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**Dinner Theater**

Celebrate Valentine's Day this year in Silver City. Westland's Inspire Theatre is presenting "Trouble in Silver City," an interactive murder mystery dinner theater Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8-9 and 15-16, at the theater at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland.

Guests are invited to come dressed in costume to blend into the Old West at The Red Hat Saloon where they'll help a cast of crazy characters solve the night's mysteries. Cowboys, school-marms, gamblers and saloon girls are all welcome to come out for a night of comedy, mystery and good grub — sun chicken, barbecued pork loin, seasoned green beans, garlic cheddar mashed potatoes, salad rolls and sparkling dinner punch. Solve the mysteries and wear your best wild western duds for a chance to win prizes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each and are available by calling (734) 751-7057 or go to [inspiretheatre.com](http://inspiretheatre.com).

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**Westland looks at options in setting 2013 water, sewer rates**

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Observer Staff Writer

There's a concept in rate setting called smoothing. Looking over a period of time, it works to avoid big jumps in rates.

Westland is looking at a 4.4 percent water increase for 2013 — a big change from recent double digit increases.

Add the increase in fixed cost charges, going from \$24.50 to \$29.50 per bill, the increase would be 6.7 percent.

The question facing the Westland City Council is whether to pass along the fixed cost increase citywide — a move that would add money for local water and sewer infrastructure improvements — or let residents

have a lower charge for a year. It's very unlikely that the low rate increase will be repeated in 2014.

At a study session the same day the Detroit Water and Sewerage Board announced proposed rates for 2013, the council was presented with options for the local rate and fixed rate increases.

Part of the proposal was

to assess the fixed rate charge based on the size of the water meters. Sewers aren't metered so the cost for sewage disposal is based on water usage.

**Fixed charges**

The option recommended by administration was that the fixed cost charge spread across commercial water customers but not

to residential customers.

"The biggest issue is the sewers with the commercial users and the grease they pump into the lines," said Council President James Godbout. "They are the reason we had to get a sewer truck to show them how they screwed up the lines."

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**Tax assistance**

The AARP Tax Assistance is available Wednesdays, Feb. 6 through April 3, by appointment only at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis, in Wayne.

There are no age or residency restrictions. Clients must file basic/simple forms only to have preparations done at this site. All taxes will be electronically filed. For appointments, call (734) 721-7460.

The Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland, is now taking appointments for 2012 Income Tax Preparation for all Westland residents. For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

**Railroadiana**

Ss. Simon and Jude Usher's Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, in Westland.

Admission is \$2 per person, or \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available and parking is free. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables. For more information, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.



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The Firing Line sales clerk Caitlyn Bohlen of Livonia works with customers.

**Sandy Hook killings, gun control talks pump up gun purchases**

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Observer Staff Writer

Banning assault rifles and high-capacity magazines is getting a lot of discussion by the president and Congress in the wake of recent mass shootings.

"I'm not smart enough to fix the whole problem — it's a society issue," said Tommy Vaughan, owner of the Firing Line in Westland. "It's not just a gun problem. I don't understand how infringing on my rights to own high capacity magazines stops nuts."

A retired Westland police offi-

cer, Vaughan said business at the Firing Line, which has shooting ranges and classes along with selling guns and accessories, at least doubled after President Barack Obama talked about gun control.

"We got people who had not owned tactical rifles before. They believe it is their right to own them but they hadn't been interested before," said Vaughan.

**Rush to buy**

Initially, there was a rush on

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**Work begins on new master plan for W-W parks and rec**

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Six months after the formation of the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department, efforts are getting under way to develop a new parks and recreation master plan.

Westland's previous parks and recreation master plan expired in Dec. 31, 2012, while Wayne's solo plan will expire this year.

"The plan is to use this time to put together a new parks and recreation master plan," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

Between the two cities, there are 36 parks, a com-

munity center with a pool and fitness center, two ice arenas and a nine-hole golf course.

"It's kind of a big undertaking with two cities. I've visited half the parks and looked at the play structures," said Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams, who started his tour assessing the parks during the coldest weather of the season.

Part of the plan is to get add information to the parks website, he said, adding a photo and the cross streets locating the parks to the list of amenities available.

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**Wayne buys Ace Radiator parcel to spur development**

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

With an eye on future development, Wayne has purchased a parcel on Michigan Avenue.

The council voted recently to approve acquisition of 33509 Michigan Ave. at Clara which includes a home and a garage from which a business, Ace Radiator, has operated.

A three-year land contract was approved for the \$60,000 purchase with \$20,000 annual payments. The Wayne Downtown Development Authority is funding the land acquisition. The property is about 70 feet by 120 feet.

"The city owns the property to the west. It's a couple of acres. There is the former Clark gas station which we remediated and sodded," said Clerk-Planning Director Matthew Miller. "The oth-

er part was former tennis courts from the '50s. This will give us more frontage on Michigan Avenue."

A community garden is on the site of the former tennis courts. The city-owned property continues to the Wayne Police Department on Michigan Avenue.

"This will create a larger parcel of land available for development," said Mayor Al Haidous. "We've been landlocked. We're ready for progress. This is a move in the right direction."

Once the house is demolished, Haidous said the city will have a larger parcel available for potential development.

"It will be very valuable for the future of the city," he said.

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# Wayne, John Glenn seeks distinguished alum nominees

This June's commencement will continue the tradition of honoring distinguished alumni from of Wayne Memorial and John Glenn High Schools.

The two schools are seeking nominees for the awards, and the recipient will be recognized during commencement ceremonies on June 1.

The Faculty Council at

John Glenn High School also is coordinating the selection of the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

"This is an annual presentation and has become one of the highlights of the graduation ceremony each year," according to a statement by the committee. "We feel that successful graduates,

such as these, could have a positive motivational effect on the graduating seniors as well as the school community and the faculty."

People wishing to nominate a John Glenn graduate who has earned distinction in their field of endeavor following graduation, can send nominations to Robyn Bren-

nan at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185 by Feb. 25.

The Faculty Council will review all applications and select the nominee.

According to Wayne Memorial Principal Valerie Orr, the Distinguished Alumni Award is the school's way of honor-

ing an outstanding graduate on an annual basis.

Likewise, the most difficult task is to locate the many alumni who have distinguished themselves since their graduation. Members of the school community can nominate a Wayne Memorial graduate by sending the information to Pamela Rawson, Secretary to the

Principal, Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184, or call (734) 419-2206.

Nominations also should be submitted by Feb. 25. The Distinguished Alumni committee will select the 2013 recipient. An announcement of the winner will be made in mid-May.

## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Free workshop

Hope 4 Healing Hearts will hold a free workshop, "My Loved One is in Jail/Prison - NOW WHAT?," 6:30-8:30 p.m. on four consecutive Mondays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 23, at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

Are you embarrassed to talk about it - to anyone? If you answered "YES" to any of these, Hope 4 Healing Hearts can help! The group cannot make what has happened go away, nor can it help get them out of jail. We can, however, provide you with a safe place to talk - where no one else will judge you or your loved one. Or maybe mend a broken heart.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts will be presenting a workshop that will help you better understand your mixed emotions. For questions or to reserve a seat, call Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

### Lenten Fish Fry

First United Methodist Church of Wayne is holding a fish fry 4:30-7 p.m. starting Friday, Feb. 15, through Friday, March 22.

Dinners includes baked or fried fish, baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. A child's meal is also available - nuggets or

one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for the child's meal. Home made pies are also available for \$1.00 a slice.

The church is at 3 Town Square across from the Wayne Post Office. The church is handicap accessible. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

### Homebuyer class

Wayne Metro is hosting a special orientation class for individuals that are interested in purchasing their first home and would like to buy in the city of Westland. The orientation will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey.

The City of Westland Home Buyer Program strengthens neighborhoods, as it provides assistance to low and moderate income families to purchase a home in the City of Westland. This class will provide an introduction to the homebuyer education program and provide specifics about homebuyer assistance soft loans of up to \$5,000 towards a home in Westland.

For more information regarding the program, contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at (734) 595-

0288, Ext. 2630.

### Bowling benefit

Bowl for the Westland Historic Village Park noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Vision Lanes at 38250 Ford Road, west of Newburgh Road.

Tickets are \$25 each and include three games, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, mystery prize, door prizes and more. Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the Westland Historic Village at 857 N. Wayne Road. They also will be available at the door the day of the event. For tickets or more information, call Ryan at (734) 756-0769.

### Beginner's Tai Chi

Beginner's Tai Chi will be offered at 9 a.m., beginning Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis, in Wayne. Tai Chi has shown to be a weight-bearing exercise that improves balance, memory and overall health. The 10-week session costs \$65. Stop by and view the first class and speak with the certified instructor prior to registering.

Visit the Wayne Senior Services Office or call (734) 721-7460 for more information.



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Harry Sawicki of Dearborn Heights talks with employee David Hochstein of Garden City at the Firing Line in Westland.

## GUNS

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semiautomatic rifles and high capacity magazines, said David Hochstein, an instructor at the store and also a retired Westland police officer.

"Now, they're buying whatever they can get. A lot of stuff has been bought up," said Hochstein. "We got new customers - we get new customers all the time - but we get a lot of repeat customers."

Some of those returning customers were people who possibly hadn't owned guns for awhile or had been away from shooting, Hochstein said, but were brought back by the potential loss of their gun rights.

"The first three weeks after the Sandy Hook (school) shootings, we

had six guys behind the counter and they were all waiting on six people. The range was full," said Hochstein. "Now they are in wait-and-see mode."

Total figures aren't in for January but the Westland Police Department's Support Service counter has definitely seen a significant increase in the number of handgun purchase permits being processed, said Chief Jeff Jedrusik, who estimates there has been a 25 percent increase.

### 'Increased fear'

"Well, we certainly live in a changing society. There is an obvious increased fear of random violence accompanied by an obvious desire for people to buy guns," said Jedrusik.

Hochstein notes tactical rifles - the manufacturers' name for assault rifles - are increasingly

used for hunting and popular for ease of use and low maintenance. It's a familiar weapon from its use by the military and police.

The answer to why someone would need an assault rifle or a high capacity magazine is because they can, said Vaughan, adding he doesn't have a problem with additional background checks.

"I don't believe in taking guns from good people is the answer. It seems like they are focusing 100 percent on a small part of the problem," said Vaughan. "I do believe in training. You shouldn't be carrying a gun without proper training. You have to take driver's ed to get a driver's license."

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## PLAN

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After years closed for lead contamination remediation, Thomas Brown Central City Park in Westland should get into full use again in 2013. Improvements are planned at the park along with enhancements to nearby Tattan Park which includes the H2O Zone Spray Park and the Play Planet.

In Wayne's case, the city would like to sell the 5.6-acre Sue-Winn Park, located adjoining the now-closed Vandenburg Elementary School. It also sits right next to the 14.6-acre Angelo DeMario Park, named for a former Wayne parks and recreation director.

"We're trying to sell Sue-Winn Park with Vandenburg, if that property was sold," said Adams. "Sue-Winn started as

a neighborhood park. DeMario Park is larger and has more amenities. There is not much on Sue-Winn Park except soccer fields. Garden City Soccer used to use it."

Planning for the future in parks and recreation, Adams said Wayne alone has 166 acres of parks and trails - a large amount considering the size of the community.

"The idea had been you should have a park in every neighborhood and we actually had that. We were known for our parks. Our parks directors have been very strong," said Adams, who credited former director Ted Poulos with foresight in establishing a lot of programs in the 1970s. "We got too big and we've had to step back."

The Wayne Road dam removal and river restoration project will be wrapping up this year. Removal of the dam, located near Wayne City

Hall, reconnects approximately 17 miles of the Lower Rouge River to the Detroit River and Lake Erie ecosystem. That will restore fish and wildlife habitat while possibly providing an opportunity to kayaking.

The master plan process would start with a needs assessment, followed by a session in May to develop goals and ideas for funding and drafting of the master plan in August. The goal is to have the plan ready for adoption by both city councils in December. There would be public hearings and opportunities for public input by residents.

"We'll evaluate trends. A lot of what we would like to do in Wayne is maintain and fix what we have - fixing bleachers, benches," said Adams.

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## RATES

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Along with the fixed cost charge based on meter size, Godbout supported adding the \$5 per bill fixed rate charge to residential water bills. The difference would be roughly \$760,000 in revenue to water fund compared to not charging residents the fixed rate charge.

"The whole premise of the 6 percent rate increase is we are paying equally across the board," he said. "The fixed cost rate is to build up money for infrastructure. With option 1 (to not add the fixed cost rate to residential bills), you're

putting the entire burden of the increase on businesses."

By simply passing along the rate increase and not allowing for local infrastructure costs, Godbout said the council would be repeating the action of past councils which resulted problems with the water-sewer fund.

"We're still paying down debt. This option would put nothing aside for capital improvements. That forced us to dramatically increase rates," said Godbout. "We're burying our heads in the sand and taking the easy way out."

### Needs study

Disagreeing, Councilwoman Meriam Kadi said

she wanted to see the capital needs study being prepared by city engineers OHM. She proposed a third option to add \$2.50 to the residential water bills rather than the full \$5 fixed cost charge.

The majority of council members supported the option of adding the fixed cost charge to residential bills and increasing the charges based on water meter size.

Westland Mayor William Wild suggested that the council have another study session when the city engineers could review their report on infrastructure needs.

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Korean War veteran Edward Grady with retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone and Jack Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne. Demmer is a World War II veteran.

# Veteran benefits from car giveaway

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Jim Demmer knows that most families either have a member or know someone who has gone off to serve their country.

Demmer's father, Jack, is a World War II veteran, and his son, currently going to law school, has committed to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps' Judge Advocate General branch upon graduation.

So when the family's auto dealership, Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, got an invitation from auto insurance retailer Progressive to take part in that company's Recycled Rides program, Demmer and his staffers decided right away to help a veteran.

Progressive's program takes cars that have been "totaled" in accidents, repurposes them and provides them to needy families. Demmer jumped right on board at the invite.

"We do a lot of work with Progressive at our

collision centers in Dearborn and in Wayne," Jim Demmer said. "Because of that relationship, they invited us to participate. They provided us the car, and our employees coordinated parts and put the labor into it on their own time to repair this car. The dealership donated materials, tools and a place to work on it."

All that was left was to figure out to whom to donate the car. Once the Demmer staff decided to give it to a veteran, Jim Demmer hooked up with Legal Help for Veterans' Carol Ann Fausone. Demmer knew Fausone's husband, Jim, from their service with the Canton Community Foundation, and Demmer knew Fausone would be able to help.

She was providing the name of Korean War veteran Edward Grady.

"We started going through cases to find someone to recommend" for the donation, said Carol Fausone, a retired Air Force general. "Grady's

car lost its transmission, and that was the family's only transportation. Without it, they were going to be homebound. It was a perfect fit."

Progressive claims representative Chris Steggall, based in Plymouth, said the company has been running its Recycled Rides program nationwide for several years.

"I think it's just a way for us to give back to the community," Steggall said. "Once we started doing it, dealers started getting in touch wanting to get involved."

Grady recently received his refurbished 2005 Ford Taurus with about 100,000 miles on it. Demmer said workers did some minor collision repair and "made sure it was up to snuff."

"There are many deserving families," Fausone said. "But I believe we selected the right family this time."

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## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Softball fundraiser

A dinner dance fundraiser for the Garden City Softball Diamond Lighted Field Renovation will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Garden City.

The cost is \$20 per person and include dinner, dancing and select beverages. There will be entertainment by the Nu Trix, prize drawings and 50/50 raffle. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m.

For tickets or more information, contact Diana Smolar at (734) 564-2327.

### Comedy Night

The Lyman Foundation will be sponsoring a Comedy Night on Sunday, Feb. 10, at Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the two hour show starts at 6 p.m.

The headliner will be Dwayne Gill (www.DwayneGill.com). Gill, who is known as the Funny Cop, has appeared in comedy clubs in Detroit, New York and Boston. He relies on his experiences as a police officer for much of his material. He will be joined by Garden City's own Kevin Kramis as well as some surprise guests.

Tickets are \$20 and are available by emailing LymanFoundation@yahoo.com or by contacting John Fleming by email at john@fleming-financialsvcs.com or by calling (734) 604-0227. Tickets also can be purchased at the door.

### Zumba class

Zumba fitness is back at Merriman Road Baptist Church, on Merriman just south of Ford, Garden City. The class is for women age 18 and older. Class time is 8-9 p.m. with

registration beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Girlfriends of Grace Ministry at Merriman Road Baptist Church, the class will be held on Thursdays at the church. Donations will be taken at the door to cover the cost of the instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

### Tutoring

Members of the Key Club are once again offering tutoring 3:30-4:40 p.m. Wednesdays.

Any middle school and elementary students can get some much-needed help with their studies at tutoring, offered 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 118 at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt. For more information, contact Myrna Hathaway at the high school at (734) 762-8350 or at hathawm@gardencityschools.com.

### Enrichment classes

The Garden City Public Schools' Enrichment Program is offering evening classes at Cambridge High School beginning the week of Feb. 4.

Classes include computer and career development, computer and career development with Microsoft Office 2010, beginning cheer class, open and family swim, a variety of Zumba classes, killer kickboxing, beginning and intermediate Stott pilates, Hatha yoga, akido, aerobics and Supersitter class for ages 11 and older.

There also are Dragon Tails and kenpo kids through the Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness studio and kids' power karate and Little Ninjas through PKSA Studio, self-improvement, estate planning, Protecting Your Assets from the High

Cost of Long-Term Care, handmade cards, sewing and quilting, healthy cooking and roller skating classes.

For details on the classes go to the website at www.gardencityschools.com. For more information, call the high school at (734) 762-8430, Ext. 306.

### Scrapbooking

St. Raphael Catholic School will hold a 12-hour scrapbooking fund-raiser 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Activities Building, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City

All proceeds from the second annual 12-hour crop will go directly to the school. Bring your pictures, scrapbook/stamping supplies, they'll supply a light breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and beverages. Vendors will be available with scrapbooking and stamping items available for purchase. There also will be items raffled off. The cost is \$35 per person for full day, \$25 per person for a half day.

The deadline to register is Feb. 2. Call Carrol Muglia at (734) 751-4776.

### Cabbage dinner

St. Dunstan's Rosary Altar Sodality is sponsoring a stuffed cabbage dinner on Sunday, Feb. 10. The dinner starts at 4 p.m. and continues until 7 p.m. or until dinners run out.

Dinners costs \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. They include stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and beverage. There will also be pizza slices available for \$1 each. Advance tickets will be on sale after all Masses at the church the weekends prior to the dinner.

St. Dunstan is located at 1646 Belton, Garden City.



Auto-lab of Canton staffers helped rehab cars donated to a pair of local families over the holidays.

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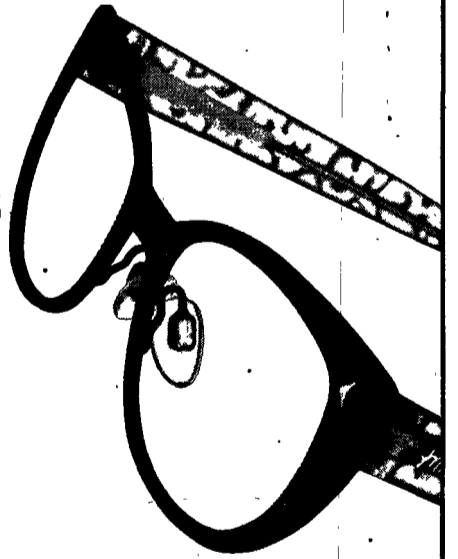
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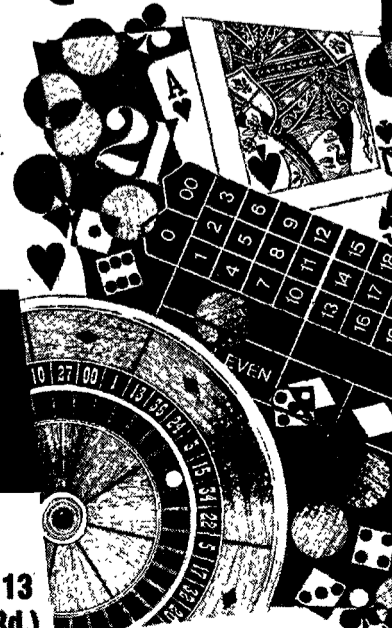
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## Man finds girlfriend's apartment ransacked

### Break-in

A Farmington Hills man told police Jan. 22 that he went to his girlfriend's unit at the West Hamptons Apartments, 7400 Central, during his lunch only to find the door open when he tried to use his key.

The door had been pried open and the interior of the apartment had been ransacked. He said his girlfriend had spent the weekend at his home and she hadn't been home for several days.

Reported missing were 32-inch and 37-inch televisions, a DVD player, miscellaneous collectible coins and miscellaneous assorted jewelry valued at \$21,100.

The officer noted a second apartment in the same building had also been broken into through a similar means.

### Pipes stolen

On Jan. 22, a Westland man told police that someone had used a brick to smash a window on a vacant home he owns in the 1500 block of Norris. He said he was in the process of fixing the home up as a rental but someone had stolen the copper piping from the basement. The missing pipe was valued at \$1,000.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A Milan woman told police Jan. 22 that someone had broken a window on 2008 Chrysler Aspen while it was parked at Westland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 36137 Warren Road. She reported nothing was missing although she had left her purse in the car.

A Westland Bloomfield woman told police Jan. 22 that someone had smashed a window on her 2011 Chrysler 200 and stolen the stereo from the dashboard while she was parked at Westland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

### Vandalism

On Jan. 24, a resident of the Barclay Apartments, 7231 Lathers, told police that someone had broken the rear passenger side door window of her 2002 Jeep Liberty while it was parked overnight. The steering column and ignition lock had been heavily damaged in an apparent attempt to steal the vehicle.

The owner told police that her checkbook had been stolen. The officer

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noted footprints in the snow which indicated a single suspect had walked around numerous vehicles.

### Vandalism

A resident of the River Bend Apartments, 30160 Warren Road, told police Jan. 24 that someone smashed a window on her 2012 Ford Edge. She said the vehicle had been ransacked but nothing was missing.

### Larceny

On Jan. 25, a student at Westland John Glenn High School, 36455 Marquette told police that he discovered his cell phone missing from his jacket pocket as he left class.

### Larceny from a vehicle

An Ypsilanti woman told police Jan. 26 that she was leaving a baby shower at Christ Temple Apostolic Church, 29124 Eton, when she saw a man in the front seat of her vehicle. She was carrying her infant child when she confronted the man.

The woman said the man hurried out of her car, telling her he hadn't taken anything. As he walked quickly past her, the woman said the man bumped into her.

The man fled on foot jumping over backyard fences. The glove box door was damaged but it was unclear if anything was missing.

### Larceny from vehicle

A resident in the 1500 block of South Beatrice told police Jan. 28 that someone had smashed the rear window of his 2006 Dodge Ram pickup truck, causing \$500 damage. Reported stolen was a 36-inch air 4000 combo cleaner.

The rear window was also reported smashed on a 1997 Buick LeSabre but nothing was reported stolen.

### Break-in

On Jan. 26 a resident in the 6900 block told police that she returned home to find a window on her door had been broken out and the door was open. Nothing was reported missing from the home. She said the dog might have scared off the suspect.

By LeAnne Rogers



Wayne-Westland Firefighter Bryan Schwesing and Fire Sgt. Robert Caccia are getting ready to climb to the top of the 70-story Renaissance Center in full turnout gear. It's a fundraiser for the American Lung Association.

## Firefighters take on challenge to climb RenCen

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

For many people, climbing the stairs to reach the top of the 70-story Renaissance Center would be a daunting task.

So try making the climb wearing full firefighter turnout gear, adding about 65 pounds to your body weight.

Wayne-Westland Fire Sgt. Robert Caccia and firefighter Bryan Schwesing will be doing just that as part of the Firefighters Challenge during the American Lung Association 2013 Fight For Air Climb fundraiser on Sunday, March 3.

"I climb and run on a Stairmaster. I do some weights. My training never stops all year for this," said Caccia, who will be doing his third Firefighters Challenge. "It keeps

me motivated to stay in shape all year."

Firefighters pay \$135 to participate in the challenge and then take pledges or donations to benefit the American Lung Association. Last year, Caccia raised about \$4,400. In 2012, the event raised \$275,000 and drew 1,500 climbers, including 800 firefighters.

The firefighters start their climb after the last civilian has completed their trip to the top of the Renaissance Center. To avoid congestion in the stairwell, participants don't all start at once.

"You wear a belt with a chip in it and they release you to go when someone finishes," said Caccia. "After the fourth or fifth floor, it's all mental."

Last year, the quickest firefighter to complete the climb was done in 11 minutes — the lon-

gest time was 40 minutes or longer. Caccia finished in 12 minutes, 59 seconds but is shooting for 11 minutes, 33 seconds this year. It took Schwesing 16 minutes to get to the top.

"You focus on the steps, not counting the floors. They have water stops every 10 floors and puke buckets. Stopping for water is a hassle. Once you stop, it's hard to get going again," said Caccia. "They have oxygen at the top. I'm not ashamed to say I used it."

The American Lung Association notes that firefighters suffer disproportionately from lung disease, including lung cancer, due to their on duty exposure to gases, chemicals and smoke.

Having seen a flier for the event, Caccia said he was interested in participating. He liked that it

was not a running event.

"The stronger firefighters run it. We're working on it," said Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief John Adams.

Participating the climb goes along with Fire Chief Michael Reddy's emphasis on wellness for firefighters. Adams said, but also with Westland's Passport to a Healthy City program.

"Smoke inhalation and smoking are leading causes of death. This event brings awareness but also develops intestinal fortitude," said Adams.

For more about the Firefighters Challenge, visit [www.cityofwestland.com/firedepartment/2013-fight-for-air-climb.html](http://www.cityofwestland.com/firedepartment/2013-fight-for-air-climb.html).

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## Footprints lead police to car break-in

### Attempted thefts

Garden City police last week investigated two incidents in the 28000 block of John Hawk where someone tried to steal cars.

In one incident, a Garden City woman reported at 5:30 a.m. Jan. 24 that her rear driver's side window was broken out. There was damage to the ignition but not to the steering column which indicated that someone had tried to steal the car.

The police said that someone used a frozen dirt ball to break the window. This dirt was smeared on the driver's side. The police also saw fresh footprints in the

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snow.

The officer was in the area and followed footprints in the snow at 6 a.m. and discovered that someone had tried to steal a South Rockwood man's 1999 Dodge Neon. The officer said that the passenger side rear window was open and the ignition was damaged.

### Stolen tools

The owner of a garage located in the 1000 block of Henry Ruff reported a break-in about 7 a.m. Jan. 28.

He believes that the

thief used a credit card to open the locked door and steal expensive tools which included a cut-off saw and a 5,000-watt Honda generator.

The police found footprints which showed that the thief may have tried different ways to enter the garage.

There also were marks where the generator had been rolled out of the garage.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 29000 block of Chester reported at 10 a.m. Jan. 25 that someone entered his unlocked GMC Sierra,

which was parked in the driveway, and stole his wallet. The wallet contained his personal identification and his debit card.

### Suspended license

Garden City police arrested a 25-year-old Dearborn man on east-bound Ford near Garden just after midnight Jan. 27 because he was driving on a suspended license.

He was stopped because he was speeding, driving 52 mph in a 40 mph zone.

His car was impounded.  
By Sue Buck

### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 2/12/13

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

- 09: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 1/7/13.
  - Appr. Motor City H.O.G. Toy Run on 9/29/13.
  - Adopted Bud. Amend. 2013-09; Police Dept. amt, \$26,156.
  - Appr. MOA w/Wayne Co. for Historical Loan Agreement.
  - Adopted City Hall project reimbursement resolution.
  - Adopted Dollar General Long Term Water Facilities Maintenance resolution.
  - Appr. Dollar General Long Term Water Facilities Maintenance agrmnt.
  - 10: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. renovations to Red Lobster Restaurant, 5774 N. Wayne Rd. with contingencies.
  - 11: Conf. re-app't of C. Rutz to EDC/TIFA for 4 year term to expire 2/2/17.
  - 12: Appr. checklist: \$ 496,299.77 & Prepaid: \$ 3,478,085.30.
- Mtg. adj. at 7:38 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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Qualifications:  
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High school diploma/GED,  
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Resident of MI for 1 year  
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### CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on February 15th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

#### REPAIR SERVICES FOR FIRE SERVICE VEHICLES

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at [www.CityofWestland.com](http://www.CityofWestland.com). The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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# Air Museum goes to moon with NASA exhibit

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The Yankee Air Museum, known for its collection of artifacts dating back to World War I, is going to the moon without leaving the earth.

For the first time ever, the museum is hosting a traveling exhibit of space artifacts, kicking it off with a NASA Fly Me to the Moon Launch Party Saturday, Feb. 9.

The exhibit includes items on loan from the Johnson Space Center in Texas and Marshall Space Center in Alabama as well as the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo and will showcase items of astronaut, and Michigan native, Jack Lousma who was member of the astronaut support crews for the Apollo 9, 10 and 13 in the late 1960s and 1970 and pilot of the Sky Lab-3 mission in 1973.

"This is our first travel exhibit and our first educational exhibit," said Rachel Krumwiede, the museum's director of education. "We wanted to start having formal education programs, but we needed exhibits that tie in with what students are learning. We can do World War II, but what about the space race and the Cold War? We decided on Project Apollo and went for it."

The Fly Me to the Moon Launch Party is in advance of the exhibit's Feb. 12 opening. It's free and open to the public. In addition to the exhibit, there will be special activities such as a bungee run, Velcro wall and moon walk. The first 200 youngsters will receive a goodie bag.

The University of Michigan Astronomy Club will be there to do telescopic experiments — weather permitting — and there



Rachel Krumwiede, director of education at the Yankee Air Museum, shows off the space suit worn by astronaut Jack Lousma as part of a 1973 mission to the Sky Lab.

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will be a VEX robot station where guests can try their hand at picking up simulated moon rocks and complete different tasks.

The special guest for the evening will be Lousma, who will speak about his experiences and be available for a one-hour photo session.

### On loan

The museum went through the loan application process and was able to get the exhibit free of charge. It also was able to find a donor to cover the shipping costs of the exhibit pieces which have been arriving almost daily.

"This is kind of like Christmas," said Krumwiede. "We've always been able to window shop, but now we can say 'buy.'" The exhibit will include



Among items that will be on display is Jack Lousma's Sky Lab 3 inflight suit.

the full space suit with helmet and gloves that Lousma wore during two spacewalks while on Sky Lab, the precursor to the Space Station, and his inflight suit. There will

be a panel display about Project Apollo, covering all of the Apollo missions including Apollo 11, the first manned landing on the moon's surface. "We'll have a one-third

scale model of the command and lunar modules," said Bob Catalano, member of the museum's collections department. "There will be cut-outs to look into the command module and see three astronauts inside in the position when they take off. The lunar module people won't be able to look inside."

There also will be a pop-up display on the Hubel space telescope. While it isn't Apollo related, it's being included in the exhibit "because Hubel is awesome," said Krumwiede.

### Space artifacts

Artifacts from space exploration include tool kits, meal pouches, a urine collection device and items from Catalano's personal collection - photographs signed by Neil

## FLY ME TO THE MOON

**What:** NASA Fly Me to the Moon exhibit  
**Where:** Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport, 47884 D St., Belleville

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Feb. 12-May 10

**Details:** Exhibit is included as part of museum admission - \$5 for adults \$3 for senior citizens and \$8 for families (two adults and two children).

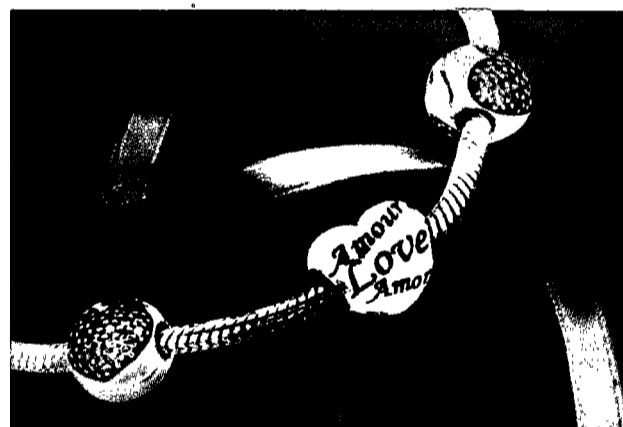
**Information:** Call the museum at (734) 483-4030.

Armstrong, Gene Cernan and Lousma and an Apollo 12 photo signed by the crew - Charles Conrad Jr., Alan Bean and Richard Gordon Jr. - and first day covers for astronauts Sally Ride and Judy Resnik. "We wanted to include them because of women being involved in NASA," Catalano said.

The museum is offering the display as an educational program for school groups and boy and girl scout troops throughout the three-month exhibition. Educators and scout leaders interested in visiting the exhibit can contact Krumwiede at (734) 483-4030, Ext. 227, or by email at rachel.krumwiede@yankeeamuseum.org for more information.

"Jackson had all the air stuff until the museum closed, then it went to the Air Zoo," said Krumwiede. "Unless you want to go to the west side of the state, we believe this is may be the first NASA display in southeast Michigan."

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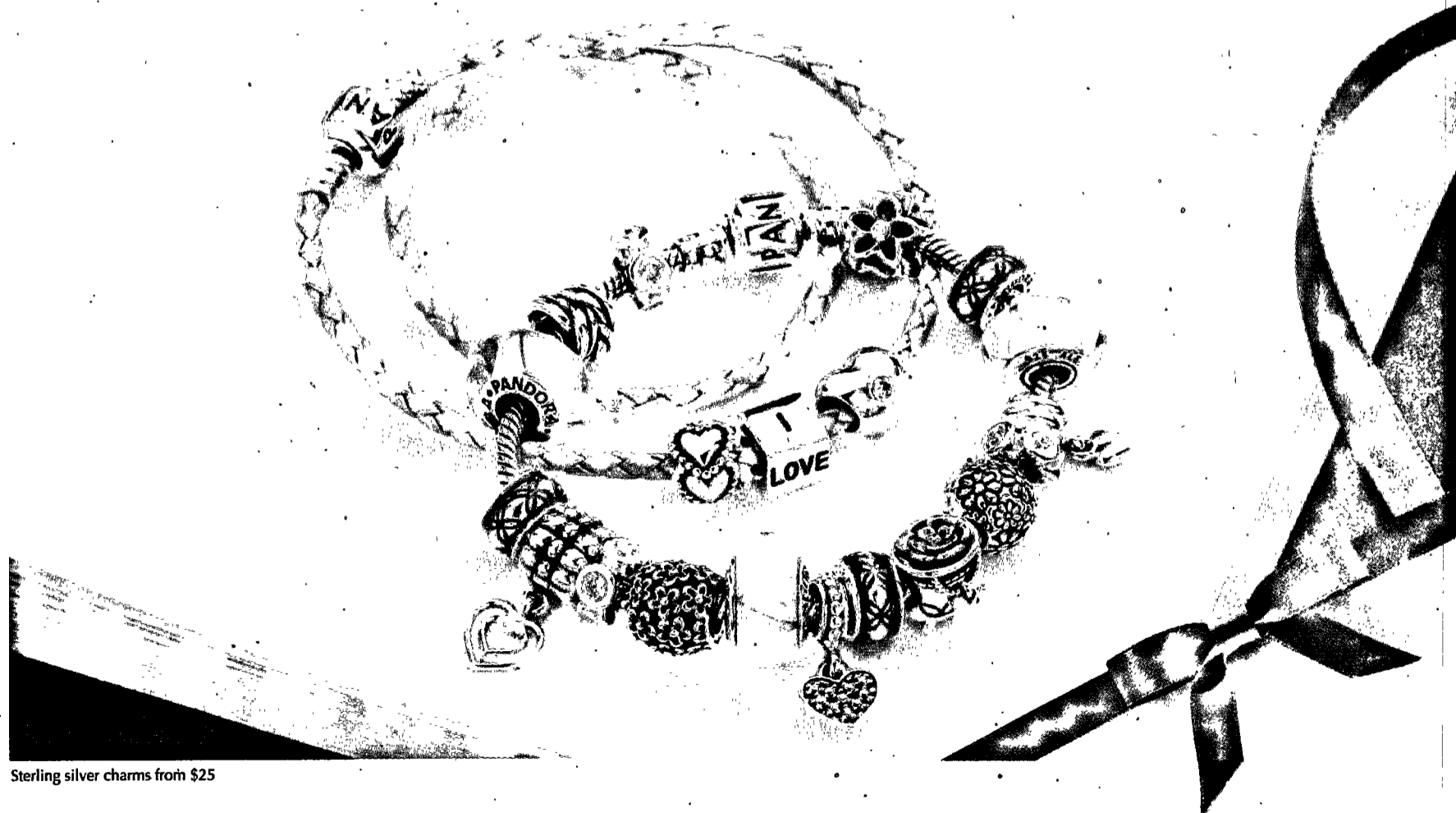


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# Open house showcases W-W career technical programs

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Steven Kay couldn't have been happier with the throng of people who turned out for the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's annual open house Tuesday evening.

Students and staff were on hand to talk about the different programs and activities available to high school students and adults at the Wayne-Westland facility.

"It's absolutely excellent to see the number of people who came out to check out our programs," said Kay, the center's principal. "This is a chance to open the doors for the community to come in here. Students are beginning the registration process for next year, so this is an opportunity for 10th-graders to get to explore the programs before they come."

Guests were treated to food prepared by culinary arts students and were able to visit classrooms. Representatives of colleges, like Davenport and the Wayne County Community College District, which have articulation agreements with the center, manned information tables in the commons to talk to families about their institutions.

Michelle Janes of Westland was there with her mother Shannon. A junior, Janes is enrolled in the medical assisting program. She was able to show the class off to her mother while they waited for her induction into the National Technical Honor Society that was held in the center's auditorium.

"I knew I wanted to get into the medical field, I found out that the class explains everything about the different areas," she said. "I'm looking at radiology."

"This is good because she gets a little bit of everything," added her mother.

## 'Exciting job'

Twins Devin and Michael Gibson brought their parents, Tom and Lisa, to the center to check out the firefighter program. Sophomores at Wayne Memorial High School, they plan to attend the center in the fall.

"I've always wanted to be a firefighter, it's an exciting job and no two days are alike," said Devin.

"I'm looking at law enforcement, I want to do something different," said Michael. "I want a job where I wake up and enjoy going to work and helping people, instead of waking up and not wanting to go to work."

While mom Lisa prefers the brothers try a safer career, she believes they'll come out of the center with a well-rounded education.

"From the time they were little, they've wanted to help people, so it's perfect that they want to go into a service career," she said.

In Auto Body Repair, guests got to see the wing tips of the Yankee Air Museum's B-17 bomber that students painted bright red, as well as bowling balls and sheet metal that showed off their painting skills.

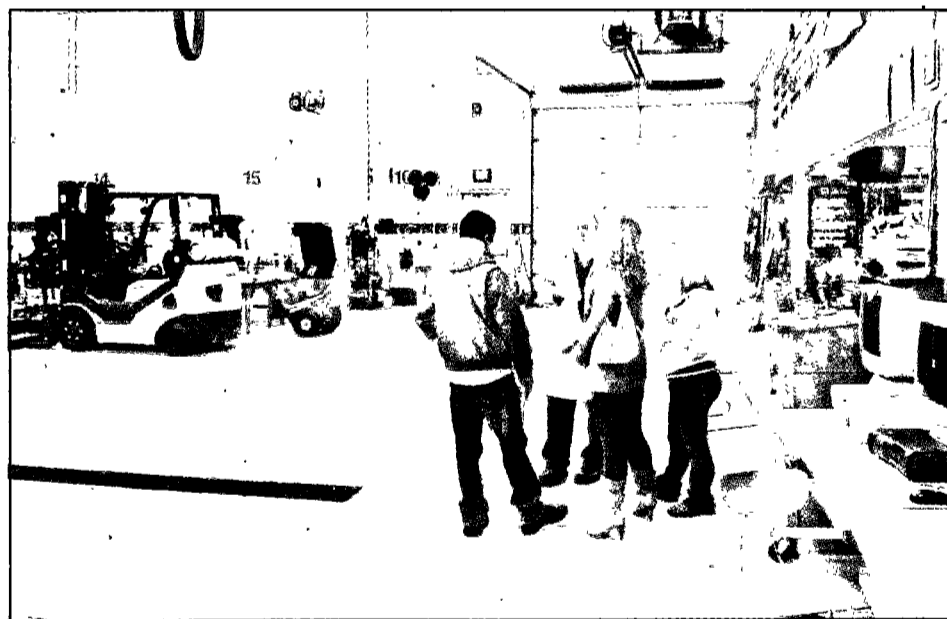
"It's nice, there's a lot of different designs," said



Ashleigh Goddard of Westland and Monica Martinez of Dearborn Heights, under the supervision of pastry Chef Mary Dobbs, prepare Banana Fosters to serve to guests at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center Tuesday evening.



Ricky Crisler Jr. (left) and his father, Ricky Crisler, look over the display in Auto Body Repair at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Crisler, from Belleville, is enrolled in the firefighter program at the center.



Instructor James Schirmer talks to student and his family about the curriculum for the center's Auto Technology program.

Ricky Crisler Jr. of Belleville. Enrolled in the evening firefighter class, Crisler and his father were checking out other programs at the center.

"This is pretty interesting," said his father, Ricky.

Cary Thompson, a Royal Oak firefighter/paramedic, is the instructor for the evening program.

"They get an education in the fire sciences, they know more than the oth-

er students when they go to the fire academy," he said. "They get a good knowledge base in the field."

Ashley Fracassi of Westland is enrolled in the high school program. She plans to take the EMT class next year.

"I'm in the Westland Police Explorers, I want to be a part of a first response group," she said. "I'm not surprised," said her mother, April. "I knew she wanted to do all this stuff."

For Troy Hughes of Belleville, the firefighter



Sophomores at Wayne Memorial High School, twins Devin (left) and Michael Gibson of Westland learned more about the firefighter program during the open house. They plan to apply for the program.

class seemed "like something nice to do and nice career."

"This is the only reason I come to school," he said. "It's motivation, it makes me want to work harder."

Abbas Ayoud, a student at Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights, also "loves" coming to the center for the class. He's like firefighters since he was little.

"I've seen all the movies and I love it," he said. "It's what I want to do when I get out of school."

## Coming back

Jill MacBlain of Canton was a student in the center's Auto Technology program in 1997. She comes back to the center to see her former instructors.

"I love these guys," she said. "When people have an impact on you like these guys, this is what happens."

MacBlain took the class because her father and brother were always working on cars and she didn't want to be out of the loop.

"I wanted to learn things, I wanted to be the girl who knew about cars," said MacBlain who works in a cardiologist's office in Farmington Hills.

MacBlain was talking about James Schirm-

er and Mark Batko who were talking to potential students throughout the evening.

"We have a lot of girls take auto tech," said Schirmer. "I like having the girls in the class because they read the manuals before they tear something apart. Girls are willing to do the research."

In the commons, Meghan McGowan and Lucas Climie of Westland were sharing information about the student I-SAVE program at the center. McGowan is president of the student group which focuses on helping the district reduce its energy costs.

"Last year, we switched all the light bulbs to 13-watt energy efficient ones and saved the district several thousands of dollars, she said. "This year, we plan on planting a tree."

Next to them, teacher Steve Vasiloff and four of his students from Wayne Memorial High School were talking about the CAD/drafting programs.

"Whatever I ask them to do, they help out," Vasiloff said of the students — Kevin Marz, Anthony Bizon, Austin Gottman and Nick Shirley. "They do 3-D solid modeling, photo realistic renderings and architectural modeling. They've designed cabinets and helped in remodeling a special education room and did a site plan and property line plan for a teacher. I trust them. They do the work and knock it out in a couple of days."

For Kay, the highlight of the evening was the honor society ceremony involving 138 students of the center's students.

"They're the top 14 percent of the school," he said. "This honor is based on career tech and academics. These are the kids who will go onto college and be career- and college-ready."



April Fracassi of Westland demonstrates how to get in the firefighter turnout gear.



Teacher Steve Vasiloff (right) and Wayne Memorial High School students Kevin Marz of Westland (from left), Anthony Bizon of Westland, Austin Gottman of Wayne and Nick Shirley of Wayne talked to guests about their CAD/drafting class.

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

**Upcoming Events**

**RAILRODIANA**

**Time/Date:** noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3  
**Location:** Ss. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland  
**Details:** The Ss. Simon and Jude Usher's Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show at the church hall. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available and parking is free. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10 each. Dealer setup is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.

**Contact:** To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

**TRAVEL GROUP**

**Location:** Wayne Senior Services Office at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne  
**Details:** Sometimes Travelers Group is for people age 30 and older. Membership is \$5 per year from July through June. The group offers day, overnight and extended trips on luxury coaches through tour companies. Individual trip flyers are located in the Senior Lounge at the Wayne Community Center.  
**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 721-7460.

**CELIAC SUPPORT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** The Tri-County Celiac Support Group general meeting will have Dr. Thomas Alexander speak about "Celiac Disease, Fatigue, and HypoAdrenalism."

**Contact:** For further information, Marge Orlando, president, at maorlando39@gmail.com or call (586) 751-8592. Also look at the website at www.tccsg.net.

**Legal services**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26  
**Location:** Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne  
**Details:** Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services will make a presentation regarding Wills, Trust, Medicare, Medicaid, Guardianship and much more. After the presentation, an attorney will be available for questions and/or assistance. Participants must pre-register by Feb. 20.

**Contact:** Pre-register by calling Wayne Senior Services at (734) 721-7460 or by visiting the office at the Wayne Community Center.

**SCRAPBOOKING**

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9  
**Location:** St. Raphael Catholic School Activities Building, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City  
**Details:** Join St. Raphael School for its second annual 12-hour scrap. All of the proceeds raised will go directly to the school. Bring your pictures, scrapbook/stamping supplies, they'll supply a light breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and beverages. Vendors will be available with scrapbooking and stamping items available for purchase. There also will be items raffled off. The cost is \$35 per person for full day, \$25 per person for a half day.

**Contact:** Deadline to register is Feb. 2. Call Carrol Muglia at (734) 751-4776.

**MMAP COUNSELING**

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 6  
**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton  
**Details:** United Home Health Services, a local home care company, is offering offer the com-



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**Lifetime Award**

Don Charters (left) is presented with a Lifetime Membership Award for the Wayne Coin Club by John Dembinski (center), club president, and Gary Kelly, president of the Northwest Detroit Coin Club which also presented Charters with a similar award. Charters is a nationally known coin collector and numismatic promoter, former president of the Central States Numismatic Society, a member of the Northwest Detroit Coin Club and Wayne Coin Club. The Wayne Coin Club meets on the first and third Monday of the month at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne, Road, Westland.

community free counseling with a certified Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program counselor. Jan. 1 through Fe. 14 is the Medicare Advantage disenrollment period when seniors are able to change to a Medicare D plan, if desired. This process can be confusing so the MMAP counselor can help seniors review Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, assist with Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and

abuse issues, and explore long term care insurance options.

**Contact:** For more information, contact United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820 or access the MMAP website at www.mmapiinc.org/pages/about.html

**BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS**

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

**Details:** Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join

us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory.

**Contact:** John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

**Volunteers**

**FIRST STEP**

**Details:** First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested

people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

**Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

**VNA HOSPICE**

**Details:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

**SEASONS HOSPICE**

**Details:** Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

**Contact:** (800) 370-8592

**LITERACY COUNCIL**

**Details:** The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

**Contact:** (734) 416-4906

**HEARTLAND HOSPICE**

**Details:** Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

**Contact:** (888) 973-1145

**SUPPORT GROUP**

**Time/date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

**Details:** Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

**Contact:** Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month

**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

**Details:** - Westland

**Details:** A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Call Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004 to confirm time and date, if attending for the first time.

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## Westland Red Lobster gets \$200,000 makeover

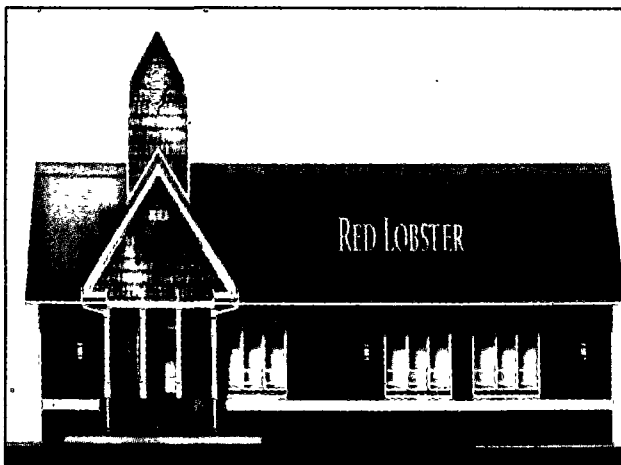
By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A longtime Westland restaurant will be getting a major facelift while remaining open under plans approved by the council last week.

The revised site plan approved for Red Lobster at 5744 N. Wayne Road includes exterior renovations of the building, updating the handicapped parking and improvements to pedestrian access to the building.

"This is a major renovation of the property inside and outside," said Westland Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson.

Plans call for the existing tower on the north end of the restaurant to be reconstructed, hard shingle, decorative stone



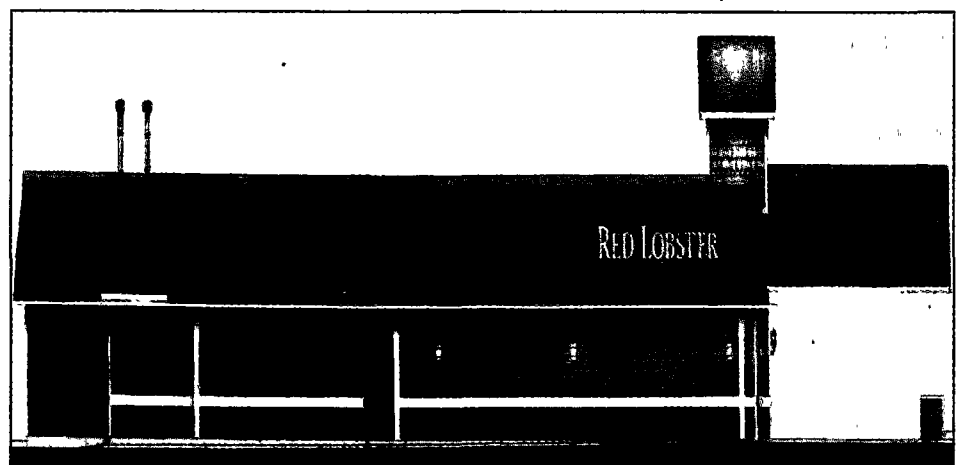
The Red Lobster restaurant in Westland will be redone in a Bar Harbor design, with hard shingle and decorative stone work to be added.

work to be added and repainting of the building.

Representing Red Lobster, Bob Fields said the restaurant would be redone in a Bar Har-

bor design, an update that the chain restaurant is doing nationwide. As approved, the project will cost \$200,000.

Red Lobster opened at the location just north of



The tower at the north end of the building will be reconstructed and the entire building repainted as part of a \$200,000 interior and exterior makeover.

Ford in the early 1980s. It's located within Westland's Shop and Dine District.

"With the tremendous amount of economic growth the city is seeing, it is great to see

one of Westland's trademark restaurants making improvements to enhance the dining experience for residents and visitors," said Mayor William Wild. The restaurant "will

remain open" during renovation, according to Red Lobster spokeswoman Heidi Schauer.

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## Best technology of 2013: lots to choose from

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

The new year is under way, but a host of new innovative devices and technologies have already been unveiled at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

More than 3,000 exhibitors packed halls and conference rooms to showcase approximately 20,000 new products. Among those products are much of what you would expect: new cell phones, computers, televisions and cameras. But the CES show also pro-



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

viding a glimpse to the future in areas that many wouldn't expect, such as health and fitness, sports

and even gadgets for children.

The products shown at the convention will impact every aspect of our lives and even the sports world. During the first day of the conference, for example, Major League Baseball

and T-Mobile announced a multi-year deal to put T-Mobile cell phones in bullpens and dugouts.

The mobile phones will plug into wall units that serve as their own cell phone tower to ensure coaches in bullpens and dugouts don't experience communication problems as they have in years past.

T-Mobile also used the event to announce some new service offerings.

The cell phone service provider said it will soon move all cell phone plans to new value-based plans. T-Mobile subscribers will no longer pay high costs for new phones up front.

Instead, T-Mobile plans to allow subscribers to pay for the device in short loans over the duration of owning the device. As soon as a phone is paid off, users will be eligible for new devices.

Fisher Price hit the show floor with products for the youngest tech fans. Their new "Apptivity" products for users up to 5 years old are essentially interactive tablet toys for youngsters.

Tablets and mobile applications were also a big part of the CES 2013, as many manufacturers showcased faster, sleeker and more durable offerings.

Panasonic introduced two new "rugged" Toughpad tablets — one that runs on Windows 8 and one using the Android operating system. The Toughpads are resistant to fluids, extreme temperatures and, of course, being dropped. They have

between 8GB and 16GB of memory and come with Bluetooth and WiFi connectivity. Of course, these durable machines come at a price — the smaller Android version starts at \$1,300, while the Windows 8 version will cost about \$2,900.

Panasonic also made headlines with a 56-inch 4K OLED TV prototype after Sony unveiled a similar television of its own. An OLED TV is said to have a crisper and broader spectrum of colors because the screen is made using a red, blue, green printing technology. (I won't pretend I know what that means, but we can all agree it sounds impressive.)

An electronics expo wouldn't truly be complete without a flurry of new technology that you would never have thought possible. One of the most mind-bending displays to come out of

the CES 2013 is a mind-controlled helicopter.

The PuzzleBox Orbit by NuroSky is operated through a Bluetooth-enabled headset. The user, or the pilot, sends brainwaves to the Bluetooth sensors, which make the Pizzibox Orbit maneuver. Not exactly the flying car we expected in this digital age, but a mind-control device is not a bad start, especially for only \$189.

One other cool gadget from the show: A Bluetooth-enabled refrigerator from a company called Coolvox. The device will keep your milk cold, your vegetables fresh and even stream your music.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? E-mail Jonathan.Gunnells@gmail.com.

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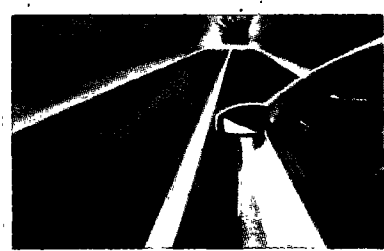
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### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Kohl's scholarships

Kohl's Department Stores are accepting nominations for outstanding young volunteers as part of its 2013 Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program.

Nominations for youth age six to 18 will be accepted Feb. 1-March 15 at kohlskids.com. Through the program, Kohl's will award more than 2,300 young volunteers more than \$425,000 in scholarships and prizes to reward kids who have made a positive impact on their communities. Nominators must be 21 years or older.

• Two nominees from each of the more than 1,100 Kohl's stores nationwide will win a \$50 Kohl's gift card.

• More than 200 of the store winners will win regional scholarships worth \$1,000 toward post-secondary education.

• Ten national winners will be awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education, and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each national winner's behalf.

The Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program is part of Kohl's Cares, Kohl's philanthropic program focused on improving the lives of children. Since the program began in 2001, Kohl's has recognized more than 17,000 kids with more than \$3.4 million in scholarships and prizes. To learn more about last year's winners, visit kohlskids.com.

#### Heartsaver classes

Garden City Hospital is offering a Heartsaver class in adult / infant / child CPR and Automated External Defibrillator 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, March 9 and April 6, in the hospital's Health and Education Center at

6701 Harrison, Garden City.

The Heartsaver Courses are designed for professionals who require a course completion card for their place of employment, such as teachers, nurses aides, foster care workers, day care providers and security personnel.

Participants will receive an American Heart Association textbook and instruction on adult CPR, pediatric CPR and AED. The course requires participants to complete practical skills. American Heart Association certification is valid for two years from the date issued.

The class costs \$50. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. For more information, call (734) 458-4330.

#### Business class

Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center is offering a five-week Cooking Up a Successful Food-Related Business class beginning Thursday, Feb. 7.

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The class meets 6-9 p.m. in Room 405 of the VisTaTech Center. It costs \$225.

For more information or to register, click on the seminars and events button on the Business Development Center page of the Schoolcraft College website at [www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc).

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# Parks' friend headlines Black History program

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Civil rights icons Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be celebrated at the Canton Public Library as part of its special programs and displays for February, Black History Month.



Reed

Detroit attorney and award-winning author Gregory J. Reed, who worked to secure Parks the Medal of Freedom and a postage stamp issued to honor the 100th anniversary of her birthday on Feb. 4, brings a wealth of knowledge after he served as her lawyer, traveled with her and became her close friend.

Reed is set to speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Canton library, 1200 S. Canton Center. The

event is free and open to the public.

"The presentation will cover the inner person Mrs. Parks was, what she stood for and her relationship to all people—the many sides of her that some people have never seen," Reed said during a telephone interview.

Parks, her struggle for civil rights and her refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man touched off a boycott of public buses in Montgomery, Ala., and, ultimately, a larger push for equal rights. She continues to inspire young people even now, Reed said.

"The story lives on," he said. "People recognize that we should all be treated as human beings."

Reed also has traveled to South Africa, where he served as a personal escort for anti-apartheid activist and former President Nelson Mandela. Reed plans to bring to Canton books he penned

about Parks, such as *Quiet Strength: the Faith, the Hope and the Heart of a Woman Who Changed a Nation*. One of Reed's newer books is *Obama Talks Back Global Lessons: A Dialogue With America's Young Leaders*.

Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager, said Black History Month also is being celebrated with a Dr. King march-to-freedom display on loan from the Detroit-based Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History. Many people aren't aware that King debuted his "I Have a Dream" speech in Detroit before he delivered it in Washington, D.C.

For more information, go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) or call (734) 397-0999.

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# Keep your guard up; scams take many forms

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

The Better Business Bureau recently released its top scams of last year. When you read about them, the first reaction is how

could anyone fall for that? However, keep in mind that scam artists are good at what they do and even smart people occasionally let their guard down. Remember, Bernie Madoff scammed a lot of very smart people.

I wish I could tell you the one thing that you could do to avoid being scammed, but I can't. These scams take on many different forms and that's why it's always important for us to never let our guard down. If something sounds too good to be true it generally is. In addition, always take your time and check things out independently and be leery of high-pressured sales tactics.

Some of the scams on the BBB list include one geared towards grandparents. In this scam, grandparents are contacted by e-mail and other forms of social media and told their grandchild has been in some sort of accident or had some legal problems and needs money. The



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

message also generally says something like "please don't tell my parents." Of course, in the notice there is information about how to send wire money and unfortunately, many people do. Not only do they lose the money that they send, but a crook now has their banking information. Grandparents, if you receive this type of message the first thing to do is contact your grandchild to see what's up.

Another very popular scam is one that says you can make money by having some sort of advertising sign on your car. What the scammers do is send a check and tell you that half that money needs to be immediately wire transferred to a graphic artist to draw the advertisement for your car. What inevitably happens is the check that they have given you bounces and you've lost the money that you sent to the so-called graphic designer.

There is no graphic designer; it was a way of scamming you out of money and once again, getting sensitive bank account information. The solution here is if you are sent a check and you're supposed to send some of those proceeds somewhere else, at a minimum wait for that check to clear before you do anything. A scam that was very popular in the Detroit metro area dealt with people receiving notices, whether via e-mails,

telephone calls or even personal visits telling them of a new federal program where President Obama would pay their utility bills.

In order to register for the program you had to turn over sensitive information such as bank account and Social Security number. Unfortunately, many unsuspecting people turned this information over to the crooks. With that information, a scam artist can do severe damage to your finances. The bottom line is be extremely cautious before offering any sensitive information, particularly over the phone.

When anyone asks me for my Social Security number or bank account information, my automatic answer is no. It's amazing once you say no how many people will come back and say well, "we didn't need the information anyway."

Scams take all forms but the common thread that runs through all of them is greed. The government doesn't have the resources to protect us, we are our own last line of defense. Therefore, we have to use common sense. Remember what President Ronald Reagan once said, "trust but verify." Good luck!

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# Noted speaker on chastity to visit Ladywood

Internationally-known Catholic speaker and author Jason Evert will speak at Ladywood High School Tuesday, Feb. 5.



Evert

The founder of [www.chastity.com](http://www.chastity.com) and [www.chastity.org](http://www.chastity.org), Evert has dedicated his life to the teenage population, promoting a lifestyle of abstinence and dedication to God's word. He has spoken to more than one million people worldwide about the virtue of chas-

tity, and his presentations have received rave reviews, mostly for his frank, honest delivery and riveting presentation skills.

"As the Mission Integration Leader at Ladywood High School, it is my job to make sure we are living the Felician core values every day, in every aspect of our curriculum," said Joyce Brouillette, a theology teacher at Ladywood. "I'm thrilled that we are able to bring Jason to our school and that our girls will experience his incredibly inspiring and effective talk."

On Evert's website [www.chastity.com](http://www.chastity.com), the message is clearly aimed at the teenage population. The FAQ section has sensitive topics, such as dating, pornography, homosexuality, STDs and vocations. He lists common questions and then answers them in a thoughtful, compelling way, backed up by research where appropriate.

The event is open to the public. People who would like to attend can send an email to [rsvp@ladywood.org](mailto:rsvp@ladywood.org) with the number of people in the party.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Local control

#### State lawmakers should repeal gun law promptly

Imagine a bus driven by Gov. Rick Snyder with state legislators as passengers. In a hurry, Snyder speeds recklessly down the road, running traffic lights and stop signs without regard for caution or the significant impact on others. Sounds pretty much like what happened during the December 2012 lame duck session in which Public Act 377 was passed without regard for caution, the impact on state citizens or for the future.

Public Act 377 allows people to purchase guns from stores and other individuals with federal firearm licenses but no longer requires buyers - unless they purchase a firearm from a seller who does not have the federal license - to apply for a license to purchase from local police departments.

The new state law requires gun sellers to continue to follow the federal law that requires them to conduct a check with the National Instant Crime Background Check System (NICS), which essentially shows whether the buyer is a felon.

Snyder quietly signed PA 377 into law just four days after the mass shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in which six educators and 20 children were killed by a gunman with an automatic weapon. Snyder wrenched local control from law enforcement and did it without conferring with or asking local police officials their experiences with gun permits or their experiences with the growing incidence of mental health problems in Michigan.

Prior to PA 377, a resident would apply for a license to purchase from their local police department if they wanted to purchase a firearm. Police officials in Wayne, Westland and Garden City then checked a federal database of known felons and used their specific knowledge of community residents, based on reports and interactions, and the potential problems certain residents might cause that would warrant a denial of that license to purchase.

Snyder and his legislative friends not only stripped police officials of their local authority, but compromised their oath to protect citizens in their communities. Not all anti-social, violent or criminal behavior results in a felony record. Residents with anger problems, tendencies toward violence and mental health issues - who in all likelihood should not possess a firearm - are not listed as felons, unless they have committed a felony.

Robert Stevenson, executive director of Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, said lawmakers were close to eliminating gun registration altogether until Michigan State Police indicated that law enforcement officials investigating the I-96 freeway shooter were able to match the bullet with a registered gun, which led to the arrest of the suspect.

Since the Sandy Hook School shooting and talk at the national level of banning assault rifles, sales have doubled at the Firing Line in Westland. According to retired Westland police officer and owner of the Firing Line, the purchasers include people who "believe it is their right to own them but they hadn't been interested before." Initially, there was a rush on semiautomatic rifles and high capacity magazines, but now people are buying whatever they can get.

Roger Little, who co-owns Shooter's in Livonia, said he believes a background check through the FBI's NICS is sufficient and doesn't know how government can run thorough background checks of the mental health of individuals. However, most local police officials are aware of which residents are not top candidates for owning a firearm based on the behavioral problems those residents have exhibited.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, whose district also includes Westland and Garden City, said a multi-pronged approach is needed to keep guns out of the hands of those with mental health issues. He also thinks lawmakers also need to address the magazine capacity (of weapons).

We're glad the governor and lawmakers aren't finished discussing gun legislation. We hope they use common sense, restore local control and repeal PA 377.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Saturday is Ground Hog Day. Will we get an early spring or six more weeks of winter?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"No, I think he'll see his shadow."  
Dalexus Bennett  
Detroit



"I hope he won't see his shadow. The lack of snow is a good thing right now."  
Corey Wilson  
Westland



"I think we're going to have a longer winter. Last year it snowed three times and the next day the snow was gone. This year, we've already had two good days of snow."  
Curtis Mason  
Inkster



"No, I don't think he'll see his shadow. I hope he doesn't. I don't want six more weeks of winter."  
Kristina Miller  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Positive lame duck

I read with fascination — and a good deal of amusement — state Sen. Glenn Anderson's opinions about the recent lame-duck session. By his reckoning, one would conclude that hundreds of bills were dropped from thin air by the Republican majority. The public record is to the contrary. The many bills that passed during lame duck had been vetted over months through both the House and Senate. Some had already passed one chamber. The bills were subject to numerous committee hearings and public comment. Even the very few that were discharged from committee received a thorough hearing on the House and Senate floor.

I believe it was a very positive lame duck, capping a very successful two years. Some of the accomplishments passed by the Legislature during the lame-duck session were:

- Amended laws concerning medical marijuana to assure that legitimate patients, not criminals, are allowed access;
- Permitted community colleges to offer four-year degrees in select programs;
- Passed "Erin's law," legislation to help stop child sexual abuse;
- Protected employees from employer access to personal online accounts and information;

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- Gave financially stressed municipalities options to work with the state before entering bankruptcy;
  - Reduced long-term liabilities for the state and schools by revamping the School Bond Loan Lending program;
  - Required online disclosure of all expenditures of state funds; and
  - Allowed military experiences of veterans to be treated as work training requirements for state professional licensure.
- Legislation that passed "at the end of the day" as Anderson stated, reflected the desires of a majority of

Michiganders. His attempt to justify an amendment to the constitution is made on baseless claims that ignore the reality of our legislators' hard work and accessibility to the people, and represents nothing more than pure partisan politics.

Tom Stroup

owner, Valaset Services LLC

### NRA stretches truth

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, the NRA began running a 35-second ad claiming President Obama is an "elitist and hypocrite" because his children are protected in school, but ours are not. This ad was run before President Obama released his plan for gun restrictions, formulated by Vice President (Joe) Biden's group.

Presumably the NRA does not know that the first family has had congressionally mandated Secret Service protection since 1984. The NRA, which is principally supported by gun manufacturers, hides behind the Second Amendment to thwart any reasonable gun restrictive legislation.

The NRA simply represents people who sell guns. Even for the habitually exaggerated NRA, claiming President Obama does not want to protect school children is a stretch beyond belief.

Gerald Maxey  
Farmington Hills

## OUR VIEWS

### Join the challenge: Go Red for healthy hearts

Tomorrow (Feb. 1) marks the 10th anniversary of the American Heart Association Go Red For Women movement.

The AHA estimates since the campaign began more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved, but more needs to be done.

While other diseases get a lot of attention, heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women. It affects more women than men and is more deadly than all forms of cancer combined. One in three women dies of cardiovascular disease each year.

What can you do? First, if you or someone you know shows signs of a heart attack or a stroke, call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not wait. The sooner EMS arrives, the sooner treatment can begin.

Also, heart disease can be prevented by making the right choices. A healthy diet and regular exercise are key. And if you smoke - quit. Know your cholesterol levels, blood pressure and

glucose levels. These are the risk factors that individuals can control.

Age, gender, family history and race can't be controlled, but they can be understood so those with a higher risk can take action and seek treatment.

The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Movement is a call to action to educate and engage in the fight against heart disease.

How can you participate? Go to americanheart.org to learn more about fighting heart disease. Go to www.detroitgoredforwomen.org to read about local sponsors and local events which are part of this year's campaign.

The Go Red For Women movement has made great strides in saving lives. However, more is needed. Make it a priority over the next 28 days to:

- Wear red to show your support and raise awareness.
  - Spread the message by telling five other women about the movement to stop heart disease.
  - Donate to help fund research.
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# Metropark taking people into the freeze

By Christopher Nagy  
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It's all about the ice, ice, baby.

Over the next few weeks, Kensington Metropark will be chipping away at a series of programs revolving around activities that involve the most basic element of winter's blustery blow — ice.

In early February, the Kensington Metropark Farm Center brings back its two days of ice-harvesting demonstrations, taking visitors back in time as they put up a supply of ice the old-fashioned way.

First up, however, the Kensington Metropark Nature Center is giving new anglers an opportunity to hit the ice — cubed. The Metropark has set aside Saturday, Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 — to help people learn the basics of ice fishing before taking them out on the frozen waters to drop a line and test their luck. Participants ought to bring an ice-fishing rod and dress appropriately for the weather.

"We drill the holes, we provide the bait, and we provide the hot cocoa," said Michael Tucker, interpretive naturalist at the center.

### 'Subtle' fishing

The events start off with a seminar that covers the basic ice-fishing equipment as well as some of the different techniques between fishing in the winter and fishing in the summer.

"We talk about things like jigging for fish in the winter," Tucker explained. "You want to be very, very subtle in your movements because the fish are moving slower. We also talk



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Participants can try their hand at bringing in the ice using such tools as ice thongs during the annual Ice Harvesting Festival at Kensington Metropark.

about things like spearing as opposed to a hook and line, types of baits, types of lures. You want the lures to be smaller and less flashy than if you were fishing in the summer. Everything is just a little more subtle with ice fishing."

Then, it's into the great — if not necessarily warm — outdoors.

"We take everyone out on the ice ... and people can fish for as long as they like. Usually, they'll spend about two hours out there," Tucker said. "It helps if the weather is cooperating and the fish are biting. We take the hand auger out on the ice so people can see what it's like to drill a hole. And we have a shanty for people to get warm."

All the ice-fishing events start at 1 p.m. and cost \$5 for participants who plan to fish. A fishing license is required for anyone 17 or older. All events are weather-dependent and may be canceled, if the ice is unsafe. Tucker noted that if people sign up for a day that is canceled, they'll have the opportunity to sign up for a future ice-fishing date.

### A cold harvest

For those who have no desire to wait for the fish to bite, Kensington Metropark offers a two-day event in early February that allows people to cut bait on ice fishing and still get out onto the frozen waters.

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Brian Daniels braves the elements to do some ice fishing. Kensington Metropark will hold several introductory ice fishing classes beginning this weekend.

Metropark Farm Center hosts its free annual ice-harvesting demonstrations from 1-3 p.m. Feb. 2-3.

The days include demonstrations of ice harvesting directly from the Huron River near the farm as well as the festival's usual unique activities — ice sawing with antique saws and other equipment, stacking ice blocks the old-fashioned way and brief talks about the importance of ice harvesting and the role it played in days gone by.

"We basically kind of explain to the public how ice was harvested during its heyday, between about 1880 and 1920," said Chris Williams, assistant farm manager at the center. "We talk about the tools that were utilized, and we will cut blocks of ice out on the water, if it's safe enough. In lieu of that, we will have blocks of ice that we can use to demonstrate ice saws, ice picks and ice thongs."

This will be the 19th year Kensington Metropark has hosted the popular demonstrations, which in past years have drawn several hundred visitors each day. The

idea came after Williams and two other Farm Center employees attended an ice-harvesting festival.

"We were really intrigued, and we wanted to bring it here because it seemed to fit really well with the farm — explaining how people used to keep their perishables and dairy products fresh," Williams explained. "With

a lot of our programming, we try to step back into yesteryear. This kind of fit with that."

Ideally, the Farm Center likes to get visitors to the demonstrations out on the ice for some hands-on work with the tools. Mother Nature, though, plays a big role in the extent of activities.

"The weather is the big factor. It really does vary year to year," Williams said. "My minimum is generally 6 inches (of ice) to cut and take the public out on."

However, even with a curveball from the thermometer, the weather has never been able to pitch a shutout.

"Last year, the weather was so poor we had to use remnants of the Plymouth Ice Festival," Williams noted. "We've gotten creative in the past, but we've never been completely canceled or stood up, so to speak."

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Bill Berloni arrives with Frankie, one of his Chihuahuas. Frankie played the role of Bruiser in 'Legally'

## Dog trainer for Broadway rescues animals from shelters for roles

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Bill Berloni doesn't have a household name in terms of any acting career, but thousands of Broadway fans, movie buffs and television viewers have watched his work and attention to detail.

Berloni has trained dogs for 30 years for scores of stage shows, movies, television shows and commercials, even winning a Tony award for his efforts.

What might be more remarkable is every dog he's trained he has rescued from an animal shelter.

Berloni appeared Wednesday at the Livonia Town Hall, a series of speakers that raises funds for nonprofits and charities, at St. Mary's Cultural Center.

Berloni brought one of his Chihuahuas, Frankie. Frankie played the role of Bruiser in *Legally Blonde*, the musical.

Berloni learned about pets while growing up on a Connecticut farm, where he obtained a collie at age 2. "If you are mean to an animal, they won't hang around with you," Berloni said.

He described himself as "terribly shy" and "a geek" when he was young. Classmates teasingly called him "Billy Baloney."

### From geek to class president

As a joke, a classmate nominated him for president. "I was terrified," Berloni said. "I didn't want to be a leader." A class adviser told him: "Don't let other people make you feel bad. Do the best you can."

Once at an assembly, Berloni heard chaos in the audience as he stood at the podium. He yelled "shut up!" The audience did, and a public speaker was born.

"I realized that people would listen to me when you stood at a podium," Berloni said.

"I was the class president for all four years," Berloni said. About that same time, he decided to get into acting, after see-



Dog actor Frankie arrives in style.

ing 13 girls on the stage at school one time.

"I would say other people's words that are witty, funny and intelligent so I gravitated towards the stage," Berloni said.

Berloni attended community college and worked for nothing as a technical apprentice to help with stage productions in Connecticut. One day, a new show needed a trained dog.

Trainers were too expensive and the stage crew nearly revolted when asked if they would train a dog. The responsibility to find a dog, and train it, fell on Berloni. "Someone said they had cheap dogs at the shelter," Berloni said. He visited several animal shelters, seeing the dogs victimized by neglect by previous owners and now standing in their own feces. He wondered how can people do this to animals, especially after he had his own dogs as a child.

"I found out dogs were being abandoned," Berloni said.

### Shelter dog turned actor

The sheer number of abandoned dogs was overwhelming to him, but one dog caught his eye. He was told that dog was afraid of people and that it was going to be put down the following day. He had \$3 to buy the dog, but it was \$7 and late in the afternoon. The shelter closed for the day.

He bought the dog the following day after borrowing \$4 from his roommate.

It began his training journey.

How would he get the dog on stage? Feed him.

He and the crew began feeding the dog and he slowly came around.

It was the original stage production of *Annie* and the dog became a big hit with audiences. Berloni said the dog loved the 10-year-old girl who played the title role. "It was fun to watch, especially with a dog that had been abused," Berloni said.

Then Broadway called and *Annie* was going to be performed there, so Berloni was asked again to train another dog. *Annie* opened and was a huge success.

"At the age of 20, I became a famous animal trainer," Berloni said. He also kept a promise to himself that he would use animals from shelters for productions from then on.

"In the first seven years of *Annie*, we rescued 10 dogs," Berloni said.

Berloni realized he would not become an actor, but he found something more important: his destiny.

"There are the paths we want to take and the paths that we should take," Berloni said. In 2011 he was honored with a Tony award for his work.

He showed a brief demonstration of how he trains the dogs. He rewards them with food, but the dogs appear to catch onto a cue, which could be a line in the play such as "white shoes after Labor Day," Berloni also makes it appear that the dog is "cued" to bark even though Berloni is stopping the incessant barking by putting his hand over its mouth, and conversing with the dog to make it appear that the dog is responding with barks.

"Unlike Dr. Doolittle or Dog Whisperer, I don't talk to animals because that is an aggressive way to control them," Berloni said. "But I listen. I found out who they are and what they like, Love is actually the thing they work for."

Dogs and cats learn by conditioning and repetition, Berloni said.

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# Glenn best in Observerland

## 1st outright team crown

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn had shared two previous Observerland Wrestling Tournament team titles, but on Saturday night the Rockets had the first-place trophy all to themselves.

Glenn, boasting four individual champions, scored a team-high 180.5 points and walked out of Livonia Churchill's gym with the outright championship.

Livonia Franklin, which tied for the title last year with Glenn, placed runner-up with 149 points followed by Wayne Memorial (143), Plymouth (133.5) and the Novi Detroit Catholic Central "B" varsity team (120) rounding out the top five in the 16-school field.

"We started out well," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "First round, we had a lot of pin points and lot of wins. It kind of gave us a boost. It can switch. The second round you can drop them all and be in fourth place. We had one bad round — the

placing round. For third, fourth, fifth and sixth we only won one of those matches. But the finals we won every one."

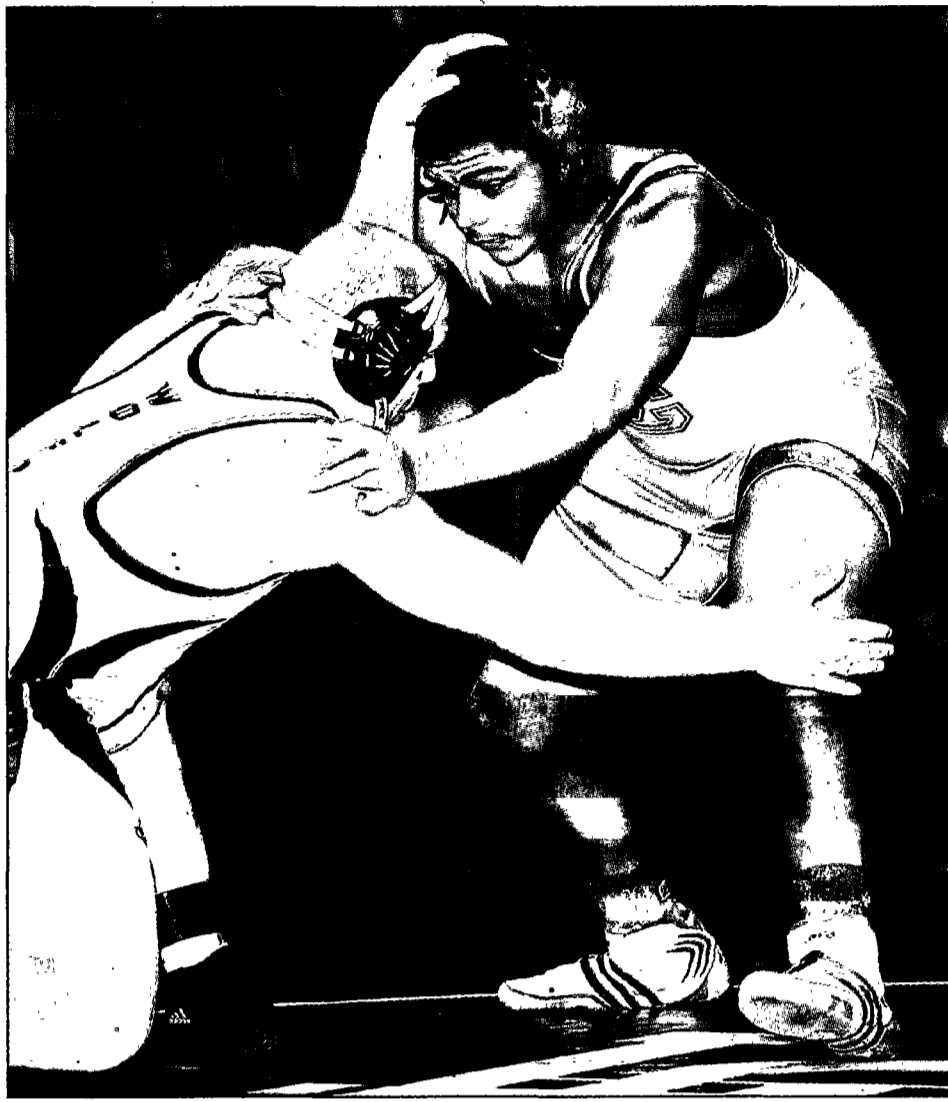
The Rockets held a 21.5-point lead over Franklin and Wayne heading into the championship rounds and they went a perfect 4-for-4 led by 112-pounder Kyle Gillies, a senior who remained undefeated (33-0) after scoring a 7-1 decision over Belleville's Austin Koehler.

Senior Travis Mann (12-2) then took the 152-pound crown when he pinned Franklin's Nick Frazier in 1 minute and 45 second.

Glenn closed out the meet by taking the 215- and 285-pound titles, respectively, as junior Jordan Brandon (37-1) pinned Wayne's Tyler Casteels in 2:52 followed by senior Dylan Morantes (32-4) earning a 6-3 decision over the Wolf-pack's Aaron Mauldin.

"This is always a great tournament to win, strong tradition," Polk said. "I'm happy the kids won it. I'm

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John Glenn's Jordan Brandon captured the 215-pound title with a pin against Wayne Memorial's Tyler Casteels.

## MU men fall again, 80-73

The Madonna University men's basketball team finds itself in an official funk after losing its third straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game Tuesday night at home to Northwestern Ohio, 80-73.

Josh Scott paced the Racers (13-10, 9-7) with a game-high 25 points, while Derrick Tate added 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Johnny Elliott also chipped in with 13 points as Northwestern Ohio overcame a 38-37 halftime deficit.

Fred Williams paced the 24th-ranked Crusaders (16-7, 11-5) with 23 points.

Also scoring in double figures was Bobby Naubert (12), Travis Schuba (11) and Salem's Tyler Stewart (career-high 10).

Naubert also dished out eight assists, while Eoghann Stephens posted four blocks as MU finds itself now two games behind first-place Davenport.

The 6-foot-7 Stephens, a senior from Liss, England, set a new Madonna single-season record for blocks with 72.

## McGrath's 27 keys MU win

Senior center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) scored 27 points and Rachel Melcher contributed 15 points and 11 rebounds off the bench to give the Madonna University women's basketball team a 70-57 win Tuesday over visiting Northwestern Ohio.

Kristie Porada also added 10 points, while Shantelle Herring had nine points and dished out five assists as the Crusaders won their fourth straight to improve to 15-8 overall and 11-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Shaye Warman tallied 20 points, while Angie Cates added 10 for the Racers (9-15, 6-10).

## OBSERVERLAND RESULTS

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**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Westland John Glenn, 180.5 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 149; 3. Wayne Memorial, 143; 4. Plymouth, 133.5; 5. Novi Detroit Catholic Central (B), 120; 6. Belleville, 114; 7. Farmington, 98; 8. Farmington Hills Harrison, 91; 9. Livonia Churchill, 76.5; 10. Northville, 74.5; 11. Salem, 65; 12. Livonia Stevenson, 63; 13. Garden City, 61; 14. North Farmington, 58.5; 15. Lutheran High Westland, 58; 16. Redford Union, 54.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**  
**103 pounds:** Mohamad Youssef (Ply.) won by major decision over Michael Volyniuk (FHH), 10-0; **3rd place:** Jack Newa (LF) won by major dec. over Chase Spanos (WJG), 10-0; **5th place:** Jack DeJack (WVM) dec. Collin Cartwright (C), 8-6.  
**112 pounds:** Kyle Gillies (WJG) dec. Austin Koehler (Bell.), 7-1; **3rd:** Nick Robertson (LF) won by major dec. over Chyle Johnson (CC), 12-2; **5th:** Marco Lytwyn (LS) won by major dec. over Kevin Charara (Nville), 8-0.  
**119 pounds:** Josh Perez (LC) dec. Trey Berry (Ply.), 8-6; **3rd:** Kevin

Huynh (WJG) dec. Tim Way (WVM), 10-5; **5th:** Cole Moscovici (CC) dec. Calvin Jackson (Bell.), 9-6.

**125 pounds:** Zachary Francis (LV) won by major dec. over Jon Locklear (LC), 15-3; **3rd:** Greg Johnson (CC) dec. Joshua Vandeyar (Bell.), 9-5; **5th:** Spencer Schifter (Ply.) dec. Quinn Dupraw (WJG), 10-6.

**130 pounds:** Immanuel Govantes (Farm.) won by injury default over Danny Martinez (LF); **3rd:** Eli Joseph (CC) dec. Brett Quinn (WJG), 7-1; **5th:** Caleb McCabe (Salem) dec. Jake Hale (LC), 2-1.  
**135 pounds:** Andrew Fialka (FHH) dec. Jon Conn (Ply.), 10-7; **3rd:** Sean Wagner (Nville) dec. Deandre Moore (WJG), 6-1; **5th:** Ryan O'Connor (CC) pinned Zack Leck (LC), 1:45.

**140 pounds:** Allen Parker (WVM) dec. Alec Breckenridge (Ply.), 8-4; **3rd:** Bobby Mathieson (FHH) dec. Caleb Brown (Bell.), 8-4; **5th:** Tim McCotter (CC) p. Max Mudar (Nville), 3:22.

**145 pounds:** Kody Roy (LS) dec. LaRone Mack (FHH), 8-5; **3rd:** Hussein Youssef (Ply.) p. Joe Benjamin (NF), 4:42; **5th:** Jake Filban (CC) won by major dec. over Marcus Jordan (WVM), 13-4.  
**152 pounds:** Travis Mann (WJG) p.

Nick Frazier (LF), 1:45; **3rd:** Jayson Walton (RU) dec. Joshua Wooten (Bell.), 9-8; **5th:** Alex Coe (Nville) dec. James Ward (NF), 5-0.

**160 pounds:** Jordan Atienza (LF) p. Matt Wisniewski (GC), 3:33; **3rd:** Wesley Kuuttila (Farm.) won by major dec. over Connor Vaughan (LS), 15-1; **5th:** William Herring (Bell.) won by major dec. over Joey Shaver (Ply.), 13-5.

**171 pounds:** Collin Rankin (RU) dec. Tyler Gross (Salem), 5-0; **3rd:** Ryan Southerland (Farm.) p. Sam Ekanem (WVM), 4:18; **5th:** Dan Huber (LF) dec. Jake Kelley (LS), 3-2.

**189 pounds:** Allen Steele (LF) dec. Adam Druz (GC), 9-3; **3rd:** Mitchell Gross (Salem) dec. David Borthwick (Nville), 11-5; **5th:** Lucas Hofbauer (WVM) p. Brandon Underwood (Bell.), 2:40.

**215 pounds:** Jordan Brandon (WJG) p. Tyler Casteels (WVM), 2:52; **3rd:** Tony Agostin (Salem) dec. Carl Keeney (RU), 3-2; **5th:** Trent Bekker (Farm.) p. Nate Penney (NF), 1:23.

**285 pounds:** Dylan Morantes (WJG) dec. Aaron Mauldin (WVM), 6-3; **3rd:** Justin Shelton (NF) dec. Johnny Wines (Nville), 7-3; **5th:** Brad Hura (LV) p. Mannie Sanchez (Farm.), 2:53.



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Franklin's Jordan Atienza (top) came away with the 160-pound staying unbeaten when he pinned Garden City's Matt Wisniewski in the finals.

# Livonia Red nips Blue in Flip for a Cure

## Margin less than 1 point

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Tuesday night's Flip for a Cure between the Livonia Red and Livonia Blue girls gymnastics certainly didn't disappoint and provided plenty of drama.

As each team huddled afterwards to hear the final team tally, it was Red edging Blue by a razor-thin margin, 139.30-139.05, at Churchill High School.

But the big winner was cancer research as the two teams — prior to the start of the meet — honored the late Jean Caruss, an MHSAA judge who died last August.

"Promoting that was awesome," said Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki. "The turnout was awesome and also the support. I'm very pleased with the girls tonight."

Livonia Red had the slight edge over Blue uneven bars (34.10-33.85) and balance beam (35.05-39.5), while Blue captured the vault (34.05-34.85) and floor exercise (35.45-35.20).

Katie Kretzschmar, who returned to high school gymnastics after a season off, gave Red a boost with a win in the balance beam with a 9.4. She also added a 9.05 to place second on the uneven bars.

"So happy to have Katie (Kretzschmar) back," Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "She's come

back, she's strong, she's a senior. She's healthy now and recovered from the injuries. And she's definitely one of our strong competitors."

It was Livonia Red's second highest score of the year after posting a 139.95 in a dual meet loss last week to Plymouth.

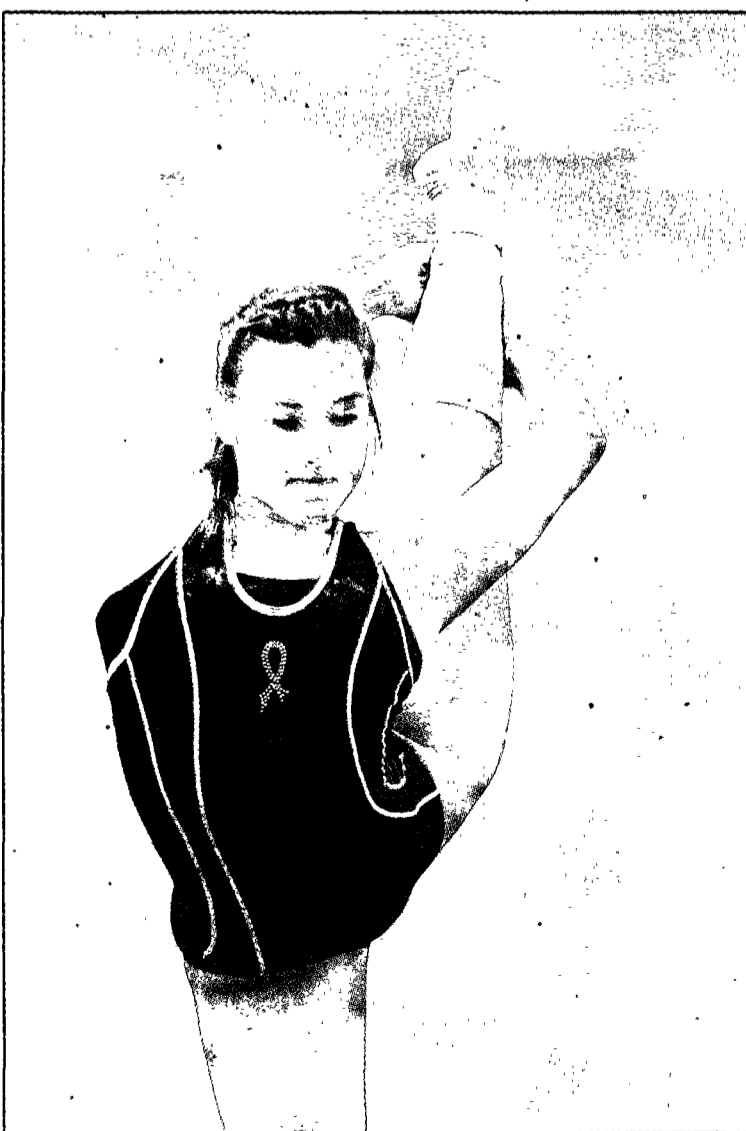
"In addition, Marissa McVey and Maggie McGowan I'm very pleased with," Grodzicki said. "And Sydney Grenier and Jackie Dzuirgot definitely stepped it up."

But the individual star of the night was Blue's Bri Rhoad, who almost single-handedly won the meet after finishing first on the vault (9.1), uneven bars (9.3) and floor exercise (9.175).

"She's a strong competitor (Rhoad)," Grodzicki said. "They (Blue) have a strong team, but maybe we had a little more depth than them. It was a very good meet."

"Bars I was very pleasantly surprised with and floor as well, but I'd have to say overall all four events came together tonight." Rhoad was the all-round winner with a season-best 36.525 followed by McVey (34.55), Red's Shannon Diaz (34.40), McGowan (34.10) and Blue's Alex Zukowski (33.70).

"She had a great meet," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Broomfield said of the ninth-grader. "She's had



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Livonia Red's Shannon Diaz performs on the balance beam during Tuesday's Flip for a Cure meet against Livonia Blue.

## Rocket girls bowlers 2nd

Westland John Glenn's Julia Huren and Caity Lenard finished first in qualifying and made it all the way to the finals before falling to Salem's Bridget Maul and Kristin Larkins in Saturday's Clarenceville's Doubles Championship held at Merri-Bowl Lanes.

Huren and Lenard rolled regular games of 422-350-353 and finished 180-212 in the two-game Baker set to edge Maul and Larkins by two pins, 1,517-1,515.

Huren and Lenard then defeated teams from Canton, Northville and Farmington Harrison to reach the finals.

Meanwhile, Glenn's Olivia Cabildo and Emily Dietz placed seventh in qualifying with a 1,401 total, while Wayne's Kira Leach and Christina O'Harris were eighth with a 1,387. Cabildo and Dietz were ousted by Maul and Larkins in the quarterfinals, while O'Harris and Leach fell in the first-round to Northville.

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# Not enough

## Campbell nets 36, but Stevenson falls

Northville couldn't hold down Livonia Stevenson senior guard Josh Campbell from scoring Tuesday night, but the Mustangs contained the rest of the Spartans en route to a 59-53 KLA Central Division boys basketball win.

Campbell poured in a career-high 36 points, but Northville's 6-foot-7 junior Andrew Meacham countered with 30 points of his own as the Mustangs improved to 6-7 overall and 3-4 in the Central.

"He (Meacham) is a solid player, we held him to 15 the first time, but they (Northville) had the height advantage," said Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team slipped to 6-6 overall and 2-5 in the Central. "He's a tough guys to defend because he can score in multiple ways, whether

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it's on offensive rebounds or stepping back behind the three-point line."

The 5-11 Campbell made 14 field goals, including one triple, to go along with 7-of-11 foul shots.

"Unfortunately he was the only guy offensively," Sinawi said. "Our next guy had six points (Joe Mims)."

Stevenson struggled at the foul line going 11-of-24, while the Mustangs made 15-of-18.

**JOHN GLENN 57, CHURCHILL 35:** Junior James Pruitt tallied eight of his team-high 12 points in the first period Tuesday to spur host Westland John Glenn (11-2, 6-1) to a KLA South Division triumph over Livonia Churchill (4-9, 2-5).

The Rockets, who led 23-10 after one quarter and 37-16 at halftime, also got 10 points from senior guard Nick Daniels and nine from junior forward Isaac Everette.

Donte Jackson and Jon Hovemale tallied nine and seven points, respectively, for the Chargers.

**PLYMOUTH 56, FRANKLIN 31:** Josh Priebe tallied 17 points Tuesday as 11 of 12 players scored as the host Wildcats (6-7, 4-3) rolled to a KLA South Division win over Livonia Franklin (5-8, 3-4). Plymouth led 24-13 at halftime and put it away with a 19-6 third-quarter run.

Alex Armstrong scored 14 for the Patriots, who shot only 27 percent from the floor (10-of-36).

**CANTON 63, WAYNE 16:** Josh Mayberry and Jordan Nobles scored 14 points apiece to spark the Chiefs (8-5, 6-1), co-leaders in the KLA South, to an easy win Tuesday over visiting Wayne Memorial (2-10, 0-7).

Canton led 24-3 after one quarter and 45-9 at intermission.

"They (Canton) were well prepared and played hard," said Wayne coach Mike Schuette, whose team's leading scorer had just three points. "We were not prepared and didn't play hard."

# Anastos sparks Blazers' victory

## Divine Child loses, 57-52

Senior point-guard Andie Anastos keyed a second-half surge Tuesday as host Livonia Ladywood upheld state-ranked Dearborn Divine Child, 57-52, in a Catholic League Central Division girls basketball game.

Anastos finished with 26 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists as the Blazers improved to 9-5 overall and 4-3 in the Central.

Sara Even and Sara Wojnarowski chipped in with 11 and eight points, respectively, as Ladywood rallied from a 30-21 halftime deficit.

"We had to regroup and I'm proud of our

### GIRLS HOOPS

seniors," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "They played like seniors and were able to compete at a high level and kids got a good result."

First-place Divine Child (11-3, 4-2) had four players score in double figures led by Morgan Blair and Mallory Myler with 12 apiece, while Riley Blair and Nicole Urbanek each added 11.

Divine Child went 12-of-19 from the foul line, while Ladywood made 10-of-18.

**CLARENCEVILLE 64, HAZEL PARK 42:** Junior center Ayanna Buckley scored 27 points and pulled down nine rebounds leading host Livonia Clarenceville (6-9) to a non-league win over the Vikings (0-12). Erica Katz chipped in with

13 points and 11 rebounds for the Trojans, who led 16-2 after one quarter.

Jodi Ankiel and Ashley Murphy each added six as Clarenceville made 18-of-29 free throws.

Stephanie Toma and Dominique Coleman tallied 20 and 14 points, respectively, for Hazel Park.

**GREENHILLS 43, HVL 33:** On Tuesday, Astra Tucker scored 14 points to lift first-place Ann Arbor Greenhills (7-6, 6-1) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-6, 2-6).

Juniors Dayna St. John and Sarah Setian paced the Hawks with 16 and 13, respectively.

HVL, which trailed 29-14 at halftime and 39-20 after three quarters, made just 4-of-13 free throws.

"We need to put four quarters of solid basketball together," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "Our shooting was poor tonight - 22 percent from the floor."

# Lutheran Westland remains hot, 54-24

The Lutheran High Westland boys basketball team continued its winning ways Tuesday with a convincing 54-24 victory over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

The Warriors, who got 12 points apiece from Brandon Wyman and Nick Andrzejewski, improve to 6-4 overall and 5-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Nick Flanery also added 11 points, while Wyman pulled down a team-best nine rebounds as Lutheran Westland took charge from the start jumping out to a 24-3 first-quarter lead.

"We had a commanding lead at the half, but

we weren't playing both ends of the floor like I felt we should be," said Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft, whose team has won five-of-six. "Our movement was better in the second half. We got more open shots. However, we're missing a lot of really good looks in the paint. We need to go a lot stronger to the basket."

Lutheran Westland shot 40 percent from the floor (23-of-58).

"Our field goal percentage is poor lately because we're missing those easy opportunities," Hoeft said. "Regardless, the biggest thing is that we're playing as a team, and that's what I like to see. We're stringing

some wins together now heading into the second half of conference play."

Calvary (1-10, 1-6) got six points apiece from James Bergler and Blake Garner.

**GREENHILLS 74, HVL 47:** Andrew Khouri poured in a game-high 26 points to carry hot-shooting Ann Arbor Greenhills (10-1, 9-0) to a MIAC Red Division win Tuesday over visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-8, 1-6).

Derek Heitman added 13 points for the Gryphons, who shot 68 percent from the field in the opening half to take a 45-26 lead.

Ryan Schaffer and Milan Monk paced the Hawks with 14 and 13, respectively. Huron Valley shot 50 percent from the floor during the first 16 minutes, but still trailed by 19 at intermission.

# Glenn girls cruise to victory

Raven Bankston continued her scoring surge Tuesday as the senior guard poured in a game-high 23 points to spark Westland John Glenn to a 62-34 girls basketball win at Livonia Churchill.

Bankston, a 5-foot-7 senior transfer from Detroit Mumford, also got help from junior guard Kaira Barnes (16) and twin sister Raine Bankston (14).

State-ranked Glenn, which jumped out to a 37-17 halftime lead, improves to 12-1 overall and 7-0 in the KLA's Central Division.

The Rockets also played without injured starters ShaKeya Graves and Kierra Jordan.

Churchill (5-8, 1-6) got 14 points from sophomore center Hannah Pummill and 10 from

senior guard Sydney Anderson.

The Chargers went 6-of-12 from the foul line, while Glenn hit 2-of-6.

**PLYMOUTH 58, FRANKLIN 27:** Shelby Cheston was a force inside with 17 points, nine rebounds and five blocks to propel the Wildcats (6-7, 5-2) to a KLA South Division triumph Tuesday over host Livonia Franklin (7-6, 3-4).

Jada Woody added 10 points, while Leah Kliczinski chipped in with eight points and 11 rebounds for Plymouth, which led 33-10 at halftime.

Katelynn Devers paced the Patriots with 13 points. Fifty-two of Plymouth's 58 points came in the paint.

"We had a great game plan, but it just did not happen," Franklin coach Jim Milican said. "We knew they'd work the ball inside to Cheston. She's 6-3 or 6-4 and they still got the ball into her."

Franklin made just 7-of-19 foul shots, while Plymouth hit 8-of-22.

**NORTHVILLE 42, STEVEN-**

**SON 28:** Brittany Berehulka scored 14 points Tuesday as the host Mustangs (10-3, 5-2) galloped past Livonia Stevenson (6-7, 2-5) in a KLA Central Division encounter. Junior guard Rachel Wilkinson also scored 14 in a losing cause.

Stevenson trailed by only five at the end of three quarters, 28-23, and cut the deficit to two early in the fourth before being outscored 14-5.

"We made one mistake and it sent us into a tailspin," Stevenson coach Jen Knophsaid. "We made defensive mistakes and offensive mistakes, and we were in foul trouble, too."

Northville made 11-of-14 free throws, while Stevenson connected on 5-of-7.

**CANTON 63, WAYNE 29:** Paige Aresco had 16 points and four steals powering the Chiefs (9-4, 5-2) to a KLA South Division win Tuesday at Wayne Memorial (1-11, 0-7).

Taylor Hunley added 11 points, while Sharon Perry pulled down 11 rebounds as Canton led 19-5 after one quarter and 51-16 going into the fourth.

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

<p><b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b>  <b>Friday, Feb. 1</b>                  Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.                  Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.                  John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.                  L. W'sld at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b>  <b>Thursday, Jan. 31</b>                  Marian at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, Feb. 1</b>                  Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.                  Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.                  Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>PREP HOCKEY</b>  <b>Friday, Feb. 1</b>                  Churchill vs. South Lyon at Kensington Valley I.H., 8 p.m. (Grand Blanc Winter Classic)                  Franklin vs. Lapeer at Perani Arena, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Feb. 2</b>                  Grand Blanc Winter Classic at Perani, 2:30 &amp; 4:30 p.m.                  Stevenson vs. Novi-Detroit CC Compuware Arena, 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ladywood at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.                  Churchill vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>PREP WRESTLING</b>  <b>Saturday, Feb. 2</b>                  Adrian Madison Tourney, TBA.                  KLA Championship at EMU Bowen F.H., 9 a.m.                  Western Wayne Co. Meet at Summit Academy, 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>BOYS SWIMMING</b>  <b>Thursday, Jan. 31</b>                  Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.                  Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.                  Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.                  Stevenson at N'ville, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, Feb. 1</b>                  Stevenson, Salem at A.A. Pioneer, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>PREP BOWLING</b>  <b>Thursday, Jan. 31</b>                  Clarenceville vs. Oxford at Collier's Lanes, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, Feb. 1</b>                  John Glenn vs. Plymouth,</p>	<p>Wayne vs. Novi at Town N' Country, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, Feb. 1</b>                  Ladywood vs. Regina at Sterling Lanes, 3:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>GIRLS GYMNASTICS</b>  <b>Saturday, Feb. 2</b>                  Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER</b>  <b>Saturday, Feb. 2</b>                  KLA Championship at W.L. Northern, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS</b>  <b>Thursday, Jan. 31</b>                  MU at Cornerstone, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Feb. 2</b>                  Davenport at MU, 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS</b>  <b>Thursday, Jan. 31</b>                  MU at Cornerstone, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Feb. 2</b>                  Davenport at MU, 1 p.m.                  Wayne Co. at S'craft, 1 p.m.                  TBA - time to be announced.</p>
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Livonia Blue freshman Bri Rhoad captured three individual events including the uneven bars with a score of 9.3 in Tuesday's Flip for a Cure dual against Livonia Red.

## FLIP

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some bobbles and some bobbles, but she's really growing into her own as a high school gymnast in her first year as a freshman.

"I'm really proud of all the girls. They stepped up without having a practice yesterday because of the snow day. They worked

together as a team and performed as a team. I'm extremely proud of them."

Ironically, just three days earlier, Red edged Blue, 137.425-137.400 for second place in the Troy Athens Invitational.

The two teams will meet again Saturday in the Canton Invitational.

"Alex Zukowski had a fall during warmups and she pulled it together and really took her skills to

another level this meet," Broomfield said. "Jillian (Zafarana), as well, had an amazing floor (8.825). Our team, as a whole, did everything they could have done tonight. It's our high season score. We can only go forward from here and look forward to the Canton Invite and we'll see how we do there."

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## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

### DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA RED 139.30  
LIVONIA BLUE 139.05

Jan. 29 at Churchill H.S.

**Vault:** 1. Bri Rhoad (Blue), 9.1; 2. Marissa McVey (Red), 8.85; 3. (tie) Jamie Jasinski (Blue), Maggie McGowan (Red) and Sydney Grenier (Red), 8.75 each.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Rhoad (Blue), 9.3; 2. Katie Kretschmar (Red), 9.05; 3. McVey (Red), 8.7; 4.

Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.25; 5. Emily Chatterjee (Blue), 8.2.

**Balance beam:** 1.

Kretschmar (Red), 9.4; 2. Diaz (Red), 9.0; 3. Rhoad (Blue), 8.95; 4. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 8.85; 5. (tie) Allison White (Blue) and Jasinski (Blue), 8.55 each.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Rhoad (Blue), 9.175; 2. McGowan (Red), 8.9; 3. McVey (Red), 8.85;

4. Alex Zukowski (Blue), 8.8; 5. Grenier (Red), 8.75.

**All-around:** 1. Rhoad (Blue), 36.525; 2. McVey (Red), 34.55; 3. Diaz (Red), 34.40;

4. McGowan (Red), 34.10; 5. Zukowski (Blue), 33.70.

**Dual meet records:** Livonia Red, 4-5 overall, 2-2 KLAAs Kensington Division; Livonia Blue, 2-7 overall, 1-3 Kensington.

# Rockets' man

## Scheffer takes Glenn baseball reins

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn is going with a blast from the past to resurrect its varsity baseball program.

Lawrence Scheffer, a former standout for the Rockets who hit 10 home runs during his senior year, was named varsity coach last week after serving as a volunteer with the program for over a decade.

He replaces Dan Danic, who went 17-44 in his two seasons with the Rockets, including a Division 1 district title in 2011.

Scheffer, a 1991 Glenn grad, comes from a baseball family. His older brother Chris was a prolific hitter who later played football at Central Michigan University, while younger brother Aaron was a stand-out pitcher at Glenn who played briefly for the Seattle Mariners after a lengthy minor league career.

"That's where me and my brothers grew up, it's my alma mater and I'm just going to try and help kids out as much as I can," said the 39-year-old Scheffer. "We used to have a dynasty with the program there ... we've got to get our youth programs back so when they get to high



Scheffer

school, they're ready to play at a high level, especially in our league."

Danic resigned last fall, but his replacement wasn't named until last week.

"It's a personal thing with Dan," Wayne-Westland Schools A.D. Greg Ambrose.

"His wife is expecting another baby coming up and it's due the start of baseball season. He wanted to make sure to commit the time to it. With all the issues with that he decided to step aside to be the family guy."

Ambrose said Scheffer "was our top choice obviously."

"He's got a great baseball background," the A.D. added. "The kids know him, the parents know him. They're pretty excited about it. They're already doing some conditioning in the offseason. We're excited about the opportunities."

After graduating from Glenn, Scheffer played four seasons at the University of Detroit Mercy converting from the outfield to catcher.

He also played two seasons of professional baseball, one with the Ogden (Utah) Raptors of the Pioneer League and the other with the Kalamazoo Kodiaks of the Frontier League.

Scheffer has a degree in Criminal Justice from UDM and a minor in Education. He served as an

apprentice lineman at DTE Energy and later bought a landscaping company with his brother Aaron.

Scheffer, who substitute teaches in the district, also currently coaches in the Under Armour Baseball Factory national training program, which evaluates and helps high school players get to the collegiate level.

"I want a smart and aggressive team," Scheffer said. "We have about five or six pitchers coming back. These BBCOR bats are not the liveliest, so we're just going to have to play small ball, bunt, safety squeeze ...

"As long as you throw strikes and have a half-way decent infield team, I think we'll be O.K. I'm not going to say we're going to win a state title first year, second year ... as long as you can compete at the .500 level in our conference. That's what my main goal is. I'm excited."

Scheffer will also lean on his staff of assistant coaches.

"I got my brother (Aaron), a former big league player, working with the pitchers, and Gary Pierce working with the infielders," he said. "I think we have a bunch of good kids willing to work and try to get better as high school baseball players."

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## Rocket boys rule in C'ville doubles

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's Mark Kassab and Steven White proved to be a dynamic duo - and then some - in Saturday's sixth annual Livonia Clarenceville Doubles Championship at Merri-Bowl Lanes.

The Rocket pair stood above 45 other teams to earn the coveted title.

"In 16 games they only missed four or five spares," Glenn coach Ron Staples said. "You can not beat a team when you fill all the frames. This was maybe the best bowling I have seen all year. Steve and Mark simply were unbeatable on this day."

Kassab and White started out strong as they rolled three-game series of 703 and 699, respectively. Kassab had a 298-223-182, while White posted a 289-215-195.

They followed by a 236-234 two-game Baker set for an 1,872 total pin count to secure the number one position in the prelims.

In the elimination Baker final round, Kassab and White defeated North Farmington's Anthony Lee and Aaron Radner after ousting teams from Riverview, Salem and Birmingham Brother Rice and North Farmington.

Wayne's Austin St. Peter and John Willet were third overall in the qualifying and fell to Lee and Radner in the semifinals.

Both Glenn bowlers were hot all day as Kassab threw 11 strikes in a row before throwing a pocket split to spoil his chance at a 300.

Meanwhile, White rolled 10 in a row and followed with a perfect shot and left and ringing 10-pin to spoil his shot at a 300.

They teamed up to bowl a pair of 279s in the Bakers (alternating shots) during their run to the title.

Glenn's other doubles team of Dan Ammons and Steve Brusseau finished eighth in the pre-

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lims before losing a heartbreaker in the first round of elimination against Salem.

"They tied after two Baker games and had to go to a one-ball roll off to see who would move on," Staples said. "The whole crowd was on their

feet when both bowlers matched each other for three extra frames before Salem prevailed in the fourth sudden death frame.

"This was a great day to be a Rocket bowling fan."

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# Catholic Central corners Churchill icers, 5-2

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Playing its third game of a murderous four-game stretch, the Livonia Churchill boys hockey team is certainly earning its stripes.

On Saturday, the Chargers lost their third straight to a top-10 ranked team, this time to host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 5-2, at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

"Despite coming up short, I was proud of our effort," Churchill first-year coach Jason Reynolds said. "We played a solid three periods. Our goal was to keep it close and I thought we kept our composure."

Churchill, now 8-7-1 overall, had gone 7-0-1 in its previous eight before meeting Brighton (No. 3 in Division 1), Livonia Stevenson (No. 4 in Division 2) and CC (No. 2 in Division 1).

"The last four games have been the tougher part of our schedule, but it's a step in the right direction going into the postseason and we're kind of building momentum," said Reynolds, whose took on defending Division 1 state champion Brighton Wednesday

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night at Edgar Arena.

CC (12-5) led 2-1 after one period getting goals from Max Wenko (from Nick Daigneau at 0:51) and Evan Kearns (from Alex Kreutzer at 9:11).

Churchill's Luke Otto then scored at 16:61 of the same period from Tommy Carey.

At 6:31 of the second period, Daigneau scored from Wenko and Carson Gatt, but Churchill's Riley Brown cut the deficit to 3-2 just 16 seconds later off assists from Jack Behen and Brad Milks.

CC's Charlie Green then scored from Michael Babcock at 10:37 to make it 4-2 heading into the final period.

The Shamrocks then put it away on Danny Middleton's goal from Bobby Carey and Luke Turner at 5:05 of the final period.

Churchill freshman goalie Alec Calvaruso stopped 25-of-30 shots, while CC's Ryan Mulka had to make just 11 saves.

**STEVENS ON 6, NOVI 1:** Tyler Irvine tallied a pair of goals Saturday as Livonia Stevenson (12-5-1, 7-2-1) scored five times in the second period to beat the host Wildcats (7-10-1, 3-5-1) in a

KLAAs Central Division game at Novi Ice Arena.

Dominic Lutz and Travis Harvey each added a goal and assist for the Spartans, who led 1-0 after one period and 6-0 after two.

"That second period was the best period we've played all year and it was good to see that," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said.

Ben Kowalske and Stephen Olschanski (his varsity first) also tallied goals for Stevenson. Chris Catalano and Devin Kelly also collected two assists apiece.

Stevenson goaltender Connor Humitz made 19 saves, including a penalty shot in the final period. But his shutout bid was spoiled when Novi's Connor Kenrick scored with only 14 seconds left.

**FRANKLIN 8, AVONDALE 1:** Junior Matt Van Hulle's hat trick powered Livonia Franklin (7-8-1) to a non-conference win Saturday over host Auburn Hills Avondale (3-10-1) at the Troy Sports Center.

Jack Engel, Daniel Pedersen, Adam Stadler, Mike Diaz (power play) and Alex Stavar also tallied goals for the Patriots, who jumped out to a 4-0 first-period lead.

Paul Mariani scored unassisted for the Yellow Jackets in the second period.

Franklin starting goaltender Matt Monendo stopped all eight shots he faced before giving way to Sean Reeves-Carson, who took over in the second and made 13-of-14 saves including a couple of spectacular stops during that same period.

Avondale goalie Nikolas Senkowski made 39-of-47 saves.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Girls softball

The Livonia Storm is starting a new developmental machine pitch, spring softball league for 8- and 10-and-under girls with walk-in registration from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Storm's Washington practice facility, located at 9449 Hix Road, Livonia.

Eight-and-under is an infield-only league open to the first 36 registrants. The 10-and-under is full field and limited to the first 44 that apply.

The cost is \$75 and mail-in registration is currently ongoing.

For more information, visit [www.livoniastorm.com](http://www.livoniastorm.com).

For more information, call Keith DeMolay at (734) 722-1251.

## Baseball clinic

The seventh annual Livonia Franklin Future Stars spring baseball clinic (grades 2-6) will be 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) Saturday, Feb. 23, at the high school fieldhouse, located at 31000 Joy Road.

The first session consists of hitting, base running and infield skills, while the second includes pitching, defense and outfield approach.

The cost for both sessions is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt) or \$30 per session. Bring a sack lunch between sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For more information, email Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at [mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org).

## Softball camps

Madonna University will hold a winter softball fundamentals camp (ages 7-18) from noon-2:30 p.m., Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

The cost is \$125.

For more information, visit [www.MadonnaCrusaders.com](http://www.MadonnaCrusaders.com).

The Madonna Churchill Chargers Fundamental Camp for girls in grades 3-8 will be from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 2 at the high school fieldhouse.

The cost is \$35 (pre-registration required).

For more information, call or email Churchill head coach Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716; or [churchillsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:churchillsoftball@gmail.com).

## Girls slow-pitch

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer open registration for its 2013 girls 10-and-under slow-pitch softball program, which runs from May through July, by mail will be through Feb. 15.

Walk-in and fax-in registration will be through Feb. 22, or until enrollment reaches 160. The fee is \$40 per child (resident) or \$50 (non-resident).

Registration forms are available at area schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Late registration for residents will be from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 23 at the LCRC. The fee is \$50.

Non-resident late registration follows beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, March 25 at the LCRC's recreation office and openings will be filled until April 29 on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$60.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (hit option No. 2).

## Girls pom clinic

The state champion Livonia Pom team is staging a clinic for grades 3-8 from 8:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Learn pom basics, kick line and a full pom routine taught by Livonia Pom team members.

Included in the \$25 cost is a T-shirt.

For more information and tryouts, visit [www.Livoniapom@gmail.com](http://www.Livoniapom@gmail.com)

## Livonia baseball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will have open registration for its 2013 co-ed instructional, T-ball (7-8) and coach-pitch program which runs from May through July.

Livonia or Clarenceville public schools residents can register by mail through Feb. 8. Walk-in and fax-in registration will be through Feb. 8 (or until enrollment reaches 640).

The cost is \$40 per child (non-resident) and \$50 (resident).

Registration forms are available at area schools or at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Late resident registration will be from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 23 at the LCRC. The fee is \$50 per child.

Non-resident registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, March 25 at the LCRC's recreation office. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis until April 29. The fee is \$60 per child.

T-ball scrimmages are played Monday evenings, while coach-pitch is Thursday evenings.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (hit option No. 2).



Wayne's Allen Parker (top) captured the 140-pound Observerland crown with an 8-6 OT victory over Plymouth's Alec Breckenridge.

## WRESTLING

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happy for them."

For Franklin, a four-time Observerland champ, it was a bitter-sweet night.

The Patriots got titles from Jordan Atienza (160) and Allen Steele (189), but lost arguably their best wrestler when 130-pounder Danny Martinez, who had just one loss all season, suffered a broken arm in the finals against Farmington's Immanuel Govantes, the Oakland County champ.

Martinez, a senior who had never taken an injury timeout during his four-year career, was a threat to win Franklin's first-ever individual state title.

He is expected to be out six to eight weeks after being taken for X-rays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

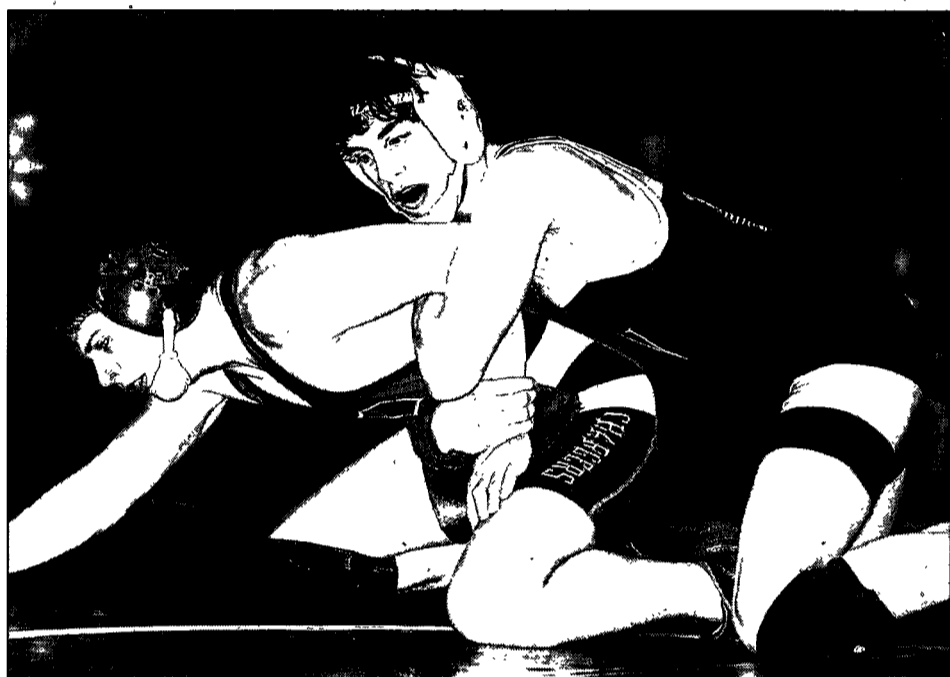
"I'm just sick," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "He's the nicest kid I've ever coached. Best kid, the nicest, smartest, most humble. The whole team is broken up."

The Patriots took second, but couldn't leapfrog Glenn.

"We had five guys not score any points," Chiola said. "Every match we won we were supposed to win. We didn't win any matches we were not supposed to win, so that's never good. We let a lot of guys off their backs. We did not wrestle well."

Wayne Memorial put three in the finals with senior Allen Parker winning the 140-pound crown after earning a hard-fought 8-6 overtime decision over Plymouth's Alec Breckenridge.

"I can't complain, I'm walking out with a trophy for the first time since I've been coming to this tournament for eight



Lutheran High Westland's Zachary Francis (right) captured the 125-pound final with a 15-3 major decision over Churchill's Jon Locklear.

years," Wayne coach Steve Vasilloff said. "The team wrestled tough. I had some kids I thought do better, but did not do as well. But I had some kids that I didn't think would do as well, do really well."

"Overall, I'm not complaining. No one in particular surprised me, but the kids went out there and won the matches that they needed to win to get to the finals. We had three kids in the finals that I'll never complain about either. It was a great win by (Allen) Parker, an OT thriller, so we were happy about that one."

Tournament coaches voted Churchill junior Josh Perez (119) the lower weights MVP after he earn a 3-2 win over Glenn's Kevin Huynh in the semifinals followed by an 8-6 triumph over top seed Trey Berry of Plymouth in the championship round.

"I just wanted to wrestle my best, I knew there would be a lot of really tough guys — Trey (Berry) especially and the

John Glenn kid (Huynh) beat me earlier this year," said Perez, who is 27-7 overall. "I just wanted to win both those matches and take them back."

Perez lost to Berry in the back-draw of last year's Division 1 individual districts.

"Me and my coaches, and all my teammates going over video constantly throughout the weeks as far as redefining my technique and going over my weak points, which showed here today and helped me win," Perez said.

Another impressive performance was turned in by upper weights MVP Collin Rankin of Redford Union. The senior, the top seed, ran his record to 40-0 with a 5-0 decision over Salem's Tyler Gross, the second seed.

"Last year I didn't do as well, just got caught up in my head instead of just going out there and wrestling," Rankin said. "I think I placed fifth here last year — again, a head case. It's mental."

"I was just going to go out there and wres-

tle my match, use my tie-ups, take them down, just three hard periods."

Rankin credits his "mental toughness" for this season's success.

"Last year I had all the same moves, the same conditioning, but this year I've put it together upstairs," he said.

Other individual Observerland individual champions included Mohamad Youssef, Plymouth (103); Zachary Francis, Lutheran High Westland (125); Andrew Fialka, Farmington Hills Harrison (135); and Kody Roy, Livonia Stevenson (145).

But the day belonged to Glenn, outright champions for the first time.

"Most of them did what exactly they were supposed to," said Polk, who also shared the team title with Churchill in 2004. "I think we had one kid do better than he was seeded and one kid do worse. So it went almost like it was supposed to on paper for us."

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## Crushing setback for Crusaders

The Madonna University men's basketball team suffered a damaging setback Saturday in its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title hopes falling to also-ran Marygrove College, 64-57, at Highland Park's Ford Field House.

The nationally-ranked Crusaders fell to 16-7 overall and 11-4 in the WHAC as Davenport took over sole possession of first place.

Kevin Dunaj scored 10 points, while Diante Taylor and Cameron Coburn added 15 and 14, respectively, for the Mustangs (3-20, 3-12).

Madonna junior guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) led all scorers with 23 points to go along with seven rebounds and three assists.

The Crusaders, who dropped their second straight, also got 13 points and 10 rebounds from junior forward Fred Williams.

## COLLEGE HOOPS

Three-point sharpshooter Travis Schuba added 10 points, but struggled from the field going 3-for-14, including 2-for-10 from beyond the arc.

MU trailed 31-27 at halftime and by as many as nine early in the second half.

The Crusaders shot only 31.6 percent from the floor (18-of-57).

**MOTT 77, S'CRAFT 42:** It was no contest Saturday as host Flint Mott Community (18-1, 8-0), ranked No. 2 in NJCAA Division II, rolled to an easy MCCA Eastern Conference win over Schoolcraft College (4-13, 1-7) at Ballenger Fieldhouse.

Fred and Chavis Mattison led the Bears with 19 and 15 points, respectively.

Richmond Jackson led the Ocelots, who trailed 37-18 at halftime, with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Terrance Coles added 12 points and nine boards. The Ocelots shot just 23.5 percent from the floor (12-of-51) and turned the ball over 23 times.

## Howell MVP for C'ville grapplers

Devin Howell earned upper weights MVP honors pinning all five of his 152-pound opponents in a span of just 2 minutes and 33 seconds as Livonia Clarenceville went 3-2 Saturday at the Dearborn Heights Annapolis

team tournament.

The Trojans, now 13-10 on the season, earned victories over the Annapolis 'B' team (41-36), Bloomfield Hills Andover (47-27) and Dearborn Divine Child (36-34), while falling to Ham-

tramck (44-32) and the host Cougar varsity team (58-18).

In addition to Howell, Domanick Slagle (145) and Aaron Bibik (160) also went 5-0 on the day.

Meanwhile, Alan Baumgardner (135) add-

ed a second, while Elijah Bean (119) placed third.

"All things considered, giving up 24 points (four voids) to all these teams, that is a great day," Clarenceville first-year coach Nick Elam said.

## MU women breeze by Marygrove

Sophomore guard Yazmeen Hamid scored a career-high 12 points to lead the Madonna University women's basketball team to its third straight win Saturday against host Marygrove College, 83-63, at Highland Park's Ford Fieldhouse.

Twelve of MU's 14 players scored as the Cru-

saders improved to 14-8 overall and 10-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Also adding 12 points was senior center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson).

Rachel Melcher came off the bench to add 11, while Michelle Lindsey and Kristie Porada added 10 apiece as the Cru-

saders shot 57.6 percent from the floor (34-of-59).

MU's bench outscored Marygrove 43-6.

The Mustangs (2-20, 0-15) got a game-high 21 points from Arielle Edwards and 19 from

Ciara Moore.

**MOTT 52, S'CRAFT 41:** Brianna Mayes scored a game-high 20 points Saturday to propel host Flint Mott Community College (13-5,

5-3) to an MCCA Eastern Conference victory over Schoolcraft College (5-13, 2-6).

The Bears rallied from a 26-20 halftime deficit by going on a 17-0 run to start the second half.

Brianna Berberet (Salem) scored a team-high 13 points for the Lady Ocelots, who shot only 14-of-52 from the floor (26.9 percent) and committed 31 turnovers.

Ajai Meeks added 12 points and 15 rebounds.



RELIGION CALENDAR

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January

OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31.  
**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia  
**Details:** Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open house for the school, which includes classes for preschool through middle school, CYO sports, bus transportation for Livonia residents, and flexible payment plans. Registration packets will be available at the open house  
**Contact:** www.saintgenevieve.org or call (734) 425-4420

February

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10  
**Location:** Sacred Heart Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Details:** Christian concert for children starring Rob Evans, "The Donut Man" and his sidekick, Duncan. The musician is nationally known for Bible story-songs. Admission is \$5 per person; kids, 3 and under are admitted free  
**Contact:** Rev. Joseph Marquis, Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, at (734) 522-3166

CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Plymouth  
**Details:** The clothing bank is closing its doors. It will sell items on its final day. Shoppers should bring their own bags and boxes  
**Contact:** (734) 927-6686

DINNER DANCE

**Time/Date:** 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** This Valentine's Day event will include a sit down dinner, DJ and dancing, and photo booth for special memories. Tickets are: \$35 per couple or \$20 per person.



Danny Siegel is the guest speaker at the annual Rabbi B. Benedict and Ada S. Glazer Memorial Lectures on Judaism for the Catholic, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Muslim and Jewish Clergy, Feb. 8-9 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

They're available by calling the church office

DIVORCE SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14  
**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Junior High Commons, 1062 Church Street, Plymouth  
**Details:** New Beginnings, support group for divorced Catholics, holds its next monthly meeting which will include a talk by the Rev. Ben Luedtke. Participants also will meet in small group discussions, giving them the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration for this event is recommended and free of charge  
**Contact:** newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com

GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5-March 26  
**Location:** Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, at Drake, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** "From Grief to New Hope," an eight-week seminar and support group for individuals who are grieving after the death of a loved one, is presented by New Hope Center for Grief Support. Register online or by calling the church  
**Contact:** The church at (248) 661-9191; amanda.haeltrerman@4fcc.org; www.4fcc.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13 and 20  
**Location:** St. Michael the

Time to pray



Works by Detroit artist, Sabrina Nelson, will be on display Feb. 1-24 at Gallery@VT, in the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** The church and L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes present "Grieving with Great Hope," a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for people who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. Bill Tindall as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry

**Contact:** St. Michael's at (734) 261-1455 or www: goodmourningministry.net

LECTURE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11  
**Location:** The Berman Center for Performing Arts, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, columnist and author of "The Fed-up Man of Faith," argues against Rabbi Harold Kushner's best-selling "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" and boldly guides listeners to the conclusion that challenging God and his actions is not just a right but also a foremost obli-

gation for human beings. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the door

**Contact:** (248) 661-1900 or www.theberman.org

LENTE SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13-March 20  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** Free soup and sandwich supper served at 6 p.m. before the Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 13 and free treats after the other services. The theme is "Names of Wondrous Love"

**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9  
**Location:** Met Hotel, 5500 Crooks, Troy  
**Details:** The Capuchin ministry will hold its ninth annual wine, dinner, and auction featuring a cocktail hour with appetizers, a sit down dinner, exquisite wines from around the world along with a silent auction and live auction. Tickets are \$75 per person  
**Contact:** www.Solanus-Center.org or (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153

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**DAVIS, HAROLD**  
 88; Went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January, 26, 2013, at his home in Sebring, Fla. His was the beloved husband of 67 years of Eunice Lucille Davis; devoted father of Pam Bailey, and Hal Davis and his wife Connie; cherished grandfather of Shelly Gibson and her husband Mike, and U.S. Army Specialist Jesiah Davis; beloved brother of Ilene Meyers, and friend to many. He was preceded in death by his older sister Rita Haney; a brother, George Davis, and two grandchildren, Scotty Armbruster and Caleb Davis. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 3, 1924 and he and his two sisters were raised during the Great Depression. At age 18 he joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Ocean during World War II. In 1949, he opened Harold's Frame Shop in Redford, MI. In mid-fifties he expanded and in 1962 added another building. The business grew so that in 1970, he opened the Novi location, in 1973 expanded the building for heavy trucks. In 1976 started semi-retirement in Florida then in 1993, retired full time. Throughout the years he has helped many customers and employees. His generous spirit and kindness will forever serve as a role model for all who knew him and loved him. God blessed a man that blessed others; that was his legacy. A funeral ceremony is planned for Monday, February 4th, 4:00 pm, at First Baptist Church of Oak Park, 24201 Coolidge Hwy., Oak Park. Visitation Saturday, February 2nd, from 2:00 until 8:00 pm. (No visitation on Sunday) at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btw 9-10 Mile Rds; N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington. Memorial gifts to the American Heart Assn. (248-474-5200). www.heeney-sundquist.com



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## Livonia native returns home to perform Chopin concerto

By Sharon Dargay  
 Staff Writer

Anthony Bonamici plays piano as though he lived during the 19th century Romantic-era.

The former Livonia native can't help it. He's immersed in the history of the period every time he steps out of his apartment in St. Petersburg, Russia.

"The biggest influence of being over there is being in a historic city. That influences me, just to be in that atmosphere. It makes me feel closer to the Romantic era," said Bonamici, who is back in his hometown this week to perform at a Livonia Symphony Orchestra (LSO) concert. "You can't really know how they played, the Romantic pianists from that era ... but I think I try to play more in that style rather than a modern style."

Bonamici chose Chopin's *Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor* for his solo performance at the LSO concert, Saturday, Feb. 2, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. The Symphony, conducted by Volodymyr Shesiuk, will perform *Egmont Overture* by Beethoven and *Lieutenant Kije Suite* by Prokofiev in the first half of the program, which starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for students, 5 and up; and \$15 for groups of 10 or more. Call (313) 538-2536 for more information or visit [www.livoniasymphony.org](http://www.livoniasymphony.org).

### Celebrating 40

Although he visits his mother, Carol, in Livonia every year, Bonamici has played only one other concert with the LSO since moving in 1994 to

### ABOUT ANTHONY BONAMICI

**Musical education:** Took music lessons at age 5 with a family friend and later at a music store. At age 10, began studying piano with Donald Morelock at Schoolcraft College and as a teen studied composition with Andrew Meade at the University of Michigan. Spent a year at Rice University in Texas after graduating in 1993 from Stevenson High School. Began studying at Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory in 1994. Transferred to St. Petersburg State Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory four years later.

**Degrees:** Bachelor's degree in composition awarded in 2004 and master's degree in piano performance, in 2001, both from St. Petersburg State.

**Employment:** Teaches piano and chamber music at the Herzen State Pedagogical University in St. Petersburg. Also performs chamber music with members of the Mariinsky Theater Orchestra and is called on to adjudicate competitions and offer master classes. He speaks fluent Russian.

**Business:** Builds harpsichords at his "Bonamici Clavecins" workshop in St. Petersburg.

**Musical preference:** Classical, but occasionally listens to jazz or electronic music.

Russia, where he teaches piano and chamber music to university students.

"I'm here to help the Livonia Symphony celebrate its 40th anniversary," said Bonamici, Monday during an interview at his childhood home. "Of course, I'm glad to see my mother. It all comes together at the right time."

Bonamici also said the timing was right for him to play the Chopin piece.

"I was thinking of playing either Beethoven or this. I decided on this,"

he said, referring to Chopin's concerto. "I've always wanted to play it. I said, maybe it's time to play this one."

"I think it's a joy to play. It's very beautiful music. I have enjoyed working on it, definitely, just spending a year with Chopin."

The music is in three movements. Bonamici described the first as "dramatic and emotional" and the second as "lighter" and in a major key. The final movement is bright and cheerful.



Anthony Bonamici plays the piano at his mother's house in Livonia.

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Practicing a highly-emotional piece of music can be exhausting and influence mood.

"Imagine you are practicing that piece eight hours a day. You're in a certain mood because you've been in that piece for eight hours," he said. If Bonamici tires of rehearsing a particular piece, he sets it aside and works on another.

"You work on these in waves, in stages," he explained, adding that he enjoys practice time. "Sometimes it's work. If you want to achieve anything it's a ton of work."

### Building harpsichords

In Russia, Bonamici primarily performs in chamber music ensembles and occasionally as a soloist. In addition to rehearsing, performing and teach-

ing, he also builds harpsichords.

"I studied the harpsichord for a year. I really enjoyed it and was looking for a harpsichord to buy. I met a man who had built some small ones. So, we got into this partnership."

Bonamici continued the business, Bonamici Clavecins, after his partner died. Since then, he has hired employees to help with production.

"You don't make it from scratch. I get a kit. It has all the parts and they are machined to size. So, all the big woodworking is done. You still have to fit them together and there is a lot of musical work that has to be done. I concentrate on the musical aspect of it all."

He said the business side of Bonamici Clavecins — dealing with lawyers, accountants and

contracts — helps keep him balanced and "up to date on what's going on in the world."

On work days, he generally spends five to six hours at the harpsichord workshop, and another four or five hours teaching, before heading home to practice piano and relax.

Leisure days involve drinking lots of tea, practicing his choice of music on piano, and going out with friends.

"An ultra-leisurely day is when I am not practicing and I'll cook something," said Bonamici, whose baking specialty was croissants while growing up. "That happens once in a while, too."

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**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit  
**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission  
**Exhibits:** Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, through March 3; Motor City Muse: Detroit Photographs: Then and Now, through June 16; Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, April 7-July 7  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

**GALLERY@VT**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Feb. 1-24  
**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** Mixed media by Sabrina Nelson  
**Contact:** (734) 394-5308

**LIBERTY STREET BREW PUB**  
**Time/Date:** Artist reception, 5-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8; exhibit through March 30; pub hours are 3 p.m.-midnight, Monday-Thursday; 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday; and noon-midnight, Sunday  
**Location:** 149 W. Liberty St., Plymouth; Upper Hall Gallery  
**Details:** Second annual group show by Art Circle Six. This year's show features the artist challenge "Icons, Myths and Legends"  
**Contact:** (734) 207-9600

**NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE**  
**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 1-23; artist reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** 7th Annual Member Exhibition is an all-me-

dia, non-juried show.  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through Jan. 31  
**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** Realee Edgar's realistic paintings feature classic and vintage autos.  
**Contact:** (734) 416-4278

#### Film

**MAPLE THEATRE**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 6-7  
**Location:** 4136 Maple, west of Telegraph, Bloomfield Township  
**Details:** Meet seven survivors of profound loss in the documentary, "Transforming Loss," by Judith Burdick, licensed psychotherapist. Learn what the human spirit is capable of in times of trauma and tragedy. Burdick will be on hand for the premiere of her new film. The screening is sponsored by Temple Beth El. Tickets are free and available by pre-registering online at [www.transforminglossdocumentary.com](http://www.transforminglossdocumentary.com). Click on the "register" tab  
**Contact:** (248) 808-5569

**PENN THEATRE**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, and 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** "Rise of the Guardians," \$3  
**Coming up:** "Life of Pi," 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 and 14, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 8-9, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

**REDFORD THEATRE**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Feb. 8, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 9  
**Location:** 17350 Lahser,

#### Historical

**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 25-June 9  
**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** New "Made in America" exhibit highlights America's contributions to industry, with a special emphasis on Michigan-made products. Visitors will find iconic American-made products throughout the Museum's "Main Street," including a 1931 Ford Model A pick-up truck belonging to Margaret Dunning, the Museum's major benefactor. Other notable items include eight pedal cars from the collection of Greg Gladki of Westland, and a 1960s vintage Texico gas pump that keeps the pedal cars fueled. Many more items from the Museum's collections are scattered throughout the exhibit, giving visitors a full sense of American ingenuity. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17  
**Contact:** (734) 455-8940

#### Music

**10 NORTH BAR & GRILLE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. to approximately 1 a.m.  
**Location:** 24555 Novi Road, Novi  
**Details:** Free live music series with The Rocks, female-fronted cover band, Feb. 1; The Party, '80s cover band, Feb. 8; Soul Hustler, Motown, classic covers and current hits, Feb. 16. All ages welcome. Food and drink specials all night long  
**Contact:** (248) 365-4720; [10northbar.com](http://10northbar.com)

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**Time/Date:** Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.;  
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performances, 7 p.m., the third Saturday of the month

**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Admission is \$5. Individual and family annual memberships also are available

**Contact:** Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com or call (734) 453-0869

## BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31

**Location:** 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center performs; tickets are \$46 for adults and \$36 for Jewish Community Center members

**Contact:** (248) 661-1900;



The Band of the Scots Guards will perform Feb. 9 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

**www.theberman.org**  
**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8  
**Location:** Max M. Fisher Music Center, located at

3711 Woodward Avenue (next to Orchestra Hall) in Detroit  
**Details:** The inDepth Series continues with performances by two quartets — American and Aeolus String Quartets. Each quar-

ter also will discuss works by composers they have worked with. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions. All seats priced at \$20 for adults. Students pay \$10. A cash bar and refreshments will be available

**Contact:** (248) 855-6070 or visit [www.ChamberMusic-Detroit.org](http://www.ChamberMusic-Detroit.org)

## JAZZ AT THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to [plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com)

## MUSIC HALL

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9

**Location:** 350 Madison, Detroit

**Details:** The Band of the Scots Guards and The Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of the Black Watch 3rd Battalion perform. Tickets are \$27, \$37, and \$47

**Contact:** (313) 887-8501 or [www.musicall.org](http://www.musicall.org)

## PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** Plymouth Community Band performs a free concert

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870

## PLAYERS BARN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8

**Location:** 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Metro Jazz Voices perform "Songs to Celebrate Love." Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students

**Contact:** (248) 473-1848; <https://recreg.fhgov.com>

## TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Most shows start

at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The Motor City Troubadors, Feb. 1; The Delta Twins with Four Block Empire, Feb. 2; Empty Chair Night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer, and Cello Bella, Feb. 3; The Unvalentine Show with John Latini, Dave Boutette and Jamie-Sue Seal, Feb. 8. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

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## Sweeten up Valentine's Day



### with red velvet

Few things show you care more than a treat made with love. Whether saying "xoxo" to family or "be mine" to a new Valentine, there's one dynamite flavor that fits the bill: red velvet.

In recent years, the love of red velvet has blossomed beyond its traditional Southern roots into a popular dessert with mass appeal. In fact, last Valentine's Day, enough Red Food Color was sold — more than 550,000 ounces — to make enough red velvet cupcakes to circle the Earth 23 times. That's why the McCormick Kitchens turned to red velvet to inspire new Valentine's Day recipes this year.

"Amid a sea of pink holiday confections, red velvet stands alone with its vibrant hue and rich taste. It has a unique flavor that is not quite vanilla and not quite chocolate," said Mary Beth Harrington of the McCormick Kitchens. "Red velvet is also surprisingly versatile, inspiring a range of creative presentations, from creamy hot chocolate to decadent breakfast pancakes to cream-filled cupcakes. Simply said, people love it."

For treats that will turn your Valentine's Day into a celebration kids of all ages will enjoy, try these six fresh takes on red velvet. For more recipes, visit [www.mccormick.com](http://www.mccormick.com).



### Red Velvet Brownie Conversation Hearts

Makes about 24 servings.  
Prep Time: 30 minutes  
Cook Time: 25 minutes

1 package (family-size) fudge brownie mix  
½ cup sour cream  
2 eggs  
1 bottle (1 ounce) red food color  
8 cups confectioners' sugar (2 pounds)  
½ cup water  
2 tablespoons light corn syrup  
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract  
Assorted food colors & egg dye  
Decorating gel or 1 ounce white baking chocolate

1. Prepare brownie mix as directed on package with sour cream, eggs and red food color. Spoon batter in greased 13- by 9-inch baking pan.

2. Bake and cool and directed on package. Cut out cooled brownie with heart-shaped cookie cutters. Place brownies on wire rack set over baking sheet.

3. For the icing, mix confectioners' sugar, water and corn syrup in medium saucepan. Cook on medium-low heat until sugar is melted, stirring occasionally. Stir in vanilla. Tint with desired food color. Spoon or pour icing over top and sides of brownies. (If icing becomes too stiff, gently reheat to

pouring consistency.) Let stand until icing is set. Use decorating gel to write on brownies. Or melt white chocolate as directed on package. Pour into small resealable plastic bag. Snip off a tiny piece of the corner. Squeeze chocolate through hole in plastic bag to write on brownies.

**Test Kitchen Tip:** For easy clean-up, line pan with foil with ends of foil extending over sides of pan. Use foil handles to remove brownie from pan. Place on cutting board and cut out with cookie cutters.

**Easy Pink Frosting:** Brownie may be frosted with Easy Pink Frosting instead of prepared icing. Stir 6 drops desired McCormick Assorted Food Color & Egg Dye into 1 container (16 ounces) white frosting until well blended. Add additional drops of food color until desired shade is reached. Spread on cooled brownie. Cut out with heart-shaped cookie cutters.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 263 calories, 3g fat, 58g carbohydrates, 19mg cholesterol, 83mg sodium, 1g protein

### Red Velvet Cream-Filled Cupcakes

Gale Gand, a nationally acclaimed pastry chef, restaurateur, cookbook author and television personality, likes to fill and frost cupcakes so that you get delicious frosting with every bite.

Makes 30 (1 cupcake) servings.  
Prep Time: 20 minutes  
Cook Time: 20 minutes

2½ cups flour  
½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened  
2 cups granulated sugar  
4 eggs  
1 cup sour cream  
½ cup milk  
1 bottle (1 ounce) McCormick Red Food Color  
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract  
Red Colored Sugar, Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting (recipe follows)

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside. Beat butter and granulated sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed 5 minutes or until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time. Mix in sour cream, milk, food color and vanilla. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until just blended. Do not overbeat. Spoon batter into 30 paper-lined muffin cups, filling each cup ¾ full.

2. Bake 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted into cupcake comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire rack 5 minutes. Remove from pans; cool completely.

3. Meanwhile, prepare Red Colored Sugar and Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting.

4. Make an indentation in the center of each cupcake using the handle of a wooden spoon or a straw, making sure not to break through bottom of cupcake. Spoon about ¼ cup Frosting into resealable plastic bag. Cut a small piece off one of the bottom corners of bag. Pipe about 1 teaspoon Frosting into each cupcake. Spread top of cupcakes with remaining Frosting. Sprinkle with Red Colored Sugar.

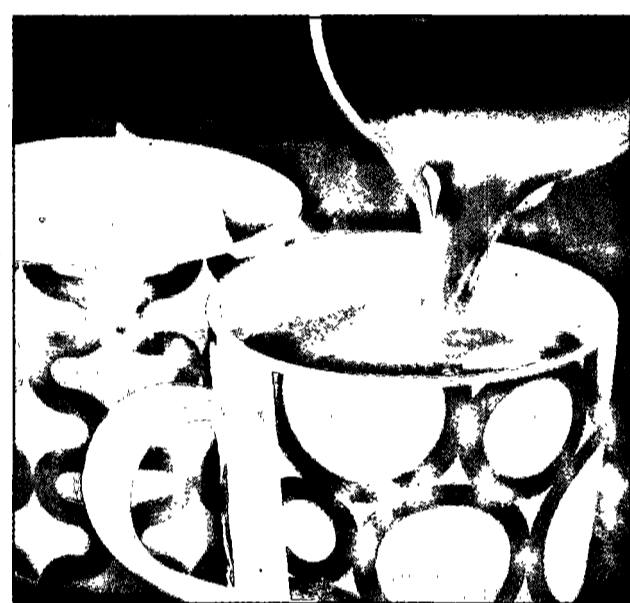
**Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting:**

Beat 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened, ¼ cup (½ stick) butter, softened, 2 tablespoons sour cream and 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract in large bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in 1 box (16 ounces) confectioners' sugar until smooth.

**Red Colored Sugar:**

Place ½ cup white sugar crystals in large resealable plastic bag. Add ½ teaspoon red food color. Seal bag. Knead sugar until the color is evenly distributed. Spread colored sugar on large rimmed baking sheet. Let stand 25-30 minutes or until sugar is dried. Store in airtight container. Makes ½ cup or 24 (1-teaspoon) servings.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 292 calories, 12g fat, 43g carbohydrates, 64mg cholesterol, 1g fiber, 3g protein, 181mg sodium



### Red Velvet Hot Chocolate

Makes 5 servings  
Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Cook Time: 5 minutes

4 cups whole milk  
¼ cup granulated sugar  
10 ounces semi-sweet baking chocolate, coarsely chopped  
2 teaspoons red food color  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
Vanilla Whipped Cream, recipe follows (optional)  
Miniature marshmallows (optional)

1. Place milk and granulated sugar in medium saucepan. Bring to a simmer on medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar.

2. Remove from heat.

Stir in chocolate with wire whisk until melted. Stir in food color and vanilla.

3. Pour into serving cups. Serve with Vanilla Whipped Cream and marshmallows, if desired.

**Vanilla Whipped Cream:**

Beat ½ cup heavy cream, 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar and ½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract in medium bowl with electric mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form. Makes about 1 cup.

### Red Velvet Pancakes

Makes 4 servings  
Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 12 minutes

Treat your family to a Valentine's Day breakfast with these red velvet tinted pancakes. Serve with your choice of a sweet Cream Cheese Topping or Spiced Syrup.

2 cups pancake mix  
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder  
2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1 cup buttermilk  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract  
½ teaspoons red food color  
Cream Cheese Topping, recipe follows (optional)  
Spiced Syrup, recipe follows (optional)

1. Mix pancake mix, cocoa powder and granulated sugar in large bowl until well blended. Stir in buttermilk, eggs, vanilla and food color just until blended.

2. Pour ¼ cup of batter per pancake onto preheated lightly greased griddle or skillet. Cook 1 to 2 minutes per side or until golden brown, turning when pancakes begin to bubble. Serve pancakes with Cream Cheese Topping or Spiced



Syrup, if desired.

**Cream Cheese Topping:**

Mix 4 ounces (½ package) cream cheese, softened, and ½ cup confectioners' sugar in small bowl until well blended. Stir in 1 tablespoon milk, a little at a time until smooth. Stir in 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract.

**Spiced Syrup:**

Mix 1 cup pancake syrup, 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract and ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon or pumpkin pie spice in microwavable bowl or measuring cup. Microwave on high 1-2 minutes or until warm, stirring once.

## CITY BITES

### Charity fundraiser

**LIVONIA** — Sample fine wines and craft beers during a benefit for the Community Opportunity Center (COC) 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, west of Newburgh, Livonia. Al Jonna of the Picnic Basket Market in Plymouth is sponsoring the tasting for the COC, a nonprofit organization that provides housing and supportive services to individuals with developmental disabilities in western Wayne County. He has lined up vendors of both homes-

tic craft beers and wines from around the world for the tasting. The event also includes hors d'oeuvres, a live auction, silent auction and music by a trio from the Livonia Symphony. The live auction will include such items as a week in a Frankfort vacation condo; beer-making lesson by Frankenmuth Brewery; Detroit Tiger game tickets, hotel and dining accommodations in Chicago, Ill.; hot air balloon ride; Red Wings hockey tickets; a diamond tennis bracelet; and dinner for six prepared by Chef Larry Janes.

The silent auction includes gift baskets, gift certificates, art, wine and more. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120 per couple and are available by calling Diane or Larry Janes at (734) 422-5525 or Pat at COC at (734) 422-1020.

### Healthy cooking

**FARMINGTON HILLS** — Learn how to make healthier food choices at a cooking demonstration on healthy casseroles and one pot dinners with Busch's Chef Rebecca Wauldrich and Botsford Hospital's

dietitians, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10 and will include recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. Seating is limited. Register at (248) 427-7400 or sign up at Busch's Guest Services Counter.

### Under 550 calories

**NATIONWIDE** — Applebee's has introduced new menu items to help diners keep their "healthy eating" resolutions. Jessica James, Applebee's exec-

utive chef, created dishes that were not just low in calories, but also packed with flavor. She used a variety of "smart cooking" tips such as marinating meat for up to 12 hours to tenderize it; using natural oils found in citrus zest for calorie-free flavor; and incorporating vegetable-based sauces rather than cream-based. New items include Zesty Roma Chicken & Shrimp and Lemon Parmesan Shrimp. Applebee's is located at 36475 Warren Road in Westland, 43500 Ford Road, Canton, 17101 Haggerty in Northville.

## Building Industry Association leaders see upswing in activity

Based on preliminary data provided by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) for November, a total of 236 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties. Permit activity in November decreased by nearly 31 percent from October 2012 (341) but is 3 percent higher than November 2011 (229).



Michael Stoskopf

The November decline is consistent with 42 years of historical data in which October-to-November permit levels for single-family homes have fallen every year except two: 1971 and 1977.

"While the November decline is a little disappointing, it has clearly been a great recovery year for the region," according to Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. "January through November 2012 marks the highest level for permit activity year-to-date since the first 11 months of 2006. While we still have a ways to go to return to 40-year average permit activity, the recovery we've seen since 2009 continues and is even beginning to accelerate."

"That's just single-family home permits," he said in an interview. There are only two years in last 40 or so when permits did not go down.

"They go down for all the things you could think of. It's really just seasonal." Basically just weather and holidays account for the drop, Stoskopf said.

"The profile of activity this year, while not as large in magnitude as the good old days, looks a lot more like the good old days" of 2002-03, he said. In 2008-09, observers "could barely see a bump."

"It absolutely is," he said of good signs in the more general economy improving. "When a plant adds a third shift, the guys on the second shift say, 'Hey, I'm a little more secure.'"

Many cars are produced here, Stoskopf said. "The volume of what's being produced on those shifts is pretty exciting. It's because people have that discretionary income. That typically tracks to housing sales as well."

He's been with the BIA almost five years.

"We're looking for great things in 2013 as well. Hopefully a good year for the economy in general," Stoskopf added.

November 2012 also marked the end of a streak where permits exceeded 300 each month from April through October 2012. Prior to 2012, the last time we experienced over 300 permits per month was May through November 2006. Year-to-date in 2012, permits have exceed 200 permits per month for nine consecutive months.

From a trailing 12-month



perspective, permit totals rose to 3,358, which is over 30 percent higher than it was in November 2011 (2,571) and is at its highest point since August 2007 (3,505).

The BIA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast for December through May 2013 shows expected seasonal slowdowns and then steady growth in activity as Spring arrives. For the six-month forecast period, BIA leaders believe that overall activity will outpace the same period in 2012 by nearly 20 percent.

This report is based on an algorithm created by Stoskopf. It is issued monthly by the association including a

six-month forecast and a trailing 12-month perspective.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of SE Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 500 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Staff writer Julie-Brown contributed to this report.

## No direct right to evict woman

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: We have a co-owner in our condominium that has threatened the Board of Directors and has violated almost every bylaw provision. We are seeking injunctive relief through our attorney, but I am wondering whether we have any basis to evict the co-owner or have her permanently removed in some other fashion.

A: Since it is not a



Robert Meisner

co-op or an apartment, you have no direct right to evict her. You may have a right to seek an injunction which imposes various

constraints on her conduct and if she violates any pronouncements of the Court, she could be held in contempt of Court and possibly jailed. I am aware of one case, however, out of Ontario, Canada, where the conduct was so egregious that the court literally demanded that the co-owner be removed from the premises, but that is a harsh remedy which a court in the United States is not likely to utilize, but as in any case, your lawyer may wish to think outside of the box and pursue a remedy removing the co-owner from the premises.

Q: I have a very expensive home in a luxury subdivision and I am planning to host a party where I will have an author read a book and possibly be interested in buying some real estate. Do you think it is a violation of any doing business restriction in our subdivision documents?

A: That is a difficult question and it depends on a number of factors including the specific language in your deed restriction. I would be particularly concerned if there will become a parking problem as a result of your "book reading" and, to the extent that you are also combining it with the possible sale of real estate, it might well be deemed a commercial enterprise and/or business out of your condominium unit which may well be in violation of the deed restrictions. You are best advised to consult with a community association attorney before you undertake this event.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 1-5, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
41785 Echo Forest Dr	\$298,000
6682 Edgewood Rd	\$200,000
6930 Epping Dr	\$165,000
44529 Fair Oaks Dr	\$165,000
49560 Garfield Ln	\$370,000
46977 Glenhurst Dr	\$234,000
47722 Goff Ct	\$64,000
51104 Gold Ridge Ln	\$285,000
45881 Graystone Ln	\$101,000
44034 Harsdale Dr	\$153,000
47924 Jake Ln	\$390,000
1706 Lanhan Ct	\$262,000
8076 Lillian Ct	\$380,000
7920 N Lilley Rd	\$80,000
7171 Newgate Ct	\$275,000
3381 Niagara Ave	\$246,000
1762 Northbrook Ct	\$176,000
41848 Old Bridge Rd	\$97,000
48139 Park Lane Ct	\$353,000
389 Princess Dr	\$149,000

1476 Ranier Blvd	\$155,000
6223 Runnymede Dr	\$123,000
3044 S Canton Center Rd	\$63,000
45652 S Stonewood Rd	\$165,000
44441 Savery Dr	\$32,000
47485 Scenic Circle Dr N	\$203,000
47608 Scenic Circle Dr S	\$230,000
733 Scottsdale Ct	\$135,000
41474 Simcoe Dr	\$113,000
GARDEN CITY	
33240 Barton St	\$66,000
6916 Belton St	\$45,000
32556 Bridge St	\$43,000
33060 Cherry Hill Rd	\$57,000
30843 Dawson St	\$90,000
1012 Helen St	\$39,000
28063 Sheridan St	\$45,000
31538 Windsor St	\$40,000
LIVONIA	
38753 Allen St	\$135,000
14318 Auburndale St	\$161,000
14412 Bassett St	\$140,000
29030 Bretton St	\$47,000
31750 Cambridge St	\$255,000
18058 Curtis Ct	\$239,000
30976 Dalhay St	\$110,000
31835 Delaware St	\$90,000
17231 Dolores St	\$60,000
9368 Eastwind Dr	\$143,000
11696 Farmington Rd	\$90,000

17542 Francavilla Dr	\$240,000
9817 Horton St	\$183,000
28543 Lyndon St	\$119,000
14000 Melvin St	\$85,000
35998 Middleboro St	\$173,000
28995 Minton St	\$82,000
36512 Northfield Ave	\$91,000
34066 Orangelawn St	\$38,000
17540 Rougeway St	\$115,000
31139 Roycroft St	\$120,000
31314 Roycroft St	\$117,000
14445 Summerside St	\$137,000
NORTHVILLE	
40476 Beechwood Ct	\$376,000
42440 Broadner Rd	\$331,000
44849 Broadmoor Cir S	\$308,000
18502 Clairmont Cir W	\$800,000
634 East St	\$135,000
17366 Hilltop View Dr	\$468,000
18782 Marble Head Dr	\$105,000
19355 Pierson Dr	\$290,000
46455 Pinehurst Cir	\$645,000
705 Randolph St	\$79,000
705 Randolph St	\$63,000
40774 Stoneleigh St	\$180,000
145 Walnut St	\$150,000
PLYMOUTH	
352 Ann Arbor Trail Ct	\$104,000
11677 Brownell Ave	\$180,000
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9275 Corinne St	\$195,000
42191 Old Pond Cir	\$86,000
11699 Parkview Dr	\$144,000
49041 Pine Bluff Ct	\$470,000
103 Pinewood Cir	\$53,000
REDFORD	
19423 Brady	\$34,000
19549 Brady	\$42,000
9311 Dixie	\$29,000
25433 Dover	\$55,000
9952 Farley	\$52,000
12750 Hemingway	\$30,000
17750 Indian	\$45,000
19499 Woodworth	\$28,000
WESTLAND	
32434 Anita Dr	\$115,000
7610 August Ave	\$103,000
34011 Birchwood St	\$34,000
8105 Donna St	\$80,000
2030 E Williams Cir	\$99,000
36645 Hazelwood St Unit 20	\$64,000
34554 John Hawk St	\$52,000
37643 Jonquil Ct	\$193,000
615 N Karle St	\$60,000
30626 Palmier Rd	\$47,000
8616 Shari Dr	\$80,000
33621 Tawas Trl	\$97,000
333 Van Sull St	\$70,000
399 Westcott St	\$66,000
30955 Windsor St	\$99,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 17-21, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
19125 Devonshire St	\$280,000
16943 Elizabeth St	\$195,000
31060 Marlin Ct	\$129,000
31265 Stafford St	\$189,000
31805 Westlady Dr	\$199,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
30975 Timberbrook Ln	\$240,000
BIRMINGHAM	
942 Arden Ln	\$328,000
1109 Derby Rd # 7	\$75,000
602 E Lincoln St	\$175,000
587 Greenwood St	\$485,000
1060 Kennesaw St	\$315,000
563 Lakeview Ave	\$540,000
2424 Manchester Rd	\$176,000
1193 S Eton St	\$170,000
1767 Sheffield Rd	\$200,000
1268 Southfield Rd	\$332,000
1560 Stanley Blvd	\$552,000
384 W Brown St	\$280,000
1422 Westboro	\$616,000
3826 Wabeek Lake Dr E	\$419,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
560 Fox Hills Dr S	\$71,000
4894 Haddington Dr	\$390,000
3522 Maxwell Ct	\$644,000
3636 Middlebury Ln	\$177,000
4544 Ottawa Ln	\$190,000

135 Overhill Rd	\$368,000
5630 Roundhill Rd	\$352,000
1533 S Hill Blvd	\$118,000
2223 Somerset Rd	\$78,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4539 Broughton Dr	\$420,000
1614 Ledbury Dr	\$176,000
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1280 Water Cliff Dr	\$750,000
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4946 Foothills Dr	\$236,000
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2751 Ivy Hill Dr	\$230,000
3341 Newton Rd	\$279,000
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8603 Palomino Dr	\$115,000
3251 Ravinewood Dr	\$260,000
FARMINGTON	
36700 Lansbury Ln	\$184,000
23580 Loomis Ct	\$79,000
24101 Tana Ct	\$150,000
32281 Valley View Cir	\$170,000
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22245 Boulder Dr	\$308,000
37696 Burton Dr	\$200,000
37921 Carson St	\$80,000
24715 Glen Orchard Dr	\$200,000
25732 Hunt Club Blvd	\$184,000
25335 Interchange Ct	\$94,000
30503 Knighton Dr	\$265,000
25787 Livingston Cir	\$218,000
35822 Old Homestead Dr	\$240,000
29703 Plum Ridge Cir	\$97,000
38926 Pinebrook Dr	\$308,000

21935 Purdue Ave	\$93,000
22055 River Ridge Trl	\$148,000
28646 Rollcrest Rd	\$131,000
29731 Sierra Point Cir	\$150,000
31160 Starbridge Ct	\$250,000
23050 Tulane Ave	\$10,000
24522 Wistaria Dr	\$107,000
FRANKLIN	
30125 Helmandale Dr	\$350,000
MILFORD	
324 First St	\$145,000
460 E Summit St	\$160,000
315 W Commerce St	\$239,000
NOVI	
22287 Antler Dr	\$370,000
31091 Augusta Cir	\$170,000
30162 Brightwood Dr	\$258,000
30166 Brightwood Dr	\$290,000
24355 Cavendish Ct	\$425,000
31121 Centennial Dr	\$95,000
43184 Emerson Way	\$251,000
24376 Fairway Hills Dr	\$175,000
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24423 Millstream	\$162,000
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23623 N Rockledge	\$60,000
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1127 South Lake Dr Unit 112	\$47,000
23685 Stonehenge Blvd	\$68,000
24763 Thatcher Dr	\$401,000
41471 Thoreau Rdg	\$330,000
29424 Weston Dr	\$165,000
22501 Windermere Ct	\$850,000

43330 Windmill Ct	\$305,000
28236 Wolcott Dr	\$89,000
28242 Wolcott Dr	\$279,000
21928 Worcester Dr	\$290,000
SOUTH LYON	
1112 Fountain View Cir	\$77,000
54772 Grenelle Cir E	\$186,000
54909 Grenelle Cir W	\$301,000
24762 Purlin Ct	\$87,000
24800 Purlin Ct	\$85,000
52366 Trailwood Dr	\$105,000
53643 Valleywood Dr	\$25,000
26720 York Ct	\$325,000
SOUTHFIELD	
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## Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

1 Bluish-green  
5 Early jazz  
8 Opposite of succeed  
12 Art style  
13 Great Lakes cargo  
14 Intentionally impolite  
15 Musher's team (2 wds.)  
17 Iyilic spot  
18 Chic product  
19 Swirled  
21 Freight hazard  
24 Completely appeases hunger  
26 Draws closer to  
28 Dolt  
29 Terrific bargain  
32 Jackie's tycoon  
33 Hardly wordy  
35 Sun Devils sch.  
36 Tyke

**DOWN**

1 QB objectives  
2 Moray  
3 Poker card  
4 Boarding-house guest  
5 Properous times

37 Quick to learn  
38 Less cooked  
40 Wooden horse saga  
42 Treetop refuge  
43 Heart parts  
46 Charged particle  
48 Jai —  
49 Kind of town (hyph.)  
54 Consumer gds.  
55 internet address punctuation  
56 Fiscal period  
57 Skip a turn  
58 911 responder  
59 Pet lovers' grp.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

T	S	K	V	I	S	E	Y	O	W	L
H	O	E	I	D	O	L	U	R	A	L
E	R	E	D	E	B	I	T	C	A	R
M	E	L	E	S	A	R	C			
S	A	O				E	A	G	E	R
K	N	O	T	D	E	N	S	R	A	Y
L	I	V	H	I	V	E	S	O	V	A
E	N	E	A	G	E	D	O	V	E	N
E	A	R	L	S		N	Y	E		
			O	N	T	S	A	L	L	O
J	O	Y	S	T	I	C	K	S	I	R
A	L	E	E	K	N	I	T	N	E	T
W	E	T	S	I	N	D	I	G	O	T

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6			3	5	8			
	1	5		4				3
	4						8	5
7		9	4		2		5	
			8	9	6		3	
3						4		6
4			2		3	5	6	
	7		5					
3		9	1		8	2	4	

Level: Beginner

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**Sudoku**

4	2	8	7	1	6	9	5	3
6	1	5	4	9	5	8	7	2
7	9	6	8	2	1	6	4	3
9	6	7	9	1	2	8	6	5
2	8	7	9	6	8	4	5	1
8	5	1	2	3	4	6	9	7
5	8	9	1	2	7	3	4	6
3	2	7	6	4	9	5	1	8
4	1	6	8	9	3	5	6	7

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R	M	A	R	E	J	F	U	K	H	C	O	M	P	U	T	E	R	V	R
R	H	R	W	P	Y	M	U	L	H	I	S	T	O	R	Y	J	M	B	E
S	R	C	D	A	Y	A	V	C	O	U	N	T	E	R	S	H	F	N	A
T	H	E	G	N	I	T	R	O	S	U	C	J	G	T	P	N	J	D	
C	B	I	E	B	I	O	G	R	A	P	H	Y	D	N	S	V	D	I	
S	H	V	T	S	O	W	Y	E	Q	U	I	E	T	R	E	M	S	K	N
T	A	E	M	E	M	B	E	R	S	H	I	P	H	A	D	O	T	W	G
S	M	T	K	C	H	B	A	K	T	R	O	P	E	R	C	U	V	I	N
M	H	G	H	K	R	H	K	A	B	G	I	P	U	M	T	I	E	J	B
P	K	A	A	W	O	L	S	M	S	T	H	Q	D	G	S	E	V	E	W
K	R	I	C	T	P	U	I	U	O	S	H	C	R	A	E	S	E	R	N
F	O	L	O	K	H	A	T	B	Y	F	I	J	P	U	B	L	I	C	
I	W	A	C	C	H	E	T	P	R	Q	S	G	M	P	L	S	P	O	U
C	E	T	S	W	N	H	R	E	J	A	N	W	N	H	S	W	L	E	I
T	M	I	E	B	K	R	I	R	O	R	V	O	M	U	L	J	A	Y	
I	O	G	L	V	O	A	U	K	N	C	U	I	F	R	E	B	G	D	O
O	H	I	U	C	A	T	A	L	O	G	L	W	A	G	B	N	E	H	U
N	S	D	R	C	Y	T	I	N	E	R	E	S	E	N	M	T	T	J	T
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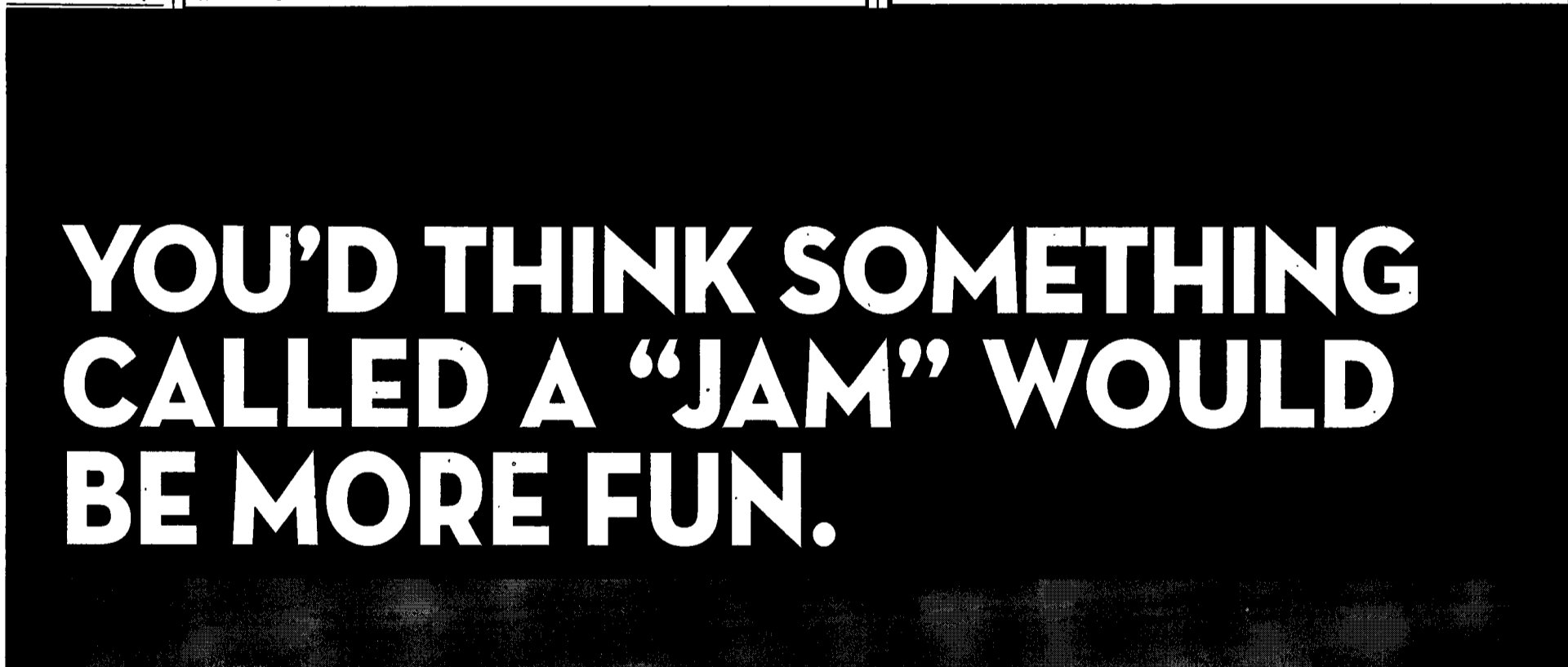
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