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## Special meeting

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education will hold a special meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the district's administrative offices at 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Scott Morrell of the Michigan Association of School Boards will facilitate a board goal setting and strategic planning workshop, which will be held in the cabinet room.

## Oscar winners

The winner of the O&E Media Oscar contest is Anna Sharples of Northville. Sharples will receive an annual movie pass for two for use at any Imagine Theatre.

Second prize of four movie passes went to Jackie Hengtgen of Dearborn.

Sharples and Hengtgen were the only two entries out of more than 150 who answered all but two categories correctly. The winner was selected in a random drawing.

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## W-W firefighters take on ordinance work in Wayne

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer



As Wayne-Westland firefighters take over ordinance enforcement duties in Wayne, local residents and business can expect a high-tech approach to complaints.

The new ordinance enforcement program includes an online registration of vacant houses and filing of complaints through the City of

Wayne website — www.ci.wayne.mi.us — once an upgrade is completed. It's the same service already provided in Westland by firefighters who took over commercial ordinance enforcement over

two years ago and added the residential duties 18 months ago.

"It's a vision the chief (Michael Reddy) has moving forward with the fire authority about what we can do in addition to fire service," said Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief John Adams of the Fire Marshal Division. "Now we've entered the City of Wayne (through the fire departments merger). It's a model that

can be used in each community we go into."

### Direct response

Complaints are taken 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Adams said, with a auto response from the site followed by a direct response in 60 minutes via e-mail.

"We are providing 9-1-1 service under ordinance enforcement. We are also changing the hotline — (734) 713-3733,"

said Adams. "In the past, it went to voicemail. Now this will come to the call center at the fire administration building."

When firefighters took over ordinance enforcement in Westland, Adams said they handled 3,200 ordinance calls the first year.

"A lot of the calls were continuations of complaints that previous-

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## Election costs

Last week, Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Macomb County Circuit Court David Viviano to the Michigan Supreme Court, replacing former Justice Diane Hathaway, who resigned last month amid scandal.

This week, Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, will take a look at the Supreme Court and the costly 2012 campaign at a meeting of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County on Thursday, March 7.

The meeting will be at 7:15 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Michigan had the most expensive state Supreme Court election campaign in the nation in 2012 with \$18.6 million spent.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County serves the communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne and Westland. For more information, call Paula Bowman at (734) 277-2243.

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Families in Wayne County in need of assistance with home heating bills will get it thanks to the 17th annual Walk for Warmth fundraiser.

More than 300 people walked Westland Shopping Center Feb. 23 to raise money for Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, a nonprofit organization that provides support programs and services to income-eligible residents.

"We raised about \$50,000 and donations are still coming in," said Erin Southward, the agency's communications manager. "I think we'll hit our goal of \$60,000."

Wayne Metro is one of 39 community action agencies in Michigan which hold its own Walk for Warmth. The walk is Wayne Metro's largest fundraising event. Last year, the agency was able to help 500 families who



DTE Regional Area Manager Madelyn Williams and Ben Cain of Canton walk in this year's Walk for Warmth event.

were facing utility shut-off.

Walkers registered in advance, however, a good number of the participants stopped to ask what was going on and got

involved, Southward said. "Between the mall walkers and people who came after we opened, we had a lot of signups," she said. "The mall also was great to promote it and

put out our pledge sheets. We were getting calls about it during the week leading up to it."

This year's event included a continental breakfast, team photo

booth, a children's area with activities, appearances by the Detroit Derby Girls and various team mascots as well as

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## Westland property values continue decline for 2013

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Assessment notices have been mailed and Westland residents will see an average 3.5 percent decrease in property values for 2013.

"Some values will go down more. In some areas there will even be increases," said Aaron Powers, city assessor and managing partner of WCA Assessing. "It will vary with the neighborhood."

The 3.5 percent decrease in values is a marked improvement from the slightly over 9 percent decrease in assessments in 2012 and double digit declines in the preceding years.

"There is the appearance of a somewhat rebounding market,"

said Powers.

When property values are declining, a one-year market study is used to determine assessments — a two-year study is used when values trend up. That means the market study used for 2013 is for the period of Oct. 1, 2011, through Sept. 30, 2012, and sets the value of property on Dec. 31, 2012.

Some communities such as Plymouth and Northville are already seeing increases in property values, Powers said, but it was too soon to tell whether Westland homeowners will see flat values or a slight increase in 2014.

Reflecting a stagnant market with high vacancy rates, commer-

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## Wayne faces 5 percent drop in residential values

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Wayne residents are expected to see approximately 5 percent average decreases in residential property values when change of assessment notices go out this week.

"The 5 percent decrease is not the final word," said Wayne City Manager Robert English.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council will get an overview on property values from a representative of the Wayne County Equalization Department, which serves as the city assessor.

"We have good housing stock, unfortunately, we've

had a lot of residents lose their jobs and their homes," said English. "There has got to be a rebound."

Wayne has homes for first-time buyers, he said, but also the kind of homes sought by second-time buyers.

"Our housing fits different income levels, you should be able to find any type of housing in Wayne," English said.

The Board of Review will meet the third week of March. Residents wishing to appeal their property tax assessments can start making appointments after the change of assessment notices have been received.

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The Wayne Metro Hamtramck Team, "Raising a Little Heat," get their team photo taken in the photo booth that was on hand for participants at this year.

## WARMTH

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Warmin' Wayne, Wayne Metro's Walk mascot. In addition, walkers had the opportunity to bid on silent auction items and see a performance by The Dance Academy.

Some walkers dressed for the event, wearing team shirts, while the team with the most spirit came with pom poms and cheered as members walked through the mall.

"They also did a flash mob thing. It was pretty exciting," Southward said.

There was no top individual fundraising winner this year, however, the Regional Advisory Council was the top team in the walk, raising \$1,400.

With another successful event under their belts, organizers are meeting this week to start planning for the 2014 walk, Southward said. Donations to support emergency utility assistance are accepted throughout the year and can be done online at [www.wayne-metro.org](http://www.wayne-metro.org). They also can be mailed to the agency's office at 2121 Biddle,



Vanessa Hanible and Danae Voss of the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency cheer the walkers on and send them in the right direction.

Suite 102, Wyandotte, MI 48192. Wayne Metro's Emergency Utility Assistance Program provides assistance to individuals and families that have received a shutoff notice

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ly had a lack of getting done," said Adams. "With a proactive 9-1-1 mentality, we reduced the number of calls. We've been able to get things corrected. We've educated residents on what is acceptable."

Property owners still receive warnings about correcting a violation but the firefighters issue a few tickets.

"What we do differently is take action to correct the violation, if the property owner fails to com-

ply," said Adams. "In the past, they'd say clean it up or we'll write a tickets. Writing a ticket doesn't correct the problem. You've got to take a path where you have control."

That means if there is an illegal vehicle on a property, for instance, and the problem continues after a warning, firefighters will have the vehicle towed rather than waiting for a ticket to go through the court process.

"The new normal is cleaning things up. You've heard if you want something done, give it to a busy person," said Adams. "We have a lot of things we need to do. We

have a professional environment and we've got to get it done."

### Clean up blight

Having talked with Reddy and Westland Mayor William Wild, Wayne City Manager Robert English said he is very pleased about the new program.

"I think it will work out fantastically, it will put more bodies out there," said English. "I think it will absolutely help property values and clean up blight."

Having vacant homes registered and kept cleaned up will help improve housing stock

and long-term improve property values, he said. Wayne's new vacant home ordinance requires registration of a home that hasn't been occupied in for 30 days.

"The neighbors know it's a vacant home. We want residents to notify us of any vacant home so we can reach out to the owners to make sure it is correctly maintained," said Adams. "It's about maintaining the stability of a neighborhood. We want to create a new norm for that."

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## PROPERTY

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cial property values are declining 5.3 percent and industrial property val-

ues will drop 14 percent.

"It's a little difficult. It's based on appraisal studies and there is little activity," said Powers.

By state law, all property is required to be assessed at 50 percent of the true

cash value as of Dec. 31. Tax bills are determined by multiplying the taxable value (not assessed value) by the local millage rates and are affected by millage increases approved by the voters and the decisions of various taxing jurisdictions.

Once assessment notices were mailed, the city began taking appointments from people wishing to challenge their

assessments at (734) 467-3160.

The Board of Review will meet 1-4 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, and Wednesday, March 13, 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, and Thursday and Friday, March 14-15.

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## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Charity cuts

Hair Mechanix, Michigan's premier spot for guys' haircuts, is launching a charity event Friday-Sunday, March 8-10 that will help fight hunger in the community one great haircut at a time.

Hair Mechanix, located at 37604 Ford, west of Newburgh, Westland, is offering free haircuts, a \$20 value, to everyone who makes a donation to Forgotten Harvest. For more information, call (734) 331-3900 or text HAIRMX to 90210.

### Euchre tournament

The Wayne Rotary Club and the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a Euchre Tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Wayne-Westland Community Center, Howe at Annapolis, in Wayne.

The cost is \$20. Check-in begins at 6:15 p.m. There will be prizes for the top five high points totals. Pizza, pop and beer will be for sale. There will also be 50/50 raffles and a barrel of cheers to be raffled off.

For more information, email Bob Gilbert at [rjg.euchre@yahoo.com](mailto:rjg.euchre@yahoo.com).

### Coffee Hour

State Reps. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, and David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, will join State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-12th District, for the coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, March 11, at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford, in Westland.

Citizens are welcome to discuss issues and/or concerns they may have at the coffee hour.

### Open House

The Wayne Rotary Club will hold an open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Wayne-Westland Community Center, Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

Meet the Wayne Rotarians and consider what membership in Rotary can do for you and what you can do for Rotary. Refreshments will be available, and there is no charge to attend. Confirm attendance by March 15 by calling Art Quintal at (734) 748-0367 or send an email to [trish@markchevrolet.com](mailto:trish@markchevrolet.com).

### Evening with Elvis

The St. Damian School PTG is presenting "A Night Out With Elvis," featuring Fred Wolfe, Saturday, March 9.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner, catered by Halina's, will be at 6:30 p.m. There also will be a cash bar. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., and Wolfe will do two 45-minute sets.

Tickets are \$20 and are available by advanced sales only. To order, call

(734) 427-1680. Proceeds will benefit St. Damian School which is located at 29891 Joy, Westland.

### Bunny Breakfast

Youngsters can enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday, March 29, at the Wayne-Westland Community Center, Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

The cost is \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents and include pancakes, sausage, juice and arts and crafts. Children age 2 and under are free. Tickets are on sale now and are limited to the first 215 people.

For more information, call the community center at (734) 721-7400.

### Tax assistance

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

There is 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 Road, Westland, is now taking appointments for 2012 Income Tax Preparation for all Westland residents. For more information or to make an appointment, call (734) 722-7628.

### Ripple Effect

The Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer downtown revitalization group, will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, in downtown Wayne. Anyone interested in volunteering or getting involved is welcome.

For more information visit [www.downtownwayne.org](http://www.downtownwayne.org) or email Sherrie at [waynerippleeffect@gmail.com](mailto:waynerippleeffect@gmail.com).

### Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to [lindamiller@nationalfaith.org](mailto:lindamiller@nationalfaith.org).

## CORRECTION

A story that appeared in the Thursday, Feb. 28, issue of the Observer should have listed the

phone number for Mara and Tyson's Rock the Booth photo booth business as (734) 237-1269.

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## Gone fishing'

It's not Houghton Lake and it's not Tip Up Town. It's Livonia. Dad David Godin of Westland had a week's vacation and son Sean Godin had a snow day, so they headed out on to Newburgh Lake for a day of ice fishing.

## Endowment funds Muslim Journeys Bookshelf at Westland library

An endowment to fund a 2013 Muslim Journeys Bookshelf has been received by Westland's William P. Faust Public Library.

Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, this collection of 29 resources, including books, films and the Oxford Islamic Studies Online database, will be used in Westland and 842 other libraries and state humanities councils nationwide to introduce the complex history and

culture of Muslims in the United States and around the world. Items from the bookshelf will be on display near the Reference Desk and available for checkout in early March.

"We are pleased to be receiving this outstanding bookshelf, diversifying and enhancing our public collection" said Library Director Sheila Collins. "We look forward to exploring it together with the Westland community, the Arab American National Museum

and the Islamic Center of America."

The Westland library has partnered with the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn on the project and is planning an April 13 Muslim Journeys kickoff, complete with music, food, art and speakers. The Islamic Center of America has also agreed to collaborate with the library on programming designed around the Bookshelf.

More programs highlighting the Muslim Jour-

neys Bookshelf in 2013 will be hosted by the library, including an April musical program on the poet Rumi, a panel talk on the daily life of American Muslims, an interfaith program highlighting different world religions and a musical program by noted kanun player, Ara Topouzian.

More information is available on the library's website at [www.westland-library.org](http://www.westland-library.org) or by calling (734) 326-6123.

## Kosowski hosts free movie night at State Wayne

Westland and Wayne residents can enjoy a free trip to Oz courtesy of State Rep. Robert Kosowski.

The Westland Democrat, along with Phoenix Theatres, is hosting a free movie night to see Oz The Great and Powerful, at the State Wayne Theatres, 35310 W. Michigan Ave., 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 11. Space is limited to the first 250 people reserving a spot.

This will be the first in a series of Rep on the Road events in the city of Wayne where residents will have an opportunity to speak to the representative about topics that are important to them.

"I'm ready to kick off my first event as state

representative with a fun-filled evening for the residents of Wayne and Westland," said Kosowski. "This is a great family movie, and I'm so thankful to Phoenix Theatres for helping to make this event possible."

Residents of Wayne and Westland are asked to reserve their spots for the movie by calling Kosowski's Lansing office at (517) 373-2576. As well as screening the movie, guests will be offered a popcorn and soda combo for \$4.

The Rep on the Road series is looking for future event locations. If your organization or group is interested in being included in a future event, call (517) 373-2576.

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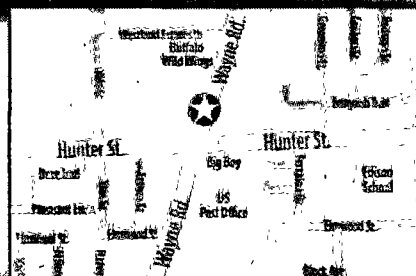
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## Community Corps students learn while helping

Students at Madonna University have spread out across metro Detroit communities with a mission to take what they have learned in class and apply it in ways that help others.

Nicole Ray of Northville, for example, is in the social work program at Madonna University. She and two fellow students are working with Cass Community Social Services downtown Detroit.

"We are involved with helping the homeless get fed, finding churches where the homeless can sleep, locating the homeless under causeway bridges and getting them to shelter, and even assisting with job resources," Ray said.

Kristen Drabek of Newport, an early childhood education major, and her team are working with First Step, a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

The student group plans to put on events that will empower the women and their children, while helping to make them feel loved, wanted and respected, Drabek said.

"I absolutely fell in love with the families, atmosphere and mission of First Step. I want to make a difference in their lives as well as make them feel like they are loved and deserve to be loved," Drabek said.

And the giving goes both ways, because the students get back real-



The Madonna University - Ford Community Corps program is made up of 24 students from diverse academic disciplines including business, communications, dietetics, education, social work and sociology.

life experience in their fields of study.

"I've made mock communication plans before, and even though you work hard to get a good grade, there's something to be said for the drive you have when you're helping a real organization," said Allison Follbaum of Livonia, a journalism and public relations student.

"There are people

counting on us and we can get a taste of the expectations that we'll be held to in the business world," she added.

These students are doing this work as part of the Ford Community Corps, a network of colleges and universities that are partnering with Ford Motor Co. to create new service-learning initiatives that recognize scholastic achieve-

ment while encouraging service to the community. Unlike traditional volunteer programs, Ford Community Corps programs seek to match student know-how with specific nonprofit needs.

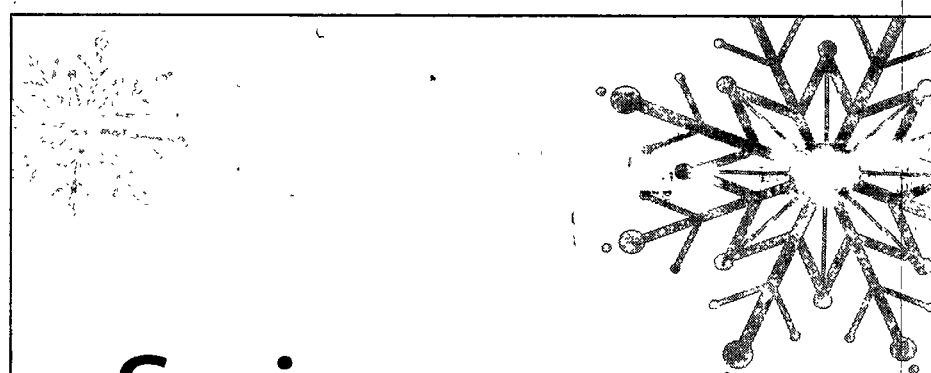
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ics, education, social work and sociology.

Each team has partnered with a non-profit agency and will inform the design, development, planning, implementation and evaluation of specific projects that address community needs. Six student teams collectively will serve a minimum of 720 hours and faculty mentors will foster community building, moni-

tor progress, and facilitate structured reflection within their respective groups.

"The Community Corps provides our students with a new leadership opportunity to serve as agents of change. This requires them to learn about complex social issues and how non-profits are addressing them and then apply their knowledge, talents and skills to be a part of the solution," said Olga Martinez, director of the Office of Service-Learning at Madonna University.



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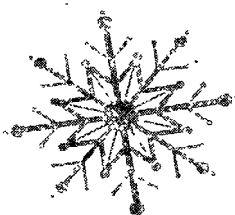
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# GC Singers take to stage for Tim Janis special, State of County address

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

When it comes to singing, the Garden City Singers will do plenty of that this week.

The 27-member choral group from Garden City High School will be among 19 schools featured in a PBS special on Channel 56 Thursday, March 7, but not before performing an eight-minute concert for 300 of the area's top politicians who will be attending Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's State of the County Address Monday, March 4.

And dovetailing off the PBS performance, the Singers will present a free concert with Livonia Franklin High School's Bel Canto Choir and Livonia Stevenson High School's Symphonic Choir at O'Leary Auditorium at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 9.

"This is a wonderful experience for our students," said Steve Olsen, music instructor at Garden City High School. This the fourth year Garden City students have participated in the PBS Detroit Performs: Tim Janis Celebrates America Southeast Michigan. Nineteen elementary, middle school and high school choral groups from around southeastern Michigan worked with Janis, a renowned producer and musician who has worked with such entertainers as Paul McCartney, Billy Joel and Ray Charles.

Their performances, recorded at Detroit Pub-

lic Television's studios in Wixom in October, will air on Channel 56 at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7.

"It was fascinating for the students," said Olsen. "They got to work in a professional TV studio with an international artist. They got to work in a professional environment and see what it takes to tape a TV program."

## Musical choices

The Garden City Singers will perform Janis's original composition, *Celebrate America*, as well as the folk song *The Water Is Wide* and a "very cool traditional song" by Gustav Holst, entitled *Homeland*.

Olsen also has been invited by Fred Nahhat, the main director of the production, to bring two students to the studios on Thursday evening to be part of a live discussion.

It was through PBS that the Singers landed the gig at the Guardian Building Monday evening. Representatives of Wayne County contacted PBS looking for suggestions on who might be able to do the entertainment prior to the speech. Garden City was one of the schools recommended. The Singers did an audition and were selected.

"I can't tell you how pleased I am," said Olsen. "I'm taking 27 students downtown. We've got a school bus and we're going to the Guardian Building Monday night."

The Saturday concert also has its origins in the PBS special. The Liv-

onia Stevenson and Livonia Franklin choirs are also featured in the show. Olsen was able to organize the free concert as well as get Janis to attend. It helped that he had connection with the director of the Franklin choir. The director, Marilee Olsen, is his wife. G. Byron Turner will be directing the Stevenson choir.

"We'll have more than 130 very talented high school students perform, they'll do short programs and then we'll do two combined numbers," he said.

## Patriotic songs

The concert will feature patriotic American songs, something Janis "is very much into."

"He's very much about songs that make you feel good about your country and promote patriotism," Olsen said.

The Tim Janis celebration is done in other states. When he brought it to Michigan, Olsen asked if he was interested in being involved. He quickly said yes and has done so ever since. In all, some 30 schools have been involved in the production over the years.

"Some come and some go," said Olsen. "It's a bit of a time commitment and a bit of a process." It's a process he doesn't mind.

"We're pretty darn excited and I'm proud of my kids," he said.

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The Garden City High School Singers will be front and center for a three performances this week. The group will provide entertainment prior to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's State of the County Speech Monday, March 4, appear in a Detroit Public TV program Thursday, March 7, and perform in concert at O'Leary Auditorium Saturday, March 9.

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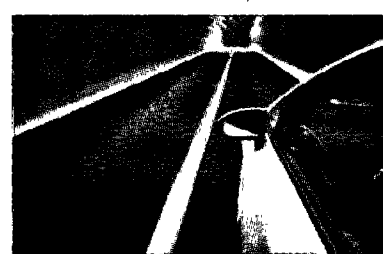


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Thursday, March 28

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# Charges filed in Verizon robbery

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Three teenage men are facing a court hearing Friday on multiple criminal charges amid allegations they robbed a Canton Verizon store after using a semiautomatic assault rifle to shoot open a sliding glass door that an employee had managed to lock.

Eric James-Lee Wilkins and Antonio Jerome Porter, both of Inkster, and Dante Lamar Boykin-Johnson of Westland — all 18 years old — have been charged with armed robbery, breaking and entering a building with



Boykin-Johnson



Porter



Wilkins

a \$1 million cash bond for each defendant and scheduled Friday's preliminary examination

to determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. A not-guilty plea was entered for the men.

## Penalty range

Wilkins, Porter and Boykin-Johnson could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if they are convicted as charged. All of the counts against them are felonies except

for the illegal entry charge, which is a misdemeanor.

The charges arose from allegations the three teens robbed the Verizon store on Ford Road, between Morton Taylor and Sheldon, around 11 a.m. Monday, causing customers and employees to fear for their lives and prompting a lockdown of four Plymouth-Canton elementary schools.

No one was injured as Verizon customer Gerry Souby said the masked, hooded men shot their way into the store.

Canton police swarmed the scene quickly and

caught the suspects following a short chase, initially in a car and then on foot. Police said the men hid in a storm cellar adjacent to a house on Wilford Drive, near Oakview Drive and Saltz.

The suspects are likely facing charges in other communities as well following what authorities believe was a crime spree.

## Commending police

Souby had gone to the newly opened store with girlfriend Carol Nowaczyk to buy a phone when the incident happened. The couple hid near a small counter as Souby

called 9-1-1 to report the robbery.

"In all honesty," he said, "I thought they were going to kill everybody, including me and Carol."

Souby appeared Tuesday night before the Canton Township Board of Trustees to commend Canton police for their quick action in capturing the suspects. He also lauded the efforts of the Verizon employee who tried to keep the intruders out by locking a sliding glass door.

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## Gaming system, TV reported stolen from Wayne home

### Break-in

An Xbox 360 game system, a 46-inch LCD television and a quilt were reported stolen Jan. 17 from a home in the 3400 block of Pershing. During the morning, a witness observed two males driving a newer white Chevrolet arrive at the home and enter through the front door. The men left 15-20 minutes later after putting "something" into the back of the vehicle. There was no sign of forced entry.

### Lunch stolen

Someone sitting in the bus shelter at East Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road about 8:40 a.m. Jan. 16 told police that a man approached, then grabbed the victim's lunch bag which contained prescription medication. The suspect then ran off. The victim didn't want to prosecute.

### Larceny a vehicle

On Jan. 15, it was

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reported that during the night someone had removed catalytic converters from two vehicles at Wayne Auto Sales, 32010 W. Michigan Ave.

### Break-in

Two subjects used a landscape brick to break the west window of Metro PCS, 31827 E. Michigan Ave. on Jan. 15. They gained access to the building and 16 cell phones were reported missing. Police reviewed surveillance video, however, the suspects could not be identified.

### Larceny

On Jan. 15, it was reported that someone had broken a lock and chain, then removed a utility trailer from a stor-

age lot at 34914 Forest.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A touch screen radio was reported stolen Jan. 16 from a vehicle left for repairs at Collex Collision, 38970 W. Michigan Ave.

• A black bag containing miscellaneous hand tools and a T-Bird Test set were reported stolen Jan. 21 from a vehicle parked at 34656 E. Michigan Ave. The side door lock was punched out. The theft was reported to have happened between 9:30-11:20 a.m.

### Larceny

After a children's birthday party ended about 2:15 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, multi-

ple people reported their purse and/or wallets had been stolen.

### Break-in

On Jan. 22, a resident in the 34000 block of John reported an HP laptop computer, a Super Nintendo with games, a Sega Genesis with games, a 42-inch flat screen television

and a broken laptop computer stolen. Also reported missing were a Social Security Card and a driver's license.

The owner said the items were taken between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

### Break-in

Officers responded to an alarm call at the Fid-

dle Bar, 35676 Van Born, just before 4 a.m. Jan. 23. The front motion sensor had been triggered. Upon arrival officers found the southeast door partially open. It appeared to have been kicked in, causing damage to the door frame. Multiple types of liquor bottles were reported stolen.

### CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

**Petition #2777-A. Dabish-Norwayne Shopping Center-2361 S. Venoy**  
Req. for a use variance from Ord. 248 to construct 8 residential loft units within the 2nd floor space of the shopping center building; whereas Sec. 9:4.1 does not list residential use as a permitted use within the CB-1 district.

**Petition #2778-S. Haider-8109 Hillcrest**  
Req. for a 31' rear setback variance and an 8.3% lot coverage variance from Ord. 248 in order to approve a Certificate of Occupancy for the home for an addition to the home that was added without permits or approvals that connects the home to the detached garage which is located 4' from the rear lot line whereas Sec. 7:4.2 requires a minimum setback of 35' and has resulted in a 38.3% lot coverage whereas Sec. 7:4.2 requires a maximum lot coverage of 30%.

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### CITY OF GARDEN CITY BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday	March 5, 2013	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

**NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Tuesday & Wednesday**

Monday	March 11, 2013	9:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday	March 12, 2013	1:00pm - 9:00pm
Wednesday	March 13, 2013	1:00pm - 9:00pm
Thursday	March 14, 2013	9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday	March 15, 2013	9:00am - 5:00pm

**APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN.** Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 11, 2013.

Taxes are paid on **TAXABLE VALUE**, which is the lesser of the calculated Assessed and Capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which is 2.4% for 2013.

The 2013 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 6, 2013 and March 7, 2013 in the assessment office from 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Listings for the Community Calendar** can be submitted by e-mail at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto: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

## OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 4

**Location:** Westland Free Methodist Preschool, 1421 S. Venoy, Westland

**Details:** The preschool is hosting an Open House for interested families and enrolling for the 2013-2014 preschool year. Enroll at the Open House and save half off the enrollment fee - a \$25 value. A Christian preschool, it offer classes for 3-4-year-old children. It offers a theme-based curriculum taught by certified teachers and includes all the basic preschool academic skills as well as a low child-teacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground.

**Contact:** For more information, schedule a tour or enroll; call (734) 728-3559, check out the website, [www.preschool.livesare-changing.com](http://www.preschool.livesare-changing.com), or send an email to [wfmppreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:wfmppreschool@yahoo.com).

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Time/Date:** 4-7 p.m. Sunday, March 10

**Location:** American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia

**Details:** The Women's Auxiliary is holding its fourth annual Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Make-a-Wish. The donation is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and includes spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and coffee. There also will be basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle and music. All proceeds go to the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

**Contact:** Linda Shirkey, chairperson, at (734) 502-9922 or the post at (734) 427-5630

## SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 13

**Location:** Activities Building at St. Raphael Church, 31530 Beechwood, north of Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** The card party - cards will be provided - costs \$8 and includes desert, coffee, Blarney bags, table and door prizes. Hot dogs, sloppy joes and Maurice salad will be available for purchase.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 844-1801, (734) 427-1533 or (734) 425-8981.

## CELIAC SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, March 4

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

**Details:** The Tri County Celiac Support Group will have Lana Coxton, its dietitian advisor, speak on "Celiac Disease vs. Gluten Sensitivity ... Physically the Same, But Clinically Different" at its general meeting. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

## MOM 2 MOM SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, early bird at 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren Road and Ford in Garden City

**Details:** More than 85 tables are available. The also will be a big item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1, \$2 for the early bird. A contract is available on M2M sale list at [www.Mom2Momlist.com](http://www.Mom2Momlist.com).

**Contact:** [gcmom2mom-sale@hotmail.com](mailto:gcmom2mom-sale@hotmail.com) or (734) 277-0791.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY FEAST

**Time/Date:** noon Sunday, March 17  
**Location:** American Legion

Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** The post is celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a corned beef and cabbage dinner and a performance by the Metro Detroit Police and Fire Pipes and Drums bagpipers at approximate 2 p.m. The dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, with potatoes and carrots. Cost is \$9 for a hearty dinner plate or \$6 for the sandwich version.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 427-5630.

## 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](mailto:kuschjt@yahoo.com)

## Organizations

## FRIENDS OF ELOISE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November

**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at [pibbotso@aol.com](mailto:pibbotso@aol.com) or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

## WESTLAND ROTARY

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check [www.westlandrotary.com](http://www.westlandrotary.com) for more information about meetings, programs and events.

**Contact:** Jeff at (734) 261-5010

## FAMILY CAREGIVERS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. first Monday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

## CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

## CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

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

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

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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

## LIONS CLUB

**Time/Date:** 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

**Location:** Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

**Details:** The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

**Contact:** For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

## WRITING GROUP

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

**Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

**Contact:** [www.storycircle.org](http://www.storycircle.org) or send an e-mail to [shepy@yahoo.com](mailto:shepy@yahoo.com)

## TOASTMASTERS

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, between Marquette and Ford Road, Westland

**Details:** Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

**Contact:** For information, call Doug at (248) 417-4922, or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or visit the website at [westlandeasytalkers.toastmasters-clubs.org](http://westlandeasytalkers.toastmasters-clubs.org).

## FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

**Contact:** For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

## EARTH ANGELS

**Details:** Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

**Contact:** [www.earthangel-sontour.org](http://www.earthangel-sontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@comcast.net)

## TOPS 869

**Time/Date:** Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**Location:** Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** The group is for people age 18 and older.

**Contact:** The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

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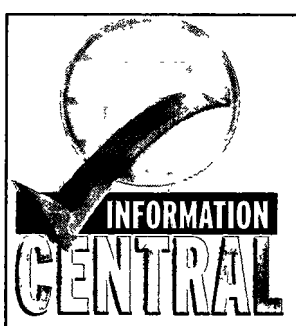
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# Fasting varies among religious sects

**F**asting is the act of not eating, drinking or both, for a period of time. There are many different ways that people fast. Sometimes individuals fast from a specific food or substance instead of all food or drink, for instance a juice fast, which includes drinking only water and juice.

Fasting is a practice found in most religions, including Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Judaism, and can be used as a way to demonstrate one's faith, sacrifice, or to concentrate on spiritual reflection.

Many Christian denominations practice fasting during the season of Lent – the 40 days before Easter. It is recommended by the church that Catholics fast during Lent in order to focus on the soul, not the body, as well as to do penance for past excesses. Fasting is not as popular among Protestant



denominations, but many Protestants choose to fast individually in order to strengthen their faith.

Muslims are expected to fast from eating and drinking anything, including water, from dawn until dusk during the holy month of Ramadan. This fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, and is very important. Fasting is a way for Muslims to abstain from pleasures and draw closer to God, or Allah.

For members of the Jewish faith, fasting also means abstaining from all food and drink (including water). Jews

traditionally fast for six days of the year, including the two major fasts Tisha B'Av and Yom Kippur, and four minor fasting days. Buddhists and Hindus may also observe fasts.

Buddhists may fast during times of intense meditation, and about once a week during Uposatha days, or days of observance. Hindus observe fasts, but the fasts differ based on the individual's beliefs as well as local customs.

For more information on different religions or religious fasting, visit the library's website at westlandlibrary.org, give us a call at (734) 326-6123 or stop by the reference desk.

**Highlighted Activities**  
The library has return to its seven-day schedule. Thank you to all who supported our mileage vote and continue to support us every day.

**Yoga for Beginners:** 7 p.m. March 5

The library welcomes back Lois Gannon of evolve yoga studio in Ypsilanti as she leads a beginning Hatha yoga class. Yoga mats will be provided, if you don't have one. Wear loose clothing. No reservation required. Just drop in.

**GED Questions and Answers:** 5 p.m. March 7  
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**English as a Second Language (ESL):** 10-11:30 a.m. March 8

Get help practicing your English skills in a class room setting with a conversation emphasis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run through May 10. There will be no classes held on March 29 or April 5 for spring holiday. Students with children are welcome.

**Friday Night Movie:** 7 p.m. March 8

Friday Night Movies continue through the winter with a selection of recently-run favorites and Oscar nominees. Tonight's movie, *Skyfall*, is the newest in the Bond series, as "Bond's loyalty to M is tested when her past comes back to haunt her." Snacks and refreshments served. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. No sign-up

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**Women in Ragtime with Deborah Wyndham:** 7 p.m. March 11

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**Job Seekers Lab:**  
Cancelled Tuesday, March 5 and Wednesday, March 6 due to staff training 1-4 p.m. The Lab will resume

1-4 p.m. Friday, March 8  
Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

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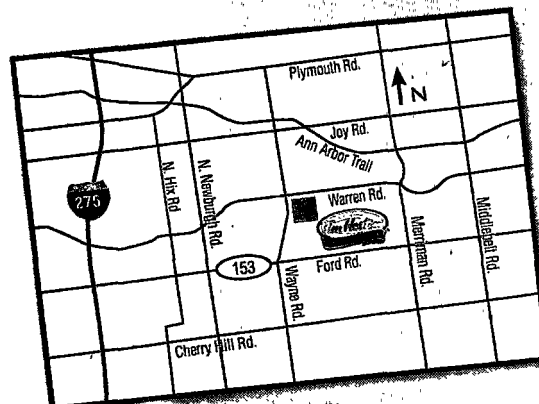
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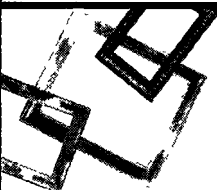
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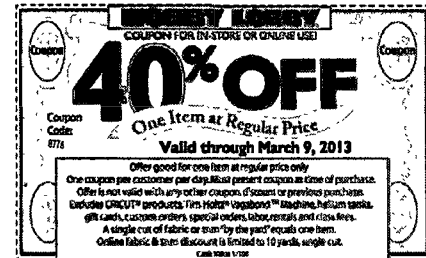
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# Cox doesn't expect charges against Elias Realty

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Former state Attorney General Mike Cox, who represents the owner of the Livonia-based realty raided Wednesday by the FBI, said he expects no charges will be filed against his client because he hasn't broken any laws.

"I think it will turn into a whole bunch of nothing," he said. "I haven't seen one thing that would lead to a charge."

Cox said the FBI raided William Elias's Livonia and Brighton offices because the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac) told law enforcement officials he was committing fraud by hiding the fact some of his short-sale customers had bought second homes. Cox said Freddie Mac is going after Elias and his businesses, including Elias Realty, because he does more short sales than anyone else in Michigan.

Cox said Thursday he had not seen a copy of the search warrant. Elias sued Fred-



Elias

die Mac in U.S. District Court Jan. 31, saying his businesses were unjustifiably black-listed and

have lost 500 clients and more than \$2 million in revenue. Freddie Mac placed Elias on its exclusionary list in November, meaning it could not participate, either directly or indirectly, in any Freddie Mac transaction.

In a letter Oct. 1 to Elias, Freddie Mac alleged Elias "instructed borrowers to purchase a new home prior to applying for short sale assistance on the Freddie Mac loan," the lawsuit says, and the short sale packages submitted to the Freddie Mac servicers on behalf of the borrowers "failed to disclose the acquisition of the new home." Freddie Mac also alleges the inability of the borrowers to repay the Freddie Mac loans was "not genuine" or "was created as a result of the purchase of the new homes made

possible through Elias and his companies."

Elias denies all the allegations.

## Month-long delays

The dispute has meant month-long delays for some clients who are under water on their home mortgages and are trying to avoid foreclosure.

Kathy Rowley of Redford said she is still waiting to close the short sale on her house, which had a purchase offer of \$33,100 shortly after being put on the market in September. She still owes \$90,000 on the house and hasn't made a payment since August. "Now I'm getting close to the whole foreclosure thing," she said.

She said she hasn't been dissatisfied with Elias — her troubles started when her file, along with 200 others, got transferred to another realty firm after Elias was placed on the exclusionary list and everything came to a halt. She suspects the new realty company is overwhelmed by the vol-

ume.

Susan Parker said she had been verbally promised by Elias that it would sell her Hazel Park house by Dec. 31. She first listed it with Elias in February and had a buyer and a signed purchase agreement by April.

"At that time, I was thrilled but ever since then, I've been transferred to several different agents within Elias and each one was unresponsive," she said. "Weeks on end would go by with no update or communication from anyone. It was only after I'd called and emailed several times and finally got on the phone with a receptionist and refused to be sent yet again to someone's voice mail that there would be a brief period of OK communication and then it would fizzle out again."

## 'He's following the rules'

Cox said Elias never broke any Freddie Mac rules; he simply explained them to people.

According to Freddie Mac, people generally qualify for a short sale by demonstrating one of four hardships: divorce, debt, disability or distant relocation. They also qualify if they haven't paid their mortgage for three months, Cox said. "He doesn't tell them what to do," he said, adding that Freddie Mac guidelines encourage some homeowners to forego payment of their mortgage if they do not qualify by virtue of a death, divorce, disability or distant relocation.

These same regulations do not prohibit potential short sale homeowners from purchasing a second home with lower payments before they stop paying on the first mortgage, Cox said.

He said Freddie Mac allows borrowers to have a newly originated mortgage on another property if they are moving for a new job or if they are in the military and moving to a new station. Also, they can have a vacation home and still apply for assistance for their pri-

mary residence.

Clients also signed forms saying Elias and his employees advised them to avoid purchasing a second home if they are attempting a short sale of their present home, Cox said. "He's following the rules. Some people may say he's taking advantage, but they (Freddie Mac) create the rules. He didn't."

Cox said Freddie Mac forms don't ask if clients have purchased second homes, and any purchase of a second home would show up on a credit report. Freddie Mac would also find out the original home was no longer occupied during a home inspection. Cox said Elias would also report both mortgage payments to Freddie Mac. In many cases, clients wrote hardship letters that mentioned their second mortgage payment, he said.

After he was placed on the exclusionary list, Elias sent 400-500 files to other brokers.

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## Youth Assistance offers free teen, parent programs

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center will host several programs for teens in March.

The "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshop for youth will be offered 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 9 and 23, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy. The program is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for adolescent youth ages 12-18. All participants will get a free snack in the morning, free lunch and prizes. Westland Youth Assistance also is collaborating with the Taylor Teen Health Center to host a free "Talk Early, Talk Often" parent workshop 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at the Westland Friendship Center, located at 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

"Talk Early, Talk Often" is a nationally recognized parent workshop aimed at helping parents talk with children about abstinence and sexuality. The workshop helps parents recognize and use opportunities to open the door for conversation, listen

and respond with greater confidence and skill and to feel comfortable seeking outside sources of information.

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## BOYS BOWLING

# D-3 Kingpins: Clarenceville wins 'States'

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Make room in the trophy case and schedule a pep rally.

The Livonia Clarenceville boys bowling team has earned the school's first MHSAA team title in 35 years by capturing the Division 3 championship Friday at Airport Lanes in Jackson.

The Trojans defeated Ispeming from the upper peninsula in the finals by a mere 30 pins, 1,235-1,205, in a battle of the top

two seeds.

The last team to win a state title at Clarenceville was the 1978 state Class B girls volleyball squad (coached by Tom Tee-ters).

"It was a team of destiny," said Clarenceville fourth-year coach Phil Horowitz. "They had all the right ingredients. They just had to put it together. We bowled four matches and every one was close and went right down to the wire. It was very exciting all day."

Clarenceville garnered a six-pin lead coming out of the two-game Baker set (alternating shots) with a 161-171-332 total to the Patriots' 170-156-326.

In the regular game, Clarenceville had the edge by 24 pins, 903-879, but had to rally after being down 40 pins after the third frame.

"I pulled the team aside and gave them a little pep talk," Horowitz said. "I told them we had a long way to go, don't give up and keep plugging along."

And they did. They raised their games."

Four seniors led the way for the Trojans as anchor Tyler Fox posted an individual high game of 212 followed by Kaylup Richards (181), Kyle Kissandi (175) and Ricky Rutenbar (165), along with a split score of 170.

"In the final, two or three of our guys threw strikes in the 10th frame to keep that 30-pin lead," Horowitz said. "Mat-

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## S'craft men take finale

Five players scored in double figures Thursday as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team ended its season on a winning note with a 73-56 victory at Kirtland Community College.

Richmond Jackson scored a team-high 16 points and nine rebounds for the Ocelots, who finished the season at 7-20 overall and 4-14 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference.

Jonathan Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) added 11 points, while Terrance Coles, Terrel Sewell and Nicholas Redmond contributed 10 apiece.

Schoolcraft's postseason fate, however, was sealed when Macomb CC (10-18, 4-14) got seventh place and the final playoff spot with a forfeit win over Oakland CC.

Alastair Cole tallied a game-high 27 points and Marcus Davis added 19 points and 11 boards for the Firebirds, who finished 8-18 overall and 3-15 in the conference.

## GIRLS HOOPS

# Glenn rolls to first 'A' district title since 1982

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

This 2012-13 Westland John Glenn girls basketball team finds itself in rarefied air after capturing its first Class A district title since 1982 with a resounding 73-29 win Friday over Taylor Truman at Belleville.

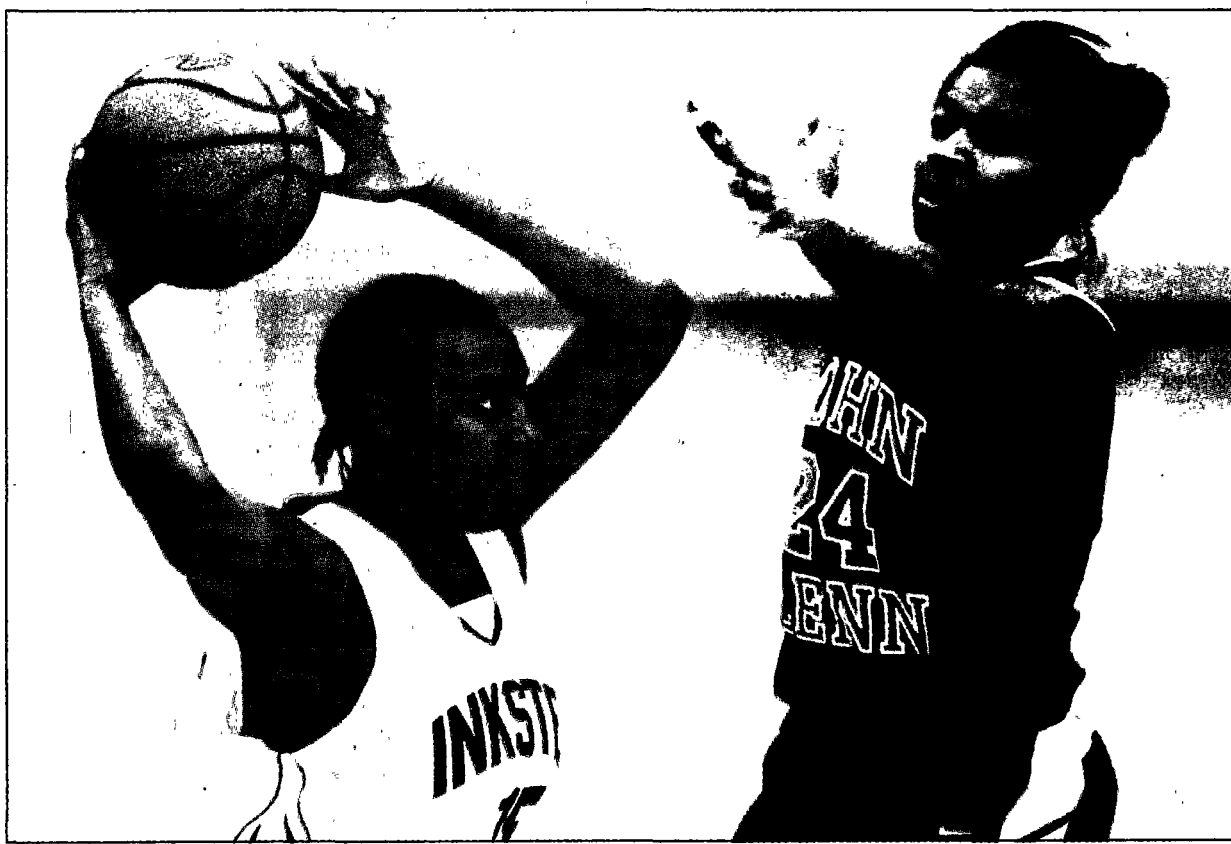
Nine of 10 players scored as the Lady Rockets improved to 21-1 overall and advanced to the regional semifinals where they will face Dearborn Heights Crestwood beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Saline.

Senior guard Raven Bankston led Glenn with a game-high 23 points, while junior guard Kaira Barnes added 10.

April Micheaux led the Cougars (13-9) with 12 points.

Glenn led 25-15 after one quarter and 40-19 at halftime before outscoring Truman 17-7 in the third quarter.

"We got off to a slow start and they (Truman) scored more than we wanted," Glenn coach Eric Kovatch said. "I think we had an emotional letdown after the big emotional Inkster win (55-47 in the district semifinal). But regardless, it's been 30-plus years since we've won something like this so our girls were excited to get their medals."



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Glenn's Kierra Jordan (right) applies the defensive pressure on Inkster's Alexis Stripling during Wednesday's Class A district showdown at Belleville.

# Cast out the demons

## Lady Rockets finally subdue Inkster

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's path in the state Class A girls basketball tournament seems a lot more clearer now.

That's because the Rockets busted through a major roadblock Wednesday in the district semifinal at Belleville by handing Inkster its first loss of the season, 55-47.

Glenn, 20-1 overall, moved into Friday's district championship game at Belleville against 13-9 Taylor Truman. (See related story).

Inkster, the 2011 state champs and Final Four team a year ago, had knocked Glenn out the previous two districts, including a gut-wrenching 59-56 overtime setback in last year's final at Romulus.

"The last two years they beat us three times," Glenn coach Eric

Kovatch said. "They don't have the team they've had the last few years, but they're still well-coached and talented. We came in here and it was a dogfight. Our girls, what I love, have bragging rights. We all know one another and respect one another. For the next year the Glenn girls get to hold their chest out, be proud and have bragging rights. That's awesome for them."

Senior guard Raven Bankston paced Glenn's balanced scoring attack with 13 points, while ShaKeya Graves added 12 followed by Kaira Barnes (11), Raine Bankston (10) and Kierra Jordan (8).

"It was tough, but we weren't scared," said Graves, who is headed to DePaul University. "We just had to knock them down and not worry about it. The game plan was to play hard defense and just come out tough, and not let the

crowd get to us. We had to mostly ignore the crowd and keep our poise."

Glenn jumped out to a 15-2 lead at the outset and held a 27-19 half-time advantage.

The Rockets, however, got into foul trouble in the second half, most notably junior guard Kaira Barnes, who exited with 5:17 left in the game after scoring all of her 11 points in the opening half.

Inkster pulled to within four, 36-32, with 2:14 left in the third period on a three-point play by senior guard Paris McLeod (20 points), but Glenn closed out the quarter thanks to a basket by Graves and two free throws by Raine Bankston to lead by eight, 40-32.

Inkster, however, refused to fold.

With 2:53 left in the final quarter, McLeod's hoop brought the

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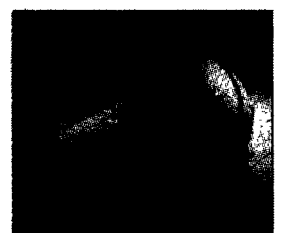
## Lady Ocelots nip Firebirds

Brianna Berberet (Salem) scored 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds to give the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team a season-ending 44-42 MCCA Eastern Conference win Thursday at Kirtland Community College at the MacGregor Athletic Center.

Brittani Hamlin added 10 points and nine boards, while Ajai Meek grabbed a team-best 13 rebounds as the Lady Ocelots finish the year 8-20 overall and 5-13 in the conference.

The Firebirds (6-19, 2-16) got a game-high 28 points from Tara Throop.

Both teams missed the MCCA postseason playoffs.



## Indoor track state quality

A select team of Observerland area runners from the Stickman United Track Club placed ninth in the distance medley at the Mitstrack Indoor State Meet held Feb. 23 at Central Michigan University.

The foursome of J'Haira Johnson (Garden City), Zaid Shareef (Livonia Stevenson), Jacob Colley (Stevenson) and Keenan Jones (Livonia Franklin) were clocked in 11 minutes, 8 seconds.

Johnson was also a member of the seventh-place 3,200-meter relay team.

Meanwhile Jones, ran a leg in the 3,200 relay for the state runner-up Saugatuck Track Club (8:17.7), which placed only behind first-place Spirit of Pre (8:12.8).

Shareef also qualified in the open 400 dash.

The top eight finishers in each event earned Mitstrack Indoor All-State honors.

# Stevenson skates past Chargers, 3-1

## Lutz nets 2 goals in win

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

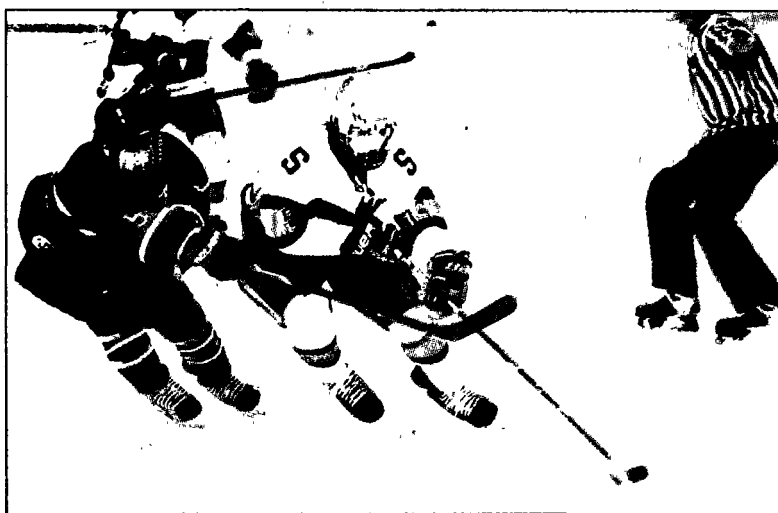
It's no accident Livonia Stevenson's Dominic Lutz now has 38 goals on the season.

The junior forward once again figured prominently Thursday night as the Spartans downed rival Livonia Churchill, 3-1, in a spirited in the Division 2 pre-regional game at Edgar Arena.

The win puts Stevenson, which improved to 19-9-7-1 overall, into the regional final Saturday night against host Trenton at Kennedy Arena. (Trenton won the first meeting on Jan. 23 in overtime, 4-3.)

Churchill, meanwhile, bows out with an 11-13-2 record.

After a scoreless first period



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Stevenson's Dominic Lutz (right) goes wide with the puck against Churchill defenseman Evan Gibboney during Thursday's Division 2 pre-regional at Edgar Arena.

where both teams went 0-for-2 on the power play, the Spartans took a 1-0 lead at 7:44 of the second when Lutz went top shelf to beat Churchill freshman goaltender Alec Calvaruso. Lutz's

linemates Devin Kelly and Tyler Irvine picked up the assists.

Stevenson junior defenseman Ray Chartier then slid a shot from the left point along the ice that found the back of the

Churchill net to make it 2-0 with Kelly assisting at 11:36.

But the back-breaker came with just 35 seconds remaining in the same period when Lutz worked his magic, gaining control of a loose puck and flicking past the Churchill goaltender off assists from Kelly and Ryan Frazer to make it 3-0.

"I got the pass on the sides of my feet, I picked it up and I was able to get a shot on it luckily," Lutz said. "It deflected off one of their players and luckily it went in. It's a big goal — a three-goal lead — it's always important."

Lutz may call it luck, but Stevenson coach David Mitchell has seen it many times before.

"He's a good hockey player and he's got some good players playing with him," Mitchell said. "He's a good, solid kid. It's indicative of his work ethic off the ice. He puts the time in and it shows, and it's nice to see him

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## HOCKEY

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rewarded for his play." Churchill senior forward Riley Brown gave the Chargers life when he scored off a face-off from Brad Milks at 4:15 of the final period to cut it to a two-goal deficit. "It was a really tightly played game through the first half," Churchill first-year coach Jason Reynolds said. "Both teams had opportunities. Both teams were on their toes. I did think that (Lutz second goal) took a little bit of wind out of our sails, at least initially, but our boys battled back. And I'm really proud of how everybody composed themselves. I really am."

But just 2 minutes and 37 seconds after Brown's goal, Churchill was forced to fight off a five-minute Stevenson power play after Brown was given a game disqualification when he was whistled for a check-from-behind.

"That's just an issue that's been following us throughout the year," Reynolds said. "It's a lesson for these boys as they move on."

Churchill junior goaltender David Turel, who came on in the third period for Calvaruso, held Stevenson off the board. But the Chargers were unable to make up the deficit against Spartans netminder Connor Humitz, who made 16-of-17 saves on the night.

"Having Connor Humitz as a third-year senior — in these situations, a guy who has been there before — it's very settling as a coach and for a team to know that he's back there," Mitchell said. "Because we do have breakdowns and playing a team like Churchill, and playing in these types of games, those other teams are going to cause chances, and it's always nice knowing he's always back there for us. He's played well and he's another guy who has been working hard and knowing what he needs to do. I'm very proud and happy for him."



Churchill's Evan Gibboney (5) goes upstairs with the check on Stevenson's Dante Seychel during Thursday's Division 2 pre-regional at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson buzzed the net on several occasions, but the Chargers also received solid goaltending from Calvaruso and Turel, who combined for 43 saves.

"We know they have good goaltending," Mitchell said. "And it's always hard to get goals, so we crash for rebounds and try to get as many pucks on goal as we can. "Give their goaltenders credit. They played well. We talked about getting pucks to the net and we had a lot of chances. But give them all the credit in the world — they hung in there, kept it close and that's usually what Churchill-Stevenson battles are all about, and we're just fortunate to come out with the victory tonight."

Lutz was certainly a difference maker as he was able to find the back of the net twice to continue is torrid scoring pace. "We try to look at every game, to be honest, as a playoff game," Lutz said. "And playing Churchill is always a big game. That's why you play high school hockey. The intensity is crazy, the crowd goes nuts. It was just fun." Churchill, meanwhile, got a lift from junior defenseman Drew Puishes, who was cleared to play by doctors just three hours before the game after sitting out the past six weeks with a broken arm.

"Drew really showed some much heart today," Reynolds said. "It was such a boost for our team to have him come back in time for the playoff game. We were going to use him sparingly today, but he played so well and so comfortable out there, and was such a positive influence on the team."

We actually played him more than we anticipated, but he was such a contributor. I'm really, really proud of Drew and looking forward to having him back his senior year."

Reynolds, meanwhile, reflected on his first season as Churchill coach.

"The only thing you can really tell the boys is there's only one team in the state that doesn't go through this," he said. "At one point or another you have to endure this. As a player, at Stevenson, ironically enough, I went through this myself. It's hard to take off that uniform for the last time, but you offer them support and give them the time they need to come out of the lockerroom and find peace with it. Credit to them, they played a great game as did Stevenson. Neither team has anything to be ashamed of tonight."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY PAIRINGS CLASS A

at LIVONIA STEVENSON  
Monday, March 4: (A) Garden City vs. Redford Thurston, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6: Livonia Churchill vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Monday, March 11 at Southfield vs. Detroit Western International district champion.)

### at ROMULUS

Monday, March 4: (A) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Wayne Memorial, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Romulus vs. (D) Taylor Truman, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6: Inkster vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Belleville vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Monday, March 11 at Wyandotte vs. Dearborn district champion.)

### CLASS B

at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE  
Monday, March 4: (A) Livonia Clarenceville vs. (B) South Lyon East, 6 p.m.; (C) Detroit Community vs. (D) Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6: Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Monday, March 11 at Flat Rock vs. Dearborn Divine Child district champion.)

### CLASS D at TAYLOR BAPTIST PARK (HOST)

Monday, March 4: (A) Lutheran High Westland at (B) Taylor Baptist Park, 7 p.m.; (C) Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at (D) Newport Lutheran South, 7 p.m.; (E) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at (F) Plymouth Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6: Taylor Trillium Academy vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 11 at Novi vs. Saline Washtenaw Christian district champion.)

### GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS CLASS A

#### at SALINE

Tuesday, March 5: Saline vs. Brownstown Woodhaven, 5:30 p.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 7: Championship final, 6 p.m.

onship final. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinal, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Detroit Western International vs. Southfield regional champion.)

### at SOUTHFIELD

Tuesday, March 5: Livonia Stevenson vs. Detroit King, 5:30 p.m.; Southfield-Lathrup vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Detroit Western International vs. Saline regional champion.)

### CLASS B

#### at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Tuesday, March 5: Ida vs. Flat Rock, 5:30 p.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. River Rouge, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Lake Fenton vs. Parma Western regional champion.)

### BOYS SWIMMING

#### MHSAA FINALS

#### Friday, March 8

Division 1 prelims

at Holland Aquatics, noon.

#### Saturday, March 9

Division 1 finals

at Holland Aquatics, noon.

### GIRLS GYMNASICS

#### MHSAA FINALS

#### at PLYMOUTH H.S.

#### Friday, March 8

Team finals, 2 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 9

Individual finals, noon.

### MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

#### NAIA DIVISION II TOURNAMENT

#### (at Point Lookout, Mo.)

#### Wednesday, March 6

MU vs. So. Oregon, 4 p.m.

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

#### (RussMatt Invitational at Auburndale, Fla.)

#### Monday, March 4

MU vs. Pt. Park (2), 12:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 5

MU vs. St. Francis (2), 12:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 6

MU vs. Bethel (Ind), 11:30 a.m.

#### Thursday, March 7

MU vs. Olivet (2), 10:30 a.m.

#### Saturday, March 9

MU vs. Avila (2), 10:15 a.m.

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

#### (Tucson, Ariz. Inv. Games)

#### Sunday, March 3

MU vs. William Penn, 1 p.m.

MU vs. Viterbo, 3:30 p.m.

#### Monday, March 4

MU vs. St. Joe-Cal., 10:30 a.m.

MU vs. N'western Coll., 3 p.m.

MU vs. Olivet (Ill.), 5 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 6

MU vs. Robert Morris, 3:30 p.m.

MU vs. Hope Inter., 5:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 7

MU vs. Univ. Great Falls, 11 a.m.

MU vs. Olivet (Ill.), 3:30 p.m.

#### Friday, March 8

MU vs. Valley City St., 11 a.m.

MU vs. Ashford, 1 p.m.

MU vs. Dickinson St., 5:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 9

MU vs. Pur.-N. Central, 11 a.m.

MU vs. William Penn, 1 p.m.

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## Notre Dame Prep downs Trojans

Kimani Dooley and Jawan Nelson carried the offensive load with 22 and 20 points, respectively, but it wasn't enough as the Livonia Clarenceville fell Thursday night to host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 66-58, in the regular season boys basketball finale.

The Trojans, who enter Class B district play 4-16 overall, trailed 28-27 at halftime and 49-39 after three quarters.

Vinny Famularo led the Fighting Irish (9-10) with 15 points, while Jermain Johnson and Alex Stuart added 13 and 12, respectively.

**FORDSON 50, STEVENSON 40:** On Thursday, Moussa Harb scored 16 points and Ahmad Hamade contributed 11 points and 10 rebounds to lead host Dearborn Fordson (13-7) past Livonia Stevenson (9-11) in a non-conference encounter.

The Spartans, who made only 9-of-19 free

throws, got eight points apiece from seniors Joe Mims and Josh Campbell.

Fordson, which led 24-19 at halftime and 38-33 after three quarters, connected on 16-of-20 foul shots.

**CRANBROOK 64, LUTH. WESTLAND 37:** Brandon Moore tallied 16 points and Alex David added 13 to lead Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (11-9) to a non-conference win Thursday against visiting Lutheran High Westland (10-9).

The Cranes led 26-18 at halftime before pulling away with a 15-4 third-quarter run.

A.J. Seltz led the Warriors with 14 points, while Nick Flanery added nine points and five rebounds.

"We played a great first half defensively," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft said. "In fact, I think it was one of the best defensive halves we've played all season."

Losing starting point-guard Ernie Babon to a third-quarter hand injury didn't help matters either.

"However, in the second half we turned the ball over way too much," Hoeft said. "Against a team of Cranbrook's caliber, you just can't waste possessions."

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# District champions

## Wilkinson sparks Stevenson rout of GC

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

As blazing hot as Rachel Wilkinson's shooting touch was Friday night, you half expected Alecia Keys' hit song "Girl on Fire" to blast out of the Livonia Franklin gymnasium sound system every time the Livonia Stevenson sharp-shooter touched the ball.

Armed with a net-finding jumper, Wilkinson pumped in a game-high 22 points to lead the Spartans to a resounding 61-32 victory over Garden City in a Class A district final.

After missing her first two shots of the night, Wilkinson buried three straight — including two long threes — to fuel the winners' 17-5 first-quarter onslaught.

"Rachel has a beautiful stroke; she's a great shooter," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said, praising Wilkinson's game. "In our game against Franklin on Wednesday, she was hesitating a little bit before she shot. We told her, 'You're our shooter, Rach.' Tonight there was no hesitation." Wilkinson said her shot felt good in warm-ups and that she wasn't going to let her first two misfires get in her head.

"You can't get frustrated just because you miss a couple of shots," she said. "With them playing a zone, I knew I was going to get some good looks. My teammates did a good job of getting me the ball in good spots."

Junior 6-footer Charlesann Roy was "Ms. Inside" for the Spartans as she contributed 14 points — all in the paint.

Stevenson (12-10), which had lost three consecutive district finals prior to Friday night's triumph, advanced to Tuesday's regional semifinal at Southfield against Detroit King. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

"This feels great," said Stevenson junior forward Rosemary Morse. "It's the best feeling ever. With our size advantage, we had a feeling we could beat them down low and that's what



Garden City's Deija Collier (right) is surrounded by Stevenson defenders Mara Murray (middle) and Uzoma Nwankwo during Friday's Class A district final.

we did."

Garden City's season ended at 9-14 after posting a pair of dramatic victories earlier in the week.

"They shot the ball outstanding," said GC coach Michele Tyree. "We watched them Wednesday and they were getting most of their points off put-backs. Tonight they were scoring from outside."

"I proud of the way my girls kept battling. We weren't making a lot of shots. It's easier to come back when you're shooting well."

The Spartans' lead ballooned to 27-13 at the half thanks in large part to an active zone defense that forced the Cougars into 10 first-half turnovers.

"We tried to run a 2-1-2 and trap off it when we can," said Knoph. "We were able to force them to make decisions I don't know if they wanted to make. I liked our defensive aggressiveness, and we ran the ball well, too."

Tyree's half-time message was simple: Never give up. "I told them about a

regional game Garden City played when I first started coaching," she said. "We were down 16 and came back to win. Our program has a history of having scrappy teams and we scrapped tonight; it just wasn't enough."

Stevenson slammed the door shut quickly on any hopes GC had of rallying as they put together an 8-0 run early in the third quarter to push their lead to 35-13. Roy was instrumental in the run, adding a driving baseline buck and a steal followed by a layup.

Katelyn Foster scored seven points for the Spartans. Abby Knoph added five.

Uzoma Nwankwo led the winners with six boards. The Spartans made 27-of-65 field goals.

Senior Julene Pummill led GC with 10 points.

Cougars Cassea Bear and Abby Joseph combined for 16 rebounds, but they managed to score just two points.

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## HOOPS

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Vikings to within one, 45-44, but Raine Bankston nailed a clutch short jumper in the lane and the Rockets were able to close out the victory by hitting eight of their last 10 foul shots after going 11 for their previous 22.

Glenn's full-court trapping press resulted in 29 Inkster turnovers.

"Our junior and sophomore guards weren't ready to step up to the kind of pressure they were applying," Inkster coach Dwayne Scott said of Glenn. "What I wanted to make it was a half-court game. I thought at times I did a good job at that, but the problem was we couldn't get the entry pass to the next pass. And I think Paris (McLeod) got tired at the end. We gave a couple of other kids a chance to handle the ball, but we just couldn't get it done."

One of Glenn's unsung heroes was junior guard India Gliespie-Perdue, who came off the bench to spell Barnes after she fouled out.

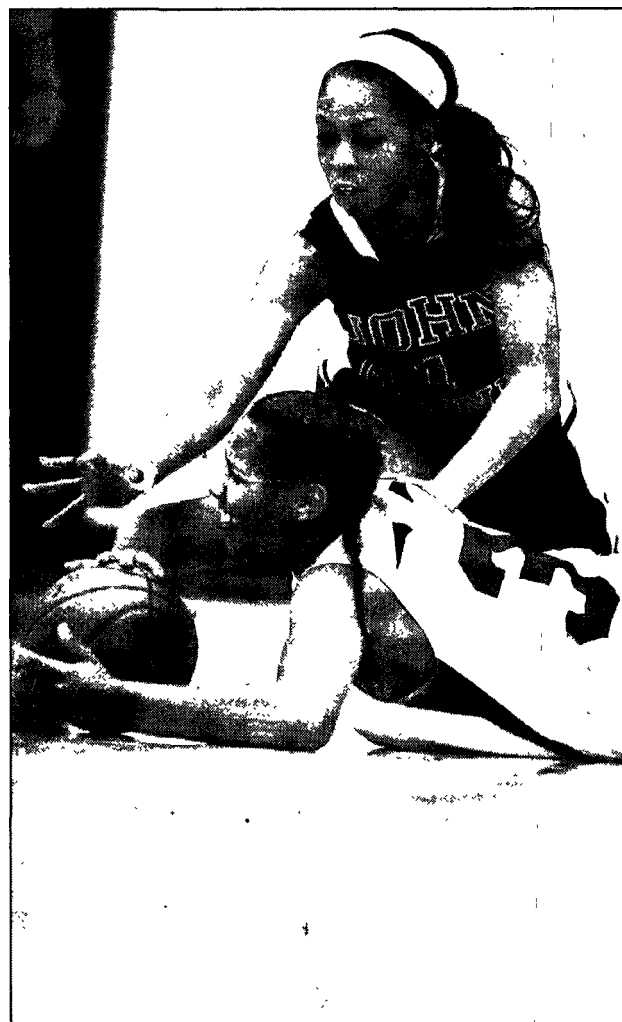
"She's not unsung because we love India and she gives us exactly what she's supposed to, which is the best defense around," Kovatch said.

Graves also gave kudos to Gliespie-Perdue's ball-hawking against the Inkster backcourt.

"India always plays good defense and she's the first one we go to," the senior guard said. "She stepped up even though Paris got 20."

Alexis Stripling added 10 points for the Vikings, who made 20-of-41 shots from the floor (48.7 percent). But Inkster struggled at the line going 5-of-14 (35.7 percent).

Glenn, meanwhile, shot 16-of-37 from the field



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Glenn's Raine Bankston (1) fights for the loose ball with Inkster's Ariel Walker (3) during Wednesday's Class A district semifinal showdown at Belleville.

(43.2 percent) and 19-of-32 from the foul stripe (59.3 percent).

The Rockets had 16 fewer turnovers than the Vikings (finishing with 13).

"We weathered the storm," Kovatch said. "Our girls weren't shooting very good at the line at the beginning, but when it counted, they made their free throws. So we're really excited."

"They (Inkster) were a big, strong team and we were a small, fast team. It made for a great matchup. They did good things, we did good things. There's not a program I respect more than Ink-

ster and Canton. Those are our biggest rivals and we like to be considered at their level every year."

Meanwhile, the Rockets cast out a few demons with their district semifinal victory.

"It was devastating to lose by three points when we were up the whole entire game," Graves said of last year's district final defeat. "And one mistake just messed it up. For us to come back this year and win was good. It took a lot of heart to beat Inkster."

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## COLLEGE HOOPS

# NAIA Journey

## MU men's cagers eye Southern Oregon

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The Madonna University men's basketball team will embark Sunday morning on a 12-hour, 783-mile bus ride, but the Crusaders plan to savor every moment of the two-day trip.

Destination is Point Lookout, Mo. for the 2013 NAIA Division II Men's Basketball Championship as the 25-8 Crusaders, making their inaugural appearance, will take on 24-9 Southern Oregon in the opening round of the 32-team tournament beginning at 4 p.m. (CST) Wednesday at the College of Ozarks.

MU, coming off an impressive 72-58 win Tuesday night in Grand Rapids over top seed Davenport in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff final, will be the 14th seed.

Southern Oregon, runner-up in the Cascade Collegiate Conference, is No. 18.

It will take five games to win it all over seven days, no easy task for any team.

"We're going to look at it as one game at a time, but there's no doubt you're going to need a team to get all the way to the end," said MU fourth-year coach Noel Emehiser, who has orchestrated the Crusaders' remarkable turnaround. "For us, we're not going to save anything the first game because there's no guarantees. We're playing a really good team and we have our hands full with them. It's tempting to look at the bracket and see how it's all going to shake out, but we're going to focus on it like it's a one-game deal."

Southern Oregon poses two inside threats in 6-foot-7, 235-pound Eric Thompson, who averages 16 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, along with 6-8, 230-pound David Sturmer, a former walk-on at Oregon State who averages 15.6 points and a team-best 9.2 rebounds per contest.

"He (Sturmer) is a solid inside player and another (Thompson), spent five years pitching for the Dodgers organization in the minor leagues," Emehiser said. "He (Thompson) is a good athlete, a mature type player."

Kyle Tedder, a 6-2 junior guard, also averages 15 ppg while shooting 42 percent from three-point range (95-of-224) for Southern Oregon.

"They're good," Emehiser said of the

Raiders. "They really space you out and move the ball well. Even though they have size, it's not a pound-it-in-the-post type offense. It's a lot of motion offense and they shoot well from outside. They attack you in a lot of different ways and they defend well. It's going to be a tough matchup, but everybody out there is good, so you wouldn't expect anything other than that."

MU counters with WHAC Player of the Year Bobby Naubert, a fearless 5-foot-10 junior point-guard from Livonia Stevenson who leads the nation in assists (6.9 per game) to go along with a team-best 16.7 ppg.

His running mate at guard, All-WHAC performer Travis Schuba, a 6-foot guard from Kalkaska High, is right behind at 16.3 ppg while shooting 44 percent from three-point range (126-of-281).

High-flying junior forward Fred Williams, a 6-5 forward from Berkeley High, has also emerged as a legitimate scoring threat this season averaging 12.9 points.

The lone senior is 6-7 forward Eoghann Stephens (Liss, England), who averages 6.7 ppg and holds the school's single season record for total blocks (100). He is joined up front by 6-4 junior Matt Jenkins (5.2 ppg), a Plymouth native who played at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard High School.

"The biggest thing I was impressed with was our readiness for the moment," Emehiser said. "Lack of experience in the playoffs — the fact that we had never made it out of the first round under me — we didn't show any nervousness and I was really impressed that we handled those moments really well with a great determination and we didn't look like we were inexperienced."

"The biggest thing for me is that our guys appeared ready and confident."

Two other WHAC teams are in the field including No. 9 seed Davenport (27-6), whom the Crusaders beat three times this season, along with unseeded Lourdes of Ohio (22-9), which finished third in the WHAC.

Rochester College (20-4), an independent, also enters as the No. 15 seed.

The MU-Southern Oregon winner will face either host College of the Ozarks (20-12) or No. 3 Northwood of Florida (30-3) in Friday's feature game at 8 p.m. at Keeter Gymnasium.

"Luckily for us, if we win on Wednesday, we don't play again until Friday," Emehiser said. "We'd at least be one of the fortunate teams to have the day off."

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# Spartans clip Pats

## in district semis

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson girls basketball coach Jen Knoph didn't expect a walk in the park in Wednesday's Class A district semifinal with host Livonia Franklin.

That's even after Stevenson rolled to a 48-24 win when the two teams met on Dec. 18.

"I told them it was going to be very physical, like a prize fight," Knoph said. "They (Franklin) are tough and I give them a lot of credit because they'll go down fighting no matter what."

Stevenson, getting a game-high 18 points from junior guard Rachel Wilkinson, used a 17-9 second-quarter run to oust the Patriots, 43-30.

"We played Franklin the third game of the season and all week long I told them not to take anything for granted," Knoph said. "Rachel played an excellent game and shot the ball well." Mara Murray chipped in with eight points as Stevenson, 11-10 overall, moved into Friday's district championship game against Garden City. (See related story).

Franklin, which bowed out at 9-12 overall, got 17 points from senior Katelynn Devers and eight from sophomore Sarah Cramton.

Once again it was poor shooting which did the



Stevenson's Katelyn Foster (12) goes up for the block on Franklin shooter Caitlin Milican (20) during Wednesday's Class A district semifinal.

Patriots in. They hit only 11-of-61 from the floor (18 percent), including 1-of-13 from three-point range.

"It's been like that all year long," Franklin first-year coach Jim Milican said. "We take around 60 shots every game, but they just don't fall. We also missed a lot of easy layups. But Stevenson played a good game, too."

The loss marked the

final game for four Franklin seniors including Natalie Modes, Natalie Desautel, Caitlin Milican and Devers.

"I enjoyed the season because our girls never stopped playing hard and they were really dedicated," Milican said. "It was fun."

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# Inter-City denies Warriors in final

Lutheran High Westland was certainly in position to win its second straight Class D district girls basketball crown Friday night at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, but fell short against the host Chargers, 43-33.

"We were within four points just under five minutes left to play," said Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade. "Within the next two minutes we gave up a 'three' and turned it over, which led to a basket for them. As a result, we were down nine and could not recover in time. We played a great game, but some untimely turnovers and missed shots hurt us down the stretch."

Alyssa Saenz and Rachel Muscat paced Inter-City (13-9), which moves into the Bellevue regional, with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Julia Yancy tallied a team-high 10 for the Warriors, who trailed 8-1 after one quarter, 19-15 at halftime and 29-25 after three quarters.

Chandler Davenport added seven points, while Aldreanna Fikes grabbed

12 rebounds.

The Warriors shot 12-of-30 from the floor (40 percent) and 8-of-12 from the foul line (75 percent).

"We have improved tremendously from the beginning of the season and finished 12-11 after a 0-6 start," Wade said. "Very proud of my team this season and what they have accomplished."

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 55, LUTHERAN SOUTH 39:** Chandler Davenport paced three players in double figures Wednesday lifting Lutheran High Westland (12-10) to a Class D district semifinal victory over Newport Lutheran South (4-16) at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. Davenport finished with a game-high 15 points, while Shannon Abbott and Angela Morrison chipped in with 12 and 11, respectively, as the Warriors made 12-of-13 free throws.

Aldreanna Fikes and Leah Refenes also combined for 16 rebounds.

Molly Roebke and Kristin Smrcka scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, for the Saints, who led 16-15 after one quarter.

"Our first quarter was rough defensively, but we made adjustments and came out controlling the second quarter and never looked back," said Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade, whose team outscored South 18-4 in the second period.

# Ramirez HRs as Crusaders split

The Madonna University baseball team split on opening day of its spring trip Friday in the RussMatt Invitational in Auburndale, Fla.

The 24th-ranked Crusaders fell to Evangel University (Ill.) in the opener, 1-0, before bouncing back to beat Trinity International (Ill.), 12-3, at Lake Myrtle Park.

Evangel (11-3) got a complete game pitcher from pitcher Blake McKnight, who improved to 5-1 overall. He struck out six and walked only one.

Evangel scored its lone run in the bottom of the sixth on Nathan Jones' solo homer off MU starter Josh Deeg, who slipped to 1-1.

Deeg went the first 5.1 innings, allowing just the one hit, but he walked eight and struck out five. Austin Demotte fin-

ished up.

In the nightcap, freshman catcher Brett Ramirez (Salem) went 2-for-3 with a homer and four RBI as the Crusaders routed Trinity International (0-2).

Designated hitter Jeff Beckles also knocked in two runs, while Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) added two hits and an RBI.

Other RBI went to Spencer Sarel, Justin Cook and Mike Tibbetts.

Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn), the MU starter, gave up three earned runs on six hits. He gave way winning pitcher Josh Vandemark (1-1), who worked three scoreless innings allowing just one hit while fanning six.

Dan Stoney (Canton) pitched a scoreless seventh.

ly have to concentrate and make your spares, and just keep your head in the game. Every team was doing the same thing."

Rounding out the top eight qualifiers that advanced into the afternoon match play quarterfinals were Crowell-Lexington (3,287), Pinconning (3,285), Free-land (3,264), Grand Rapids South Christian (3,244), Bridgeport (3,223) and Hudsonville Unity Christian (3,194).

In the quarterfinals of elimination, Clarenceville ousted Bridgeport by 97 pins, 1,282-1,185, highlighted by Bakers of 157-197 and a regular game of 928.

In the semifinals, the Trojans downed South Christian by 30 pins, 1,287-1,257, including stellar Bakers of 184-211 and a regular game of 892.

On the way back from Jackson, the Trojans were trying to find a celebration landing zone on the way back on I-94.

"How about that?" said Horowitz, who guided Clarenceville to a regional title the previous Friday. "What a way to retire. Thirty-five years? Wow. It's still trying to sink in. We're trying to find a place to eat and have a celebration party. I told the boys that if they won, I said, 'The party is on me.'"

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# Tapped out

## Glenn girls fall in Elite 8; boys miss cut

It was a somewhat bittersweet ending to the season for the Westland John Glenn girls and boys in Friday's MHSAA Division 1 Team Bowling Finals held at Muskegon's Northway Lanes.

The Glenn girls, KLAA Central Division champs and regional champion, placed fifth in the qualifying block among the 18-team field to earn a spot in the match play quarterfinals.

But fourth seed Davison ended the Lady Rockets' season, 1,256-1,178.

The eight teams, based on total pinfall after the eight Baker games (alternating shots), along with two morning regular games in the qualifying block, advanced to the afternoon match play finals. Match games were decided by total pinfall of one regular and two Bakers.

Davison jumped out to a 40-pin lead scoring 146-205 in the two-game Baker set compared with Glenn's 139-172. The Cardinals won the regular game, 905-867.

During qualifying block, which consisted of eight Bakers and two regular games, Sterling Heights Stevenson

(3,390) led the way followed by Walled Lake Central (3,350), Macomb Dakota (3,322), Davison (3,301), John Glenn (3,285), Flint Carman-Ainsworth (3,280), Muskegon Mona Shores (3,273) and Bay City Central (3,248).

Glenn rolled Baker highs of 234, 202 and 201, while posting regular games of 891 and 908.

Meanwhile, the Glenn boys failed to get out of the qualifying block placing 15th out of 18 with a total of 3,177.

The top eight qualifiers included Saginaw Heritage (3,579), Carman-Ainsworth (3,485), Salem (3,346), Mona Shores (3,346), Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3,343), Roseville (3,329), Jackson (3,323) and Canton (3,313).

The Rocket boys, KLAA Central and Kensington Lakes Activities Association champions, had Baker high games of 209, 205 and 200 to go along with regular games of 913 and 850.

Salem won the state championship defeating Heritage in the finals, 1,388-1,258.

# Ladywood gets 3rd straight district title

Livonia Ladywood earned its third straight Class A district girls basketball title under coach Anthony Coratti with a 58-35 win Friday over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in the finals at South Lyon East.

Senior point-guard Andie Anastos led the way for the Blazers with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Senior forward Sara Even also chipped in with 18 as Ladywood improves to 15-7 overall.

The victory moves the Blazers into the regional semifinals beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at home against River Rouge, which pulled off a surprising 57-52 district final win Friday over Dearborn Divine Child. The first-game of the regional double-header, beginning at 5:30 p.m., pits Ida against Flat Rock.

In the district final, Ladywood got off to a slow start against the Fighting Irish (3-16) leading by four after one quarter, 6-2.

"We missed shots and they (Gabriel Richard) tried to hold the ball," Coratti said. "They came out in a triangle-and-

two, but I think our defensive pressure wore on them and it gave us some good offensive opportunities."

Ladywood outscored Gabriel Richard 21-10 in the second quarter and 19-9 in the third to take a commanding 46-21 advantage.

"This is a result of a good senior class, who are now three-for-three (in district titles) as varsity players," said Coratti, whose team made 13-of-20 free throws.

Kora Drefts scored 16 points in a losing cause for the Fighting Irish, who went 9-of-14 from the foul line.

**LADYWOOD 60, CLARENCEVILLE 40:** Senior point guard Andie Anastos had 12 points and 10 assists Wednesday as Livonia Ladywood (14-7) earned a district semifinal triumph over Livonia Clarenceville (10-12) at South Lyon East. The Blazers, who led 31-13 at halftime and 53-24 after three quarters, also got 11 points apiece from seniors Shelby Walsh and Sara Even.

Courtney Mercier and Cheryl Setlock contributed six each for Ladywood.

Junior center Ayanna Buckley paced the Trojans with 15 points.

Clarenceville was 9-of-16 from the foul line, while Ladywood hit 11-of-20.

# MU softball team drops first 2

It was a tough start to the 2013 season Friday for the Madonna University women's softball team.

The Crusaders opened the Tucson (Ariz.) Invitational Games with a pair of losses - 6-3 to Biola (Calif.) and 9-0 in five innings to fifth-ranked Concordia (Calif.).

Third baseman Heather Hall went 4-for-4 with a triple and pair of doubles as Biola improved to 7-12 overall.

Designated player Iliana Morales also went 2-for-4 with three RBI.

Winning pitcher Sarah Enriquez went all seven innings, allowing one earned run on five hits. She struck out six and walked two.

Losing pitcher Angela Pavilanis (0-1) gave up six runs, but only two earned, on

10 hits. She fanned six and did not allow a walk.

MU shortstop Jackie Barley went 2-for-3, while Arielle Cox knocked in two runs. Erin Mayes also had an RBI.

In the second game, Biola (13-2) jumped on Madonna starter Bree Cramton (0-1) for nine runs (six earned) in 4.1 innings.

Shainna Groom went 2-for-3 with a homer and two RBI, while Kristen Shiotani knocked in three runs. Jenna Jorgenson also homered for Biola.

Kristen Drabek and Amber Rafko had the lone hits for MU.

Biola starter Katie Cotta struck out eight and did not allow a walk in five innings.

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## Giving back

Worship  
community  
seeks  
volunteers  
for service

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

David Sharpe is an altar server, usher, mover, singer and reader during Sunday morning worship at Independence Village in Plymouth Township.

The only roles he hasn't taken on are priest and organist.

For the past 13 years, the Farmington Hills man has kept the service running smoothly for seniors at the retirement and assisted living facility. But now he's reaching out to others in hopes of recruiting new volunteers to assist with the "Community of the Good Shepherd."

"Father and I have to put it all together," said Sharpe, referring to the Rev. Jacek Zebrowski, a hospice chaplain who also leads the 10 a.m. Sunday service at Independence Village. Rosetta Maddick of Plymouth is the organist. They also lead Good Friday, Ash Wednesday and Christmas day services and offer Anointing of the Sick one Sunday each month.

"Initially, we had a large number of volunteers who lived outside the



Residents of Independence Village in Plymouth Township participate in a communion service.

Village but at this time there are only three volunteers," Sharpe noted. Jeannette, his wife of 55



David Sharpe

years, also helps out occasionally. Community of the Good Shepherd, which meets in a dining room, is the only in-house worship service offered on Sunday morning at the senior residence.

Katie Harkness, Independence Village assistant activities director, said seniors may attend a Roman Catholic service on Tuesdays and a Protestant service the second

Thursday of the month. A shuttle bus also takes residents to a handful of churches on Sunday.

She said the Community of the Good Shepherd service "is much needed."

"Having it on Sunday is important to residents. It would be something that would be missed if we didn't have it. Not everyone can take a shuttle. This allows the church to be brought to them."

### Creating community

The Rev. Patrick Lowery, who lived across the street from Independence Village in 1999, asked Sharpe if he'd assist in founding a worship community. Sharpe knew the priest from an Orthodox church he had attended.

"This was an opportuni-



The Rev. Jacek Zebrowski (left) and the Rev. Patrick Lowery conduct services at Independence Village in Plymouth.

ty to create an outreach ministry outside of a traditional church building. Our worship services began, and Community of the Good Shepherd became a reality," Sharpe said. "We're not a church. We're a community."

Over the years, five priests from different Catholic traditions — ranging from Orthodox to Anglican — have led services. Attendees are from various Christian backgrounds. The service is free of denominational ties and dogma.

### Giving back

Sharpe, a retired Detroit school teacher, was raised as a Baptist and later became a Methodist. His wife, also a retired Detroit teacher, was raised as a Roman Catholic. As a married couple, they attended an Episcopal church for many years. Now the Community of the Good Shepherd is Sharpe's place of worship and a major volunteer commitment. He also



Rosetta Maddick plays the organ at services.

regularly gardens at the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills.

"When you've been blessed, as my wife and I both have been, and you are at the point you have all you need and more, you want to give back to your society," he said. "It's satisfying whenever you donate your time or you give to others. You get far more than you give. Of course, everyone says that, but it's true."

The Community of the Good Shepherd needs volunteers to assist with readings, to sing, greet worshippers, play musical instruments and set up and take down chairs.

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# Taste chili, bowl for animals at local events

**Tasteful challenge**  
Tail Waggers 1990 is accepting applications for chili cooks.  
Interested participants can enter the group's annual Chili Hoops and Hounds chili cook off for \$30 and will receive a signature event T-shirt, along with the chance to earn a "grand prize" for the best tasting chili, best table decoration or People's Choice Award.  
The event is set for 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at UAW Local 182, 35603 Plymouth Road, in Livonia.  
The public may sample chili made by the area's best chefs for \$1 per sample or with an all-you-can-

eat wristband for \$15.  
All guests will have a chance to vote in the People's Choice award and be included in a drawing for prizes.  
This family-fun event will feature an inflatable, interactive basketball challenge, face-painting, magic, entertainment and more.  
Print a registration packet and form from [www.tailwaggers1990.org](http://www.tailwaggers1990.org), or request a packet via e-mail at [tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com](mailto:tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com) or call (734) 855-4077.  
Registration form and checks made payable to Tail Waggers 1990 can be mailed to Tail Waggers 1990, 28402 Five Mile,

Livonia MI 48154.  
All registrations must be received no later than March 15.  
**Bowling for animals**  
Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen, co-owners of Aleta Sill's Bowling World, hope to raise \$40,000 for the Michigan Animal Adoption Network (MAAN) and the Friends For The Dearborn Animal Shelter through their annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue fundraiser.  
The event is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills, but the duo is looking for event sponsors and eBay auction items now.

"Right now, we are looking for everything from an individual buying a ticket to bowl, folks pledging to get donations, businesses becoming official event sponsors and generous people donating items for us to auction off as soon as we receive them. We have some really affordable marketing opportunities in conjunction with this event, not to mention that sponsors will be making a huge difference for two local charities," Sill said.  
Each Bowl-4-Animal Rescue event allows MAAN and the Animal Care Network to offer two vaccination clinics annually to help thou-



sands of animals. Forty dollars can buy litter for all of the Dearborn shelter's cats for one week and \$50 feeds all of its dogs for one week.  
In 2012, the event raised more than \$26,500 for the Dearborn shelter

and MAAN.  
Tickets to Bowl-4-Animal Rescue are \$30 in advance (or \$35 at the door) and include three games, food and shoe rental. There will be on-site auctions, raffles, door prizes, music, karaoke and a cash bar. Bowlers can have one of the professional bowlers throw a strike for them.  
Get tickets by calling Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 615-9060 or via e-mail to [Michelle@YourBowlingCoach.com](mailto:Michelle@YourBowlingCoach.com).  
Want to help with sponsorship or auction items? Call Mullen at (248) 217-8275 or e-mail her at [Michelle@YourBowlingCoach.com](mailto:Michelle@YourBowlingCoach.com).

# Learn what your clothing says about you

The Association for Women in Communications (AWC) - Detroit chapter presents a special evening with Alison Vaughn, CEO of Jackets for Jobs, Inc., at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at Motor City Java House, 17336 Lahser, Detroit.  
A former model, Alison Vaughn is an award-winning entrepreneur, co-author of *Inspired Style*, and a contributing writer to the *Michigan Chronicle* and *Michigan Front Page*.

Vaughn will share practical information that empowers women to make the right clothing style choices to reflect the message and image they want to convey. She also will show style blunders, while covering these topics:  
• How a certain style captures positive attention  
• The best look to communicate confidence and get your ideas heard  
• How to take a fresh

look at the treasures you own and renew your look  
• Suggestions to look great at any age  
• Fashion rules you need to break  
• The one color every woman should have in her wardrobe  
Jackets for Jobs is a nonprofit organization that provides employment etiquette, career-skills training, and professional clothes to its low-income clients. It has assisted more than 14,000

individuals with employment since 2000. The organization has been supported by ABC's *The View*, NBC's *Today Show*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*. It is also the charitable arm of TJ Maxx.  
Vaughn is a member of the Association of Image Consultants International, The National Association of Female Executives, Women Impacting Public Policy, Martha Stewart's "Dreamers into Doers" and is active with

the NAACP.  
The evening will begin with networking and a light supper, followed by the program. Donations of at least one article of clean, gently-used women's business clothing are requested.  
The cost is \$20 for AWC members, \$30 for non-members, and \$15 for students.  
For more information, or to register, visit [www.womcomdetroit.org](http://www.womcomdetroit.org) or call (866) 385-1784.



Alison Vaughn will talk about clothing styles and what messages they communicate to others, Thursday, March 21, in Detroit.

# Learn about Miracle League, Kelly's Kidz in Plymouth

Tickets are available through Monday, March 4, for the "Miracles Among Us Celebration of Making Dreams Come True," set for Thursday, March 7, at Plymouth

Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.  
The event is aimed at women who are interested in learning more about Kelly's Kidz and The Mir-

acle League of Plymouth and it honors the fifth anniversary of both organizations, which assist children with special needs.  
Cost is \$30 and includes

light appetizers, wine and chocolate, served by the men of the Miracle League and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Check-in will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by the pro-

gram at 6:15 p.m.  
Register at [mplymouth.org](http://mplymouth.org) and click on the tickets link. Proceeds will benefit Kelly's Kidz and The Miracle League of Plymouth. Advance

registration only will be accepted for this event.  
Questions? E-mail to [kellyskidz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kellyskidz@sbcglobal.net) or [debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org](mailto:debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org).

## REUNIONS

Send information to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com). Got a class photo or yearbook picture to go with the information? Send it along as a jpg attachment.

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### PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1968**  
A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For information contact Susan Keith Johnson at [sgjohnson4@comcast.net](mailto:sgjohnson4@comcast.net).

### SOUTH LYON

**CLASS OF 1963**  
A 50th class reunion is planned for July 20. For more information, contact Barbara Cook at (248) 349-5982.

### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 1983**  
6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 26, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia. For more information, e-mail to Linda Harbison at [jghs.1983@gmail.com](mailto:jghs.1983@gmail.com).

# Author on nuclear meltdown will speak in Livonia

Cecile Pineda, author of *Devil's Tango: How I Learned the Fukushima Step by Step*, will talk about the nuclear industry at the next meeting of Citizens for Peace, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.  
The event is part of Pineda's 10-day book tour of the Great Lakes region, which coincides with the second anniversary of the meltdown of three reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear facility in Japan. She'll offer an update on the consequences of Fukushima during her appearance in Livonia.  
Published on the one-year anniversary of the disaster, the book, in Pineda's own words, is "a crazy quilt of multiple voices, pieced together day-by-day." It reflects her anguished attempt to come to terms with Fukushima's catastrophic consequences for the entire planet. "We are beyond the place where available technology can address what is ongoing and probably will be ongoing for many, many

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decades," she says. Copies of Pineda's newest book will be available for signing and sale at the Unity of Livonia event.  
Pineda has been an anti-war activist from early life. Her novels, all available from WingsPress.com, have been critically acclaimed, with *Face*, winning the

Commonwealth Club of California Gold Medal — a record for first fiction — as well as the Sue Kaufman Prize and a National Book Award nomination. Her novel, *The Love Queen of the Amazon*, written with an NEA Fiction Fellowship, was named a Notable Book of the Year by *The New York Times*.  
Citizens for Peace, is sponsoring her stop in Livonia. Co-sponsors are the Alliance to Halt Fermi 3; Huntington Woods Peace, Citizenship & Education Project; IHM Justice, Peace and Sustainability Office; Nukewatch; Peace Action of MI; Sierra Club (Southeast Michigan); Swords Into Plow Shares Peace Center & Gallery; US Peace Council (Michigan chapter); Women's Action for New Directions (Southeast Michigan); and Women's International League for Peace & Freedom.  
The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Colleen at (734) 425-0079.

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Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

## March

## AUCTION

**Time/Date:** 12:30-2 p.m. March 10

**Location:** Redford Aldersgate United Methodist, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford Township

**Details:** All proceeds go to support the Food4U food bank that distributes food baskets monthly to 40-80 families

**Contact:** (313) 937-3170

## CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10

**Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Olivia Duval, soprano, sings a program of spirituals and art songs, accompanied by Wesley Fishwick at the piano. Admission to the concert is free, although a free will offering will be collected

## CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 22

**Location:** Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** Josh Nelson, a popular performer and composer of modern Jewish music, performs. The concert is free and no reservations are required

## DISCUSSION GROUP

**Time/Date:** Miniseries shown 8-10 p.m. Sunday, through March 31; discussion from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, From March 6-April 3

**Location:** Kenwood Church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** The church will offer a discussion group

on the History Channel miniseries, "The Bible" **Contact:** (248) 476-8222

## FISH DINNER

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. Friday through March 22

**Location:** St. Aidan Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Adult dinner includes two filets of salmon, cod or a combination for \$9. Child dinner includes one filet of salmon or cod or macaroni and cheese for \$5. Both the adult and child dinners include roasted potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, dinner roll, and dessert. Beverages included for adults are coffee, tea, milk, pop and water. For children they are milk, pop and water. The child's dinner is for age 10 and under. Side dishes of macaroni and cheese are available for \$2

## LENTEN LECTURE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19

**Location:** St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, author, lecturer, and professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will present "The Spirituality of Vatican II: What it means for the People in the Pew." This is a free event and light refreshments will be served. Call the church office to register

## LENTEN SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, through March 20

**Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Inspiring and meditative worship using Holden Evening Prayer. Journeys of faith witnessed by several members

**Contact:** (734) 427-1414 or (734) 338-6722

## LENTEN SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. prayer

service, 6:30 p.m. soup dinner, through March 27

**Location:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Topics for the Wednesday night program are: "We were formed for God's family," March 6; "We were created to become like Christ," March 13; "We were shaped for serving God," March 20; "We were made for a mission," March 27

**Contact:** (248) 478-6520; belch@gmail.com

## LENTEN SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 20

**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** Free treats served after services. The theme of the series is "Names of Wondrous Love"

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

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. supper followed by service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through March 20

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Soup suppers and service

**Contact:** (248) 553-3380

## MASS, PIZZA &amp; MASS CLASS

**Time/Date:** Starts at 6 p.m. with dinner and class at 6:30 p.m., every Thursday during Lent

**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Everyone is welcome

**Contact:** (734) 721-5023

## PARTY PLANNING

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, March 17

**Location:** Temple Beth El's Handelman Hall, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** Photographers, party planners, florists, DJs, videographers, caterers and more will be on hand at this party planning showcase sponsored

by the Beth El Sisterhood. Experts will present tips, demonstrations and ideas for having a party everyone will remember. An added feature this year will be a bridal fashion show at noon in the Temple's sanctuary presented at no charge by Roma Sposa. Visitors to the free event can sample foods and win prizes. All in attendance will receive a complimentary directory of exhibitors

**Contact:** (248) 865-0633

## POMEGRANATE GUILD

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. March 10

**Location:** In the Prentis Apartments Community Room, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield, Oak Park

**Details:** Marilyn Feingold will lead a needlework mezuzah workshop. There is a \$7 materials fee. The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework

**Contact:** Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

## PRESCHOOL

## Ward Preschool

**Time/Date:** Open registration begins at 9 a.m. March 20 for the 2013-14 school year

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Enrolling this month for children turning 3 and 4 by Sept. 1, 2013 and age 5 by Feb. 1, 2014

**Contact:** (248) 374-5911 or e-mail carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org

## Ongoing

## CLASSES/STUDY

## Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

## New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in

grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

## Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

## St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, or www.livoniast-michael.org

## Ward Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

## FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiwasssee, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Free meal

**Contact:** (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

## FOOD BANK

## New Hope Church

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

**Location:** 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

## MOMS

## Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. **Contact:** Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

## Dunning Park Bible Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

## PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

**Contact:** (313) 563-0162

## PRAYER

## Nardin Park United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well, as responding to personal requests.

**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

## Spring art classes set in Livonia

It's time to get creative. Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) starts its spring classes and workshops the week of March 11.

It offers a variety of watercolor, acrylic, pastel and oil painting courses, portrait drawing, mixed media, beginning drawing and experimental art.

Classes are taught by professionally-trained teachers and are geared toward both beginning and experienced levels of ability. Tuition ranges from \$55-\$120 for members and \$75-\$100 for nonmembers.

VAAL offers a chance to meet and learn from fellow artists practicing in many media. Members may attend monthly meetings that offer a variety of programs and speakers. Members also may enter fall and spring juried exhibits. However, membership is not required to enroll in art classes and workshops.

The VAAL classroom is located at 37653 Five Mile at Newburgh, in Livonia. To receive a free catalog of classes or for other information call (734) 838-1204 or check out the VAAL website at [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org).

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Treatment consists of intravenous antibiotics for 4-6 weeks. This regimen may seem extreme, but it usually works to clear the infection completely from the infected joint. The same resolution holds for knee infections in replacement joints. Six weeks of antibiotic therapy stands in contrast to therapies for infected knee replacements ten years ago. Then, it was considered necessary to remove the infected joint, wait 2-4 months and put in another replacement. Modern therapy replaces such measures.

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## Milestones

### Rosales-Al-Ghishan

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Adriann is the daughter of April Rosales and Arthur and Sheryl Rosales, all of Canton.

George is the son of Asmah and Heshan Al-Ghishan of Westland.

Adriann and George both are 2012 graduates of Wayne State University. George earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental science and Adriann earned a bachelor of science degree in radiation therapy.

The wedding is planned for June 2014 at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, Livonia.



### Koleczko-Lightbody

Kristan Marie Koleczko and Michael Foster Lightbody announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Stanley and Laurie Koleczko of Livonia, is a Franklin High School graduate. She graduated in 2004 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed as a paramedic in Plymouth.

Her fiancé, son of Lincoln and Nancy Lightbody of Livonia, is a Churchill High School graduate. He's employed at Pro Trans International.

A June 2013 wedding is planned in Dearborn.

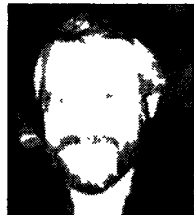
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### COLLISTER, STEPHEN

July 14, 1944 - Feb. 16, 2013

Following a brief illness, Steve died at home in Hazel Park, MI. A talented musician and graphic artist, he is survived by his beloved sister, Jane Hall of Grass Valley, CA, in addition to two nephews, a niece and extended family. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Notable life accomplishments included being a charter member of the Pegasus Group, Realtor of The Year in Battle Creek, and instrumental in starting the Annual Battle Creek Balloon Festival. He was loved and respected by all he touched. Private services & an Irish Wake were previously held at his favorite restaurant, Sindbad's in Detroit, MI.

A.J. Desmond & Sons  
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### DAMM, CHARLES A.

Age 86, of Farmington, February 22, 2013. Charles was born in Detroit in 1926, graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1944, attended the University of Notre Dame and Michigan State University, graduating with a BA in forestry in 1948. A veteran of WWII and Korea, he served 33 years in the US Navy active duty and reserves, retiring as a commander at NAF Detroit in 1977. He joined the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority as a park ranger in 1953, and was named Superintendent of Kensington Metropark in 1968. He retired in 1986. Married to Madeleine for 44 years, Charles is survived by his children, Daniel and Gretchen; and brother, Brother Frank Damm, SM. Funeral Mass Thursday, February 28, 10 am (instate 9:30 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Road, Farmington. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial gifts suggested the American Heart Association, heart.org.

Arrangements entrusted to the  
Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral  
Home, downtown Farmington  
(248-474-5200).  
heeneey-sundquist.com

### FARLIE, JULENE

Age 78, February 24, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Watson. Dear mother of JoAnn (Larry) Burke, Brenda (Don) Kolehmainen, Watson H. Jr. (Natalie) and the late Elaine and Luther. Grandmother of 7. Great grandmother of 11. Sister of Shelby, Delmer, Nathaniel, Henrietta, Henry, Randall, Mary Lou, Janice, Mitchell and the late Richard and Dorcus. Visitation Thursday 1-8pm with an evening service. Funeral service Friday 10am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill) Garden City. Family suggest memorials to the March of Dimes.  
www.santeiufuneralhome.com

### FUCHS, HENRY R. "HANK"

Feb. 13, 1931 - Feb. 25, 2013

Passed away peacefully on February 25, 2013, at the age of 82, in Farmington Hills. Hank was born in Brooklyn, NY, to Ruth and Henry. He was a Korean War Veteran and a 30 year employee of the Ford Motor Company. He is survived by his children, Greg (Michelle), Bob (Sue) and Debbie (Mike) Umscheid, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A memorial service is planned. Details not yet determined.



### FURR, (NEE KONKEL) MARY LOUISE

Of Centennial, CO passed away peacefully on January 21, 2013 at the age of 86 after a short illness. She spent her last few days at The Denver Hospice surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Born October 7, 1926 in Detroit, MI to the late Frank J. Konkell and the late Helen M. (Blotkamp) Konkell. She devoted her life to being a loving wife and caring mother of five children. Steven J. (Teri) of Canton, MI; Stanley E. (Susan) of St. Paul, MN; Ronald L. (Diana) of Centennial, CO; Cynthia L. Noble (Kenneth) of Chandler, AZ; Sandra M. Kinslow (Mark) of Aurora, CO. Widowed in 1965 when the children were ages 4-16 she quickly adapted to her role of being a single mom. As the children grew, left home and scattered across the country, Mary delighted in traveling to visit them in each new location. With each new adventure, she would always say, "Who would have ever thought I would do that." Her greatest thrill of all was to rock each new grandbaby that arrived into her family. She was an avid reader. She eagerly passed that passion on to her children and grandchildren. Mary is survived by her children, a brother, Frank W. (Carol) of Fremont, MI; a sister Dorothy Philo (Max) of Fremont, MI; 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. her parents, a brother Arthur J., a sister Elizabeth and a grandson Jonathan A. Furr. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Newaygo, MI. She will be laid to rest next to her husband in Newaygo Cemetery. The family suggests donations be made in her name to The Denver Hospice, 8299 East Lowry Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80230. The caregivers there made her last days as comfortable as possible. Her family is very grateful.

**GENDROLIS, Elwanda**  
Age 65, of Westland, MI, formerly of Kaler Community, KY, passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2013. Arrangements: Byrn Funeral Home, Mayfield, KY



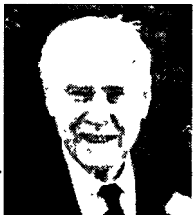
### HESS, MARY LOUISE

Age 89, February 22, 2013. Beloved wife of the late George. Dear mother of John (Becky), Matthew and Miriam (Eric) Rasmussen. Loving grandmother of Jeremy, Erica, Ashley, Katherine and Jennifer. Sister of the late Elizabeth Dicks. Former Dearborn Public School teacher at McDonald Elementary from 1962-1985. Member of American Association of University Women (AAUW). Longtime member of Cherry Hill Baptist Church. Visitation Saturday at 10am until an 11am Memorial Service at Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 1045 N. Gully, Dearborn Heights (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill).  
www.santeiufuneralhome.com



### YORK, BARBARA J.

Feb. 24, 2013, Age 75 of Garden City. Beloved wife of Clifford. Dear mother of Daniel. Loving grandmother of Nathan. Sister of Thelma Bigos. Funeral at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland Thurs. 10am. Family will receive friends Wed. 2-9pm. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



### MCINTYRE, JAMES S.

Age 89 of Redford, Michigan. Beloved husband of Emily (Katy) for 63 years. Loving father of Bill (Maureen) McIntyre, Jeanne (Tom) Shortal, Jim (Rhonda Kotzen) McIntyre, John McIntyre, and Dave (Jill) McIntyre. Dear grandfather of Bill Jr., Beth, Larry, Valerie, Vicki, Avery, Elaine, Frannie, Kate, and Mary. Great grandfather of 11. Brother of William (Donna) and Donald (Alison) McIntyre. James served in the U.S. Army, Air Corp as a young man and then went to work at Detroit Edison. He retired after 33 years. Visitation Thursday 3-8 pm with Service 11:00 am Friday at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6 & 7 Mile). Interment Oakland Hills Cemetery. Contributions to Children's Hospital in Detroit appreciated. Condolences to: charlesstepfuneralhome.com

### MERRILL, WILLIAM H. "BILL"

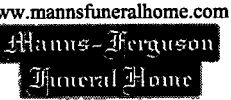
February 27, 2013, age 69. Loving husband of Janet. Beloved father of Jon (Kathleen) Merrill, Anne Merrill, Fred (Cathy) Madley, Terri (Chris) Gogola, and Bruce (Ana) Madley. Proud grandfather of nine. Dear brother of Gloria Merrill, Janet (Fred) Knight, and Elizabeth (Bob) Willer; and the late Richard Merrill, and Barbara Coates. Also survived by 15 nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday, 11AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Visitation Sunday 2-9PM. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Foundation.

To share memories, please visit  
vermeulenfuneralhome.com



### NAIRNE, (NEE FOSTER) MARILYN R.

Age 82. Passed away suddenly on Wednesday February 27th. Beloved wife of the late Chester, loving friend of the late Ziggy Zedan. Dear mother of Chester V. "Skip" (Susan), treasured "Auntie M" of Christine and Janet. Loving Grandmother of Megan, Laura, Scott, Stephanie (Vince), Jody, and Kevin. Proud Great-grandmother of Brianna, Victoria, Veronica, Corey, Anthony, and Conrad. She will be missed by many loving friends and neighbors. Marilyn made a living selling products at fairs and home shows. She was also heavily involved in the local Democratic Party managing local, county and national election efforts, from 1960-1980. Cancer came and she beat it. She went on to be more involved with her family and friends. She could always be counted on for advice or to lend a hand. Visitation Monday 2-8 pm at MANNS-FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME 17000 Middlebelt (south of 6 Mile) Livonia. Services Tuesday at 11 am. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society. Online condolences: www.mannsfuneralhome.com



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### PLATT, RONALD MATTHEW

Age 49 of Maybee, passed Monday, February 25, 2013. Born July 5, 1963 in Detroit, Ronald was the son of Nelson & Donna (Darby) Platt. He married the love of his life Karen Naylor-Booth March 21, 1992. Ronald was known as being a workaholic, working as a Senior Mechanic with FedEx for the past 20 years as well as working at Calder Dairy Farm for the past 5 years; many times working 7 days a week. An avid bowler and golfer, Ronald also loved to travel with his wife, visiting such places as Aruba, Jamaica, Mexico the Dominican Republic and many other destinations. Ronald leaves to cherish his memory Karen, his wife of the past 20 years; daughters: Aimee (David) Busch of Redford Township and Erica Booth of Westland; three grandchildren: Matthew Busch, Christopher Busch and Elizabeth Busch. He is also survived by brothers and sisters: Danice (Ron) Martindale of Oxford, Bruce (Sarah) Platt (his twin brother) of Bevedere, IL, Edward Platt of Lebanon, IL, Greg (Jean) Castle of Washington Township, Tom (Sherry) Platt of Hazel Park, Wanda Heronimus of Northville, Steve (Theresa) Castle of Southfield and Kathy Cherry of California; as well as several nieces and nephews. Sadly Ronald was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services were held March 2nd at the Allure Chapel-Martenson Family Funeral Homes. Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at: www.allure.com

### SOLAK, ROSEMARY

February 27, 2013, Age 71 of Grand Ledge. Beloved mother of Amy (Mike Bowers) Wildrose, Michele Solak, & the late Jeffrey Solak. Loving grandmother of Jessica Solak. Dear mother-in-law of Tammy Solak. Private family services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions to Alzheimers Assn.

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### STRZEMPKA, JOHN

Age 97 of Livonia. Beloved husband of the late Jennie for 70 years. Loving father Jerome (Laura), David, and Luana (Bruce) Karazia. Cherished grandfather of six, great-grandfather of four and one on the way. Visitation will take place at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Road (E. of Levan), Livonia, Sunday March 3rd 1-9PM. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home, visiting 9:30AM and services at 10:00AM.

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### THOMANN, BEATRICE L.

Age 95, February 7, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Elmer J. Loving mother of Gloria J. (Gary) Shelton, Frederick J. Thomann and the late David G. Thomann. Dearest grandmother of Tanya (Joan Zdan) Thomann. Mrs. Thomann was a former employee of The Henry Ford and a member of Nomads. A memorial service will be held Sunday March 3, 2013, 1:00 pm at the Weise Funeral Home, 7210 Park Ave., Allen Park, MI 48101 (313) 382-1150. Visiting will begin at 11 am. Memorial contributions can be made to the Berkley Education Foundation, 14700 W. Lincoln, Oak Park, MI 48237 or the Educational Excellence Foundation for Plymouth/Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey Plymouth, MI 48170. Please see our online obituary/guestbook at www.weisefuneralhome.com

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## GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

### Frog survey

Volunteers interested in surveying the Rouge wetlands for frogs and toads may sign up for a workshop in recognizing eight frog and toad calls. The Friends of the Rouge offers the class and encourages anyone who is willing to learn the calls and devote a few evenings every month to listening, to sign up. The survey has been conducted since 1998 and results are used to track the health of local wetlands. Workshops are 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton; 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 10, at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visit www.therouge.org or call (313) 792-9900.

### Livonia Garden Club

Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Backyard Birds, in Grosse Pointe Woods, will talk about the hundreds of birds that visit her backyard, at the next meeting of the Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. She'll also explain how to attract more wildlife. Light refreshments will be served. Newcomers are welcome. For more information visit www.org-sites.com/mi/livonia-gardenclub.

### Master Composter

Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) in cooperation with Rouge Watershed municipalities offers a series of classes in master composting beginning March 11 at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road at Telegraph. Classes run from 6:45-8:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$40. A Master Composter is a community gardening volunteer

who understands how to make compost, soil health, compost benefits, natural mulches, environmental lawn care, and more. In addition to "Composting...For Earth's Sake" on March 11; other classes in the series are:

- Soil testing and fertilizer options, March 18
- Healthy lawn care, April 8
- Youth education and schoolyard gardens, April 15
- Sustainable landscapes and rainwater recycling, April 22
- SOCWA gardens open house, May 4
- Class wrap up, May 6

In order to earn their Master Composter name badge, volunteers attend six classes, build a working compost pile, complete written assignments, and volunteer 12 hours of time. For more information, e-mail to LFDean@aol.com, visit www.socwa.org, or call (248) 546-5818.

### English Gardens

- Learn the ABCs of growing herbs at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9.
- Make a kitchen herb garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Cost is \$19.99. Sign up online.
- Learn about perennial gardening at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at a free presentation. Get a list of best garden performers and tips on selecting plants.
- "The Secrets to a Beautiful Lawn" will provide information about keeping lawns green, healthy and growing, at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23. Free.
- Get tips on pruning and dividing at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 and 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at free presentations.
- A free presentation will offer suggestions on keeping insects, small and large animals at bay in the garden, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.



## Wayne State University professor looks at mind-body influence, role of pain

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Clinical psychologist Mark A. Lumley is a professor and director of Clinical Training in the psychology department at Wayne State University. The 50-year-old Novi resident is researching the role of stress and emotions in chronic pain disorders.

"I started paying attention to how people's bodies respond to emotional experiences," he said, recalling an experience of getting sick to his stomach after seeing a dialysis film during grade school.

Lumley earned his Ph.D. and master's in clinical psychology from the University of Florida. He studied biology and psychology at Wayne State as an undergraduate. The Detroit native studied two years at Detroit Redford High School and two years at Temple Christian High School in Redford.

He's married to Sherry, a Novi schools staffer, and the couple has four sons, twins, 22, a son, 20, and a son, 18. Lumley's been on the faculty at Wayne State since 1991.

He thought about medical school in younger days, and was interested in how the mind the influences the body.

"I decided to pursue clinical psychology with an emphasis on the interface between medicine



Mark A. Lumley of Novi, a Wayne State University professor, is researching how stress and emotions interact in chronic pain disorders.

and psychology."

He has looked at many medical conditions, based partly on interests of graduate students. They include irritable bowel syndrome, fibromyalgia, headaches, and rheumatoid arthritis.

Many conditions overlap, Lumley said, and the brain and central nervous system "get disrupted really easily."

### Sources of stress

External sources of stress are those like a job loss, crime, or death of a loved one.

Developmental sources put people at greater risk for not handling stress well. "What do

you do when something bad happens to you? How do you adapt to that? Some people do well and some people do poorly."

Lower socioeconomic status generally gets more negative life events. "But the sort of stress I'm interested in seems to be all over the place." Even those raised in affluent homes can face demand to be perfect: "I'm not good enough" feelings are common.

Some people keep secrets. "And it takes an emotional toll. It's another source of stress," Lumley said.

Unresolved conflicts related to bad experiences in life can mean people have trouble standing their ground and asserting themselves. They also have trouble with "dropping their guard" and becoming close to others. Two "core human domains," "for many people, especially women in our culture, that capacity's been stifled, it's been inhibited."

He and colleagues are doing National Institutes of Health-supported research on helping people resolve stress by expressing genuine feelings.

Relaxation work (yoga, prayer, meditation), diet and exercise do help, he said, as does better sleep. "Lots of research has shown they have some benefit."

Veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder get little benefit from that. They general-

ly receive some form of exposure therapy where face emotional memories they have been avoiding.

"You have to emotionally process it away."

"The truth is, I don't know yet how it's going to work out." He's been doing a series of smaller studies for 15 years.

He attempts to develop and test the health effects of emotional interventions (emotional experiencing and expression techniques to unlearn effects of trauma or conflicts). He compares new approaches to well-tested cognitive-behavioral symptom management and educational interventions.

The researchers are seeking to determine whether the emotion-oriented techniques will perform better than standard approaches. The goal is to learn which patients are helped most by each approach.

Lumley said there isn't much research like his. When Wayne State issued a press release about two years ago on an NIH grant for his work, he got a TV mention from JoAnne Purtan of Channel 7.

"Our phone had 200 voicemail messages the next morning," said Lumley, noting a lot of people are in pain and don't have much to help them. A handful of practitioners do work clinically.

He's finding exposure therapy useful for returning veterans.

"That's the best thing to do for post-traumatic stress disorder."

### Doctors' dilemma

Some physicians are overwhelmed in dealing with patients with chronic pain, and may turn to the prescription pad. "Many physicians don't know how to work at multiple levels. There's lots of patients who are not getting their needs met," Lumley said.

Patients are complicated for physicians, too. "Their families invalidate them and doctors don't believe them. It's not a simple thing."

Conditions are due largely to altered brain and nerve functioning, but the brain is also the most important "pain and system" organ, strongly influenced by a person's development and emotional experiences.

He said you can change the brain through learning experiences. "A lot of patients have been told 'It's all in your head.' The experience of one's body really starts mostly in the brain. Maybe we can change the brain through relearning things."

To learn more about Lumley's studies on fibromyalgia or irritable bowel syndrome, call (313) 577-2258, or go to this website: <http://fibrostudy.clas.wayne.edu>.

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## St. Joseph Mercy Hospital earns high marks for care

St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor has been named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics, a provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of health care.

The Truven Health 100 Top Hospitals study evaluates performance in 10 areas: mortality, medical complications, patient safety, average patient stay, expenses, profitability, patient satisfaction, adherence to clinical

standards of care; post-discharge mortality, and readmission rates for acute heart attack, heart failure, and pneumonia. The study is celebrating its 20th year and has been conducted annually since 1993.

St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor was recognized as a top hospital four other times in 1996, 1999, 2009 and 2012.

"We are proud to be ranked among the nation's 100 Top Hospitals for the fifth time,"

said Rob Casalou, president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and Livingston hospitals. "This award underscores the dedication of our physicians, nurses and staff to delivering safe, high quality care

to our patients. We work hard to provide a remarkable care experience to every patient, every time, and it's very rewarding to be honored as one of the nation's best and most consistent providers in this area."

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TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES, CALL 734.458.3242.

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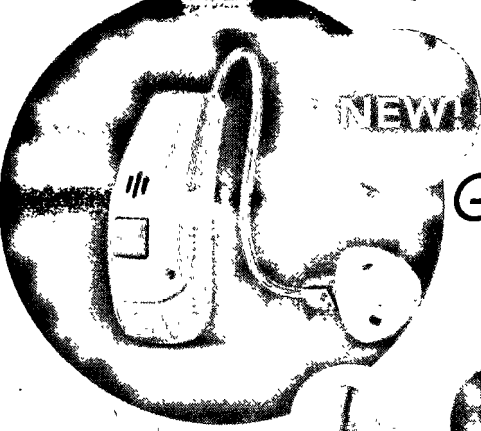
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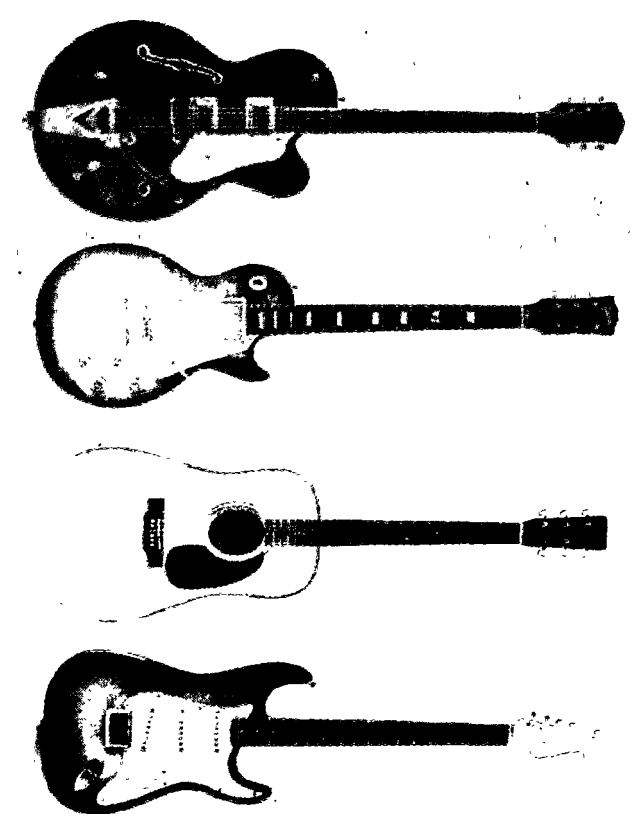
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**ACROSS**

- Dross
- In the distance
- Female antelope
- Villain in Shakespeare
- Firm up
- Snake River loc.
- Admit openly
- Persian, for one
- Bewitching
- Annoys
- Lobos of pop music
- Proof ender
- Loose hair on top
- Said
- Teahouse attire
- Naval off.
- Bravo, in Barcelona
- Grainy, as leather
- Provides capital

**DOWN**

- Yul's film realm
- Volcanic rock
- Excited
- Freak out (2 wds.)
- Reference book
- Court jester

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

G	R	E	E	D	V	O	L	E
T	R	A	D	E	R	I	N	G
W	A	Y	S	J	O	D	I	E
E	D	O	B	E	T	U	T	A
R	E	N	E	R	I	O	M	E
P	A	S	T	D	U	E	L	I
H	I	T	P	A	L			
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9			6	8				3
	8							4
	1	7		3	6			
8			5				9	1
4				7	1	6		
	5					2	4	7
6	7	8	4					5
3		2				9		

Level: Beginner

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Q	M	A	S	A	J	V	S	Q	R	F	L	E	A	B
A	A	V	O	D	E	E	S	I	R	B	R	S	L	J
L	R	H	E	C	N	S	E	T	L	E	K	W	U	B
L	C	G	C	D	R	S	A	X	S	E	L	A	M	B
E	H	I	A	N	A	E	E	R	T	U	V	P	S	V
R	S	M	B	R	E	K	V	B	R	D	G	H	U	I
B	I	V	E	I	E	A	O	O	J	A	Z	Q	V	
M	R	W	A	B	G	L	N	J	H	B	L	X	U	J
U	I	Z	P	C	L	O	I	A	M	P	I	D	F	M
Y	A	Y	J	J	V	P	O	U	V	B	U	D	K	K
F	C	G	R	E	T	A	R	B	E	L	E	C	E	N
Y	D	N	I	W	G	P	I	S	C	E	S	O	O	S
O	X	L	T	X	L	H	U	E	R	S	O	I	C	O
N	D	S	W	G	M	N	K	D	K	G	L	T	K	U

**Aries** **Celebrate** **Irish** **Madness** **Pisces**  
**Basketball** **Gusts** **Lamb** **March** **Umbrella**  
**Caesar** **Ides** **Lion** **Overcoat** **Windy**

**Check Your Answers Here**

**Sudoku**

9	8	6	7	5	1	2	4	3
5	1	3	2	6	4	8	7	9
2	4	8	9	6	5	3	7	1
7	6	9	1	2	8	5	3	4
8	5	7	9	3	6	1	2	4
4	9	5	6	1	2	3	8	7
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