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Buying green

There's no paper involved — and no ink, either.

A new method of communication from Westland's Mission Green — an initiative promoting environmentally sound practices — involves informing residents one e-mail at a time.

Mayor William Wild has announced the launch of Mission Green's new monthly electronic newsletter, distributed by Mission Green chairman and city Planning Director Bruce Thompson.

The newsletter details the city's efforts to "go green," such as getting involved in a Rebuild Michigan program that will involve an assessment of energy savings potential for up to 10 city buildings.

The e-newsletter also provides information about Mission Green meetings that are open to the public.

"This is a fantastic way for committee members and all residents to remain abreast of Mission Green's plans going forward," Wild said in a prepared statement. "And this isn't just reserved for them — anyone who has a vested interest in reducing their carbon footprint and fostering the sustainability of our city will find this information useful."

Those interested in receiving the e-newsletter may send an e-mail to Thomas at planning@cityofwestland.com.

Guest speaker

The former general manager of the Michigan State Fair, John Hertel, will be the guest speaker when the Westland Rotary Club meets at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army on Venoy south of Palmer.

Hertel is chief executive officer of the Regional Transportation Coordinating Commission. In addition to his work with the State Fair, he has been a county commissioner in both Macomb and Wayne counties.

Hertel, a former professor of political science at Lawrence Technological University, was a Michigan state senator from March 1974 through December 1982. During this time, he was the author of key legislation aimed at protecting and enhancing Michigan's environment. He chaired the Senate Committee on Agriculture for seven years and chaired the Senate Environmental Affairs Committee for four years.

"This guy's good," said Dan Wilson, secretary of the Westland Rotary, who expects Hertel to discuss mass transit and other timely issues such as the State Fair. "He's the best I've ever seen."

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Lunch costs \$10. People who would like to attend can call Dan Wilson at (313) 999-6685.

City's financial forecast has grim outlook

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland is facing an increasingly grim financial forecast that city leaders say will force a major restructuring that could mean more job cuts, employee concessions, scaled-back services and double-digit water-sewer rate hikes, among other recessionary measures. "Everything is on the table," Mayor William Wild said.

Barring a significant retooling or a sudden revenue windfall, the city's budget surplus of \$1.2 million could spiral into a crippling, \$32 million deficit within four years, according to a report from the Ann Arbor-based auditing firm Plante Moran.

"It is staggering," Westland City Councilman Charles Pickering said. "I'm sure other cities are facing similar situations, but it is staggering."

The latest projections, spelled out during a recent two-day strategic planning session, provided a sobering reminder that this city of 378 employees and 86,000 residents isn't immune to burgeoning financial problems that already have gripped many communities, school districts and companies like Detroit's automakers.

This spring budget season, alone, Wild's administration is struggling to plug a \$4 million budget hole largely attributed to plummeting property tax revenues, a district court deficit and lower interest earnings on city dollars. Moreover, the downturn comes as officials concede that they will need to develop a long-range plan to address a deteriorating infrastructure, including aging municipal buildings.

Wild, flanked by two of his top financial experts, Finance Director Steve Smith and Controller Jade Smith, said during an interview Monday in his office that the situation is "a perfect storm." Still, he said he is confident Westland can weather the economic storm and even prosper, "as long as we make some structural changes."

SURVIVAL COSTS

Pickering, a former mayor who led the city during an early-1980s recession, agreed. "Looking down the road," he said, "we will survive."

The question is, at what cost?

The city already has trimmed 23 positions, mostly by not filling vacancies, and Wild said other cuts are a real possibility.

"Layoffs are obviously always going to be the last

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Westland Finance Director Steve Smith (left) answers a question about the city's budget problems as Mayor William Wild (center) and Controller Jade Smith look on. The officials say the city faces some tough decisions to avert a financial crisis.



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Sue Wilk, a social worker with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, holds the statue she received as the 2009 Westland ATHENA award recipient.

ATHENA winner: Center's 'backbone'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Sue Wilk sees it, her role at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center is to make sure people have time to talk together.

However, electronics technology teacher Zachary MacLean says the 2009 Westland ATHENA Award winner is the one that has kept the center involved in the Convergence Education Foundation's Innovative Vehicle Design competition.

"She means everything to the program," MacLean said. "We probably wouldn't be doing the IVD if it weren't for Sue. Sue has kept us going."

The Monroe resident was "still in shock" Monday after receiving the award at the Women of Westland's annual Chocolate Fantasy Ball Saturday evening.

"As a social worker, I have the chance every day to do something to help someone," she told guests at the program. "I have had more support and help. I had more opportunities and doors open for me that make all the difference in my life."

She was nominated for the award by Ginny Kowalski, principal of the Career-Technical Center, who described Wilk "as the backbone of our building."

"I nominated Sue for her dedication to young people

and staff in helping them to succeed," Kowalski said. "Her knowledge of the many families and culture of the district helps the staff and administration to work with a student and their family to get the student back on track to a productive future. Sue also is a confidant for our staff."

Kowalski cited Wilk's support for young women taking classes in non-traditional fields and the launch of the IVD program that has received numerous state and national awards for its student designed-and-built cars.

Wilk has been with the Wayne-Westland Community

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Man holds up Family Dollar

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A worker told Westland police that a lone bandit who implied he had a gun robbed the Family Dollar store Friday evening near the southwest corner of Palmer and Venoy, in the city's Norway neighborhood.

Police Lt. Dan Karrick said it didn't appear that the suspect was connected to two Dollar General store robberies that happened elsewhere in the city since Jan. 31.

"This guy was heavier," he said. The 23-year-old employee told police that she was counting her cash drawer around 8 p.m. when the bandit walked in and seized an undisclosed amount of money from a cash register and a safe. She said he warned her not to look at him and shielded his face from customers who came into the store.

The suspect fled on foot in a northwest direc-

tion, and a police dog that was brought to the scene couldn't track him down.

According to police reports, the female worker and a male employee said the bandit appeared armed "by the way that he held his hand inside his jacket as if he was pointing a gun at them."

No gun was revealed, however, and no shots were fired.

The suspect was described as a "husky" black male, 5-foot-10 to 5-foot-11, and 20 to 30 years old. He was wearing a black, mid-length, Carhartt-style work jacket, a black scarf over his face, a solid black baseball cap possibly with an unknown logo, black gloves, blue jeans and brown dress shoes, possibly with square toes.

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

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Electrical problem closes Adams school

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An electrical glitch rattled Adams Middle School and forced Wayne-Westland officials to cancel classes Wednesday as work crews scrambled to repair damaged wiring that supplies much of the building, Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tenniswood said.

As of late Wednesday afternoon, Superintendent Greg Baracy said it appeared that classes would resume today at the 600-student school on Palmer Road east of Wildwood.

Night workers heard a loud electrical arcing shortly after 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and called the Westland Fire Department. Workers said "it felt like an earthquake," Baracy said.

Some smoke came out of what Tenniswood described as "a very large electrical panel" located on the north side of the school, and he said the power was shut off.

Tenniswood said it appeared the problem started in an electrical conduit under the school and burned the wire coverings, causing the electrical arcing that startled the school's night crew.

School officials brought in a large generator on Wednesday, and Baracy said power had been restored.

Tenniswood confirmed that there wasn't smoke damage through the building, which firefighters nonetheless aired out.

"The wires feeding a big share of the school are all fried," Tenniswood said Wednesday morning. School officials and Detroit Edison went to the scene Wednesday to assess the situation and try to make repairs in hopes of reopening the school.

Tenniswood lauded the response of firefighters, a school electrician and district officials. He said the school was closed Wednesday due to fears that turning the power back on might restart the electrical problem before repairs were made.

Parent-teacher conferences that had been scheduled for Wednesday at Adams will be rescheduled for 3-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, according to the district's central office.

Some teachers reported to Adams on Wednesday, and some went to other buildings.

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Wayne Memorial shows its stuff at band festival

The Wayne Memorial Concert Band under the direction of Matthew Diroff took the stage at 2:35 p.m. Thursday at Thurston High School in the South Redford School District to show their stuff at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra District Festival.

Wayne Memorial performed Allied Honor March, English Country Settings and Annabel Lee.

Parents and grandparents streamed in and out of Thurston state-of-the-art William F. Weber Auditorium as 20 middle and high school bands competed in what Thurston's band director Edward Lucius called the band equivalent of the MEAP tests.

"This is the band's MEAP, this is what the MEAP is to us," Lucius said. "If you come to the band festival and you're fortunate to do well, that's a good indication of the work being done in the classroom. Our work is on display."

The competition is divided into two parts, a concert performance and a sight reading. Ensembles perform before three judges. They are evaluated on tone, intonation, rhythm, technique and interpretation. They receive a letter grade in each of those categories and then receive a



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Wayne Memorial High School Concert Band performing one of its three numbers at the competition. They performed Allied Honor March, English Country Settings and Annabel Lee.

division rating based on the predominant letter grades.

The combined concert performance and sight reading evaluations determine the final rating. First division is rated super-

rior, second division good, third division average, fourth division below average and fifth division poor.

Wayne Memorial's Concert Band received a second division "good" rating.

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CHARLES PICKERING, Westland city councilman

OUTLOOK

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resort," he said, but didn't rule it out.

Other options could include seeking to renegotiate employee contracts to secure wage freezes or other concessions, and trying to save \$300,000 by asking all city workers to take five unpaid days off during a one-year period.

"It's going to take some cooperation on the unions' part moving forward," council President James Godbout said. "We'll see how willing they are to do that. If they're not, it will mean further head count reductions."

One union, the hourly American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Local 1602, has been working since Dec. 31 without a new contract, officials said, and its members already have taken the brunt of earlier job cuts. With so much at stake, Pickering commended AFSCME, unlike other employee groups, for its strong presence at the strategic sessions.

Wild confirmed that city departments could be realigned and some employees shifted to other duties. All of the potential changes could come amid an election year in which Wild and some city council members will be up for re-election.

One potential candidate, Pickering, voted a year ago against employee contracts and raises that he said the city couldn't afford, and he said Tuesday that he supports efforts to reopen the bargained agreements.

"I think we do have to reopen contracts to reduce our costs," Pickering said.

However, he said elected officials and city directors should take the lead before asking employees to accept sacrifices. Both Wild and Pickering said the city will need to work as partners with the unions.

COST-CUTTING IDEAS

During one brainstorming session during the strategic meetings, city officials and residents offered a lengthy list of cost-cutting ideas, such as slashing salaries by 5 percent, reducing staff by 10-15 percent in all departments, exploring a four-day work week, eliminating overtime, and offering early buyouts, among numerous other measures.

Already, newer employees have had to pay more toward their health insurance and pensions, and Wild said he has asked Jade Smith, the controller, to look for more ways to trim health-care costs.

Despite the gloomy news, Wild cited a few hopeful signs that could bring in millions of dollars, such as having an outside partnership pay to begin overseeing the senior citizen Taylor Towers and by selling the former western Wayne County incinerator property. Moreover, the city has hired a lobbyist firm to push for federal stimulus dollars.

Wild also said officials will explore the potential for consolidating city departments into fewer buildings, and he said the city will seek to pool costs with other government entities, such as school districts, for buying fuel and road salt.

In another bright spot, Steve Smith, the finance director, said the city's sanitation fund is healthy with nearly \$4 million, a situation that could boost the city's pledge to start a curbside recycling program. He also said Westland might save money by eliminating certain outside contractors and having city workers do the jobs.

However, officials conceded that residents, already strapped for cash, could face a water-sewer rate hike of as much as 12.5 percent this year, only partly due to cost increases passed on by Detroit and Wayne County. And, Wild said that in years to come, the city may need to ask voters to approve a tax to improve local roads.

Moreover, Wild said officials will continue to weigh services, such as the leaf pickup program, to determine whether they are worth the expense.

With property tax revenues plunging this year by \$2.5 million, or 10 percent, and with further declines expected for at least two more years, Godbout said the city will be forced to continually analyze its spending and streamline its efforts to provide services.

"I think we can do it," he said. "I don't think it's as doom and gloom as it looks on paper. I think this budget year will be tough, and there will be some unpopular decisions. You can throw up your hands and say 'the sky is falling,' or you can figure out workable solutions."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Ready to skate

It's a sure sign that spring is on its way: Westland's Concrete Jungle Skate Park is now open for business. All skateboarders and inline skaters are welcome to enjoy the peaks and valleys of the 20,000-square-foot park, which is open weekdays from 4:30 p.m. until dusk, and weekends noon-4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. until dusk.

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

Play a game

The William P. Faust Public Library is hosting a Family Game Night 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 13. Bring your favorite board game or play one of theirs. Have a great time with friends and family for free. There is no age or fun limit

ON THE WEB

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for the event. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren Road. For more information, visit the library online at www.westland.lib.mi.us or call (734) 326-6123.

Surplus food

The City of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food for the month of March to residents north of Michigan Avenue 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, between Palmer and Glenwood.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at building and must contact the building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at their building.

For March, the distribution will include tuna, noodles, sliced potatoes, peas, grape juice, pork patties, peaches, and possible additional items. This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. For more information, call the Dorsey Center surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

Parent workshop

Celebrate Calm will present a workshop for parents and teachers, 10 Secrets to a Stress-Free Home and School, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 21, at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Create a calm home, eliminate yelling and arguing, improve focus, attention and behavior in school and turn defiance and disrespect into internal motivation and create a stress-free discipline and homework time. The workshop is free and there is no need to register. Lunch will be served after the program. Educators will receive CEUs for attending. For more information, call the church office at (734) 728-1088.

Bit of history

Robert Steiner, docent from the Detroit Institute of Arts, will share his knowledge of powerful, prestigious, refined, and beautiful women depicted in Asian, African, Native American and European art when the William P. Faust Public Library relives the legacy of "Queens, Goddesses and Divas" in honor of March being Women's History Month. The presentation will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14 at 11 a.m. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren Road.

Pancake breakfast
Canton Young Marines, a national non-profit youth ser-

vice organization, will host its first annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 15, at the Wayne AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

Menu will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, assorted fruit, juice, coffee and milk for \$7.50 per person. Call ahead carryouts are available by calling (734) 729-8930. Donations are gladly accepted. For more information, call Sheryl Lamarand at (734) 737-9748 and leave a message.

Kindergarten Roundup

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will hold its Kindergarten Roundup 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, at its elementary schools. All children who live in the school district and will be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2009, are eligible to enroll. Parents and family are invited to attend.

For more information or to locate a school near you, call (734) 419-2096.

Glow Skate

Grab your skates and head for the Mike Modano Arena on Friday nights for Glow Skate. Cruise around the rink with blacklight illumination from 7:30-9 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Skate rentals are \$2.50. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood at Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

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#509 Arnold Winters
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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **March 27, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

NEW ROOF- Fire Station # 5

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained at www.cityofwestland.com or from the Purchasing Department at (734) 467-3204. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jade M. Smith
Controller

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Friendship Center Carpet Replacement

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained at <http://www.cityofwestland.com> or from the Purchasing Office. Questions pertaining to the equipment should be directed to Barb Marcum at (734) 722-3259. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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1992 DODGE	SPIRIT/4DR	RED	1B3XA46K7NF282056
1986 CHEVY	CELEBRITY/4DR	BLUE	2G1AW19R3G118643
1999 FORD	DRW SUPDTY/PU	WHITE	1FTWX32F0XED67339
1990 FORD	F150/PKUP	BROWN	1FTEX14NXLKB05554
2000 CADILLAC	DEVILLE/4DR	GRAY	1G6KF579XYU263452
1991 CHEVY	CAMARO/2DR	BLACK	1G1FP33F9ML199778
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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.

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Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after April 11, 2009 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

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ATHENA

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Schools for 21 years. She spent 10 years as an elementary social worker and helped develop the Special Angel parents support group that assists parents of special needs children, now based at the Stottlemeyer Early Education Center, and the Parent Partnership program at Roosevelt Elementary School. The program supports parents in helping their children reach their goals.

She currently works at the Career Technical and Tinkham Alternative centers, is head of the district's department of social work, and is district coach for the Positive Behavior Support program at five schools.

She works with a variety of students — from special needs to class valedictorian — and with the staff which she credits as the "genius" behind the center's success with IVD. Her role is "make sure people have time to talk together," she said.

"I keep the momentum going," she said. "I make sure people have the time to talk together. The dedication of the staff around here ... they continue to work together in a way that really pays off for the students."

Wilks came to the center a year after students started participating in the Chrysler Build Your Dream Car. They won a first place with their design, but the staff began looking for something that was cross curricular

and involved a lot of students from different schools. Build Your Dream Car was limited to five students from one school.

A connection was made with the Convergence Education Foundation and the center became involved in the two-year long IVD contest in which students design, build and drive an electric vehicle with an innovative design.

One of Wilk's successes highlighted at the ATHENA program was her work with Angela Czarniowski. According to Wilk, the Westland teen was "very committed" and was at the center throughout the summer, working on the vehicle. She's dual enrolled at Schoolcraft College and finishing high school work at the Tinkham Center as a result of her IVD work.

"She knew more about the car than anybody here," Wilk said. "You never know which thing is going to light up a kid and this did for her."

Wilk serves as the coordinator of the IVD program and according to MacLean, she has taken the project the extra step.

"What she did is take the program and improve it 200 percent with her organizational skills, she whipped us into shape," MacLean said. "She's excellent in pulling in the outside people, and she's got a way with kids."

"If Sue wasn't here, we'd probably do the program, but would it be as efficient as it is ... not even close," he said.

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Activist songwriter will give library concert

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Her songwriting has been lauded by folk legend Pete Seeger, and she has been called a role model by Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul & Mary.

Anne Feeney, a left-leaning musician from the Pittsburgh area who is the granddaughter of a mine worker union organizer, will bring her decidedly populist songs to the Westland public library for a 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, concert that will cap Women's History Month. And it's free.

"She's just wonderful," library Director Cheryl Napsha said, announcing Feeney's concert.

Feeney writes on her Web site that her conscience and consciousness were shaped by the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement. She worked a dozen years as a trial attorney before she started living her dream of performing her music across the United States, Canada and in countries as far away as Sweden and Denmark.

"It's my privilege to spend most of my waking hours with people who are trying to make a difference in this world — people on strike, or in a union or community organiz-

ing drive, or defending women's rights, the environment, human rights, working to end poverty and racism, teaching peace," Feeney wrote on her Web site.

Her anthem, *Have You Been To Jail for Justice?*, has been widely performed by activists including Peter, Paul & Mary. She received the Joe Hill Award from the Labor Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., in 2005, an award previously given to Cesar Chavez, Pete Seeger, Faith Petric and Hazel Dickens.

To sign up for Feeney's concert in Westland, stop by the library's reference desk or call (734) 326-6123. The library is located on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Friend finds door kicked in at mobile home

1 A 25-year-old woman's residence in the Westland Meadows mobile home park, northeast of Van Born and Merriman, was broken into sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. March 2, according to police reports. The door had been kicked in.

The woman was resting at her mother's house in Garden City after having knee surgery, and she had sent a friend to pick up some CDs for her. The friend found the door ajar when he arrived.

Among the items stolen were a laptop computer, a video game system, an electric guitar and a woman's engagement ring. The incident remains under investigation.

Phony money

2 An employee of Benny's Pizza, on Joy west of Merriman, reported that a woman came into the store around 5:50 p.m. March 3, ordered a pizza, said she would return for it and paid for it with what was later found to be a counterfeit \$100 bill. She never came back.

Unwanted visitor

3 Westland police are investigating a home invasion that happened at 7 p.m. Friday at Venoy Pines, an apartment complex south of Warren and west of Venoy.

A 23-year-old tenant told police that an irate, female cousin broke into her apartment through a window and assaulted her. The resident said the intruder was upset because she had been told she couldn't enter the apartment.

According to the resident, the intruder pushed a window screen into the apartment and began to climb in a window. The tenant tried to push the woman back out, and she told police she was struck in the face. The resident said she then closed the window, which struck her cousin.

Generator stolen

4 A 59-year-old man reported that an intruder went into his garage and stole a generator in the 1300 block of Springer Drive, northwest of Palmer and John Hix roads. The incident happened between 12:30-4:30 p.m. March 1.

The victim told police that the

side entrance door of his garage was unlocked. He said the intruder then used a hand saw to cut the generator away from a wooded board to which it was chained. The generator was valued at \$300.

Woman's purse taken

5 A 55-year-old woman told police that her purse was stolen by someone when she placed it on the counter inside the Family Dollar store near the southwest corner of Palmer and Venoy. A police report indicated that another woman inside the store took the purse and fled shortly before 1:30 p.m. March 3.

Police found the purse in a nearby Dumpster and returned it to the victim, who reported that \$200 and a debit card had been taken.

Apartment break-in

6 A 21-year-old man told police that someone went into his Hickory Woods apartment, northeast of Cherry Hill and Newburgh, while he was away 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 3. He said there were no signs of forced entry. The victim reported missing items including video games, a \$900 jacket, a pair of \$1,000 Cartier sunglasses. Police were investigating a possible suspect.

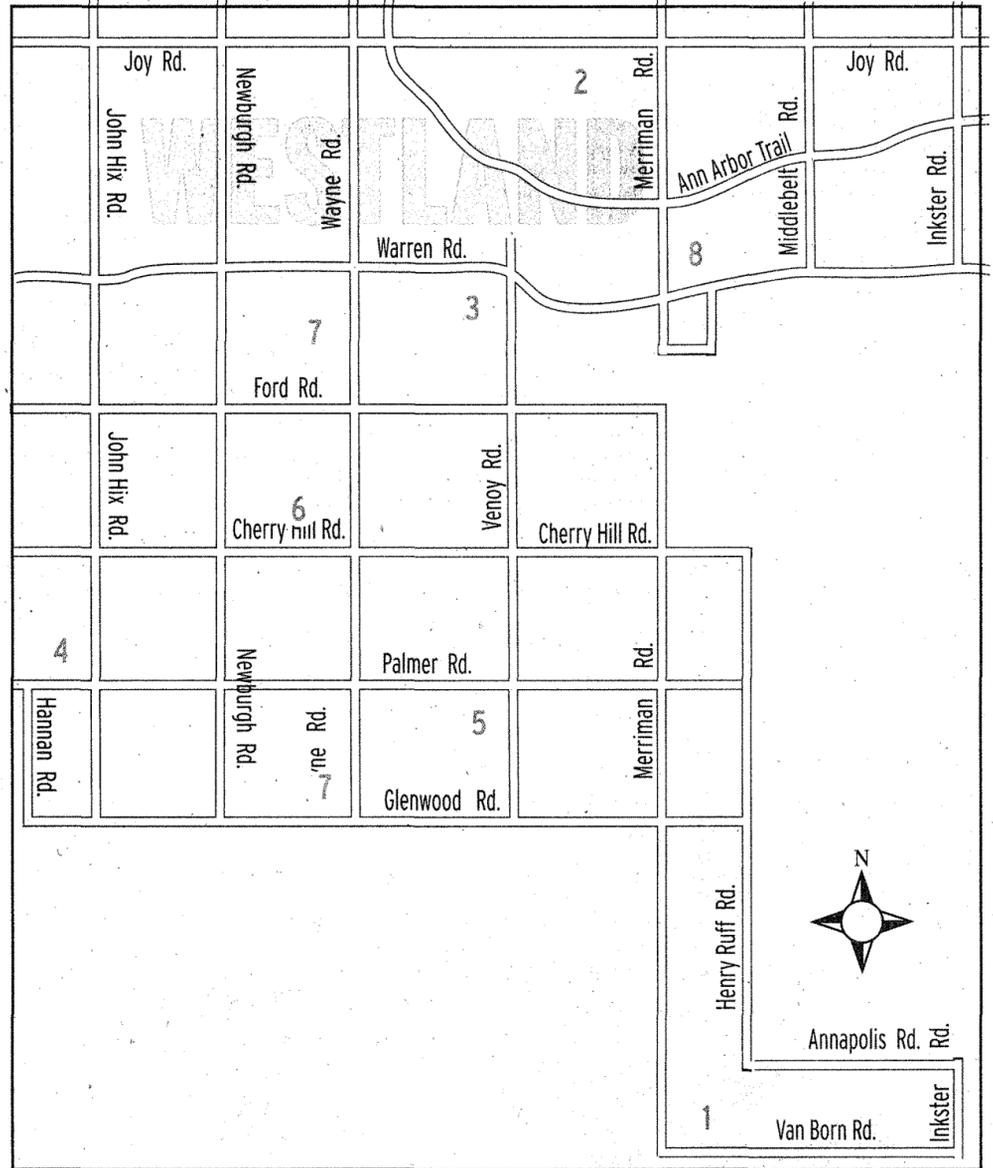
Businesses burglarized

7 Two burglaries occurred Sunday morning at two Rent-a-Center locations, including one on Wayne Road north of Glenwood and one on Wayne north of Hunter. Alarms were set off in both instances, and police are continuing to investigate.

At the store near Wayne and Hunter, a front window had been smashed in and a television set stolen. At the other location, a business owner told police that he noticed two televisions has been knocked off their display shelves although no windows or doors had been disturbed.

Laptop stolen

8 An 18-year-old man reported that his laptop computer worth \$850 was stolen by someone who pried their way into a River Bend apartment where he lives with his mother and younger brother. He told police the incident hap-



pened between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. March 3.

Apartment ransacked

A 29-year-old woman told police that her apartment in the 5900 block of Wildwood was ransacked between 8 p.m. March 3 and 6:45 a.m. March 4

while she was away. She said someone damaged the door to get inside and that they took a laptop computer, a PlayStation and assorted CDs.

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English Muffin, by making their coffee a large or extra large, they do not have to wait until Monday for it to be featured as a 99-cent Dunkin' Deal!

1st anniversary

The Parkside Dental Team is inviting people to stop by for cake and coffee on Monday, March 23. That's when the Team will observe the first anniversary of its move to 36444 W. Warren Road in Westland. It took more than two years of construction and countless hours of design work, before the practice moved into its new office last March, after almost 50 years in Detroit. For more information, call (734) 261-6060.

Family and Friends

Performing effective CPR immediately after someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest can double their chance of survival. Garden City Hospital, in partnership with the American Heart Association, will present a community CPR class free of charge 1-4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at Garden City Hospital's Health & Education Center, 6701 Harrison,

Garden City. Invite your friends and loved ones to this course to learn CPR. Family and Friends is a community CPR course and does not meet employment certification requirements or offer required professional credentials. To register, contact Garden City Hospital's Community Education department at 734-458-4330.

Bunny Business

Grab the kids and head to Art Van store in Westland where the Easter Bunny will visit from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Children are invited to visit with the Easter Bunny, and parents are encouraged to bring their cameras. The store is at 8300 Wayne Road, north of Cowan. For more information, call (734) 425-9600.

St. Patrick Day Bash

There will be wearing of the green at Ashley's Restaurant and Pub and the party will go on from Friday, March 13, through Tuesday, March 17. Corned beef and cabbage dinner, sandwiches and drink special will be available every day and doors will open at 7 a.m. March 17. Starting at 9 p.m. Saturday, there will be live Irish music. Ashley's is

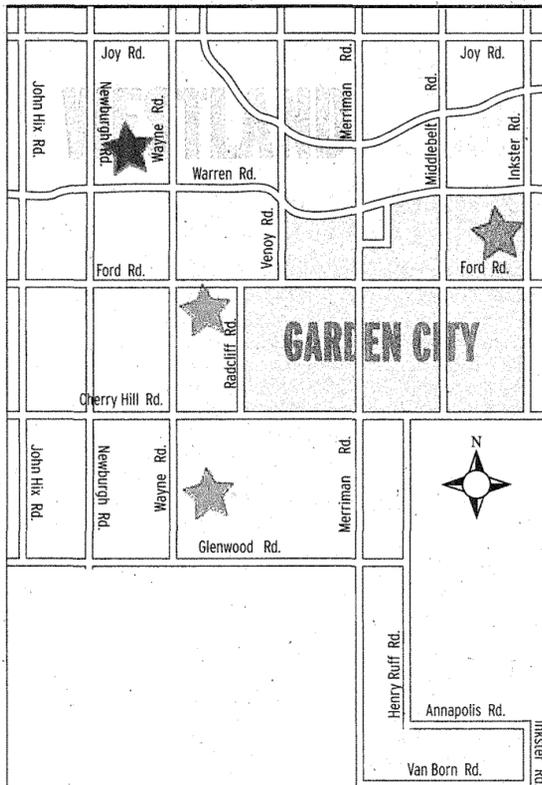
at 7525 Wayne Road at the Westland Shopping Center.

Breaking the Boundaries

Members from 16 Chambers of Commerce from the western suburbs, including Westland and Garden City, will have an After-Hours 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, all under the roof of Burton Manor on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster, in Livonia, to "Break the Boundaries" and do some serious networking. Cost is \$10 per person and \$25 for an expo table. Call the Westland Chamber at (734) 326-7222 or the Garden City Chamber at (734) 422-4448 for more information.

SEND IT

Get in on the Strictly Business Page of the Westland and Garden City Observer by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Sue Mason, editor, at smason@hometownlife.com and she'll take care of the rest. Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your Westland and Garden City Observer. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We look forward to hearing from you.



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bob Hunt started going with his father to the family-owned Kar-Go Carburetors. In its 52nd year, the business is on Ford east of Merriman in Garden City.

Kar-Go helps keep vehicles going

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Observer: What makes your business unique?

We're the only custom carburetor rebuilding business in the metro area.

Observer: How did you decide to open your first business?

The business was originally opened by Bob Hunt Sr. in 1956 in the Detroit metro area. My father worked for Chrysler in the engineering department. He was laid off in a cutback and decided to go into carburetion. When I was five years old, I started

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going to the shop with my father.

We rebuilt carburetors for a lot of the larger companies and auto parts suppliers. In 1978, my father moved the business to Westland at Ford and Wayne Road. In 1990, the business moved to Garden City - our present location.

My father became sickened with cancer and passed away in 2006. At that time, I took over the business. We've been at our location on Ford Road for 19 years.

How did you decide to locate in the Westland community?

When we decided to relocate, we checked out Garden City and all the great things it had to offer small businesses. The people we worked with at the city were very pleasant and helpful to work with in getting our business up and running.

CHAMBER CHAT

Last call! The Westland Jaycees and the Westland Chamber will be hosting a Dueling Pianos event Friday, March 13, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt. All are welcome. The cost is only \$15 per person.

Tickets are going fast so today to get yours. Come check out the Chamber and the Jaycees, and have good time all at once. If you would like more information, contact the Chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Are you aware that the Chamber offers several special programs? One of which is an

Office Depot Program. As long as you are a Chamber member, the program is free for your business.

When you sign up for this benefit you are given a special Web site and code. You can then go online and order your office supplies. With a total over \$50, shipping is free. Most if not all items are discounted. The Chamber itself was able to cut about \$1,000 out of its budget using this program.

The Chamber also offers a Verizon Wireless program. Does your business use cell phones, than we can help with

the monthly bill? Lastly, we also help out with Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance. Health Insurance is costly and even more so for a small business. With the Chamber's help we can help you save some money or get some better benefits.

All of these programs are free to our members. For more information about any of these programs or about becoming a member, contact us at westlandchamber@yahoo.com or call (734) 326-7222.

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To help people address the critical issues of retirement, DFCU Financial is presenting, "Where Do We Go From Here - Addressing Retirement in Today's Market Realities." The free seminar will be held at

6:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.

Steve Vaughn, director of the Jackson Seminar Systems Unit, will cover many issues including longevity - the fear of outliving your retirement nest egg - the impact of inflation, taxes, managing long-term health care, protecting your estate, investor error and how to approach your retirement plan in today's market. In addition, DFCU Financial's financial consultants will be

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OUR VIEWS

Wilk is deserving of ATHENA honor

Saturday evening, Sue Wilk was speechless for a time as she looked for the words to acknowledge her selection as the 2009 Westland ATHENA Award recipient. But when she finally did, what she said spoke volumes about what she does.

The recipient of the ATHENA Award must meet three criteria. He or she — the award can be given to a man or woman — must demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in the business or profession; provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community; and actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential.

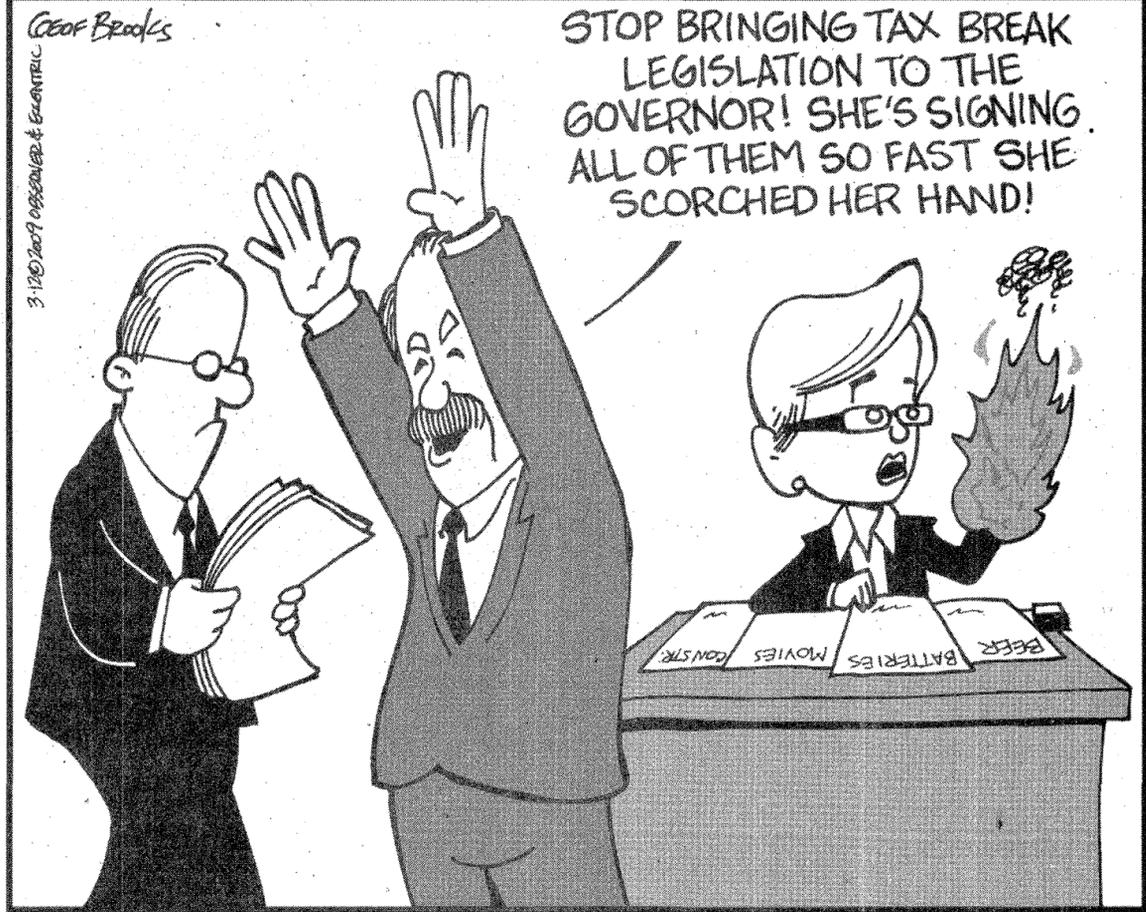
We see all those things in Wilk. She is head of Wayne-Westland's department of social work. Her resume includes starting the Special Angel parents support group that assists parents of special needs children, now based at the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center and the Parent Partnership program at Roosevelt/McGrath Elementary School in Wayne which supports parents in helping their children reach their goals.

A social worker at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and the Tinkham Alternative High School, Wilk works with students having problems and helping them find a program that will catch their interest. She also has played an integral role in the creation of the highly successful Innovative Vehicle Design alternative fuel cars that have walked away with a boatload of awards.

She has been the person behind the scenes, working with staff and students on the IVDs. Their work has brought the center recognition as a Center of Science and Engineering Excellence by the Convergence Education Foundation.

You don't think of social work and designing and building a vehicle as one in the same, but that is what Sue Wilk is about. She is in the classroom talking to students about what they're doing and learning and providing an avenue for them to seek support in times of need.

We can think of no better person to receive the ATHENA Award. Her work on behalf of parents and students is the epitome of what the award is all about. We congratulate her in her selection for the prestigious honor and look forward to seeing many more good things come out of the Career Technical Center.



Take back government

I caught this report by Wyatt Andrews of CBS News reporting on Hillary Clinton's latest travels and her comments about it, stating officially what everyone should know is the truth and she deserves credit for being brutally honest. America has become a subsidiary of China Inc.

In order for the U.S. to stay afloat, we have to depend on Beijing to finance a bailout. This, from a communist dictatorship that forces women to have abortions, tortures Christians, and threatens the freedom and democratic government of Taiwan.

But the other major problem, of course, is that the stimulus is not a bailout in any real sense of the word. It depends on more government debt and borrowing at a huge cost of being more indebted to the Chinese.

In the end, the only "jobs" that will be created or "saved," as Obama likes to say, will likely be those benefiting from spending the federal money that the federal government doesn't have. Most of them work for government at all levels once again creating a larger government which in turn will cost us more in taxes.

Obama and his then future secretary of state (Hillary) told voters they would make the "trade cheating go away" Andrews reported. He showed candidate Obama saying that he would "do everything in his power to stop China from manipulating its currency" and Hillary saying that she would "aggressively crack down on China's unfair trade practices." Well, these claims have been shown to be empty and hollow campaign promises.

Private sector manufacturing jobs will not be created and cannot be, because despite their campaign promises, neither Obama nor Hillary will do anything about those unfair Chinese trade practices, such as the currency manipulation, that make Chinese goods artificially cheap and American goods more expensive.

Once again, the American worker and way of life has been sold out for power and political gain. Most in Congress are in it for themselves and are only concerned about what will get them re-elected.

This way of doing business has to come to an

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end. Congressional jobs need to be taken back to their intended ways, being "part time" with corresponding "part-time benefits and medical coverage" that the rest of the country has to live with

Phil Solarz
Westland

Article one-sided

I was very disturbed to read the article "Controversial treatments for autism" (Observer, Feb. 8) by Linda Ann Chomin.

I am on the faculty in the Department of Surgery and at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and I am also an editor of a blog (<http://www.sciencebasedmedicine.org>) devoted to presenting science-based information regarding medicine. Rarely have I seen such a one-sided article on a medical issue that came down so clearly on the wrong side without even an attempt at presenting the consensus viewpoint of the science involved.

Unfortunately, Ms. Chomin apparently did not bother to contact or interview any actual experts on autism or vaccines. If she had, she would have learned that much of what she was told by Heidi Scheer and Dr. DeMio is not science-based and borders on, if not crosses the line into, outright pseudoscience and quackery.

For example, Mrs. Scheer apparently believes vaccines cause autism, or at least strongly suspects that they might have caused her son's autism. Dr. DeMio clearly shares her belief vaccines can cause autism. Unfortunately for them, the best scientific and epidemiological evidence available does not support that belief. There have been numerous well-designed studies that have searched for an association between vaccines and autism, and none of them have found a detectable association.

Most disturbing of all, many of the treat-

ments touted at the American Medical Autism Board's (AMAB) First International Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorders in Novi are either scientifically and medically dubious at best or rank quackery at worst. For example, there is no evidence to support the use of chelation therapy in autism, yet it can kill. Indeed, it did kill a young autistic boy named Abubakar Tariq Nadama in Pennsylvania in 2005.

None of this means Mrs. Scheer is unintelligent or deceptive. She almost certainly truly believes what she told Ms. Chomin. Not being well-versed in science, she, like most people, does not understand that we humans are very easily deceived by our own anecdotal experience. We are very quick to mistake correlation for causation, and, although we don't believe this to be the case, our memories are very selective. This makes self-deception particularly easy in a condition like autism, which is a condition of developmental delay, not stasis. Children with autism can and do develop. Sometimes they even develop to the point where they "lose their diagnosis" of ASD, perhaps as much as 19 percent of the time. That is why the scientific method and carefully controlled clinical trials are paramount in determining what does and does not work for a condition like autism. While I am very happy that Mrs. Scheer's son is doing so well now, I strongly suspect that he would be doing just as well without all the dubious therapies his mother subjected him to.

As a counter to the misinformation given to Ms. Chomin, I suggest two very accessible sources written for the lay public that describe how pseudoscience and anti-vaccine ideology have taken over the "biomedical treatment" movement for autism, *Autism's False Prophets: Bad Science, Risky Medicine, and the Search for a Cure* by Paul Offit (which I reviewed here) and *Vaccine: The Controversial Story of Medicine's Greatest Lifesaver* by Arthur Allen.

I can only hope my warning will make you and your reporters think twice before publishing such one-sided and misleading articles.

David Gorski
associate professor of surgery
Wayne State University School of Medicine

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Watch program helps

Neighborhood watches are a great idea. They not only reduce crime, they build neighborhoods by getting the residents together for a common cause.

How many of your neighbors do you really know? What are their kids names? Where do they work?

A program like this would make us safer and build relationships that probably should have been there in the first place. Shame on me for not knowing most of my own neighbors.

We can hire 50 more police officers and they still won't be sitting around my street waiting for something to happen. It is up to us to keep an eye on each other and give a helping hand to our immediate neighbors and our entire neighborhood. That is what makes the difference in a great place to live!

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'I'll keep watch'

Excellent idea. My theory is that if you do not watch your neighbors home, they will not watch yours either. Homes are broken into at an increasing rate, and it could be yours next. The best way to keep your home safe is to send the message that your neighbors are watching and crime is not welcome.

This is not an area to turn the other cheek, or to "mind your own business." Crime is our business and as residents we can make a huge impact.

I'll keep watch. I hope you do too.

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County offers help for home foreclosures

It's no secret that Wayne County led the nation in home foreclosures in 2007 and saw more than 38,000 home foreclosures in 2008. We know that many Wayne County residents are struggling to keep their homes, probably even in your neighborhood.



Jamele Hage

Dealing with home foreclosure can be a terrifying experience. You are not sure who to talk to. You may be afraid to open your mail or answer your phone. You may have tried contacting your lender, but you just are not getting through or do not know what to say.

Last October, we launched the Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. Already, we have helped hundreds of families overcome mortgage foreclosure, but we have the ability to help so many more people.

Perhaps you have not heard of the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program, or maybe

you thought it was a Detroit-specific service. This program truly is meant for anyone living in Wayne County: from Flat Rock to Canton to Highland Park to River Rouge.

The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is a free service to help any Wayne County resident who is at risk of mortgage foreclosure, including those who are in delinquency, in the foreclosure process or are facing eminent default. The process begins online.

By applying through www.FightMortgageForeclosure.com, we connect you with a qualified, professional counselor who is HUD and MSHDA certified, to educate and counsel you, provide you referrals and work with lenders on your behalf so you can save your home or plan a dignified exit strategy.

For us to provide you with the best assistance, there are a few things that you'll need to be prepared with:

- Your loan documentation
- The closing package on your home
- Your property tax bills
- Any sheriff's notices you may have

received

■ Any other bills leading to your inability to pay your mortgage

The day you see your counselor, he or she will contact your lender and begin any necessary negotiations on your behalf. Our counselors take over all of the work to help you keep your home. We have been able to work with lenders to reduce interest rates, commit a forbearance agreement, agree to a loan modification or reinstate a mortgage.

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Parisian points out what's hot for spring

Spring runways were awash in brightly-colored and boho-chic styles sure to chase away the winter blues. This season, we can look forward to romantic, feminine clothing paired with bold, dramatic accessories.

Here's a Hot List of spring trends courtesy of Parisian.

Pleasantly Peasant: A peasant blouse is both a must-have trend for this Spring and a wise investment for seasons to come due to its versatility. Touches of beaded embellishment and embroidery make these tops equally fashion-right for a day at the beach or a meeting at the office. Add a stone-coil bracelet or a wooden beaded necklace for a truly boho-chic look.

Petal Power: Spring's fashions are bursting with dainty floral patterns and oversized, art-nouveau flower prints. A summery frock or a pretty blouse in a botanical print would make a smart addition to your wardrobe this year. For just a hint of the trend, don a necklace with a bright daisy pendant or tie a silky, floral scarf in your hair. It's the equivalent of tucking a flower behind your ear.

Fresh Cardigans: Layer up on early spring days by adding a new cardigan to your favorite existing outfit. This spring's lightweight cardigans feature open fronts, ruffles or flutter sleeves. A wrap-cardigan looks fresh in a bold spring hue or a painterly print.

Strappy Sandals: The gladiator sandal is out in full force this spring at Parisian. Black or metallic leather shoes with multiple straps and buckles make an impact with a rich look. The versatility of the strappy gladiator sandals easily takes you from day to night, making it a statement shoe that maximizes your budget.

Dressy Style: A maxi dress is a valuable new staple for your spring wardrobe. It's a comfortable, carefree style that's perfect for warmer weather and they can easily be dressed up with the proper accessories. Another trend to watch for is the jacket dress. These multi-tasking dresses and coordinating jackets go easily from the office to dinner in style.

Bright Lights: One simple way to refresh your look this season

is with brightly-colored shoes and accessories. Focus on candy-colored pumps, flats, handbags, clutches and jewelry alike. Coral, turquoise, orange and yellow will take center stage. If you aren't afraid to stand out, try these shades in a shiny, metallic finish.

Feminine Touches: Romance is in the air, so look for sheer blouses with feminine touches such as ruffles, ruching, pleating, pin-tucking and hints of lace. A ruffle blouse in a neutral color is a wardrobe asset you can pair with a wide-leg trouser or a pencil skirt. Don't be afraid to balance these prim, pretty blouses with a menswear vest, a boyfriend blazer or a snug leather jacket.

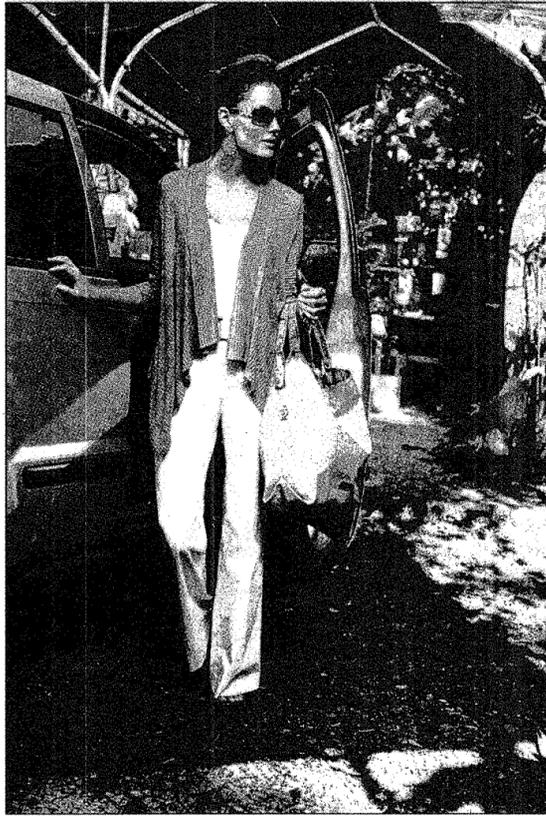
Trench Coats: There is something quintessentially spring about a trench coat. Until the temperatures really rise, every woman would be wise to invest in a piece of light outerwear. The trench coat is effortlessly chic and classic — it's a style that faithfully comes back year after year. If you can't see yourself in the tan, double-breasted version, opt for an updated silhouette or an unexpected color.

Cross-Body Bags: One of the hottest trends in handbags is the cross-body bag, which leaves your hands free — perfect for outdoor music festivals, farmer's markets or travel. If you're going to buy one bag this summer, it's smart to choose a bag that can go anywhere. At Parisian, you'll find cross-body bags in a wide array of colors, finishes and styles.

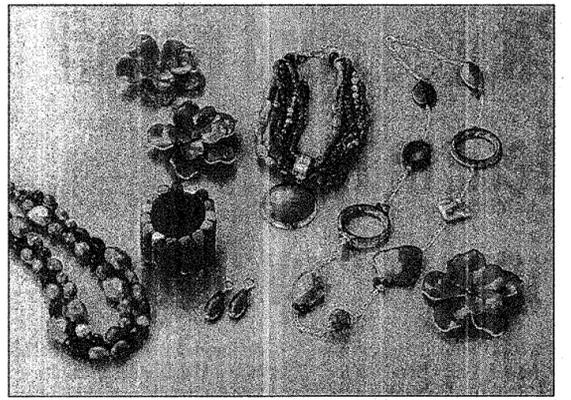
Lightweight Scarves: Right now, you're probably tired of layering on a scarf, hat and gloves to bear the elements, but the spring versions of scarves are lightweight, lovely wardrobe workhorses.

They'll perk up any of your favorite casual ensembles. The current trends in fashion neckwear include inspirational messages, peace signs, fringe, ombre and tie dye. These are the perfect accessories for the breezy days ahead.

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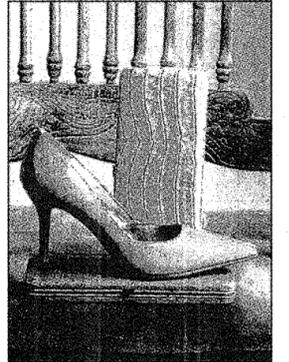
Layering is essential as winter turns to spring. Try a bright cascading cardigan like this green one from Fever, \$58, at Parisian.



Chunky wooden and stone Erica Lyons jewelry, \$15-\$50, captures the boho-chic trend for spring. Floral pins, layered necklaces, stretch bracelets and drop earrings are available at Parisian.



Try a new take on the classic trench, like this belted and striped version from Jones New York Signature, \$169, at Parisian. Availability may vary by store.



Choose color when it comes to spring accessories, like this Rampage 'Maria' shoe, \$49, and frame clutches by Rolfs in yellow and aqua, \$28, all at Parisian.

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Charge card payoff deal may not be right for everyone

One of the main reasons we are in this financial mess is the amount of debt taken on by businesses and individuals. Many people overextended with mortgages, used home equity loans like ATM machines and never turned down a charge card offer.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A few years ago when credit was abundant, people got caught up in the frenzy of buy now and worry about paying later. In addition, banks and other financial institutions also encouraged people to take on debt.

Just a few years ago, whenever you checked your mailbox there were two or three applications for charge cards or opportunities to refinance. Those days are over.

I received a phone call from a client who had just received a letter from a charge card company. This promotion caught his eye because the company offered him cash if he would pay off his balance and close out his account. The client couldn't figure out what the gimmick was and wanted my advice.

I wasn't sure what was up, but I did some research. I was surprised to find this is not unusual. A number of charge card companies have made a 180-degree turn.

Banks and financial institutions are attempting to clean up their balance sheets by reducing the amount of credit available to consumers. Companies also are reducing credit limits and canceling credit cards with inactive accounts. According to some experts, the new promotions offering discounts to reduce balances and close out accounts is aimed at encouraging card holders to pay off charge cards before they pay other debts. Charge card companies are concerned that with increasing unemployment more people are

finding themselves in financial difficulty and defaulting on credit cards.

What should you do if you get a letter like this?

If your charge card company sends you a letter, it may be saying you are no longer a valuable client. The company may have determined that because of your balance and the activity in the account, you are no longer a profitable client to them. One way to look at the promotion is if you do not take it, the terms of your account could change. Not only can the company cut your credit limits, they can also raise your rates.

In my client's situation, he had other charge cards. I advised him to take the deal. However, that is not the right answer for everyone.

I never like to finance purchases with charge cards. In the past, charge cards were the easiest form of credit to get but also the most expensive. The average American is paying approximately 18 percent interest on credit cards.

I like the idea of reducing charge card debt whenever possible. I prefer having more debt on a home vs. a charge card because the interest on your home is generally one-third of what it would be on a charge card. In addition, interest on a home is tax deductible. However, with housing values plummeting many people no longer have the equity to refinance or to obtain a home equity line of credit.

If you receive a letter from your charge card company offering incentives to payoff your debt at a discount, it is something to consider. However, factor into the equation whether you need that card for short-term purposes and if you can obtain another charge card or other forms of credit.

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Salsa benefit helps cancer patient

They're calling it Cha Cha for Cancer Treatment, a fundraiser Sunday, March 22, for the benefit of Barb McGrew, a long time staple in Milford and former owner of The Hibbard Tavern bed & breakfast.

The festivities will get underway at 3 p.m. at Guardian Martial Arts, 30942 Ford, one block east of Merriman, in Garden City. Learn to dance the Salsa, enjoy a variety of Mexican food, take a chance on items available in the silent auction. There also will be a 50/50 drawing. Money raised will help McGrew "kick cancer to the curb the holistic way," according to Diana Machnak.

"Barb wanted to have a party, and we took on doing a big event that's open to the community," said Machnak, who teaches dancing. "We broaden the scope of the party so people can come together for a great time."

McGrew was diagnosed with thyroid cancer 10 years ago. It went into remission, but the same type of cancer was found in her lungs two years ago.

Long a practitioner of holistic methods, Barb has chosen a completely chemo free path to wellness. This treatment plan includes Iscador - a mistletoe derivative used by European Medical professionals for more than 80 years. Machnak, who is affiliated with the Body Works Health Center in Plymouth, has been supporting McGrew with energy therapy since the cancer returned. The energy McGrew brings to the treatments is her baking.

"She she bakes and I give her treatments," said Machnak. "She bakes breads, cookies and muffins and brings them to me."

McGrew has no insurance and only Social Security for income. The Salsa dance fund-raiser will help pay for the cost of treatments, said Machnak who also is a dance instructor at Guardian Martial Arts.

Guardian Martial Arts owners Kelly and Shelby Perkins also are "great believers in holistic healing" and are "excited to sponsor the event and assist Barb into returning to her perfect wellness," according to Machnak.

McGrew became interested in holistic healing methods as a member of the Point of Vision Church, doing spiritual renewal energy healings at Gilda's Club in Royal Oak before her experience with cancer began.

She and five other Gilda's Club members have co-authored a book, *The Stories Behind the Red Door*, a series of short writings, tell about their cancer experiences and the joy that can be found at all times. Proceeds from *Stories* go to Gilda's Club, a free community for cancer patients and their support groups.

She also is finishing two other works that will be available in late spring. *Angels I Met Along the Way* tells about her journey through cancer, and *Adventures in the Hibbard Tavern* is Ollie the cat's version of life at the B&B. All of McGrew's work can be found at www.LULU.com. *The Stories Behind the Red Door* can also be purchased at Gilda's Club in Royal Oak.

The suggested ticket price for Cha Cha for Cancer Treatment is \$15 although more will be appreciated according to Machnak. They are available by calling Guardian Martial Arts (734) 266-0565 in advance. They also will be available at the door.

For more information call Diana Machnak at (734) 961-8560 or (734) 620-0105.

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Lady Ocelots NJCAA Division II tourney-bound

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team can put on their dancing shoes.

The Lady Ocelots earned their second trip to the NJCAA Division II national tournament in school history Sunday with a 76-53 triumph over Oakland Community College in the Region 12-District H final held at Owens Tech in Toledo, Ohio.

Schoolcraft, 30-2 overall and ranked second nationally, advances to the NJCAA tourney, which starts Wednesday, March 18, in East Peoria, Ill. Coach Karen Lafata's team last qualified for the NJCAAs in 2001, finishing sixth.

Tournament MVP April Goins (Detroit Pershing)

had a monster game with 26 points and 18 rebounds (including 11 offensive) as Schoolcraft won its 23rd straight game.

Antania Shepherd (Detroit Cody) added 13 points, while Tayler Langham (Salem) added 11 for the Lady Ocelots, who shot 40.9 percent from the floor (27-of-66) and 62 percent from the foul line (18-of-29).

OCC, unable to recover from a 39-22 halftime deficit, got 14 points from Tabytha Harvey, while Angela Russell and Megan Charlebois added 11 each.

The Lady Raiders finished the year 23-8.

In the District H semifinals Saturday, Schoolcraft built a

45-28 halftime lead and held off Columbus State (Ohio), 74-66.

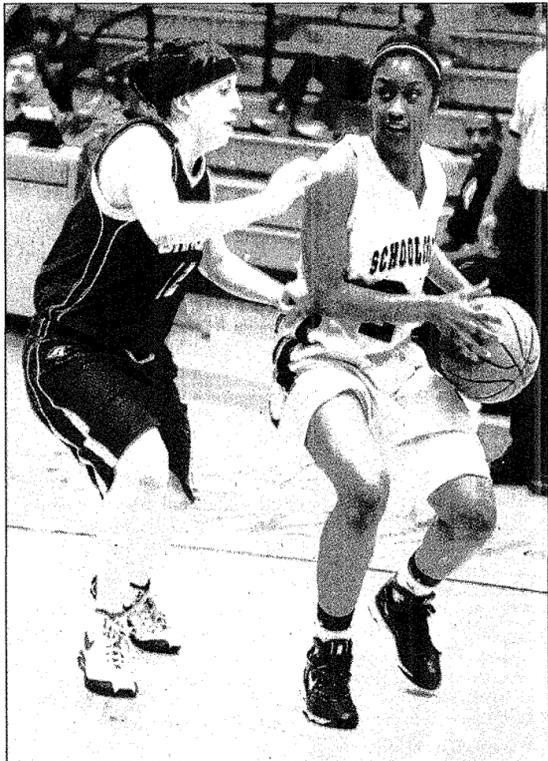
Elise England paced Cougars (14-17) with 21 points and 22 rebounds, while Tiffany Powell added 18 and Katie Potokar added 11.

Langham, named to the All-Tourney team, led Schoolcraft with 24 points, while Shepherd added 16.

Sheray Brown (Detroit Consortium) grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds in Schoolcraft's closest game since Dec. 22 and their last loss (112-102 to Glendale, Ariz., CC).

Lafata, who guided Schoolcraft to MCCA and Eastern Conference crowns, was also named Region 12-District H Coach of the Year.

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RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft's Tayler Langham looks for an opening in last weekend's NJCAA Division II Region 12-District H tourney hosted by Owens Community College.

GAME WRAPS

Class B boys district

CLARENCEVILLE 86, OLD REDFORD 70: Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball coach Corey McKendry finally knows what a postseason victory feels like following Monday's triumph over Old Redford Academy in a Class B district opener.

The host Trojans (14-7) rolled out to leads of 21-11 after the first quarter and 40-23 at halftime and there was no looking back as McKendry registered his first district triumph.

"It feels great to keep playing," said the third-year Clarenceville coach, noting that his team lost in 2007 to eventual Class B state champion Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day and lost last year to Detroit Renaissance, which subsequently went on a long playoff run.

Having senior guard Jamie Stewart filling the basket all night didn't hurt Clarenceville's cause. Stewart scored 38 points and contributed in other areas (12 rebounds, five steals).

"He was outstanding," said McKendry about Stewart. "He was scoring from all over the floor."

Another Trojan who made a big impact was senior guard Nathan Clark, with 21 points and 11 assists.

Also in double figures for Clarenceville was 6-7 sophomore forward Jalen Reynolds, who chipped in with 13 points, 14 rebounds and six blocks. When Reynolds wasn't blocking shots, he was altering them, McKendry said.

Providing energy, along with eight points and 11 boards, was senior guard Corey Reynolds.

McKendry said there was no secret to how his team came away with the double-digit win over a good team in Old Redford Academy (15-4).

"We just took the ball to the basket really well," McKendry added. "We were finding people at the basket and we scored a lot of layups off our pressure."

Class D boys district

HURON VALLEY 56, COVENANT 44: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (14-7) roared back in the second half Monday night to defeat Redford Covenant Christian (6-7) in a Class D district at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Hawks trailed 22-18 at halftime but then went to town against the short-handed Spartans (six players), with a 16-4 spurt in the third to take command.

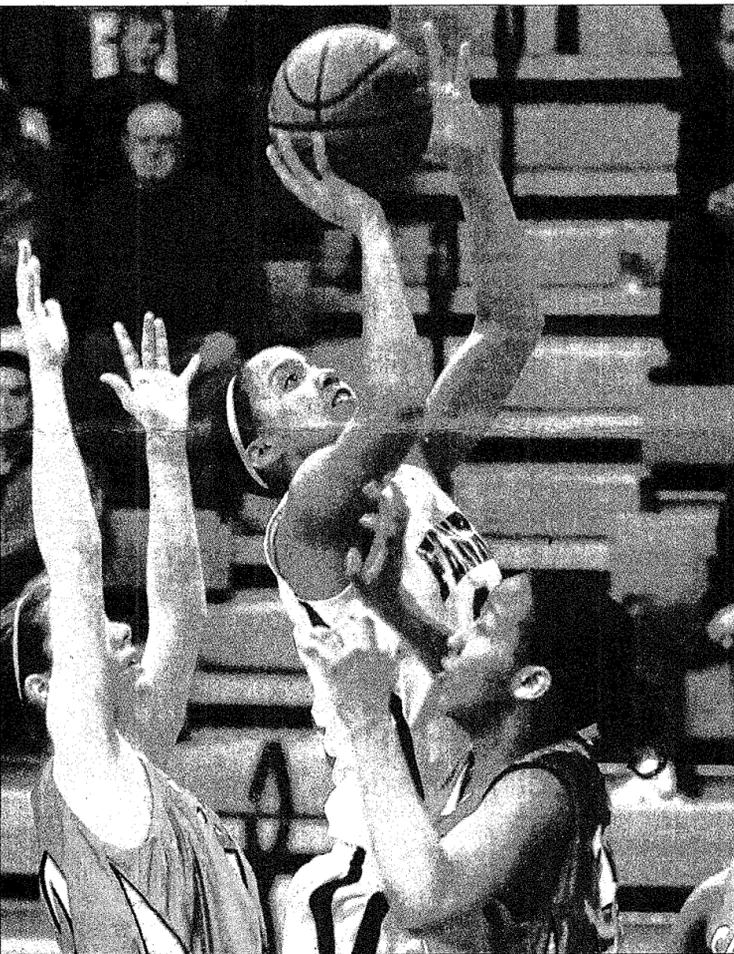
"They just wore us down," said Covenant coach Leonard Dunlap. "We didn't have the manpower and we ran out of gas in the end."

Dunlap said a big problem for his team was dealing with the low-post presence of Huron Valley's Tyler Wagaman, who scored 12 points — often getting behind the Covenant defenders near the bucket.

But the Hawks also got contributions from Aaron Howell (14 points), Chad Fielek (12 points, eight rebounds), Kyle Tacia (nine points) and Matt St. John (seven points).

Covenant senior forward Jamonne Chester scored 20 points and hauled down seven rebounds for the Spartans (6-7), while junior point guard Dezmin Pearson tallied 16 points and four assists.

Huron Valley out-rebounded Covenant by a 49-31 margin.



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Franklin's Brianna Taylor rises up for a jump shot in Tuesday's 46-43 Class A regional semifinal win over Canton.

Patriots topple nemesis Chiefs

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The script didn't deviate between KLA South Division girls basketball rivals Livonia Franklin and Canton.

With each team winning on the other's team home floor during the regular season by identical 36-33 scores, something had to give in Tuesday's Class A regional semifinal at Milford.

And once again the outcome wasn't decided until the final possession.

This time it was Franklin's turn as the Patriots rode the 20-point, 12-rebound performance of Brianna Taylor to topple the state-ranked Chiefs, 46-43.

Franklin, now 22-3 overall, advances to Thursday's regional championship game to face 16-8 Farmington Hills Mercy, which survived a late Brighton rally to earn a 49-41 triumph. (Game time is 7 p.m. at Milford.)

Brianna Taylor and her twin sister, Brittany, combined for 6-for-6 first-half shooting to stake the Patriots to a 15-3 first-quarter lead.

Canton, meanwhile, shot just 1-of-8 and committed six turnovers.

"The key was our ability to recognize our strengths," Franklin coach Dave McCall. "We knew they'd double team the ball and we had to get the ball in Chelsea's (Williams') hands so they wouldn't be able to double team as much and it worked."

Canton, however, came out during the second quarter with a full-court press and cut the deficit to 23-19 at halftime as sophomore Kari Schmitt scored eight of her 10 points.

"I thought they (Franklin) were the aggressors and we took a step back," Canton coach Brian Samulski said of the opening period. "But to the girls' credit, they got rolling and came back."

Meanwhile, for Franklin it was gut-check time.

"They (Canton) had the momentum," McCall said. "I told them at halftime we had to reach down inside and pull something out. Both (Nicole) Emery and the Taylors were exhausted at halftime. We had ACT (tests) today and a half-a-day of school. They were out of their routine and it's better when it's a normal schedule. They were

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Livonia Blue 1st in regional field

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Emily Quint and Laura Nomura are two of the big reasons why Livonia Blue is headed back to the MHSAA girls gymnastics state team finals.

Quint, a junior, was the all-round champ in Division 1 and Nomura, a senior, captured Division 2 overall individual title to lead Blue to the team regional crown last Saturday at Plymouth High School.

GYMNASTICS Blue scored 147.350 points to make the cut for the team state finals, which will be Friday in Rockford, along with regional runner-up Northville (146.050) and Canton (142.050). Livonia Red placed sixth with 133.825.

Nine other teams will also vie for the coveted title including defending champion Grand Ledge (149.650) and other regional winners Sturgis (146.575) and Farmington Unified (147.950).

"I had many girls make it to regionals this year and they all did their best," said Livonia Blue coach Lisa Fierk, whose team placed third in last year's state finals. "I am very proud of everyone that competed. I have seven gymnasts going to 'states' as an individual and I know that they will shine and have fun."

Quint's all-around regional score was 37.775 as she placed first on vault (9.525) and floor exercise (9.675). She

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Monday night madness

Stevenson's Bobby Naubert takes it to the hoop over several Thurston defenders during Monday night's Class A district opener at Livonia Franklin. Stevenson prevailed, 56-50. See page B2 for a roundup of first-round district action.

BLUE

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also added a third on balance beam (9.225) and a third on the uneven bars (9.35).

Nomura took the Division 2 title with a 35.45 total after finishing first on vault (9.525) and uneven bars (9.2), along with a tie for sixth on floor (8.85).

"Laura Nomura one of our seniors I am extremely happy for," Fierk said. "And as far as Emily Quint, I know that she will do whatever it takes to shine at 'states.'"

Among the other Livonia Blue Division 1 individual state qualifiers were: Meghan Powers, third on all-around (36.50); including a runner-up on beam (9.525) and fifth on vault (9.225); Brittany Janis, second on vault (9.4) and seventh on floor (9.3); and Kelly Charniga, fifth on

bars (9.05) and eighth on floor (9.2).

Livonia Blue individual state qualifiers in Division 2 included: Alex Kitz, tied for fifth, uneven bars (8.45); and Sara Bridges, tied for sixth on floor (8.85) and eighth on beam (8.425).

"All the girls have worked really hard to become regional champs and now we more on to 'states,'" Fierk said. "We are going to go there to have fun, make memories, and enjoy gymnastics. Good luck to all the other teams that will be competing at 'states.'"

Livonia Red's Alicia DiMauro qualified individually in the Division 1 with a tie for seventh on vault (9.15) and an eighth on beam (8.725).

In Division 2, Katina St. Pierre tied for third on bars (8.65) and Lauren Patla was sixth on vault (8.65).

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PREP GYMNASTICS RESULTS

GIRLS GYMNASTICS REGIONAL MEET

March 7 at Plymouth H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS (Top 2 qualify for state finals): 1. Livonia Blue, 147.350 points; 2. Northville, 146.050; 3. Canton, 142.050; 4. Salem, 134.425; 5. Grosse Pointe, 134.425; 6. Livonia Red, 133.825; 7. Saffine, 133.375; 8. Edsel Ford, 127.750; 9. Trenton, 85.225; 10. Plymouth, 71.025; 11. Adrian, 63.70; 12. Tecumseh, 47.075; 13. Salem "B", 31.250.

DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

VAULT: 1. Emily Quint (LB), 9.525; 2. Brittany Janis (LB), 9.4; 3. Cathy Huang (C), 9.35; 4. Robyn Piwowar (C), 9.250; 5. Meghan Powers (LB), 9.225; 6. Chloe Presley (N), 9.2; 7. (tie) Cassidy Winter (N) and Alicia DiMauro (LR), 9.150 each; 9. Kelly Chamiga (LB), 9.1; 10. Makenna Pohl (N), 9.0.

UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS: 1. Presley (N), 9.6; 2. Huang (C), 9.50; 3. Quint (LB), 9.35; 4. Katie Koetting (SLM), 9.25; 5. Charniga (LB), 9.050; 6. (tie) Winter (N) and Piwowar (C), 9.0 each; 8. Pohl (N), 8.850; 9. Janis (LB), 8.8; 10. Dalia Shafie (LB), 8.750.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Presley (N), 9.575; 2. Powers (LB), 9.525; 3. Quint (LB), 9.225; 4. Winter (N), 9.150; 5. Koetting (SLM), 9.125; 6. Piwowar (C), 8.850; 7. Pohl (N), 8.825; 8. Dimauro (LR), 8.725; 9. Janis (LB), 8.7; 10. Charniga (LB), 8.5.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Quint (LB), 9.675; 2. Koetting (SLM), 9.5; 3. Pohl (N), 9.4; 4. Piwowar (C), 9.375; 5. (tie) Presley (N) and Huang (C), 9.35 each; 7. Janis (LB), 9.3; 8. Charniga (LB), 9.2; 9. Winter (N), 9.175; 10. Powers (LB), 9.15.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Quint (LB), 37.775; 2. Presley (N), 37.725; 3. Powers (LB), 36.5; 4. (tie) Piwowar (C) and Winters (N), 36.475 each; 6.

Koetting (S), 36.4; 7. Janis (LB), 36.2; 8. Pohl (N), 36.075; 9. Huang (C), 35.875; 10. Charniga (LB), 35.85.

DIVISION 2 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

VAULT: 1. Laura Nomura (LB), 9.525; 2. Allison Kemp (N), 9.275; 3. Nicole Jacobs (SLM), 8.825; 4. Olivia Stephens (C), 8.775; 5. Deming Wilce (SLN), 8.750; 6. Lauren Patla (LR), 8.650; 7. Sara Behrendt, 8.625; 8. Amy O'Brien (N), 8.6; 9. Mallory Hudak (C), 8.575; 10. (tie) Lauren Krieger (GP), Marina Milad (C), Alex Kitz (LB), Lauren Martin (C), Cassie Morford (LB), 8.550 each.

UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS: 1. Nomura (LB), 9.2; 2. Richardt (SLN), 9.0; 3. (tie) Heather Koresky (GP) and Katina St. Pierre (LR), 8.650; 5. (tie) Amy Reynolds (N) and Alex Kitz (LB), 8.450; 7. (tie) Marisa Markowsky (T), Sammy Ritchart (SLN), Sarah Fentin (GP), 8.3 each; 10. (tie) Milad (C) and Jordan Toor (SLN), 8.250 each.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Lauren Krieger (GP), 9.15; 2. Reynolds (N), 9.050; 3. Jacobs (SLM), 9.0; 4. Hudak (C), 8.6; 5. Allison Kemp (N), 8.575; 6. Jennifer Cichetti (A), 8.550; 7. Markowsky (T), 8.525; 8. Sarah Bridges (LB), 8.425; 9. Julie Davidson (N), 8.35; 10. Martin (C), 8.325.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Hudak (C), 9.4; 2. Jacobs (S), 9.225; 3. Krieger (GP), 9.075; 4. Kemp (N), 9.0; 5. Ritchart (SLN), 8.875; 6. (tie) Nomura (LB), Brooke Pledger (SLN) and Bridges (LB), 8.850 each; 9. (tie) Reynolds (N) and Brittany Swazey (LR), 8.750 each.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Nomura (LB), 35.450; 2. Jacobs (S), 35.150; 3. Krieger (GP), 34.975; 4. Hudak (C), 34.625; 5. Reynolds (N), 34.525; 6. Markowsky (T), 33.825; 7. Koresky (GP), 33.525; 8. St. Pierre (LR), 33.425; 9. Pledger (SLN), 33.2; 10. Davidson (N), 33.10.

Workin' overtime

Leidal's 24, Poole's block leads Franklin past Redford Union

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A game of crazy swings came down to one possession for Redford Union.

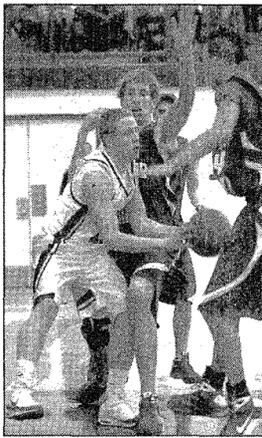
Senior point guard Anthony Wash, whose hot shooting was the main reason RU rallied to tie Class A boys basketball district host Livonia Franklin at 30-30, had the ball with less than a minute left in Monday night's defensive battle.

But instead of the Panthers getting the final shot to put them over the top, Franklin senior forward Jeff Poole batted the ball away from Wash above the three-point arc.

Both teams survived the final seconds to go into overtime, still deadlocked.

In the four-minute stanza, Pats' 6-4 senior forward Connor Leidal (24 points) hit 5-of-6 foul shots to propel his team to a 37-32 win over the team some had favored to move on to the regionals.

"That's a possession I'll see all night long," said Panthers' coach Brett Steele. "We had some chances to take the lead and didn't get it done. I'll kick myself for that a long time."



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Despite tight defense from Redford Union's Leonard Wernet-Leff (middle) and Quentin Peterson, Livonia Franklin's Mike Gadsby finds a teammate with a pass near the Panthers' bucket.

Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault credited the defensive quickness of Poole (six points) for keeping Wash (18 points) from orchestrating a potential game-winning basket.

"Poole's got phenomenal hands, he can make those

deflections all the time," said Rheault, whose 8-13 squad advanced to Wednesday's semifinal against Livonia Churchill.

According to Rheault, that his team played its fifth OT game of the season perhaps was a factor.

"This was big for us," Rheault said. "A big tournament win in overtime? It's huge. We're trying to learn from all those games, we beat ourselves an awful lot this year this one it feels great that we pulled it out."

Redford Union (13-8) indeed caught fire to begin the contest, pumped up to begin a quest to try for the school's first district title since 1971.

A putback by senior center Leonard Wernet-Leff, a trey by Wash and a bucket by senior forward Quentin Peterson gave RU a 7-0 lead with five minutes left in the first.

That lead actually could have been 10-0. A triple by senior guard Matt Macek was nullified by a traveling call.

That's when Franklin's Leidal began a one-man comeback.

He scored three layups along with a triple from the right flank, lifting the Patriots ahead 9-7 after one frame. Leidal opened the second with another bucket, making it an 11-0 Leidal run.

"He's our all-league player," said Rheault about Leidal. "We go to him for that and he made great moves. He wasn't just open, he created those scores, didn't he?"

RU had trouble getting over the hump after that, cutting the lead to 17-14 at halftime and still down 26-22 after the third.

It was a 30-22 Franklin lead at the 2:10 mark of the fourth, following layups by Leidal and junior guard Mike Gadsby.

Wash came to the rescue at that point for the Panthers, connecting on a pair of triples sandwiched around a layup over a span of less than two minutes. That surge brought RU back into a 30-30 tie with about half the quarter remaining.

Neither team could score the rest of regulation.

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Spartans' 4th-quarter surge ousts Thurston in 'A' district

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Greg Morgan's spectacular circus act at the end of Monday's third quarter nearly catapulted Redford Thurston past Livonia Stevenson in a Class A boys basketball district opener at Livonia Franklin.

All the senior guard did was knock the ball away from a Spartan, dribble up the floor and launch a successful triple from the left corner at the horn to give the Eagles a 41-40 edge entering the fourth.

Morgan connected on another trey from the left flank to lift Thurston to a 44-40 lead.

As confident as the Eagles

(12-9) might have been at that point about advancing to Wednesday's semifinal against Farmington, the Spartans had other ideas - outscoring Thurston 16-6 the rest of the way for a 56-50 win.

"That was unbelievable," said Thurston coach Brian Bates about Morgan's clutch shot. "Greg's been doing that for three years. I thought we were going to be OK at that point."

Stevenson (12-9), however, immediately started its comeback when junior guard Bobby Naubert (17 points, 11 in the fourth) scored a layup-and-one.

Naubert kept things under control for the Spartans during the fourth, with the heat turned up to full blast. He hit a couple other field goals and

sealed the win with four free throws in the final minute.

"I thought Bobby was phenomenal, he really handled their pressure," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said. "Thurston runs waves of defenders at our point guard but he stayed composed. He got to the basket, made some layups and kept us in the game."

The Spartans threw a defensive blanket over Morgan (14 points) and senior guard Marcus Jones (13 points) during the fourth.

"We were running our offense, but then I think we got impatient and tried to force some things," Bates said. "We could have just ran our offense and ran our offense for a good shot. They were playing

very good defense."

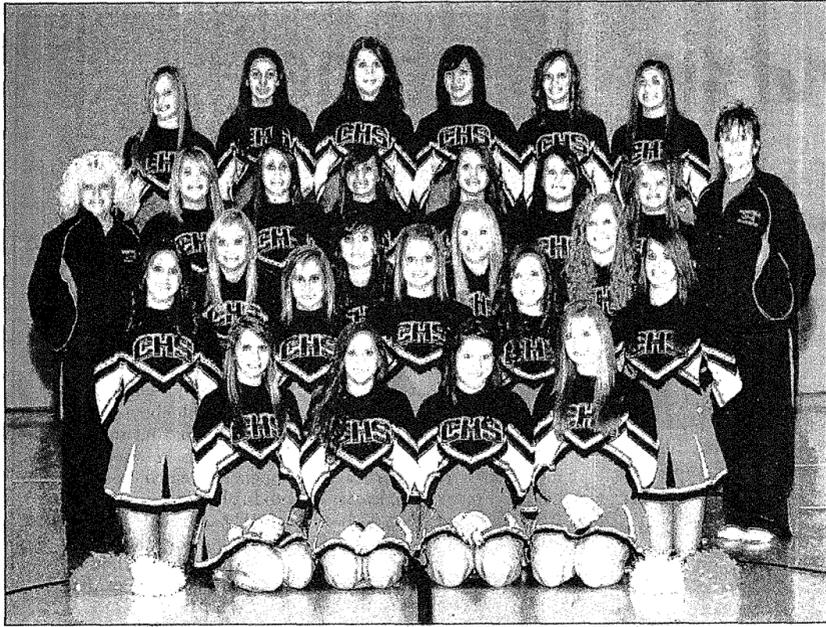
Stevenson finally went ahead for good when junior guard Austin White fought off Thurston senior power forward Cameron Mitchell (15 points, 12 rebounds, five blocks) for the offensive board and scored a putback, giving the Spartans a 51-50 lead with 1:40 to go.

Thurston missed two free throws that would have tied the game at 52-52 with 51 seconds on the clock. Naubert then made his four free throws to provide breathing room.

In addition to Naubert, the Spartans were led by senior guard Richard Chrzasz (11 points). Senior guard Brian Rowe and senior forward Kendal Snow each added seven, while senior forward Mark Grisa had six.

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Chargers 6th in D-1

The Livonia Churchill Pom Pon team recently placed sixth in the 30th annual Mid-American Pom Pon State Championship in Varsity Class A Division 1, the highest division in the high school competition at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center. Each team performed a unique routine judged on visual effects, athleticism, showmanship, kick line and rhythmic timing. Members of the Chargers (back row, from left): Jessica Hatfield, Jessica Fedrigo, Brittany Rees, Hayley Tsermengas, Becky Snyder, Ciara Diamond; (third row) coach Judy Nouhan, Alison McDonald, Jennifer Mezigan, Lauren Karnesky, Mallory Mager, Amber Prong, Tegan McGrorty, coach Vickie Middleton; (second row) Jessica Peruski, Kelsey McHugh, Brittany Wood, Christine Lang, Katie Sedgwick, Kristen Schwarz; Jessica McClain, Angela Swirls, Katelyn Humphrey; (front row) co-captain Chelsea Sieber, captain Alecia Tsermengas, co-captain Allison Estes and co-captain Beth Kiurski.

Special 'K': Irwin breaks Crusader pitching mark

Sophomore right-hander Jess Irwin etched her name firmly into the Madonna University softball record book on Saturday in a 5-2 win over University of Great Falls (Mont.) by throwing her 326th career strikeout to move into first place all-time at MU.

The Monroe native finished the game with a season high 13 punch-outs to set the current all-time best at 338, as the Crusaders completed their stay at the Tucson (Ariz.) Invitational with a 12-2 record following a 11-0 win over Trinity International (Ill.) at Lincoln Park.

Great Falls struck first, going up 1-0 in the second, but MU responded with a run of its own in the third.

Kathleen Smiley led off with a single and moved up on a passed ball. Smiley came home

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on a Brittney Scero (Canton) single to square the game at 1-1.

The Crusaders tallied three runs in the fourth as Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) led off with a walk and moved to second after a Tara LaMilza sacrifice bunt. Tori Turner brought Sidor home on a triple to make it 2-1 followed by a Kelly Lesko RBI double and a Scero RBI single.

Turner led off the Madonna sixth with a triple and then came home after a pick-off attempt sailed into left field for a 5-1 MU lead.

UGF got a run back in the seventh on a home run, but Irwin struck out a pair in the seventh to seal the 5-2 win.

Scero and Turner each col-

lected a pair of hits, while Scero added two RBI.

Against Trinity International (0-4), Garden City's Hallie Minch threw her second two-hitter of the week as MU rolled to an 11-0 win in five innings. She was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week going 5-0, including a pair of shutouts, in 38 innings with 31 strikeouts and an earned run average of 1.20.

The Crusaders scored six times in the second and never looked back.

Ashley Shay went 3-for-3, while Tedi Johnston, Danielle Richardson, Sidor and Scero each added two hits.

The Crusaders are scheduled to return to action at Saturday, March 14 in their home opener against Bethel (Ind.) College. The twinbill starts at 1 p.m.

Hansen stars as MU finishes 12-2

The Madonna University baseball team wrapped up its trip to Florida on Sunday by splitting a double-header with Mount Marty College (S.D.) in the Russ Matt Invitational in Winter Haven.

MU took the opener, 4-0, but fell 1-0 in eight innings in the nightcap.

Freshman Tom Hansen picked up the win in Game One, throwing six innings, striking out five while allowing just two hits. He was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week after going 3-0 in 15 innings with 15 strikeouts and a 0.60 earned run average.

Zach Flavin went 2-for-3 with a stolen base and two

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runs scored.

Ted Toune was 2-for-2 in the final game as the Crusaders ended its spring swing with a 12-2 record.

Kyle Bolton suffered the loss, giving up just an unearned run.

MADONNA 2-8, WILLIAM PENN (IA) 7-0: On Saturday, the Crusaders (11-1) swept both ends of a double-header against William Penn (12-6) at Chain of Lakes Park in Winter Haven, Fla.

Jeff Sonnenberg pitched a gem for MU in the opener, allowing just three hits over seven innings while fanning 10 and walking only one in a 2-0 win.

Matt Kay's 2-run homer was the difference, which pinned the loss on

William Penn starter Joey Grant, who gave up just four hits and walked two in six innings.

In the nightcap, Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) homered twice and knocked in four runs to lead MU to an 8-7 victory.

Shawn Little (Canton) added two hits for the Crusaders.

The Crusaders led 6-1 through four innings before the Statesmen took the lead, 7-6, with six runs in the bottom of the fifth to chase starter Trent Pohl, who gave up four earned runs on seven hits in 4.1 innings.

MU answered with two runs in the top of the seventh as Drew Fry and Ted Toune drew back-to-back walks with the bases loaded off Statesmen reliever Travis Hancock.

MU reliever Jeff Mann retired the final six Penn batters in order to pick up the win.

PATRIOTS

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fatigued, but I thought we had more in the tank. It was pure will."

Canton took the lead on two occasions in the third quarter on a rebound basket by CarolAnn Sexauer (eight points) and two free throws by Sara Schmitt, but Franklin regained the 33-29 on two free throws by Amanda Borio.

The fourth quarter turned into a foul shooting contest with both teams in the double bonus.

Two free throws by Kayla Bridges with 6:36 remaining gave the Chiefs a brief 35-34 advantage, but Franklin answered with six straight points, including a pair of free throws by Borio to lead 40-35.

Canton pulled to within two twice and appeared to have Franklin on the ropes when Brittany Taylor (eight points) fouled out with 3:10 remaining.

But Emery hit a key outside hoop, her only two of the game, with 2:44 left for a 44-40 lead.

Canton trimmed the deficit to 44-43 on two free throws by Sara Schmitt with exactly a minute left, but Brianna Taylor came through with a pair of free throws with only 14.5 seconds remaining after missing two just 14 seconds earlier to help seal the victory.

Canton's last-ditch attempt missed the mark and Brianna Taylor grabbed the rebound with only 1.4 seconds remaining to end the suspense.

The Chiefs were 19-of-31 from the foul line, while Franklin was 14-of-24.

"We talked about the game coming down to free throws and the last three minutes," McCall said. "All three games, we lost this season we shot terrible at the line."

Canton, meanwhile, shot only 11-of-36 (30.5 percent) from the floor and committed 19 turnovers.

"When it came time and we had opportunities, we couldn't make the plays and just couldn't get over the hump," Samulski said. "They just made more plays when they had them."

"But overall our girls had a great season — 20-3, co-South Division champs and a district championship. They competed all year and we lost three games by three points. They get after it and play hard. That's all you can ask for."

Franklin, meanwhile, will go after its first-ever regional girls basketball title Thursday night. The last time the Patriots were in a regional final was 1991 when Miss Basketball runner-up Dawn Warner scored 47 in a loss to Detroit Murray-Wright.

"We worked our butts off all year long since November 4," McCall said. "I've been tough on them in practice and sometimes they think I've been mean to them, but now they understand why."

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CC end's Churchill's tournament journey

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill played spoiler the first two rounds of the Division 1 state boys hockey tournament.

But on Saturday afternoon, the Chargers met their match in No. 1-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which skated to a convincing 6-2 win in the regional final at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

CC improved its overall record to 22-3-2 overall to advance into Wednesday's quarterfinal at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. The Shamrocks will take on South Lyon (18-5-4), which moved on Saturday night with 3-0 regional final win over Monroe.

Churchill, coming off back-to-back pre-regional wins over Canton and Salem, finishes the season 11-11-5 overall.

CC trailed 1-0 after one period as junior forward Mike Woynick stole a pass and scored on a break-away at 2:27.

"The first period we came out and played our aggressive style, which was hit them as much as we could and capitalize on mistakes — and we got one," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "But with their (CC's) skill level, we knew they'd carry the play."

The Shamrocks responded with a big second period by bagging four unanswered goals, including back-to-back short-handed goals within a 13-second span.

Mike Zylik pounced on a rebound at the 4-minute mark off pad save by Churchill's Aaron Crouse to make it 1-all. (Ryan Obuchowski and Tony Thomas drew assists.)

Brent Darnell then stole clearing pass inside the blue line and put the puck on Kyle Nelson's stick to make it 2-1 at 7:20 with Churchill on a power-play.

Still short a man, Nickolas Gatt then ripped a clearing pass beyond the center ice line and his shot took a wicked hop that caught Crouse off-guard to make it 3-1. (Davey Middleton assisted on the play.)

It was the third time this season that CC had scored two short-handed goals.

"That was pretty much

it right there," Mazzoni said. "We seemed to be deflated after that. We felt good after the first period, but we stopped moving our feet during the early part of the second period and they (CC) picked up their intensity level."

CC, outshooting Churchill 39-14 on the afternoon, continued to pressure and got a goal from Darnell with 1:31 left in the second period to make it 4-1. Thomas and Nickolas Gatt drew assists.

"Churchill did a good job clogging the middle that first period and they were working hard," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "We just had to stop being fancy. I told them, 'Don't do it all yourself.' Just get pucks deep and on net."

Woynick, who got red-hot in the state playoffs after missing 11 games during the regular season with a foot injury, gave Churchill a glimmer of hope when he notched his eighth goal in three games on a power-play effort 6:26 remaining in the game to cut the deficit to 4-2.

But CC's Steven Hensley answered with a goal 33 seconds later from Austin Hervey to quell any Churchill comeback attempt.

Thomas completed the scoring with only 39.5 left from Darnell and Mitchell Gatt.

"He (Crouse) played his heart out," Mazzoni said. "He was under fire, but he persevered."

Johnson, meanwhile, had empathy for the opposing netminder after the crazy bounce went in to give the Shamrocks a two-goal cushion.

"I told our kids after the second period that I'd feel terrible for that to happen to either one of our goalies," he said. "It's one of those bad breaks of the game. Their kid (Crouse) played awesome."

It was the second win this season for CC over the Chargers, who lost on Dec. 20 by a 4-2 count.

"This might be one of their more talented teams," Mazzoni said of CC. "They all skate and they all move the puck. More importantly, they're unselfish. And everybody seems to be on the same page this year."

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PREP BOWLING

MHSA BOWLING FINALS DIVISION 1 SINGLES RESULTS

March 7 at Northway Lanes (Muskegon)
Boys area qualifying block scorers: 34. (tie) Brian Monty (John Glenn), 1,158 (224 high game), Elliott Arnold (Wayne), 1,158 (276 high game); 53. Chris Harper (John Glenn), 1,095 (222 high game); 59. Mark Schiemke (Wayne), 1,034 (191 high game); 69. Andrew Klein (Canton), 951 (170 high game).

Girls area qualifying block scorers: 32. Allyson Kassab (John Glenn), 1,111 (221 high game); 58. Miranda Oliver (Plymouth), 975 (233 high game).

DIVISION 2 SINGLES RESULTS

March 7 at Sunnybrook Lanes
Boys area qualifying block scorers: 23. Phillip Heidler (Livonia Clarenceville), 1,177 (236 high game); 26. Chris Diaz (Clarenceville), 1,167 (226 high game).

Girls area qualifying block scorers: 28. Amanda Dailey, 1,089 (223 high game); 31. Amber Cummins (Clarenceville), 1,083 (235 high game).

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Whitfield Invite

The 18th annual Jason Whitfield Invitational men's gymnastics meet will be Saturday-Sunday, March 14-15 at the University of Michigan Keen Arena, located at 1000 S. State St. Session 1 (Level 6) competition begins at 9:55 a.m. followed by Session 2 (levels 7-10) at 1:15 p.m., both on Saturday. Competition continues with Session 3 (Level 4) at 8:55 a.m. and Session 4 (Level 5) at 1:25 p.m., both on Sunday. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens (children under-5 are free). This year's scholarship recipients, each of whom will receive \$3,000, include Jonathan Horton, Andrew Elkind, Ben Rudolph and Matthew Chelberg. The Whitfield Foundation has awarded a total of \$156,500 to 59 male gymnasts who have exhibited the same passion and commitment to the sport as the former Olympic hopeful from Westland and Livonia Franklin High (pictured) did before his motorcycle death in 1991. For more information on the Whitfield Foundation, write to: P.O. Box 51271, Livonia, MI, 48151; or call (734) 525-1847.

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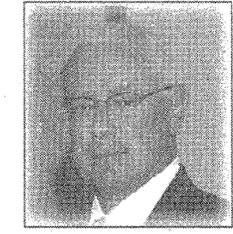
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ROBERT H. HATTLE

Age 57, of Brighton, passed away suddenly on March 6, 2009. Loving husband of Georgette. Beloved father of Geoffrey and Rebecca (Peter) Lechowicz. Dear son of Bernice Hattle and the late Robert Hattle. Devoted brother of William (Deborah), Edward, Stephen, David (Kathleen) and Theresa (Fred) Rothenberger. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Robert retired from UPS in Livonia. He was a member of the Mustang Club, the Shelby Club of America, St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton, treasurer for his homeowners association, and a former Teamster and Union Steward. He loved the outdoors, bike riding, kayaking and hiking were just some of his hobbies. An avid reader and author, he also enjoyed traveling and racing cars. Aside from all that, his greatest joy in life was his family, and he was especially looking forward to being a grandfather for the first time this summer. Funeral services were held on March 10, 2009 from St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth, Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at [schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com).



RUBEN WAYNE MACY

Born April 9, 1923, adopted son of the late Michael and Mary Moskaloff. He entered into eternal rest in the Lord's hands March 6th, 2009 after a long and courageous fight. Wayne was the beloved husband of Margarita (nee Baum) for 63 years. Loving father of Linda (Bob), Robert, and James (Lori). Dear grandfather of Nicole (Dan) Hunter, Brett, Meghan, Sean Macy, and great-grandfather of Macie and Max Hunter. After graduating from Newburgh Academy in N.Y., Wayne enlisted in the Army Air Force in Sept. 1942 and was assigned to the 341st "Blackjack" Fighter Squadron, 348th Fighter Group, 5th Army Air Force, and flew P-47 Thunderbolts and P-51 Mustangs in the Pacific Theater during WWII. Each of his planes was named "The Mad Russian" because of his Russian Heritage. He logged 154 combat missions and was promoted to Captain one month after his 22nd birthday. Battles and Campaigns included New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Bismarck Archipelago, Air Offensive Japan, Ryukyus and Western Pacific. Decorations and citations awarded include Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, WWII Victory Ribbon, three Overseas Bars and a recommendation for the Distinguished Flying Cross. Upon receiving orders to return to the USA in September 1945, he served in the reserves until 1956. Wayne graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and was employed by Detroit Diesel until his retirement. In 2002 with the help of his wife Margarita, Wayne wrote his memoirs of his experiences in WWII. Several of these stories have been published in "The Friends Journal" the quarterly publication of the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH. Memberships included: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, Air Force Museum Foundation at Wright Patterson, American Legion Post 32, EAA, VFW Post 6695, and 43K, Aviation Cadet Association. He also served as a docent at the Yankee Air Museum, and was CO of the 341st Fighter Squadron Association for 10 years. In addition to spending time with family and friends, Wayne enjoyed fishing, photography, drawing, painting, playing cards and flying remote controlled planes. He also enjoyed tinkering on whatever projects he could find around the house. Best memories were spent traveling around the country with Marge. Wayne also had a fondness for all things sweet. Notable favorites being Snickers bars and Avrey's coffee cakes and donuts, as Marge can attest to cleaning up the crumbs after many successful midnight raids. Services will be held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia, on Saturday, March 14, 2009 with visitation 11 a.m. until the service 12 Noon. Donations in his memory may be made to Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church or the Yankee Air Museum, PO Box 590, Belleville, 48112.

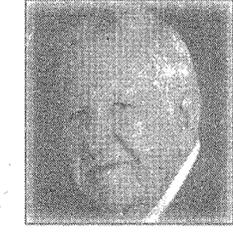
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Age 50, of Thompson's Station, TN passed away Saturday, March 7, 2009. Leigh was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, "Granny", friend & animal lover. She attended Thompson's Station Baptist Church. Leigh is survived by her husband of 31 years, Gary Trestain of Thompson's Station, TN; parents, William & Carol Charboneau of Livonia, MI; son, Michael Trestain of Thompson's Station, TN; daughters, Stacy (Andrew) Van Erp of Mason, OH, Dawn (Sevron) Shelton of Spring Hill, TN, Kathryn Trestain of Cincinnati, OH & Kimberly Trestain of Thompson's Station, TN; sisters, Julie (Robert) Warner of Livonia, MI & Amy (Jeffrey) McLean of Redford, MI; five grandchildren and special pets, Buster, Nemo & Oliver. Funeral services will be conducted 12 Noon Thursday, March 12, 2009 at Spring Hill Memorial Funeral Home, Duane Murray officiating. Memorials may be made to The Muscular Dystrophy Association. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, and three hours prior to the service at SPRING HILL MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, 5239 Main St., Spring Hill, TN 931-486-0059



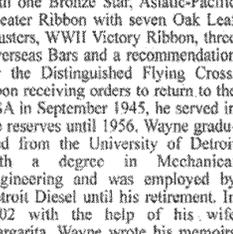
KATHLEEN HALE WEBB

The Lovely and Talented. November 20, 1942 - March 8, 2009. Of Liberty. Kathleen Hale Webb, beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend passed away Sunday, March 8, 2009, surrounded by her loving family. Kathleen was born on November 20, 1942, 10 months after her sister Lizzy. They had a glorious childhood filled with imaginative and real adventures, admixed with singing, puppet shows, dressing up, and sharing everything. They were the best of friends for a lifetime. Kathleen was a beautiful, loquacious, brilliant, fun loving and witty child. She made friends easily with everyone and pulled her more quiet sister into many wonderful experiences as a result. Kathleen was an avid reader and student of history. She was also a gifted watercolorist as a child. She graduated with honors from East High School and completed a BA degree from the University of Utah in three years with a double major in History and English, Phi Beta Kappa. During her college years, she developed numerous enduring friendships in her sorority, Chi Omega, which gave her many hours of pleasure and comfort over the years. The highlight of her college experience was her courtship with Richard Creer Webb, her lifelong best pal, sweetheart, and dedicated husband. They were married December 18, 1964 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Richard was the love of her life, to whom she was fiercely loyal and totally dedicated. They initially lived in France and Germany where Kathleen taught high school history and English while Richard served as an officer in the US Army Signal Corp. They settled in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 1968 where they raised their two children, Elizabeth and Rich. Kathleen deeply loved her children to whom she gave unconditional love, laced with fun and humor. Kathleen was active in many activities, including callings in the LDS Church and as Trustee of the Michigan Opera Theater. Kathleen loved to dress up. The Webbs had an active social calendar, at which the "The Lovely and Talented", as Richard called her, would shine with her sparkling wit and beautiful persona. She had a great sense of humor that left all around her laughing uncontrollably on many occasions. She was also an avid golfer at the Oakland Hills Country Club. Richard and Kathleen also enjoyed horseback riding and skiing, and moved to Liberty, Utah in 2002 to enjoy these activities. They traveled widely including to India, China, Europe and South America. Kathleen's life was defined by her courageous response to lifelong illness. She was struck by a car at age 18 and spent 6 months recovering from a serious brain injury. After being married only 3 years she developed Lupus, which caused her to lose her firstborn son and endure many hospitalizations for life threatening complications throughout her life. Despite these travails, she remained buoyant in spirit with intense vigor for life. She was always singing. She refused to ever acknowledge her limitations, even when two strokes took away all of her ability to communicate with language. She had great self confidence and resolve. Even when she was completely unable to speak or read, she continued to attend social activities with her characteristic smile and sparkle. Kathleen was also fearless. Despite weakness and ill health, she went on many horseback riding trips with her husband Richard and was given an award for her tenacity in climbing Grizzly Ridge in the high Uintah Mountains. She and Richard had many joyful hours of fun made possible by Richard's dedicated service to her as her caregiver and cheerleader. To him, she was a hero as well as his sweetheart and best pal. Kathleen is survived by her husband Richard Creer Webb, and two of their three children, Elizabeth Hale Webb Kurucz, and Richard Hale Webb, and three grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Elizabeth Hale Hammond, brother Michael Richard Hale, sister in law Mickey Lieber Hale, and their families. She was preceded in death by her oldest son, John Edward Webb, her parents Edward Girard and Ruth Hansen Hale, and her brother, Edward Girard VB Hale. Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 12 at 1 p.m. at the Nordic Valley Ward Chapel, 2900 North Highway 162, Eden, Utah. Friends may call at Lindquist's Ogden Mortuary, 3408 Washington Boulevard, Ogden, Utah on Wednesday, March 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, March 12 at the Ward Chapel from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Interment will be in the Salt Lake City, Utah Cemetery on Friday, March 13 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathleen's name to the Lupus Foundation of America, www.lupus.org. Send condolences to the family at www.lindquistmortuary.com. Kathleen was one of those rare and special souls who was admired and adored by all who were blessed to know her, and she will be dearly missed.



ROBERT CLYDE KINE

Age 85, of Traverse City, died Friday February 27, 2009 at Munson Medical Center. Robert was born September 7, 1923 in Romulus, MI to the late Charles E. and Marie Kine. He graduated from Romulus High in June of 1945. In 1946 he married Shirley Gayle Thompson in Dearborn. Together they had five wonderful children. Robert honorably served our country in the US Navy during WWII. Then in the US Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict. Robert worked for Star Cutter Company (Elk Rapids Tool and Die) until age 65. After retirement he went to work at Walmart in the Hardware Department. Some of Robert's favorite activities were flying, gardening, golfing, woodworking and he was also an excellent bowler. Robert was a faithful member of The Church of the Living God. Supporting the missionaries were also important to him. Robert's greatest joy was spending time with family and especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving Robert are his children, Sheryl (Mark) Irving, Dale (Carol) Kine, Jon (Wendy) Kine; grandchildren, Nathan (Sarah) Kine, Christel, Heather (Rich) Taylor, Jamison, Megan, Kameron, and Lacey Rose; great-grandchildren, Joe, Caleb, Jacob, Allannah, Ashl ynn, Nolan, and Logan; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Robert is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Shirley, daughters: Paula and Debra Kine, sisters: Isobel Goltry, Gertrude McCullough, and Betty Trych. Funeral Services took place at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home Saturday, March 7, 2009. Pastor John Shinn officiated. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wycliffe Bible Translators.



GLEN E. WALKER

Age 78, died Sunday, March 8, 2009, surrounded by family in his home in Grand Blanc, after a courageous 12-year battle with leukemia. Glen was born on July 14, 1930 to Monie Calvin and Cora Mae Walker in Macbeth, West Virginia. Mr. Walker attended Rets Electronics School and God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1953, he moved his family to the Detroit area, where he worked at Ford Motor Company for 41 years as a Pyrometer Skilled Tradesman. A devoted Christian, he had a great passion for touching souls with gospel music. He organized and sang in several quartets that spread their ministries in nursing homes and prisons, as well as churches. He also served as Minister of Music at several churches. A gifted athlete, Mr. Walker took great joy in coaching his sons and granddaughter in Little League baseball. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Juanita June; children, Rebecca (Roger) Royer, Charles (Shirley) Walker and Randy (Linda) Walker; four grandchildren, Clayton (Sherri), Steven (Andrea), Julie and Brian; as well as four great-grandchildren, Jared, Anthony, Alexis, Sophia, Kaylee and Anderson. He was preceded in death by his sons, Timothy W. Walker and Glen E. Walker, II. A viewing was held Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road. A Memorial Service was held Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Fairhaven Baptist Church, Westland, Dr. Carl Petty, Reverend Dan Louman and Reverend Bob McDonald co-officiated. Mr. Walker will also have services and burial in Madison, West Virginia. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the family. Your condolences may be shared with the family at [swartzfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.swartzfuneralhomeinc.com).

ROBERT D. PESCHKE

Age 87. Of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away March 8, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

ROBERT P. SHAW

Of Manchester, MI. Age 86, passed away Friday evening, March 6, 2009 at the Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born on June 18, 1922 in New York City, the son of Leon G. and Helene P. (Perreten) Shaw. Robert loved the theatre and always played the part whether it be a special family dinner or directing the community play. He also was a member of the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Choir and loved to play the harmonica. Favorite pastimes also were trout fishing, walleye fishing, bowling, softball, and coaching little league. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army in the European Theatre. On September 10, 1949 he married Pauline L. Scocorellis in New Jersey and she survives. Also surviving are two children, Timothy (Diana) Shaw of Madison, TN and Pamela (Howard) Holmes of Chelsea, and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas Shaw. A private memorial service was held on Tuesday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea with Rev. Kathy Schell officiating. Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Chelsea Community Hospital.

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Pastor Jerry Yarnell stands in front of the stained glass window pictured on the cover of his new book.

Pastor takes on battles in new book

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

When the Rev. Jerry Yarnell was trying to decide whether to answer the call to St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton his main concern was about moving to the suburbs. He'd heard stories about sinful living there. After meeting with the church's leadership council and praying about the decision he changed his mind and became pastor.

Thirty-years later he writes about the journey in *Battle Lines: Seeing God's Hand Today*. Yarnell, who worked on the book on sabbatical in summer 2007, didn't hold any facts back. Before accepting the position he and his wife Pam had gone to a fellowship meeting of members where excessive drinking and off-color language and jokes were the norm. The book was recently released by Zoe Life Publishing in Canton.

"It was interesting," said Yarnell. "The first Sunday I preached there were 42 adults present. There are now 750 to 800 on Saturday night and Sunday. The book has illustrations of principals of how to live and honor God. I'd always wanted to write a Christian book. The Lord was leading it. How many people live their life without seeing God's hand in their world. I just started writing and asked God to take care of it."

Yarnell uses the spiritual principals found in the Scriptures as he begins to talk about being led to St. Michael Lutheran Church. He grew up in a rural community in central Pennsylvania where his parents took him to church every Sunday. For 10 years he had perfect attendance but after being confirmed at age 14 he quit going.

"It wasn't until my freshman year in college when God became real to me," said Yarnell. "For whatever reason that year instead of going home for Easter I took my young cousin to church in Philadelphia and heard the hymn 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus.' I asked Jesus to be my friend."

After graduating from Rutgers University, he spent the next four year in seminary before becoming associate pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Traverse City for two years.

"I went to intern in Traverse City and was there when I received the call," said Yarnell. "I asked am I doing what God wants me to do? I wasn't fond of coming to suburbia but it was important to help people grow to see God's hand in their lives, what I call the real world. Since I've been here God's answered a lot of prayers. There are testimonies in back of the Book of Miracles happening. We had a girl diagnosed with autism. Her parents had her baptized and the autism disappeared and she now sings in the youth choir. We took a strong pro life stand years ago and never had a child (in the congregation) die in 30 years. When you stand for God, God honors that. It's an example of how God's worked."

Yarnell points to the fact the building has had to expand three times to accommodate members. A small school for pre-K through fifth grade begins teaching values early.

"It's a good thing God's done not me," said Yarnell. "We tend to be Biblically centered. The goal is to have people come to know and live with God. We have everything from grief to divorce support groups, Bible studies, two Sunday schools, a youth program centered around spiritual growth, and foodstuff available for the needy."

Yarnell gives credit to Pam, his wife of 37 years, and daughter Stephanie Lee for helping to get the story out about the church.

"Pam was my chief critic the whole time," said Yarnell. "She says she's very proud of him."

"I've probably read the book three times and parts of it more than that," said Pam Yarnell. "For me it was exciting to help him do the book. Our daughter typed most of it. Reading it, it was a lot of what we experienced here. You're here to serve God."

St. Michael Lutheran Church is at 7000 Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton. Worship services are held 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. (traditional) and 11 a.m. (contemporary) every Sunday.

For more information, visit www.zoelife.org or call St. Michael Lutheran Church at (734) 459-3333.

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MARCH

Winter revival Continues 7 p.m. nightly through Friday, March 13, at Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive. The theme is Stop Looking Back, Look to Jesus. Special guest speaker is Tyrell Brown of Morningstar Baptist Church, Richmond, VA. Revival includes power-packed, spirit-filled preaching and teaching that will give you the strength that you need to move past every hindrance in this season. For more information, call (734) 404 2480 or visit www.cantoncf.org.

Sharing made simple Apologetics for Beginners Continues with "Is the Eucharist just a Symbol?" by nationally-acclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12, in the school at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard at Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext 200, or see www.livoniastmichael.org. Presentation focuses on reasons Catholics believe Christ is truly and wholly present in the Eucharist and is open to all those interested.

Prayer vigil As Christians observe the season of Lent to prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's death on the cross and His glorious resurrection on Easter Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is opening its doors to the public for a

Prayer Vigil 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at 14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia, north of I-96. People are welcome to come anytime, stay as long as you wish. For more information, visit www.christsavior.org.

All-you-can-eat fish

The St. Michael the Archangel Parish's "All You Can Eat" Lenten Fish Dinners continues 4:30-7 p.m. March 13, 20, 27, and April 3 in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Dinners feature hand-dipped fresh Alaskan cod, fried or baked, along with an assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost, \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 children ages 3-11, free ages 3 and under. Carryout orders, \$7. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Lenten schedule

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites all members of the community to any and all of its upcoming Lenten activities including Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7 p.m. followed by Benediction; a Communal Reconciliation service 7 p.m. Monday, March 23; and a special private reconciliation opportunity 2:30-3:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. Holy Thursday features the Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30 p.m. Good Friday devotions will begin with Stations of the Cross at 12:15 p.m. followed by the Liturgy of the Passion at 1:30 p.m. An Easter Egg Hunt begins 9 a.m. Holy Saturday followed by Blessing of Food at noon and the Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon. For more information, call (734) 261-1455 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Eliery concert

Husband and wife singer-songwriters Tasha and Justin Golden perform 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$25, adult and \$15, student at the door; \$5 less in advance. Doors at 7:30 p.m. UUCF is a progressive congregation of men, women and children dedicated to the principles of Unitarian Universalism. Call (248) 478-7272 or visit www.uufarmington.org.

Rush hour concert series

Continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

Bethany Suburban West activities

Sunday, March 15, annual 9 a.m. Lenten Mass, Felician Sister House Chapel, Madonna College Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Use the Newburgh entrance; breakfast will follow. Call (734) 513-9479. Saturday, March 21, Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m., Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese

of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Lenten vespers services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit continues 2009 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. March 15, Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, at St. Michael Orthodox Church, Redford; March 22, Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield; March 29, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Dearborn; and April 5, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Farmington Hills. The general public as well as Orthodox Christians is invited to attend. All proceeds will be used for COCC charities and projects. Call (734) 422-0278 or e-mail paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday night lights

Riverside Park Church of God presents the non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music within a casual atmosphere.

Dining in the kingdom of God For five Wednesdays in Lent, St. Aidan will host the series. Luke's Gospel revealed 10 meals that describe different dimensions of the Eucharist. This presentation will be given by St. Aidan's Faith Formation Director, David Conrad, M.A. Theology, 7-9 p.m. March 18, 25, April 1, and April 8. Free. Call (734) 425-5950.

Midweek spiritual enrichment

Two opportunities for spiritual enrichment are available at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, each

week on Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays is a study/discussion group focused on understanding our relationship with God and that of other religions and the many philosophical and scientific issues that might impact our faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. Call (313) 274-3820 for additional information on opportunities.

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FILTER

Etiquette essential to classical music performances

Having played bass guitar in a rock band doesn't qualify me to talk about etiquette at recitals since performers work in a different environment than chamber musicians. Fred Moss, on the other hand,



Linda Chomin

has heard cell phones go off when performing with an orchestra. The clarinetist teaches music appreciation at Schoolcraft College where our

Friday Night Recital Series Committee brings in renowned classical artists.

At a recent meeting about the Avalon String Quartet's performance on March 20, we

reviewed a near catastrophe at the Anton Nel recital in February. A young boy in the front row was taking photographs with a flash, causing the pianist to lose his concentration. Our Recital Series Committee is now looking into printing in the program a protocol written by Scott VanOrnum, an instructor in the college's music department.

Our artistic director Donald Morelock already makes an announcement before each concert to shut off cell phones and not use recording devices.

"There's an enormous amount of concentration required. I heard (violinist) Isaac Stern say one time 'I am thinking all the time when I'm in performance.' There's a lot of thinking going on

similar to an Olympic athlete concentrating and thinking in a very focused way. "In the case of playing recital, the artist is thinking for a very long time. A lot of people don't realize, it's generally very quiet so when something happens like a cell phone goes off or you hear a conversation going because of the nature of the halls which have been designed for maximum acoustic benefit you hear everything and it's jarring."

VanOrnum writes in his classical music performance protocol that everyone in the audience is there for one reason — to listen.

Never chat, shuffle paper or unwrap candy as one woman did at the Livonia Symphony Orchestra concert last Saturday.

"There is a failure to recognize what other people have come for," said Moss. "For a couple of hours you have this little community. It's part of a being a good community member ... For those needing to get up to leave, they should position themselves where they can get up and leave without distraction. It's all about minimizing disruption. I think we're in a day and age that we're accustomed to disruption. We're not accustomed to quiet and focus. We have to retrain our thinking."

Classical music performance protocol is especially important to Anthony Devroye, a member of the Avalon String Quartet. Devroye, a violist, along with cellist Cheng-Hou Lee and violinists Blaise Magniere and Marie Wang have earned international acclaim as "one of the most exciting young string quartets in America" (The Washington Post). When the members aren't perform-

ing in and out of the States, they serve as string quartet-in-residence at Northern Illinois University, where they teach and coach ensembles. This is their third recital at Schoolcraft College.

Quiet is absolutely essential for the program which includes composer Hugo Wolf conjuring up visions of Venetian street musicians in *Italian Serenade*, the veiled emotional content of Schubert's *String Quartet No. 13 in A Minor "Rosamunde"*, and Janacek's vivid and colorful *String Quartet No. 2*.

"The Schoolcraft venue is a nice facility. You feel like you're in someone's living room. It brings you close to the audience," said Devroye. "You can't let up the attention for a single bar or the ensemble risks coming apart. It's important for us not to have any visual or aural distractions. We're excited to have children in the audience but it's important to realize we

can see them as much as we can see them."

Moss says parents should consider whether a recital is developmentally appropriate for a child before buying tickets.

"Asking a really young child who hasn't studied music to sit through a two hour concert is a lot," said Moss. "They should consider shorter and more appropriate concerts. The DSO (Detroit Symphony Orchestra) does wonderful concerts only an hour long. For children and adults people are going to get so much more out of the concert if they listen to the music ahead of time. You could check CDs out of the public libraries ahead of time then our focus is going to be increased because we know what's coming."

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at lchomin@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-2241.

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AUDITIONS

DrumLine Live: Seeking multi-skilled drummers, dancers and singers for future performances, 9:30-11:30 a.m. March 15, **Music Hall Jazz Café**, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, <http://www.drumlinecasting.com/casting.html>.
SteppingStone Summer Music Academy: Scholarship Auditions for 3-week summer academy, by appointment March 17 and 19, Farmington Hills, (248) 539-1666, www.stepsstoneschool.org.

BENEFITS

Emerald Theatre: St. Jude's Concert for the Children with JoCaine, March 21, Mount Clemens, 6 p.m., 18 and older, \$10, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com.
Trinity House Theatre: Floyd King & the Bushwackers, Cats and the Fiddler, and Jill Jack 8 p.m. March 13, \$12-\$15, to benefit Trinity House, 34500 6 Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.TrinityHouse.ORG.
Village Theatre at Cherry Hill: Ricky Nelson Remembered with Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, March 27, to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, includes champagne, desserts and meet the artists, \$52, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/villageattheatre.

BOOKS/LITERATURE

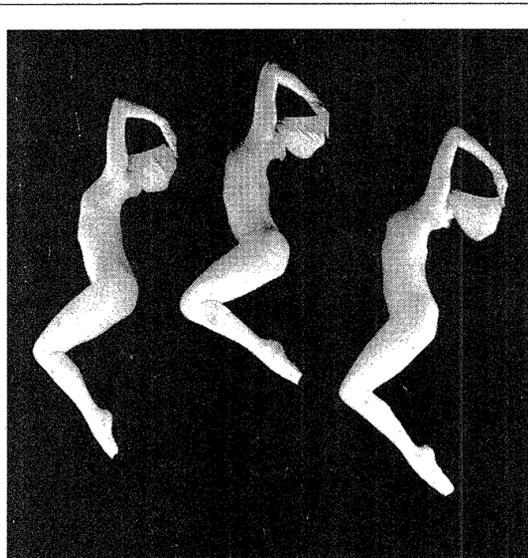
Max M. Fisher Music Center: An Evening with Maya Angelou, 7:30 p.m. March 18, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (248) 398-3400, www.detroitssymphony.com.

CLASSICAL

Max M. Fisher Music Center: Beethoven & Debussy, March 12-15; Pops Goes Vegas, March 19-22, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.
Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: "Fanfare for Freedom," 8 p.m. March 14, Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville; Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.
Schoolcraft College: Avalon String Quartet, March 20; Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15, \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VisiTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

COMEDY

Fox Theatre: Ron White, March 14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: "Show Up, And Go Up," 9



Dance of Shadows

The dazzling Momix dance company will perform a "best of 20 years" retrospective 8 p.m. Monday, March 16 at the Music Hall Center of Performing Arts. Blurring the fine line between illusion and reality with mind-blowing inventiveness, Momix fools the naked eye with an amazing array of black-light illusions, acrobatic choreography and fantastical props. Tickets, \$30-\$50, are available at the Music Hall Box Office, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit; by calling (313) 887-8500; or through ticketmaster.com.

p.m. third Thursday of every month, March 19, doors, 8 p.m., open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com.

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Tracy Smith, through March 14, 6005 Goltfredson Road, Plymouth (734) 455-8450, www.Karl'sCabin.com, www.minnehahacomedyclub.com.
MotorCity Casino Hotel: Joy Behar, May 16, 2901 Grand River Ave., Detroit, (800) 745-3000, www.MotorCityCasino.com.

CONCERTS

City Theatre: Raphael Saadiq, March 15, inside Hockeytown, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.olympiaentertainment.com.
The Fox Theatre: Bill Gaither and his Homecoming Friends, March 12, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Masonic Temple Theatre: Rain, A Tribute to The Beatles, March 19, 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
MotorCity Casino Hotel: Bret Michaels Rock of Love Bus Tour featuring Dirty Americans, March 13, www.ticketmaster.com, www.motorcitycasino.com.
Royal Oak Music Theatre: Umphrey's McGee, March 12, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.

DANCE

Detroit Dance Collective: The Power of Green, March 13, Michael A. Guido Theater, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 943-2354.
Detroit Opera House: "Romeo & Juliet," American Ballet, March 13-15, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, www.michiganopera.org.

Polka Booster Club of America: Dance, March 15, K of C Hall, 7080 Garling Dr., Dearborn Heights, (734) 422-1901.

FAMILY

Canton Cinema: Free Spring Matinee Series, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturdays, "Madagascar 2," March 14-15, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456, www.GOTI.com.
Laurel Park Place: Meet 'N' Greet with B.O.B. from "Monsters vs. Aliens," 4-6 p.m. March 13, free giveaways, movie pass drawings and photo opps, near food court, 37700 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.
Marquis Theatre: "Little Mermaid," March 14-April 17, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.
Harmony and Me: Free "Music Together" classes, ages 0-5 and care-givers, singing, dancing, rhythm instruments, March 17, Plymouth Play Cafe, 306 S. Main St., March 18-19, Harmony and Me Studio, 7311 N. Lilley Road, Canton, registration required, (248) 489-9330, www.HarmonyAndMeKids.com.
The Lyon Theatre: "Queen Cinderella," 125 E. Lake

Street, South Lyon, www.thephenixplayers.org.

FILM

Detroit Film Theatre: "Harvard Beats Yale 29-29," through March 15, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See www.dia.org/dft or (313) 833-7900.
Henry Ford IMAX: "Watchmen: The IMAX Experience Rises," "Journey to Mecca," "Under the Sea 3D," 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271-1570.
Penn Theatre: Hitchcock Month, "Shadow of a Doubt," March 12; "Saboteur," March 19; "To Catch a Thief," March 26, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

JAZZ

Bakers Keyboard Lounge: Ryan Enderle CD Release party, March 20, 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit, (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com.
Max M. Fisher Music Center: Blue Note Anniversary Tour, 8 p.m. March 13, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.

MORE MUSIC

Bullfrog Bar: Monthly Mixer, March 12; YYTD, False City, March 13; Old Dave Showcase, March 14; St. Patrick Day Bash, March 17; Trif Life Showcase, March 19, 15414 Telegraph Rd., Redford, (313) 533-4477, www.bullfrogrocks.com.
Detroit Institute of Arts: Christine Andreas: 7 & 8:30 p.m., March 13, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900 or see the website at www.dia.org.
Magic Bag: Wayne "The Train" Hancock & Whitey Morgan, March 13; Stan Ridgway & Friends (former Wall of Woodoo frontman), March 15; Gaelic Storm, March 20, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.
Magic Stick: Samantha Crain and the Midnight Shivers, March 15, 4120 Woodward, Detroit.
Shaken Lounge: Paradime with Marv Won, Danny Brown, Street Justice and Chief, with MTV filming "Made," March 13, 21 and older, 28949 Joy Road, Westland, (734) 513-5030.
Trinity House Theatre: Dick Siegel, March 14, 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

MUSEUMS

Detroit Institute of Arts: "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," March 8-May 31; "Master Pieces: Chess Sets from the Dr. George and Vivian Dean Collection" through March 22; Living Chess Game, 7 p.m. March 13, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.
Detroit Science Center: "Leonardo Da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius," tickets \$13.95 to \$16.95; "Star Trek: The Exhibition," 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Plymouth Historical Museum: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St., (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

OPERA

Hotel St. Regis: Donald Braswell New Beginnings Viewing Party, 8-9 p.m. March 15, during his live broadcast on Detroit Public Television, 3071 West Grand Blvd., Detroit, <http://www.dptv.org/support/bonoffice.shtml>.
Fox Theatre: Il Divo, May 17, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 433-1515, www.ticketmaster.com.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Flodin Park: Free outdoor ice skating, between Morton Taylor and Sheldon on Saltz Road in Canton, (734) 394-5310, www.leisure.canton-mi.org.
Irish Heritage Night: Old fashioned Hooley, March 14, Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (734) 754-3404 or (313) 537-3489.
Inaale Healing Arts Center: "Welcome Spring Equinox Celebration" featuring New Age music, vibrational healing crystal bowls, community drum circle, vegetarian fare, March 20, \$5, 18700 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 366-2247.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Destination Theatre: "Canton Follies: One Hill Wonders" March 12-14, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460.
Fisher Theatre: "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," March 17-April 5, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, 1-800-982-2787, www.ticketmaster.com, www.broadwayindetroit.com.

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FOOD & WINE



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Troy-based Crust Pizza & Wine Bar, with locations of Bloomfield Township & Rochester Hills, is now serving Gluten-Free Pizza Crusts.

CRUST PIZZA GOES GLUTEN-FREE

TROY — Troy-based Crust Pizza & Wine Bar, with locations of Bloomfield Township & Rochester Hills, announced it has begun serving Gluten-Free Pizza Crusts.

More than two million people in the U.S. suffer from Celiac Disease, a severe genetic intolerance to gluten, a protein common in wheat, rye and barley. Forty-five percent of Americans exhibit some kind of food allergy or intolerance.

"Pizza is what we do best," said Jon Sherer, Crust Pizza & Wine Bar Owner. "We felt it was important to offer a gluten-free option for our patrons with the same great taste of our signature pizza."

Crust offers pizza, ciabatta sandwiches and salads using fresh ingredients like real Prosciutto di Parma from Italy, Fior de Latte Mozzarella from Wisconsin, Molinari sausages from San Francisco, Maytag Bleu Cheese from California, crushed San Marzano tomatoes and fresh hand-torn basil.

To complement the food, a carefully selected list of over 35 primarily American wines, all priced aggressively to encourage experimenting, sampling and sharing, are available by either the bottle, the six-ounce glass or in a symphony of three, two-ounce samples of a "build your own wine flight."

Visit, www.crustpizza.net.

TASTE OF NORTHVILLE BUSINESS SHOWCASE

NORTHVILLE — Northville's 20th annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase is set for noon-3 p.m. March 14 at Northville High School. The family-friendly showcase will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and professional businesses with the theme "Fun in the Sun." Over 10 top-rated local restaurants will offer free samples from their menus. There also will be give-a ways, raffles, and promotional goodies. Awards are presented for Best Restaurant and Best Business displays as voted by the public. Over 1,200 attendees are expected. Tickets, \$5; \$4 seniors 65 and over; and free for children under 12, are available at the door. The Taste of Northville Business Showcase is sponsored by Buckle Family Chiropractic, Northville Record, Trupp Family Care Chiropractic. Call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

RITZ-CARLTON HOSTS COOKING CLASSES

DEARBORN — The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn will offer an informative series of cooking classes presented by the hotel's culinary team and Leslie Jacobs Associates.

"We are excited to be offering these hands-on classes in our own kitchens" said Chef de Cuisine Alex Garza. "It's a privilege to be able to teach our guests the cooking techniques and tips that will make them a star chef in their very own kitchen."

Participants begin in the kitchen learning to prepare several courses of a specially-themed meal. Then, they are rewarded to a fabulous dinner served with complementing wines. Leslie Jacobs will also share her secrets of a well-dressed table.

Classes are 5:30-8:30 p.m. select Mondays as follows:

- **March 16:** Journey to Spain: Tapas and More
- **April 20:** Contemporary American Classics: Comfort Foods with a Twist
- **May 18:** Cocina Mexicana

CITY BITES

- **June 15:** Chilling and Grilling
 - **Sept. 21:** Classic French Bistro
 - **Oct. 19:** Flavors of Fall: A Michigan Feast
 - **Nov. 16:** Roman Holiday: Italian Favorites
 - **Dec. 7:** Celebrate with Style: The Perfect Party
- Cost is \$120 per class; \$75 for dinner only. The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn is located at Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Dr. To register call (313) 253-4357, e-mail colin.berens@ritzcarlton.com or visit www.ritzcarlton.com.

POPEYES SERVES UP SEAFOOD TACKLE BOX

REDFORD TOWNSHIP — Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen is bringing hungry guests a taste of the Bayou with an all-time favorite — Butterfly Shrimp. The popular offering comes in a new portable package known as the Seafood Tackle Box.

The Seafood Tackle Box, \$4.99 for a limited time, features eight butterfly shrimp marinated in Louisiana seasonings served on a bed of Cajun battered fries with a biscuit.

Popeyes has 1,905 restaurants in the United States, including 11307 Telegraph Road, Redford Township. Call (313) 537-8093 or visit www.popeyes.com.

BROWN BAG-IT TIPS TO SAVE MONEY

With food costs increasing in an already dire economy, buying lunch can be a budget buster. Brown-bagging it can save you hundreds of dollars a year, and might even help you lose weight if you make good choices. ShopSmart, from the publisher of Consumer Reports, has ideas and tips to pack a delicious lunch

you'll look forward to eating.

- **Breakfast for lunch.** Frittatas are great served cold or warm, and so are slices of quiche.
- **Leafless salads.** A mix of chopped raw vegetables in vinaigrette. Try black beans, corn, diced red peppers, and chopped scallions.

- **Portable pasta.** Mix whole grain pasta with vinaigrette and canned salmon or store-bought meatballs. Carb-watchers can use spaghetti squash, Orzo, or brown rice to make a pseudo pasta salad.
- **Antipasto and dips.** Small bites can be as satisfying as a big sandwich, so pack mozzarella cubes wrapped in roasted red peppers, olives, deviled eggs, salami and roasted almonds.

- **Sandwich substitutes.** Pack wedges of good, flavorful cheese, a crusty whole-grain roll, and some grapes or veggies. Try chicken or egg salad in a hollowed-out tomato, or baked zucchini halves scooped out and filled with chili or other stuffings.

- **Hot and hearty.** Take homemade, canned, or store-bought soup in a wide-mouth thermos. Leftover stews, stir-fries and casseroles stay hot and pack well too.
- **Chip alternatives.** Popcorn or healthy edamame beans are much cheaper than chips from the store. Boiled green soybeans also make for a great late-afternoon pick-me-up.

choices for less than \$20 and is available all the time.

"Everyone has been affected by our nation's struggling economy, which prompted us to create these special menus for those looking for a great meal at a reasonable price," said Wolfgang Puck Grille Executive Chef Marc Djozlija.

Wolfgang's Winter Warm-Up, available through March, lets guests choose one of three dishes for the first course and one of three dishes for the second course. The menu changes weekly, but sample dishes include Pumpkin Ravioli with Crisp Sage and Parmigiano Reggiano; and Grilled Rib Eye Steak with Tuscan Potatoes and Whole Grain Mustard Sauce. The third course is a 12-Layer Chocolate Dobos Torte.

Add a glass of wine with each course for \$20 per person, and choose from Pinot Noir Acacia "A", California, 2006 or Cabernet Sauvignon, Chateau St. Michelle, "Indian Wells," Washington, 2005.

The Tavern Menu includes such choices as Truffled Potato Chips, Ricotta Gnocchi and Smoked Salmon Pizza with Crème Fraiche, Fresh Dill and Black Caviar.

Call (313) 465-1648 or visit www.mgmgrandetroit.com or www.wolfgangpuck.com.

WOLFGANG PUCK GRILLE OFFERS VALUE MENU

DETROIT — Wolfgang Puck Grille at MGM Grand Detroit is offering two new menus for cost-conscious consumers. The Winter Warm-Up menu consists of a three-course tasting for \$35 per person Sunday-Thursday. The new Tavern Menu offers 15

25 wine values for under \$15

On the rise for several years now, global wine consumption, according to a January 2009 report released by the International Wine and Spirit Record, is forecast to continue growing, with the U.S. by 2012 overtaking Italy as the planet's biggest consumer.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Other statistics about wine drinking in the U.S. indicate that consumers, while not giving up drinking wine, are seeking value-priced bottlings and the sweet spot for these purchases is under \$15.

Mindful of both stats, we went hunting for the best quality-price ratio wines available in the metro-Detroit area for \$15 or less.

We tasted more than 100 wines and came up with 25 best bets for 2009.

BEST WHITE WINES

- 2008 Funky Llama Sauvignon Blanc, \$7
- 2007 Funky Llama Chardonnay, \$7
- 2007 Round Hill No Oak Chardonnay, \$8
- 2007 Round Hill Chardonnay, \$8
- 2007 Meridian Chardonnay, \$10
- 2007 Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay, \$12
- 2007 Tormaresca (Puglia) Chardonnay, \$12
- 2007 Dancing Bull Chardonnay, \$12
- 2008 Chakana Sauvignon Blanc, \$12

- 2006 Lost Angel (unoaked), \$13
- 2007 Lost Angel Muscat Canelli, \$13 (great with Thai food)
- 2007 Valle Reale Vigne Nuove Trebbiano, \$13
- 2006 Principi di Butera Insolia, Sicily, \$13

ROSE

- 2008 Chakana Rose of Malbec, \$12

BEST RED WINES

- 2008 Funky Llama Malbec, \$7
- 2006 Round Hill Cabernet Sauvignon, \$8
- 2007 McManis Syrah, \$10
- 2006 Windmill Syrah, \$12
- 2007 Chakana Syrah, \$12
- 2007 Tormaresca Neprica (Puglia), \$12
- 2006 Lange Twins Merlot, \$13
- 2005 Lost Angel Cabernet Sauvignon, \$13
- 2006 Lost Angel Mischief Blend, \$13
- 2006 Valle Reale Vigne Nuove Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, \$14

Eating out is another time that we're all looking for a wine bargain.

Sad to say, most restaurant "house wines," are plunk, but Coastal Vines 2007 Pinot Grigio, \$6, by the glass at Ruby Tuesday is a winner.

Not all the wines will be available at every retail store, but your favorite retailer can order them for you from the local distributor.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

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