving.com](http://www.cottageandlakefrontliving.com).

### Green Exhibitors Wanted

The deadline for exhibitors to apply for the Green Street Fair in Plymouth is March 1. The first-ever Green Street Fair will be held 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 4 in downtown Plymouth. Presented by Whole Foods Market, the fair was founded to inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. Highlights include: cultural and environmental film; street performers; children's activities; fitness and well-being demos; green careers; a farmer's market; art installations and a clothing swap. For information, call (734) 259-2983 or visit [www.greenstreetfair.com](http://www.greenstreetfair.com).

### Cranbrook Seeks Docents

Historic Cranbrook House seeks docents to conduct tours of the 1908 home. Choose eight-week training sessions on Tuesday evenings or

Wednesday mornings beginning March 4. Separate sessions will be held for Garden docents only. The tour season runs from May through October. Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary also welcomes volunteers for estate gardening, greenhouse management, the Wildflower Rescue Program and Gatehouse admissions center. Call (248) 645-3149.

### Home & Garden Show

The Michigan Home & Garden Show, March 7-9 at Ford Field, will feature all aspects of landscapes, gardens, lawn care, plants, trees, garden tools, renovation advice, room additions, furniture, spas, fireplaces, floor covering and more. HGTV's Frank Fontana will present "Let's Be Frank! Secrets of High Style, Low Cost Design." Show hours are noon-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9; \$4 for children 6-14; free children 5 and under. Children 6-14 are free on Family Day, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday and special activities will be offered. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit [www.FordFieldHomeShow.com](http://www.FordFieldHomeShow.com).

## GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wendys Von Buskirk at [wvonn@hometownlife.com](mailto:wvonn@hometownlife.com).

### Flower Arranging

Michigan Orchid Society member Rosie Kiley present "Flower Arranging Made Easy" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St. Free. Call (586) 416-1496.

### English Gardens Events

English Gardens will host a free presentation on perennial gardening 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at its retail stores in Ann Arbor, Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. Learn how to create a colorful garden that will come back every year. All six locations also will host the 6th Annual Orchid Festival through Feb. 26, with displays of more than 50 varieties of orchids, along with free demonstrations and presentations on Feb. 16. Visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

### Schoolcraft Classes

Expert horticulturist and landscape designer Merritt Wolson will teach upcoming classes on garden design at Schoolcraft College in Livonia:

Design Your Outside World, 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 20-March 19; or 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, March 29-April 12.

Woody Trees and Shrubs, 9-11:40 a.m. Feb. 23-March 15.  
Perennial Gardening, 7-9:40 p.m. Wednesdays, March 26-April 9.  
Cost is \$75/\$60 for seniors, books and supplies included. Call (734) 462-4448.

### A Bit of Green

Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac, will host a benefit for Shades of Pink, a Birmingham-based organization that helps women battling breast cancer. A Gardening Lecture and Luncheon 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 will feature lunch in the Event Greenhouse at tablescape decorated by local designers, along with lectures by local experts. A Wine Tasting and Tablescape Preview 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 will feature hors d'oeuvres by candlelight and a sneak peek at the tables. \$60 per event; \$100 per person to attend both. Call (248) 594-1249 or visit [www.goldnerwalsh.com](http://www.goldnerwalsh.com).

### Master Composter Classes

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority will hold Master

Composter classes for environmental gardening enthusiasts beginning at 6:45-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton. The course includes six classes and a field trip to the SOCCRA compost facility. Cost, \$30, includes name badge, soil test and class notebook. Call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail [LFDean@aot.com](mailto:LFDean@aot.com).

### Hostas 101

The Royal Oak Garden Club will present Hostas 101 at 7 p.m. March 10 at the Royal Oak Public Library. A Royal Oak gardener who has turned his back yard into a successful nursery business, will explain how to propagate and cultivate hostas at the free event. Call (313) 861-6579.

### Orchid Show

The Michigan Orchid Society will host its 54th Annual Palm Sunday Show March 15-16. Formerly at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, the show will move to the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Programs for beginner, intermediate and casual growers of orchids; 30 vendors selling orchids, supplies and related items. Free. Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Visit [www.miorchids.com](http://www.miorchids.com).

# THE HEALTHY PLATE: Recipe for Herb-Crusted Pork Tenderloin

BY JIM ROMANOFF  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Usually when a food is described as having a golden, crispy crust, frying and plenty of grease are involved.

But it doesn't have to be that way. With the right ingredients and techniques, flavorful, crunchy satisfying results can be had without all the fat.

This recipe for pork tenderloin in a golden, herbed crust is loosely inspired by a classic Japanese preparation of breaded, deep-fried pork chops called tonkatsu.

But rather than pork cutlets, this dish uses pork tenderloin, which is as lean as white chicken meat.

Deep-fried crusts do have loads of flavor, so for this pork tenderloin we compensate with loads of added flavorings in the coating.

A crumb mixture is made with panko (Japanese-style bread crumbs), which have a crisper, lighter texture than most kinds of breading. Panko can be found in the Asian section of most grocers.

The panko is combined with chopped fresh parsley, thyme, rosemary and minced garlic to create a flavor that's more Mediterranean than Asian.

You can substitute any herbs you prefer as long as you keep to these quantities. Instead of buying individual bunches, which can be pricey, look for packaged fresh herb blends in the produce department, as well as in the freezer case.

The bread crumb mixture is moistened with a small amount of healthy, extra-virgin olive oil, which distributes flavors and helps the crust to brown during roasting.

To make the crumb mixture stick, a coating of zesty Dijon mustard is applied to the tenderloin, rather than the more common beaten egg. This adds an extra burst of flavor without any additional fat.

Roast the pork tenderloin just until the internal temperature of the meat reaches 155 F; the internal temperature will rise to 160 F while the tenderloin rests for 5. Overcooking lower fat meats is a surefire way to end up

with dry results.

To complete this healthy meal, try serving the sliced pork with pureed sweet potatoes sprinkled with toasted chopped hazelnuts and some steamed broccolini.

## PORK TENDERLOIN IN A GOLDEN, HERBED CRUST

Start to finish: 1 hour (15 minutes active)

Servings: 4

¾ cup panko (Japanese-style) bread crumbs  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons finely chopped flat-leaf parsley  
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary  
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh thyme  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1-pound pork tenderloin  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly oil a wire rack or coat it with nonstick cooking spray. Set the rack in a baking sheet.

In a small bowl, combine the bread crumbs, garlic, parsley, rosemary, thyme, oil, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly.

Use paper towels to pat dry the pork tenderloin.

On a piece of plastic wrap, spread out half of the breadcrumb mixture in a strip as long as the tenderloin. Coat one side of the tenderloin with half of the mustard.

Turn the tenderloin over and set it down on the crumbs so they stick to the mustard. Coat the remaining surface of the meat with the remaining mustard. Press the second side of the tenderloin into the remaining crumb mixture.

Transfer the tenderloin to the prepared rack. Roast until the crust is golden, the tenderloin is barely pink in the center and the internal temperature is 155 F, 35 to 45 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

Nutrition information per serving: 245 calories; 8 g fat (2 g saturated); 74 mg cholesterol; 16 g carbohydrate; 26 g protein; 1 g fiber; 435 mg sodium.

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## Tender at the Townsend shows future of fashion

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
STAFF WRITER

It's always satisfying when you can indulge your passion for fashion while supporting a good cause.

Every year, Tender presents a runway show at the Townsend Hotel to benefit ORT, an organization dedicated to education around the world. "Tender at the Townsend" is ORT America Michigan Region's premiere event, and 250 supporters turned out to see this year's show on Feb. 1.

We caught up with Cheryl Daskas of Tender, and Anthony Marsalese of Antonino Salon & Spa to find out more about the styles of the season.

**Color:** Splashy colors will be hot for spring and summer, and it's a great time to transition out of the winter doldrums by incorporating some bright pieces in your wardrobe, like a citrus green cardigan by Saverio Palatella, or a deep emerald green sleeveless top by Thakoon paired with slim, French blue Malo pants.

"Don't be afraid of bold color," Daskas said.

On the other end of the color spectrum, neutrals are hot too, Daskas said.

**Dresses:** Easy, flattering and simply chic, dresses continue to work wonders. According to Daskas, last season's volume has been reined in, and dresses are more body skimming than before. From a ruffled 'LBD' to a silk Thakoon dress in a graffiti-esque floral print, they hit above the knee and look fabulous.

**Femininity:** Between frills, bows and flowing fabric, the season's clothing celebrates feminine flair. Daskas said one of the spring/summer trends with a soft edge is transparent fabrics. "Having a transparent feel, whether it's the whole dress, ruffles or overlays, that's a huge look this season," she said.

Daskas wrapped some models in yards of tulle to emphasize the trend.

**Black:** One of the best things about attending runway shows is hearing your table's reaction to certain garments. One of the best loved was a simple black blouse with an attached capelet straight off the Miu Miu runway. Daskas paired it with pants and flats, creating a casually sophisticated look.

**Pants:** Despite the dominance of dresses, pants look fresh this season because the high waist continues to make headway, showing up on slim pants and wide leg trousers. Daskas warns this look is a little tricky to pull off. "The person has to have a little bit of length in their waist to wear them," she said. "If you can wear them, they look great with something tucked in."



During 'Tender at the Townsend' a black pencil skirt and white ruffled blouse were punched up with a citrus green cardigan by Saverio Palatella.

Lanvin sunglasses lend instant glamour, and don't forget the shoes.

**Shoes:** Jimmy Choo platform cutouts in brown and fuschia suede. Lanvin pumps in black satin with wood heels and big bows. Valentino platforms of rhinestone mesh. Sound wild? They are, but if you invest in statement shoes this season you can take your old look to a new level. For something that goes with almost anything, try a nude colored shoe, like Derek Lam pumps in buff.

**Hair:** Runway beauty is always exaggerated, but Anthony Marsalese said the average woman can take a cue from the over-the-top styles he and his team at Antonino Salon & Spa in Birmingham concocted for the show. Models sported smooth hair on top that expanded into voluminous curls on the bottom. Deep side parts and curled-under, clip-on bangs evoked the 1940s. For an everyday translation, Marsalese suggested bangs with straight hair, or loose, tousled curls. "It's not overly done, not too perfect. It's like doing a hairdo then undoing it," he said. "It goes really well with the clothing, feminine and textured."

**Makeup:** Runway makeup also blended retro and modern feel, according to Genna Gibson, a makeup artist at Antonino. The look was simple: a heavy sweep of dark eyeliner, complemented by high-shine lips in hot pink and red. "Heavy eyeliner and juicy looking lips are really in right now," she said. The lightest touch of rose blush — and perhaps a sweep of sheer eyeshadow

— and you're good to go.

Feminine and flowing dresses are the key to style this spring and summer. Accessorize with a chunky necklace and the look's complete.

Neutral colors and wide leg trousers are great for work or weekends. All clothing available at Tender Birmingham.

**Accessories:** You might not wear neon green, thigh-high fishnets with a little black dress like Daskas showed on the runway, but the point is to use accessories to make a splash. Tie a patterned silk scarf around your hair, put on some prim purple gloves, or carry a handbag covered in silk roses. Large

Tender is located at 271 W. Maple in Birmingham. Call (248) 258-0212 or visit [www.tenderbirmingham.com](http://www.tenderbirmingham.com). Antonino Salon & Spa is located at 191 Townsend in Birmingham, (248) 258-5990 and 39590 W. 14 Mile Road in Commerce, (248) 669-0900. Visit [www.antoninosalon.com](http://www.antoninosalon.com).

## pink picks

By Wendy

### Wear It!

Hanky Pankies (try red for Valentine's Day)

### Don't Wear It!

Too casual on casual Fridays (try a blazer with jeans)

### Tivo It!

Lipstick Jungle

### DVD It!

The Brave One

### Mane It!

Profound Beauty haircare systems at Antonino Salons, Birmingham and Commerce

### Smell It!

Chloe's new signature scent exclusively at Saks



### Kick It!

Christian Louboutin Sometimes lace-up sandals

### Tote It!

Old Navy printed raffia beach totes



### Shop It!

Zoe's Lace, new to The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield

### Click It!

[www.OrganicStyle.com](http://www.OrganicStyle.com)

### Face It!

Nubian Heritage beauty products, new to Macy's

### See It!

Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert movie

### Do It!

Remember your mom on Valentine's Day

### Drink It!

Chocolate Dipped Cherry martinis

## Malls and 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 [wvob@hometownlife.com](mailto:wvob@hometownlife.com).

### Kohl's Holds Job Fair

Kohl's will host a job fair Feb. 17 - 21 to fill 150 full- and part-time positions for its Canton store, opening in April. Billed by BusinessWeek as one of the "Best Places to Launch a Career," Kohl's will hire associates for cash register operation, department service, customer service, early morning stocking, truck unloading, housekeeping and evening signage/pricing updates. The job fair will be held at the Holiday Inn, 46194 I-94 North Service Dr. in Belleville. Call (877) NEW-KOHL or visit [www.kohls-careers.com](http://www.kohls-careers.com).

### Zoe's Lace Discounts

Through Friday, Zoe's Lace will donate 5 percent of all purchases to the The Francee and Benson Ford, Jr. Breast Care and Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Sheryl Freedland, longtime owner of Ruby's Balm, opened Zoe's Lace at The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield to offer beautiful lingerie, yoga and lounge-wear in all sizes. Look for Cosabella, Chantelle, the Intimates line from Elle Macpherson, Mary Green and Kashwera, a line of cashmere soft products without the cashmere price. Visit the store at 6907 Orchard Lake Road or Call (248) 932-5223.

### Gifts of Love in Royal Oak

Spend Valentine's Day in Downtown Royal Oak as the Downtown Development Authority presents Gifts of Love. Participating businesses will offer special dinners for two, salon packages and gift items at all price points. Highlights include a champagne dinner for two and "Singles Mingle" party at Bastone; flowers for ladies who dine at Sangria; a Valentine Love Contest at Lily's Seafood; 10 percent off candles through February at Shine; 20 percent off Valentine's Day gifts at Dale & Thomas Popcorn and Godiva chocolates and Bellanina facelift treats at Barnes & Noble.

### Bellanina Beauty Event

The Bridal Salon at Macy's Somerset will host a trunk show of Anne Barge designs Feb. 15-17, featuring the latest gowns and a representative from the company. Anne Barge bridal gowns combine classic designs in the finest of silks with museum quality beading and embroidery. Appointments are suggested. Call (248) 816-4270.

Retreat in the Smokey Mountains and other prizes. At 6:30 p.m., Keith West-Harrison, master esthetician to stars like Gwyneth Paltrow, Cameron Diaz and Nicole Kidman, will offer skincare tips and unveil the new Bellanina Naturals line. At 8 p.m., Dr. Michelle Segar will offer "Essential Steps" for women over 40. Bellanina Day Spa is in Ann Arbor's Historic District of Kerrytown at 201 North Fourth Ave. Call (734) 327-1000 or visit [www.bellaninadayspa.com](http://www.bellaninadayspa.com).

### Nahil returns to Margot's Spa

Margot's Euro Spa in Downtown Birmingham is pleased to announce Nahil Gebara has rejoined the staff. Gebara brings several specialty services to Margot's including permanent makeup, laser hair removal, electrolysis, skin lightening (ReFirme), skin rejuvenation (IPL), VelaSmooth cellulite treatments. Margot's is located at 101 Townsend in Birmingham. Call (248) 642-3770.

### Native West Closeout Sale

Native West announces its End of the Trail Sale on unique Southwest jewelry and art Feb. 15-April 12. After 18 years, Native West will close its doors after a sale that begins with 20 percent off for two weeks, increasing by 10 percent each week after that through April 12. Merchandise includes sterling silver jewelry, Painted Pony collectibles, rugs, pottery, artwork, Indian reproductions, dream catchers and more. Visit 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth or call (734) 455-8838.

### Retail Strategies Session

Fashion Group International of Detroit will host "Creating Success: Retail Strategies for a Challenging Economy," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Michigan Design Center. Panelists include Chris Bonatz, senior account executive, Christian Dior; Leslie Pilling, owner of Presence II, Inc. interior design; Charlene Mitchell-Rodgers, president, Media Consultants; and Anthony Marsalese, owner, Antonio Salon & Spa. Light appetizers will be served, \$35 members, \$40 non-members, \$30 students. Call (616) 481-3333 or e-mail [mjbockheim@msn.com](mailto:mjbockheim@msn.com).

### Anne Barge Trunk Show

The Bridal Salon at Macy's Somerset will host a trunk show of Anne Barge designs Feb. 15-17, featuring the latest gowns and a representative from the company. Anne Barge bridal gowns combine classic designs in the finest of silks with museum quality beading and embroidery. Appointments are suggested. Call (248) 816-4270.

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