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2007: Central City Park was year's top story

STAFF WRITER

As 2008 dawned, a critical issue that plagued Westland all last year remained in the forefront: When will one-time recreation jewel Central City Park be cleaned up and reopened?

No one can answer that question with certainty after testing found that contaminants, particularly lead, were more widespread than previously thought. Moreover, officials are awaiting results of tests to determine methane levels and groundwater contamination.

Last January, new Mayor William Wild ordered the park fenced off. He moved swiftly after replacing former Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, who became a district judge.

In other highlights of 2007:

JANUARY

Wild left his council post after being appointed mayor, and former Councilman Richard LeBlanc left to become a state representative.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Remaining council members chose Ford Motor Co. employee Bill Johnson and wardrobe consultant/retired Washtenaw County Sheriff Deputy Dewey Reeves to fill the vacancies.

Former Wayne-Ford Civic League officials Neal and Shari Greenfield pleaded no contest to embezzling. The former couple was placed on probation and ordered to make restitution.

A clash erupted between developers and residents who opposed the Maida Woods subdivision on the city's southwest side. Developers filed lawsuits against the neighbors and the city but ultimately dropped them after all sides reached a compromise for new

Annapolis Park residents launched a fund-raiser to pay for state historic

Please see 2007, A2



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Central City Park was fenced off after Mayor William Wild took office in January.

Getting into the game



Shirley Hayden of Westland moves her arm while playing Nintendo Wii bowling as Occupational Therapist Jessica Lee looks on at Heartland of Canton.

Physical therapy becomes more fun with Nintendo Wii

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Katherine Citko extended her right arm, stepped back and then watched nine pins fall.

"Ahh," she sighed after the 10th pin wobbled but remained upright.

"Pick up the spare," Alveretta Kalebaba exclaimed from her seat.

The two, who support as well as heckle each other, weren't in a smoky bowling alley with thumping music coming through the sound system - they were playing a video game on the Nintendo Wii

system The popular interactive video game system has made its way to Heartland of Canton, 7025 N. Lilley. The facility's parent company, Manor Care, picked the township location as one of a few buildings in its pilot program of the video game's usefulness regarding physical therapy. Heartland specializes in short-term

rehabilitation Citko, who bowled against Kalebaba

and another woman, Shirley Hayden, said she gets a kick out of the gaming system and can see why it's become such a hit.

"I've played it three or four times and I like it a lot," she said. "I would play it every day if they let me. It's better than laying in the bed doing nothing."

Michelle Snead, Heartland's director of therapy, said if the pilot program goes well, Manor Care will buy a Wii system for there," she said. each of its 300-plus facilities.

"I was a bit skeptical but from the first session I could see potential," Snead said, noting that hundreds of their patients have used the system so far and that the vast majority of them love it. "We believe that therapy is always more beneficial when you enjoy it."

Moments after she virtually rolled her last ball down the lane, Hayden said the Wii is exciting.

"I think it's good," she said with a grin, while Citko pointed out that she bowled the highest score, 147, of the day. "I'm surprised I could win anything."

A Nintendo spokesman said the grow-

ing use of the Wii system for therapy is an added bonus for the company.

"That wasn't the intention but it's become a really cool trend," he said. "We think it's great."

Occupational therapist Jessica Lee said other sports include golf, boxing, tennis and baseball.

"This is one of the best video games out

"It gets you going."

According to Nintendo's Web site, Wii is revolutionizing the gaming industry.

The system offers Nintendo standards such as Mario, Zelda and Metroid as well as new options, such as Wii Sports and Wii Play. Users can also create their own "Mii character" to star in Wii games.

"We get a request to use it every day," Snead said. "People have told us I need to get one when I leave (Heartland).' I just think we're fortunate to have been picked to do this. It's opened our eyes to see other possibilities."

For more information on Heartland, call (734) 394-3100.

City officials will be sworn in Monday

STAFF WRITER

With an ambitious agenda for 2008, six elected leaders will be ceremoniously sworn in to office Monday after winning their positions in the November election.

Mayor William Wild, City Clerk Eileen DeHart and Westland City Council members James Godbout, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves will be sworn in during a ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind City Hall on Ford Road. The public may attend.

Wild earned a two-year term by defeating challenger Charles Pickering in November. Wild will finish the unexpired term of former Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, who left to become a district judge.

DeHart, Godbout, Johnson and Kehrer won four-year terms, while Reeves, as the fourth-place council vote-getter, earned a two-year term. Also Monday, the council

will choose a president and second-ranking president pro tem. Pickering is the current president.

On Friday, Wild cited several goals for the coming year, including keeping the Central City Park remediation efforts moving forward; finding ways to help homeowners amid the foreclosure crisis; seeking a viable curbside recycling program; spurring new economic development along Ford Road; and filling empty big-box

Wild already has achieved one of the goals he cited after being elected in November city approval of new contracts for police officers and firefighters. By settling the contracts for five years, Wild has said his administration will be able to better plan the city's budget well into the future.

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Circuit judge eases gag order in murder case

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Parents and friends of the two teenagers accused in the murder and beheading of a River Rouge man are once again free to talk about the case.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Berry lifted a gag order imposed in November on the families of Jean Pierre Orlewicz and Alexander Letkemann by 35th District Judge Michael Gerou.

The judge did, however. continue the gag on lawyers and law enforcement officials connected to the case.

Orlewicz, 17, a Canton High School senior who lives in Plymouth Township, and Letkemann, an 18-year-old Westland resident and former Livonia Churchill student, face first-degree murder and mutilation of a corpse charges in connection with the Nov. 7 death of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge.

If convicted, they face life in prison without possibility of parole.

Gerou had issued the gag order Nov. 29 after a motion made by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and supported by Orlewicz's attorney, Joseph Niskar.

The motion came in the wake of a press conference and several publicized comments made by Peter Letkemann, Alexander's father, in support of his son.

The teenagers, who are being held without bond, go to trial April 7.

In the same order, Berry said any negotiated plea must be entered by Feb. 1.

A call to Raymond Cassar, the lawyer for Letkemann who vigorously opposed Gerou's original gag order, was not returned

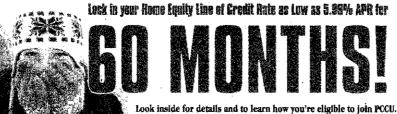
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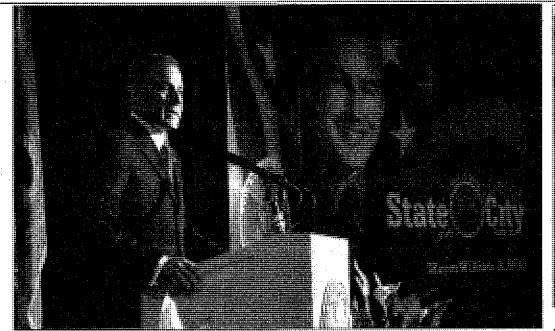
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APRIL

Westland City Council President Charles Pickering announced he would challenge mayoral appointee Wild, but Wild won the November election by garnering 77 per-



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Reasther Everett (from left), husband Arnell Everett and Velma Wilson wore T-shirts that were sold to raise money for a state historical marker for Mayor William Wild gave his State of City Address to a large crowd that gathered in June at the Friendship Center. Annapolis Park.

Pickering's 23 percent.

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Distraught mother Valeeka Gartrell was charged with trying to kill her newborn baby

WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Regular Meeting No.1

Wednesday, January 16, 2008 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals was

held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council

Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland,

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman

Also present were Building Inspector Rick Gowan, City Attorney Mark McConnell, City Clerk Eileen DeHart and Planning Director

Donald and Margaret Reed, 588 Filbert, were present and sworn in

by City Clerk Eileen DeHart. There was no one in the audience for

Petition #2630-Donald & Margaret Reed, 588 Filbert

Commissioner

grants the request of

practical difficulties:

Unanimously carried.

Petition #2631-Marwan Taleb/Taleb & Abdallah Holdings, NE

Marwan Taleb, 15111 W. Warren, was present and sworn in by City

Clerk Eileen DeHart. There was no one in the audience for or

Commissioner

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practical difficulties:

Unanimously carried.

Petition #2632-Old Time Quality/Robert Tawse for Larry

Robert Tawse/Old Time Quality, P.O. Box 350, Clinton, and Larry Yount, 7763 N. Inkster, were present and sworn in by City Clerk

Eileen DeHart. There was no one in the audience for or against the

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Corner of Cherry Hill & Newburgh

ABSENT

Motion by Commissioner, supported by

RESOLVED that the Zoning Board of Appeals

Donald and Margaret Reed for a non-

conforming structure variance from Section

5:2.3 of Ordinance 248 in order to construct a

12' x 25' second story addition to the existing

non-conforming home, due to the following

Substantial justice to the petitioner and the

other property owners in the neighborhood

To comply with the ordinance would be

unreasonably burdensome to the petitioner in

In granting the variance the spirit is observed, public safety is secured and substantial justice

Motion by Commissioner, supported by

RESOLVED that the Zoning Board of Appeals

Marwan Taleb/Taleb & Abdallah Holdings, for a

151,740 square foot lot area variance from Section 9:5.4 of Ordinance 248 in order to

develop a 2,840 square foot, one-story, small

commercial strip center on the existing parcel located at the northeast corner of Cherry Hill and Newburgh Roads, due to the following

Substantial justice to the petitioner and the other property owners in the neighborhood

To comply with the ordinance would be

unreasonably burdensome to the petitioner in

In granting the variance the spirit is observed,

public safety is secured and substantial justice

Motion by Commissioner, supported by

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Michaeline Terry (Vice-Chairman)

Robert Williamson (Chairman)

Joseph Lezotte

Rodger Caldwell

Jack Underwood

Dwayne Walker

Art Woodruff

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by giving birth at her parents' cent of the vote compared to house, placing the boy in a garbage bag and putting it in the garage. The child survived. Gartrell's case is pending.

An environmental group began collecting thousands of signatures demanding that the city start a still-pending curbside recycling program.

Wayne-Westland school board incumbents Skip Monit and Martha Pitsenbarger handily won re-election.

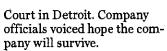
Mayor Wild proposed an ordinance to address complaints about tall grass on properties left vacant by the foreclosure crisis. During his State of the City address, Wild said Westland is facing its challenges but remains "full of growth, full of promise and full of life."

Kroger announced it would move into two of three Farmer Jack stores that closed in Westland.

AUGUST

Defendant Raymond Pniewski, 52, was ordered to stand trial for molesting 12year-old twin girls, drugging them and videotaping it. He pleaded guilty and got 25-60 years in prison.

Drywall worker Gerald William Dean was stabbed to death outside Country Court Apartments. Police said he hurled a racial slur after 18-year-old defendant



OCTOBER Mayor Wild's administration announced a massive commu-

nity cleanup of the Norwayne neighborhood. A state historic marker was erected at the old Eloise site, a once-sprawling hospital complex.

NOVEMBER

Astronaut Suni Williams came to St. Damian School after earlier talking with students via a hookup from space. Wild won his election victory,

Godbout, Michael Kehrer, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves.

Westland teen Alex Letkemann and Plymouth Township teen Jean Pierre Orlewicz were charged in the beheading of Daniel Sorensen in a Canton garage.

DECEMBER

The historic Octagon House was unveiled after a long-awaited restoration project. US Farathane Corp. announced it was moving to Westland from Plymouth, with plans to expand.

as did City Clerk Eileen DeHart dclem@hometownlife.com \((734) 953-2110

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Timothy Joseph Catalano

was charged in the shooting

death of his 44-year-old girl-

lay in bed. Police described

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Midwest Sanitation, filed

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SEPTEMBER

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Court in Detroit. Company and council members James Christopher Long refused to share a cigarette.

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Motion by Commissioner Woodruff, supported by Commissioner Terry RESOLVED that the Zoning Board of Appeals approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 19, 2007 as presented. Unanimously carried.

01-08-05 Motion Commissioner

Unanimously carried.

Commissioner. supported

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at p.m.

Robert Williamson Chàirman

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Library offers free online service for seniors Toys and trains

For the New Year, Westland seniors will have the opportunity to access the World Wide Web from their homes at no

On Monday, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will unveil a program which will enable senior residents to obtain free dial-up internet access through their facility. The connection is made possible through 123.net, a network which provides stable connectivity by way of multiple Internet uplinks.

This is a project that Mayor (William) Wild approached us with in the fall, and we're

delighted to see it come to fruition," said William P. Faust Public Library Director Cheryl Napsha. "This program will serve to lessen the digital divide of those who have access to information and those who do not."

In order to take part in the program, residents age 50 and older must visit the library's reference desk to set up an account. Registrants will be given a dial-up number and password which will enable them to log onto the internet from their home computer. The computer must be internet capable and have a built in

While Internet usage is now considered commonplace, many residents still do not have the means to obtain access," Mayor Wild said. "This program enables them to benefit from the convenience of accessing a wealth of information from within their own home."

While this program is only open to Westland residents age

50 and over now, effective April 2008 all residents of Westland will be able to obtain Internet access through this program.

The William P. Faust Public Library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, and south of Warren Road. For additional information on library programs for children and adults, please call (734) 326-6123.

AROUND WESTLAND

Ss. Simon & Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a buy-and-swap toys and trains show noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer Road one mile west of Merriman. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family. Food is available and parking is free.

There will be operating train layouts of various gauges and over 150 dealer tables. Tables are \$10 each. To reserve tables, call

(734) 595-8327. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m.

Tree disposal

Residents can start disposing of their live Christmas trees Monday, Jan. 7. The Department of Public Service will collect natural Christmas trees Jan. 7-18. Residents should put trees at the curb on regular rubbish day. No other compost will be accepted. For more information about the tree disposal or to order a special pickup, call (734) 728-1770.

Library receives state certification

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland recently earned a certificate of completion from the Library of Michigan for meeting the Essential Level requirements of the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC.) QSAC has defined "essential services" (the basics of all library service) as relatively low-cost standards that every library can and should achieve.

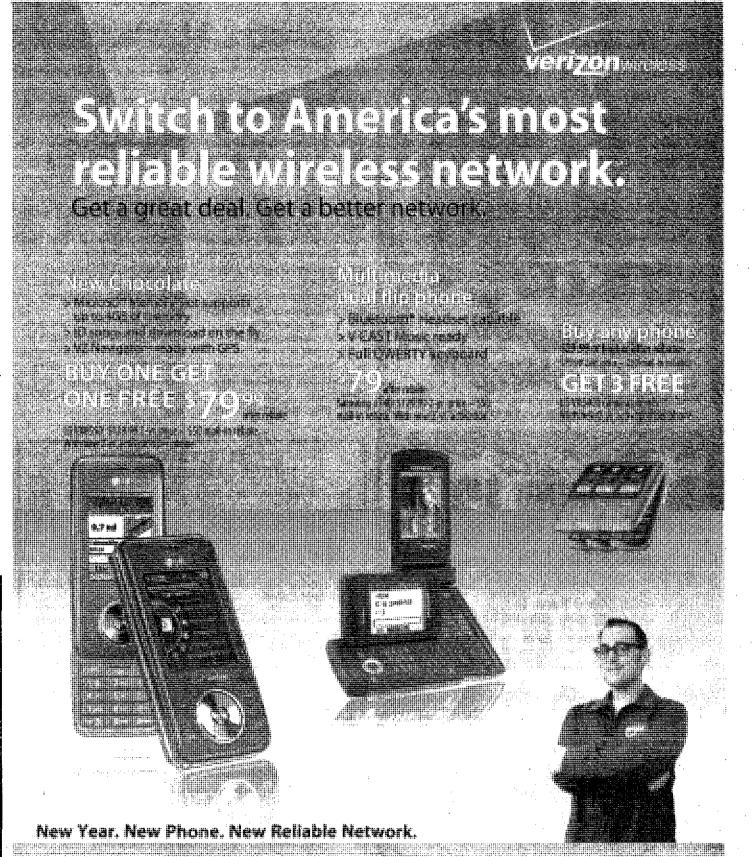
"We are proud that our library has done such a fine job in providing services deemed 'essential' by the Library of Michigan," said Westland Library board president Daniel J. Bordeau. "By focusing efforts on these key areas, our library has shown a strong commitment to customer service."

The William P. Faust Public Library, which registers over 40,000 cardholders, also demonstrated skill in governance/ administration, services, facilities and equipment, and public relations/marketing.

"The entire staff of our library is to be commended for achieving this milestone in library service," said Westland Mayor William R. Wild. "Our public library is such an important part of our community."

QSAC represents the work of more than 100 library directors, trustees, and staff members who have collectively created measures of quality for state public libraries. QSAC was made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through LSTA funding. The Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent Federal grantmaking agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their communities, supports the William P. Public Library of Westland.

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Citizens group's aim: Peace on earth

STAFF WRITER

A citizen's group dedicated to the idea that peace is the better way will host a man who went to Iran with the novel idea that listening might be better than shouting.

Citizens for Peace, a Livoniabased nonprofit group promoting nonviolence both internationally and domestically, will hold a talk Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, featuring Rudy Simons of Southfield, a songwriter and

music publisher. Simons traveled to Iran earli-

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er this year with a group called Fellowship of Reconciliation an international group of citizen diplomats who travel to foreign countries and have dialogue with the people there.

He said they went to Tehran, Shiraz, Isfahan and the holy city of Qom and talked to everyone from regular Iranians to clerics to high-level government officials.

"It was an exchange of issues that each country has with each other," Simons said.

He said the Iranians weren't happy about the American buildup in the gulf, the beating of the war drums and the

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United States' selling Saddam Hussein chemical weapons during the war between Iran and Iraq in the '80s. He and the other Americans talked about fears over the taking of the embassy in the '70s, the nation's Holocaust denial and threats to Israel.

He said he learned some surprising things, some not so surprising.

"Many Iranians are highly critical of (Iranian President Mahmoud) Ahmadinejad," Simons said. "They also have a low opinion of our current leader.

While the conversations were wide-ranging, he said there was a constant in that everyone was friendly and eager to talk. For the most part, Simons said the groups he has talked to at home since the trip have been the same wav.

Citizens for Peace Director of Education Rosemary Doyle said the organization came together late in 2003 when the founding members started asking the same question: "What can we do?"

"We decided we wanted to have an impact on the culture and we also wanted to support the creation of a U.S. Department of Peace," she said. "Now, every congressional district in Michigan has a chapter."

The proposed department

would work to come up with nonviolent solutions to problems both domestic and international and exists, at least notionally, as HR 808.

Locally, the Citizens for Peace is doing what it can educationally to bring the message home to area residents through their local libraries. It's called the peace collection, a set of reading materials dedicated to nonviolence. The group has identified thousands of books that qualify. Currently, there are 320 available at Livonia's Civic Center Library.

"Some of these books haven't been available outside of a university library before," Citizens for Peace President Colleen Mills said.

The group also sponsors dinners for peace and a film series dedicated to furthering the viewpoint that nonviolence is a viable option. There's also, as with the Simons event, a speakers' series.

"We support no political candidate or party but we do have speakers on political issues," Doyle said. "It's our view that peace is not a political position."

The organization meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. More information is available by contacting Mills at (734) 425-

Library has background on Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King Day Martin Luther King Day

is a federal holiday marking Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and is observed on the third Monday in January. This year it lands on Jan. 21. What initially was founded as a holiday by labor unions in contract negotiations did not become a national holiday until 1983. After King's death in 1968, a bill was introduced to congress to make King's birthday a holiday because of his activism on behalf of trade unionists. It was unions who pushed for the holiday throughout the 1970s. Finally, in 1983, Congress overwhelmingly passed the King Day Bill and President Reagan signed the bill to honor King on Nov. 2, 1983. It wasn't until Jan. 20, 1986, that the holiday was observed for the first time. In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service. On Jan. 16, 2006, Greenville County in South Carolina was the last county to officially adopt Martin Luther King Day as a paid holiday.

Some states, such as Utah, New Hampshire, and Arizona, also refer to Martin Luther King Day as Human Rights Day or Civil Rights Day. This is to highlight the work King did to bring all people together in order to alleviate poverty, strengthen communities, and acknowledge dignity and respect for all human beings.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life is still one of America's greatest stories. It is so intertwined with the history of America in his age. The Public Library of Westland has many resources to learn

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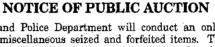
more about this fascinating man and the Civil Rights' Movement. A great place to begin is Taylor Branch's trilogy of America in the King Years. Starting with Parting the Waters in 1988, followed 10 years later by Pillar of Fire, and finishing with last year's At Canaan's Edge, Branch epically chronicles King's story as well as America's. MLK: the Martin Luther King, Jr. tapes features some of King's most famous speeches from Washington and Atlanta and even includes the eulogy given by Robert Kennedy. Or you could choose to watch King speak in the documentary, Martin Luther King-"I have a dream".

To find out more about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his holiday, the Public Library of Westland is a great place to start. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog twenty-four hours a day at www.westland.lib.mi.us. For more information on the King Day of Service, you can go to: www.mlkday.org.

- Andrea Perez

Information Central is compiled by the William P. Faust Library, which is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Thursday, January 10th, 2008 and end Thursday, January 17th, 2008. Interested persons should:

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All items are sold in "as is" condition. Items may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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TY OF GARDEN CITY Notice of Election

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the Presidential Primary will be held in the City of Garden City on,

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In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, January 12, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

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January 24, 2008

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 24, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed Special Land Use:

SPR/SLU 07-005, Budget Rental Car Company proposed development at 29866 Ford Road. The applicant Budget Rental Car Company is proposing to locate their automotive rental car establishment at 29866 Ford Road. The subject property is zoned CBD Central Business District. Automotive Rental Car Establishments require Special Land Use approval in the Central Business District in Garden City.

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

> PAUL C. ZELENAK, Directör Community Development Department

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On JANUARY 15, 2008 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder. YEAR MAKE BODY STYLE COLOR

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	1997	Pontiac	Fiero/2 DR	Black	2G2FS22K8V2223590
	2000	Ford	Focus/4 Dr	Red	1FAFP3432YW169642
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	1974	Ford	PU Truck	\mathbf{Red}	4A49S135499
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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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Dear Rick: One of my New Year's resolutions is to be more organized when it comes to finances. My problem is I don't know where to start. Any ideas?

It is a great resolution. Being organized will also make you more efficient with money. You will have more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs.

This an excellent time to get started because over the next few weeks you will receive a variety of financial and tax statements which are key in helping you become better organized.

The first step is to do a family balance sheet, which is a listing of all your assets and liabilities. It is hard to do anything unless you know where you are starting from. A family balance sheet also lets you monitor progress by compar-



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tos. Except Rick Bloom in rare cases, these items don't need to be included.

When preparing a family balance sheet, be realistic about the value of your home. It's not what you think your house is worth, but rather what you can sell it for on the open market. Home values have plummeted in Michigan over the last few years and your balance sheet should reflect that. The difference between your assets and

liabilities is your net worth. It is important to put on the list the amount of liabilities and the terms (i.e. interest rate and length of loan).

While getting your financial house in order, I also recommend you figure out what it costs to live for a month using a cash-flow statement. This is a listing of what comes in and what goes out on a monthly basis. It's essential to good financial planning to know what it costs to live a month. A cash-flow statement allows you to determine what your increased cost of living is on a yearly basis.

One thing everyone should do is prepare a record keeping system. Important documents should be kept in one location and someone should know how to access that information in case of an emergency. In addition, good record keeping helps when it comes time to prepare a tax return.

Getting and keeping one's financial house in order is not easy. In addition, for most it's not a task that they can assign to someone else or even hire someone to do. However, the benefits are substantial.

One last note. It is important to recognize we do not have as many safety nets in our society as we used to, so it's imperative to keep your financial house in order. There is no time like the present to get started.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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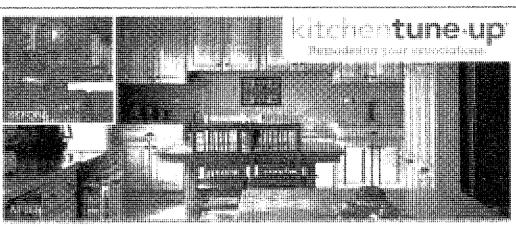


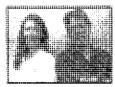
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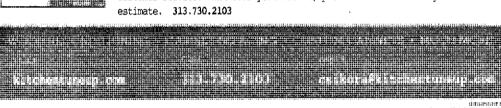




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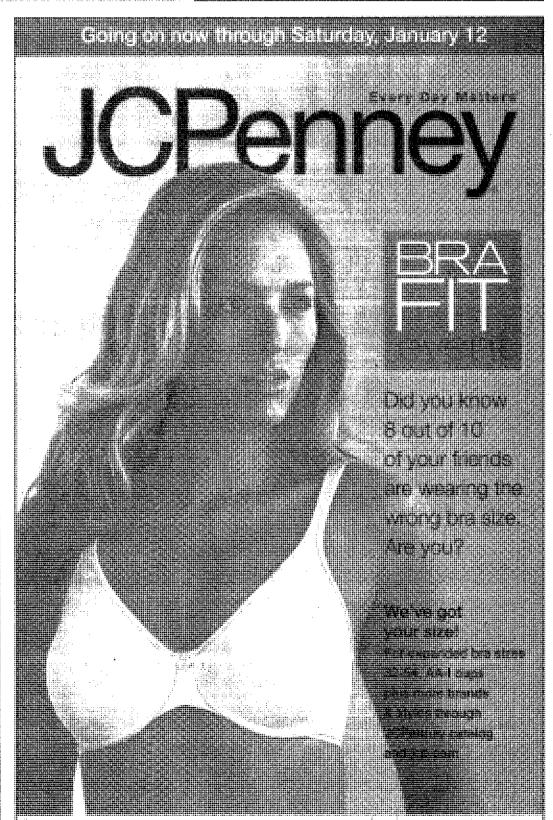
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Nancy Wittl of Livonia is the winner of the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers 'Treat Me Like An All Star' contest. Wittl receives a six-hour personal limousine service for up to 10 passengers courtesy of All Star Transportation. In addition, she gets a basket that includes gift certificates from Don Thomas Sporthaus and The Shirt Box, a Steuben crystal hand warmer from Schubot Jewellers and an assortment of the first officially licensed college head phones and remotes from North American Licensing Company.

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Fieger fans thrilled by lunch with lawyer

Dining with the Stars closed out 2007 with a special luncheon for Livonia residents Judy Robitaille and her 84-year-old mother, June Robitaille.

The two women dined with nationally prominent attorney Geoffrey Fieger at the Farmington Hills Buddy's. It was the longest "star lunch" to date, according to Marcy Brontman, Buddy's spokeswoman.

"We had such a wonderful time," an enthusiastic Judy Robitaille wrote after the mid-December luncheon. "He was so cordial and nice to my mother. Thank you so much for selecting us," she wrote, adding it was "one of the top five days" of her mother's life.

Fieger's staff gave the women a tour of his newly renovated office in Southfield before heading to Buddy's courtesy of a limo provided by All Class Transportation & Limousine Services.

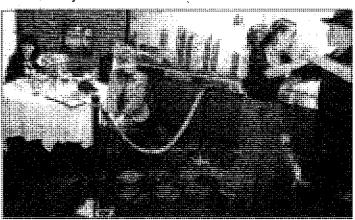
'They were in Geoff Fieger heaven," Brontman said of Buddy's. "They had wine and pizza and lots of conversation. Geoff's wife, Keenie, showed up later in the lunch and they all talked some more. They closed out the afternoon lunch crowd. It was a real moment."

June Robitaille was one of five finalists for lunch with Fieger. She was nominated by her daughter, Judy, who submitted the following:

"I am entering this contest in hopes of surprising my 84-year-old mother who has forever been a Geoffrey Fieger fan. My mother's first name is June, as was Geoff's late mother, and I have a feeling that my mother is a lot like June Fieger was. She is spirited, somewhat rebellious and not at all afraid to speak the truth. When Geoff ran for the Democratic nominee for governor, my mother



December Dining with the Stars winner Judy Robitaille (left) and her mother June Robitaille (right) have lunch with attorney Geoffrey Fieger at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills.



Dining with the Stars winner Judy Robitaille (left) and her mother June Robitaille (right) join Geoffrey Fieger as they watch Olga Agafonova and Leonid Sidorenko of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio perform at the Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills:

eagerly acted as 'lookout' while I scoped out strategic locations to place campaign lawn signs on his behalf. My mom admires him greatly and would be thrilled."

In addition to lunch and a limo ride, June Robitaille received a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Buddy's donated \$500

to Childhelp in Fieger's name. Based in Southfield, Childhelp Michigan is a regional branch of Childhelp created to meet the growing demand for quality services for abused, neglected and at-risk youth in southeast Michigan.

Buddy's Pizza reviews all entries for "Dining With The Stars" and selects the top four to five "fan" letters. The stars featured for the month make the final selection.

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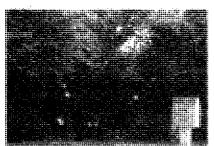
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OUR VIEWS

Airport city is hope for the future

The future is in the sky.

At least that's what many Wayne County leaders

County Executive Robert Ficano has become the leading area evangelist for something called an "aerotropolis." This is the term used by John Kasarda. director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise and professor of management at the Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina. Kasarda sees a bright future for communities that develop around their airports, in the way past communities developed around seaports and railroad centers. His message has resonated here.

The argument goes that Wayne County is a prime location for a world-class airport city. The county has two airports along I-94 with a lot of open land for development. The idea is that high tech companies in need of quick delivery and warehousing will locate around airports with international connections. This will spur other development - light industrial, retail, entertainment and residential.

An "aerotropolis" will serve the needs of the auto industry, but it will also attract the new cutting edge businesses that will lead us into a more stable economic future. The location of the airports, centered between the state's largest urban area and its leading research university, make it ideal.

Ficano, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and others have also been pushing for greater economic ties with China and its immense marketing potential for whatever products develop along the airport corridor. World trade and airport development are critically linked.

Initial steps have been taken as Detroit Renaissance has put the aerotropolis at the top of its business plan for the future.

At a time when despair seems to have gripped Southeast Michigan in a death clinch, it's good to know that local leaders are looking to the sky and seeing a brighter future.

Consider religion

Recently it seems that the media has taken the stance that a candidate's religious background should not be a consideration when voting. I believe the opposite is true.

Just as the media has been soft on Mr. Bush - so has it been soft on Mr. Romney. To say that how we are brought up will have no influence on decisions we will make is hard to imagine. Being born into and growing up in a Mormon family and not exploring other faith systems brings concerns that might foster some hard questions.

I would start by asking Mr. Romney these questions: The founder of the Mormon Church Joseph Smith felt that his church was politically misunderstood so he became a candidate for President of the United States in 1844 as an Independent. Was his action a violation of the separation of church and state clause?

Since your campaign seems to suggest that you favor the

equality of all persons, how can you explain the Brigham Young Mormon Church stand that prohibits women and limits African Americans from participation in ordained ministry?

Finally, you seemingly promote openness and transparency yet stand by a belief system that holds as a sacrament the secret baptism for the dead. Is this a contradiction of values?

Voting is a privilege that does not limit who we vote for but we should also be informed. Candidates are who they are not necessarily who they say they are.

Jim Brenner

Hide explicit magazines

In today's society, where children are pushed to grow up faster and faster, it is not easy for parents to protect their children from things that are inappropriate or immoral.

Yet however difficult it may be, it is our responsibility to moni-

tor the television programs and movies that our children see, the books they read, the music they listen to, the toys they play with and the computer Web sites they visit. Parents have control over all these things. Unfortunately, there is one thing that we do not have control over: Sexually explicit magazines at almost every grocery store, department store, and drugstore checkout counter.

A recent trip to CVS and Kroger had me facing such magazines as I waited to checkout. The cover of "Cosmopolitan," in large letters read "DIRTY SEXY SEX and "Sex Sessions That Ended in the ER". This month's issue of "Glamour" touts on its cover, "What Good Sex Means to a Guy." When did it become acceptable to display such topics out in the open, where children can see them? Have we all become so desensitized?

I am a supporter of the First Amendment. I am not asking retailers not to carry the magazines. I simply ask that they use discretion and display such magazines responsibly.

On your next visit to the store, if you find yourself offended at the checkout, consider taking the magazine to a store manager and letting them know how you feel. Use YOUR First Amendment rights. You can make a difference.

Kim Parnis Livonia

Shovel your walk

I try to be a responsible dog owner and walk my dog every day. It is amazing to me that five days after a snowfall, many people still haven't taken the time to clear their sidewalks of the ice and snow, making walking hazardous. If you shovel your driveway so you can get your car out, take a little more time, be considerate of your neighbors, and shovel your sidewalk!

> Joann Phelps Farmington Hills

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Do you think vour vote matters in the presidential primary?



'I think so. I think we're in the big picture, sure. Kevin IItis Redford



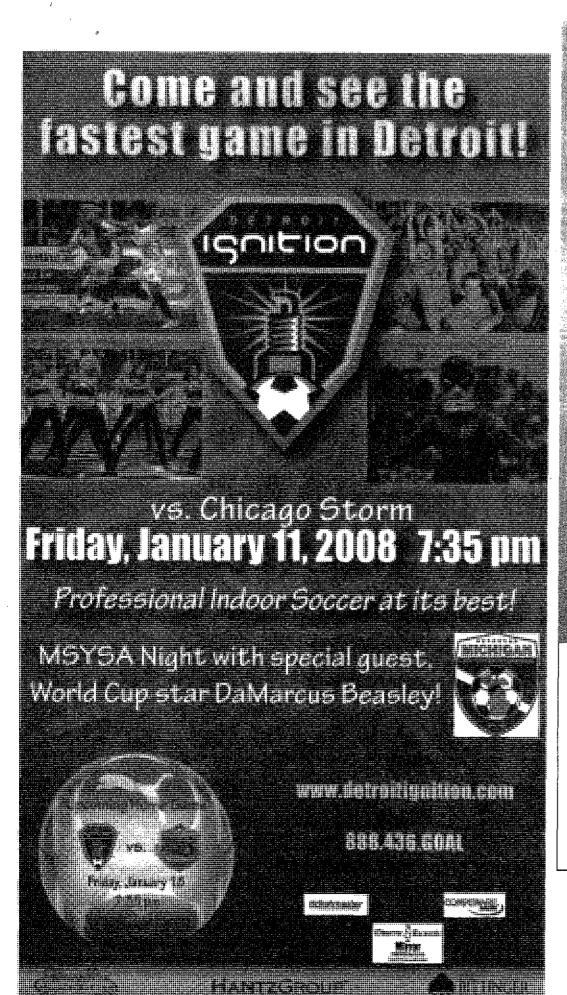
'Being a Democrat, I say no because there's only one name on the ballot that I know anything about." **Audrey Conner** Garden City



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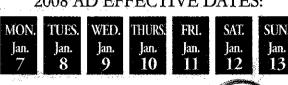
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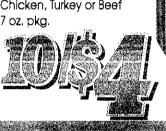
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Last-second heroics

Woods' shot lifts Chargers by Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The rust from a 14-day holiday layoff definitely showed Friday night.

Livonia Churchill's leading scorer Ryan Rosenick went 5-for-17 from the floor and the host Chargers shot only 2-of-20 in the opening quarter, but still found a way to pull out a 42-41 boys basketball victory over Livonia Stevenson.

Junior guard Ryan Woods, who tied the 6foot-3 Rosenick for team-high scoring honors with 10, grabbed a loose ball from the left wing and hoisted up a left-handed shot that found nothing but net for the game-winner with only 1.1

The win pushed Churchill's overall record to 5-2, but more importantly the Chargers 2-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Stevenson (2-4, 0-2) was in position for the win after taking a 41-40 lead with 1:31 left thanks to a steal by Austin White and layup by junior guard Mark Grisa, who led all scorers with 13 points,

But the Spartans committed a costly turnover with 48.4 seconds remaining on a sidelines inbounds play and missed a pair of free throws with 32.5 seconds to play.

Ironically, Woods missed two free throws of his own with 1:16 left, but made up for it when he tracked down Andrew Vagnetti's desperation three-point try from the right wing.

"Ryan Woods is a tough kid who really plays with no regards to his body or no one else's,' Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "He's got tremendous offensive skills and he made a huge play getting the offensive rebound. His instincts told him to score and for us he made a great play."

Stevenson led by as many as 10 points with 2:06 to go in the first half following sophomore guard Robert Naubert's corner jumper to make

But Churchill closed the gap with a six-point run to end the second period, 24-20, on a pair of free throws by Billy Gutowski and baskets by Shauntez Thomason and Scott Senczyszyn.

"They (Stevenson) had a quality game plan," Solak said. "They packed it inside and were able to take away Rosenick. We were 0-for-7 from three-point range the first quarter. They forced us to make jump shots and we did not hit jump

Churchill, however, led 33-32 after three quarters and took a 40-36 advantage with only three minutes remaining in regulation on a steal and layup by senior guard Ryan Whittum.

But Stevenson pulled to within one, 40-39, on Kendal Snow's three-pointer with 2:01 left and took the lead on Grisa's layup.

The Spartans, however, couldn't seal the deal. "I'm very proud of our defensive effort," said Stevenson first-year coach Mike Allie, who employed a 3-2 zone. "But we still have to understand about locating rebounds and bodies, which has to be a key for us if we're going to have any success this season."

Churchill shot 18-of-63 from the floor (28.7 percent), while Stevenson finished 18-of-42 (42.8 percent).

"They (Stevenson) were able to slow it down and we haven't seen it all year - we struggled with it," Solak said. "The last thing we needed to see after a two-week break was a zone like that. But we were able to gut it out and find a way to

Despite five fourth-quarter turnovers, Churchill showed patience down the stretch against Stevenson's zone.

"Our guard play in the fourth quarter was better and thank God our defense created baskets," Solak said. "We did not force things and were able to get some key rebounds. Rosenick struggled, but he got key offensive rebounds at the end."

Rosenick grabbed game-high 16 boards on the "He single-handedly won the game with those

offensive rebounds," Allie said of the Churchill forward. "And I bet they (Churchill) scored 30 of those 42 points on second-chance points." Despite the one-point setback, Allie remained

"We played a team filled with seniors that are

very well coached, but we did not lay down the entire game," he said. "We only play one senior. We're still young and learning how to play."

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MU signs recruit

Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves signed his first recruit for the 2008-09 season when he secured lda High School 5-foot-4 guard Erin Bentley.

"We believe Erin will be the first of many great signings for next year's team," said Graves, whose Crusaders are off to a 4-8 start entering Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play. "And we're targeting the Monroe area heavily. I believe Erin can come in and challenge for immediate playing time as a freshman. She's a good ball-handler and outstanding outside shooter, which is very important to our style of offense."

Bentley, an All-Region and All-Lenawee County Athletic Association selection as a junior, has helped the Blue Streeks to a 7-1 record this season. She owns Ida's three-point single season and career records.

SC All-Americas

Schoolcraft College's Margaret Mayer won National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 All-American first-team honors after an excellent season on defense for the Lady Ocelots.

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Tuggle (Livonia Ladywood) was selected as an honorable men-

Mayer, a 30-yearold Westland resident who played high school soccer at Farmington Hills Mercy and Livonia Churchill when her last name was Wirth, is married to Redford Union alum Tim Mayer.

She returned to the sport after a long absence after her former high school coach, Deepak Shivraman took over Schoolcraft's team.

"I feel that both of these ladies are completely deserving of these awards," Shivraman said. "Their play, conduct and work ethic totally reflect the ideals that the All-American recognition represents."

Gabel saluted

Livonia Stevenson's Tim Gabel, who guided the Spartans to a 13-1 football record and the state finals, has been named Division 1 Regional Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

Gabel's overall record in 13 years with the Spartans is 82-47.

Grid All-Academic

Among the area players earning Academic All-State Special Mention by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association for the 2007 season include Trent Judis (Livonia Stevenson), Dan Woodall (Livonia Franklin) and William Tidwell (Canton).

Life in the fast lane

Churchill's Ryan Rosenick (left) and Stevenson's Austin White battle near the rim for a

Fairfax, Stewart spur Trojans to easy victory

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

rebound during first-half action Friday night.

Lonnie Fairfax is usually the playmaker for the Livonia Clarenceville basketball team, but the senior point-guard was on the finishing end of many plays Friday night.

He and junior teammate Jamie Stewart scored 19 points apiece as the visiting Trojans raced past host Farmington Hills Harrison for an easy 72-41 victory.

While Stewart averages 25 points a game, Fairfax puts up eight assists and six points – many of which come by shooting free throws late in a game.

"Lonnie Fairfax was outstanding," Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said. "He gets us into everything. Normally, he doesn't score, but he stepped up tonight. He took advantage of what was there. He can score! That shows what kind of kid he is, to not be worrying about stats."

Fairfax, who drove the lane for repeated lay-ups, sparked the Trojans (4-1) to a big first half with 15 points, which included one three-pointer.

Clarenceville built up a 19-6 lead after one quarter and had the game all but won by halftime, leading 40-14.

"Our kids have been working real hard, and we had a lot of practices over break,' McKendry said. "They were kinda hungry to play tonight.

"We've only played five games, and some teams have played seven or eight. We're starting to hit our stride a little bit."

That may be an understatement; the Trojans looked like they were in late-season form and dominated the winless Hawks (0-7).

"They're a very solid team; they really surprise you with their quickness and jumping ability," Harrison coach Chad Logan said.

Clarenceville used its

aggressive defense to create offense and get the early lead. Six players scored in the first quarter.

"I tell the kids, 'If you play hard on defense, play my defense, then you can play your offense," McKendry said. "A lot of the points we got were off our defense."

Stewart, who spread his points over four quarters, is being recruited Mid-American Conference schools. He will visit Penn State next month, and Michigan has shown an interest, too.

"He only played in eight games last year because of a broken leg," McKendry said. "This is the first opportunity he's had to show what he can do.'

Jeremy Gainer added 10 points. Also contributing were Haniyf Mark (7), Dominique Jones (6) and Ramsey Hadaad (5) for the Trojans, who

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Clarenceville's Jeremy Gainer puts up a shot against Harrison's David Evans during Friday's non-conference encounter.

Sportsmakers: Thanks for all the 2007 memories



Churchill's Kyndra Abron (left), Miss Volleyball (fall 2007) and teammate Shannon Warner, Miss Golf (spring 2007), have both signed with Michigan State.

.K., there was much to forget about 2007 as far as national news like the mortgage crisis, the Iraq War and rising oil prices.

But from my perspective and marking my 30th anniversary with the Observer & Eccentric, it was a pretty memorable 2007 season when it came to my beat covering Livonia-Westland area sports.

Of course, I'm biased in my views. But these are the top 10 in my book as far as impacting this area:

Churchill girls volleyball

Western Michigan University Arena was electric that Friday night in mid-March when the Chargers pulled the upset of the season over No. 1-ranked and defending state champion East Kentwood in the Division 1 semifinals.

There was a NCAA tournament basketball buzz in the crowd all night rooting for the underdog

Chargers.

The 56-4-1 Chargers, behind the hitting of All-Staters Lauren Krupsky and Kyndra Abron, and the dogged defensive play of Kelly Archer completed the



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as Churchill earned its first state title since 1991. Stevenson football

Cinderella story the next day with

a five-game win over North Branch

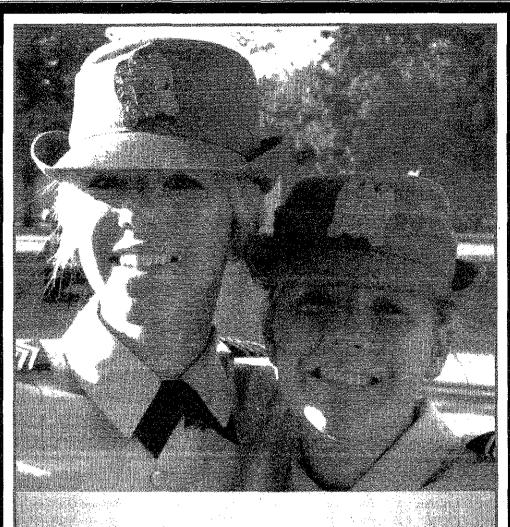
The Spartans capped an unde-

feated regular season and earned their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association championship. The playoffs proved to be just as exciting as

Stevenson earned a thrilling 40-35 state semifinal victory over Troy and reached its first-ever state championship before losing at Detroit's Ford Field to defending champion Macomb Dakota, 41-21.

The most memorable play of that season was the Joey Doulette interception late in the fourth quarter against Troy that set up the game-winning score.

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Capturing more '07 moments

Here are some other noteworthy team and individual accomplishments, along with sportsmakers from 2007.

Team milestones

- The Livonia Ladywood girls golf team finished as the Division 2 state runner-up.
- The Madonna University women's volleyball earned its 10th NAIA National appearance and 11th WHAC championship.
- Schoolcraft College women's soccer qualified for the NJCAA Division I tournament and finished 15-3 overall.
- The Livonia Churchill boys and girls track and field teams earned both WLAA and Division 1 regional titles.
- The Schoolcraft men's basketball team finished 23-10 and captured the MCCAA playoffs.
- The No. 1-ranked Churchill hockey team garnered the WLAA title and region crown before losing 3-2 to Grosse Pointe North in the Division 1 state quarterfinals.
- The Livonia Blue and Red girls gymnastics qualified for the state finals finishing fifth and sixth, respectively, after going one-two in the WLAA.
- \blacksquare The MU women's softball team captured the WHAC Tournament.
- The Churchill girls cross country team finished seventh in Division 1 after repeating as regional and WLAA champions.
- The Lutheran High Westland boys track team took Division 4 regional and Metro Conference titles. ■ With coach Dave Hebestreit
- returning to the bench this season after a heart transplant, the Churchill girls soccer team beat Northville, 1-0, to win its first WLAA title since 1996.
- Livonia Stevenson upset Northville, 6-3, to win the WLAA softball crown.
- The first-year Wayne Memorial boys bowling team reached the Final Four of the Division 1 state team finals.
- In the spring, Churchill captured the boys tennis regional while the Stevenson boys were co-regional champions in the fall.
- The Livonia Franklin grapplers won their team district and repeated as WLAA champion for the third straight year.
- Churchill captured the Class A baseball district. ■ The Schoolcraft women's
- basketball team earned another Eastern Conference title.

Individual moments

■ Stevenson's Brynn Marecki took the 200-yard individual medley and 100 breaststroke crowns at

- the Division 1 state swim finals. ■ Livonia Clarenceville grad and former Penn State standout
 - Tim Shaw was drafted in the fifth round by the NFL's Carolina Panthers. Primarily used as a special teams player, Shaw made a total of 14 tackles, including 12 solo for the 7-9 Panthers.
 - Livonia Red's Paula Guzik was the Division 1 balance beam champion.
- Ladywood's Laura Szwed, who had 139 career goals and 62 assists in 67 games, was named Michigan's Miss Hockey.
- Churchill's Lauren Krupsky captured the Division 1 state discus
- Franklin grad Paul Terek finished 10th in the decathlon in the World Track and Field Championships in Osaka, Japan. He was also a contestant on Ninja
- MU's Lubovj Tihomirova earned first-team NAIA All-American honors in women's volleyball. Teammate Jacqui Gatt was honorable mention and runner-up for national Libero Player of the
- Western Michigan University senior Brady Crosby (Livonia Stevenson) competed in the NCAA doubles tournament and finished with over 200 career wins for the Broncos.
- Westland John Glenn's Jim Wood earned 13 letters during his high school career.
- Stevenson's Luke Knochel became the school's all-time leading point scorer (1,175 points) surpassing Dave Hall and helped the Spartans earn their first Class A district boys basketball title since 1989.
- and Clarenceville's Danielle Fecso reached the Division 1 and 2 individual quarterfinals, respectively, in boys and girls bowling.
- Lutheran Westland's Chris Ake went 4-for-4 with three straight homers and 10 RBI in an 18-2 baseball win over Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Coaching moves

- Franklin's Terry Jobbitt retires after 25 seasons with an overall record of 292-257-56. He is replaced by Scott Wirgau.
- John Glenn varsity football coach Todd DeLuca, who played quarterback for the Rockets under Lloyd Carr and coached for 28 years, is fired after four seasons after going 17-20.
- Schoolcraft women's volleyball coach Tom Teeters, who has over 700 career victories and guided the Lady Ocelots to a 34-6 record and a berth in the NJCAA Division 2 Nationals, is not retained. He is

- replaced by Rich Lamb.

 Former Schoolcraft men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs, who was 249-39 in nine seasons with the Ocelots, takes an assistant coaching job under Perry Watson at the University of Detroit Mercy.
- Stevenson hockey coach Mike Humitz, who went 87-31-10 in five seasons, is fired. He is replaced by Churchill assistant coach David Mitchell.
- John Glenn's Matt Howton steps down as Glenn baseball coach and is replaced by former Wayne coach Tom Wakefield.
- Lou Kuratko, longtime varsity assistant, takes over as Churchill girls softball coach for Meghan Misiak-Hall, who left after one season to take a teaching-coaching job in Florida.
- Dan Ramthun steps down after 11 seasons as Lutheran High Westland boys basketball coach replaced by Brandon Bekius.
- Pat Cannon (Stevenson), Dave McCall (Franklin), Chad Jenkins (Churchill), Eric Ruth (Huron Valley Lutheran) and Leslie Williams (Wayne) become firstyear girls basketball coaches this winter replacing Tim Newman, Mary Kay Whalen, Keith McDonald, Kris Ruth (Eric's wife) and Kelli Kaminski, respectively.
- In boys basketball, Mike Allie replaces Brandon Miller at Stevenson; Jeremy Rheault takes over for Russ Keberly at Franklin; and Brandon Bekius replaces Dan Ramthun at Lutheran Westland. ■ Randy Henry replaces Mike
- Brown as Schoolcraft men's basketball coach. Brown takes a job as Director of Basketball Operations at Kent State University.
- Frank Garcia will not return ■ John Glenn's Justin O'Hara as Wayne Memorial varsity baseball coach.

O&E champions

- William Himm, 56, and Susan Macinkowicz, 46, take the men's and women's championship flight titles, respectively, at the Observer & Eccentric Golf Open.
- Franklin three-peats as Observerland Invitational team wrestling champion.
- Stevenson places first in the Observerland Boys Track and Field Championships.

Not forgotten

- Livonia native Tom Zaliagiris, who played at Catholic Central and for the University of North Carolina basketball team which reached the 1977 NCAA finals, passed away at age 50.
- Franklin assistant wrestling coach Brian Hinzmann tragically drowned in West Virginia accident.
- Longtime Stevenson assistant football coach Jack Gabel died at age 77.

Livonia football trifecta

For the first time, all three Livonia Public Schools (Stevenson, Churchill, Franklin) made the postseason.

Franklin started 0-3 and then caught fire at the end of the year, winning five of its last six and squeezing through as the last team as an at-large in the 256-school field. The Patriots, who beat Churchill in the regular season finale, 7-0, then upset Monroe, 39-38, in double OT and went on to beat host Dearborn Fordson, 20-8, before losing a close rematch in the Region final to Stevenson, 10-7, before an overflow crowd.

And speaking of overflow crowds, I've never seen one bigger than the regular season matchup between Stevenson and Churchill in a battle of 5-0 teams. It was all Stevenson that night (37-3), but it was a perfect weather night and a great atmosphere.

Despite the loss, Churchill stayed the course to finish 7-2. The Chargers put up a battle before losing to Novi in the first round of the playoffs, 13-9.

WLAA-KVC merger

The landscape of area high school athletics will change for the 2008-09 season when the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Kensington Valley Conference will merge. The mega conference

which will be known as the Kensington Lakes - will consist of 24 schools, including two from the Oakland Activities Association (Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott).

It will be divided into four divisions of six with Franklin, Churchill, Canton, Plymouth, Westland John Glenn and Wayne making up the South

Division with Stevenson, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, South Lyon East and Salem being a part of the Central Division.

MSHAA seasons switch

After a nine-year court battle, two mothers in Grand Rapids prevailed over the Michigan High School Athletic Association forcing girls volleyball to the fall and girls basketball to the winter (bumping heads with boys basketball).

Girls golf and boys tennis were also flip-flopped, causing athletes to choose to pick sports as a result of the decision.

The Livonia Public Schools allowed the affected athletes to play two sports.

Modano U.S. idol

In early November, 37-yearold Westland native Mike Modano of the Dallas Stars became the National Hockey League's all-time leading scorer with a pair of goals in a 3-1 win over the host San Jose Sharks.

The 18-year NHL veteran forward was saluted Wednesday night by the Little Caesars organization prior to the Red Wings-Stars game at Joe Louis Arena.

Miss volleyball, golf

Churchill has the distinction of having two of the state's best female athletes in Kyndra Abron, who was selected 2007 (fall) Miss Volleyball and Shannon Warner, who earned 2007 (spring) Miss Golf honors.

The 6-foot-2 Abron finished her four-year career with 2,020 kills, including 800 her senior Warner, who shot a sizzling 67

to win the WLAA tournament this fall, earned the distinction of being a two-time Division 1 state medalist and was also a member of the Churchill's state championship volleyball team.

Both will be moving on to

Michigan State University on athletic scholarships.

Lergs lift MSU icers

Cousins Jeff and Bryan Lerg, both of Livonia, helped Michigan State to its first NCAA men's hockey title since 1986 with a 3-1 victory last April over Boston College in St. Louis, Mo.

Jeff Lerg, the Spartans' goaltender, made 29 stops in the come-from-behind win and was named to the Frozen Four's All-Tournament team after earning Regional MVP honors. He was also named USA Hockey College Player of the Year.

Bryan Lerg led MSU with a career-best 23 goals and had 36 points. He was elected captain this season.

Spartan girls tankers

The winning tradition continued this season as Stevenson finished runner-up behind Ann Arbor Pioneer in the Division 1 state girls swimming and diving championships at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium as senior Brynn Marecki earned titles in the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke.

The Spartans also captured their 19th WLAA title under coach Greg Phill.

MU men's soccer

For the first time in school history, the Madonna University men's soccer team reached the NAIA Nationals in Olathe, Kan.

Led by honorable mention All-Americans Kris Lyons and Makesi Lewis, the Crusaders finished 14-3-3 overall under coach Tino Scicluna. Embry-Riddle (Fla.) ended MU's season in the opening round of the nationals, 2-1.

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Clarenceville, Blazers win handily

Livonia Churchill displayed crisp ball movement and used balanced scoring Friday to post a 47-35 girls triumph over host Livonia Stevenson in a battled of Lakes Division teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Junior guards Alysa Boldiszar and Lindsey Graciak scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, as Churchill improved to 3-6 overall and 1-1 in the Lakes Division.

Senior forward Chelsea Manasian added 10 points and seven rebounds for the Chargers, who used a 12-4 third-quarter run to subdue the Spartans (3-6, 0-2).

'The biggest thing is that we moved the ball and passed it by hitting the cutters,' Churchill first-year coach Chad Jenkins said. "We got to the basket for some easy layups and we took care of the basketball.

Freshman guard Sarah Smith led the Spartans with a game-high 11 points.

CLARENCEVILLE 54, MELVINDALE 33: Senior center Chenay Kemp scored 17 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and blocked six shots Friday to lead host Livonia Clarenceville (4-5) to a non-conference victory over the Cardinals (2-7).

Senior guard Amanda Moody added 15 points and six steals for the Trojans, who outscored Melvindale 33-13 in the second half. Senior Amber O'Halloran chipped in with 14 points.

A 13-day holiday layoff had little effect on the Trojans.

"I was pleasantly surprised," Clarenceville coach Julie Patterson said. "We were ready to go. It was close the first half (21-20), but we played well. For the first game back I'm happy."

GIRLS HOOP WRAP

Melvindale's Angelica Reeves paced all scorers with 18 points. LADYWOOD 68, REGINA 21: It was no contest Friday as host Livonia Ladywood (7-2, 3-0) blew out Harper Woods Regina (4-4, 0-2) in a Catholic League Central Division matchup.

Senior center Alex Serowoky who scored her team's first 10 points to spur a 23-6 Ladywood first-period run, finished with a game-high 14 points, all coming in the opening

Alison Szczypka added 13 points and Jenna Anastos contributed seven for the Blazers, who shot 49 percent from the floor (26-of-53) and 90.9 percent from the foul line (10-of-11)

We got the ball inside to Alex off the fast-break and hit three 3s in the first half," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "We shot the ball well and our energy level coming out was

W.L. WESTERN 62, FRANKLIN 51: Melanie Wilkerson scored a game-high 19 points Friday to lead Walled Lake Western (8-1, 2-0) to the WLAA-Western Division win over visiting Livonia Franklin (6-3, 0-2). Senior center Ashley Price had

14 points for the Patriots. Twins Brittany and Briauna Taylor added 13 and 12, respectively. Western was down by 10 points

after one quarter, 18-8, but it closed the gap to seven at halftime, 33-26, and outscored Franklin in the third period, 20-6.

'The first half we ran our (offensive) sets well, then they (Western) started full-court and half-court trapping and we lost our composure," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "We started panicking and started forcing it, dribbling into traps. We knuckled under the pressure.

W.L. NORTHERN 51, JOHN GLENN 42: The visiting Knights are 2-0 in the WLAA Lakes Division girls basketball standings after their win Friday over the Rockets.

Charli Coram scored 10 points and Carissa McKenna nine to lead Northern (6-3), which made 22 of 38 free throws.

Brittany Holbrook had 14 points and 12 rebounds to lead Glenn (0-2. 3-6). Chanel Payne added eight and Andrea Gordon-McClain seven.

It was 32-all through three quarters, but Northern outscored Glenn

in the final eight minutes, 19-10. CANTON 48, WAYNE 42: Canton (3-6, 1-1) regained its shooting touch Friday in a WLAA-Western Division victory at Wayne Memorial (3-4, 0-2).

After struggling to break the 20point barrier in a few early-season games, the Chiefs executed like a well-oiled offensive machine in their 48-42 triumph over visiting Wayne Memorial. Senior forward Baylee Hollowell

led the Chiefs with 16 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore Kavlie Martin recorded a career-high 13 points while freshman forward Kayla Bridges contributed nine points and a team-high 11 boards.

Wayne senior guard Trenia Barbee tickled the twine for 24 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter when she nearly led the Zebras back from a 15-point deficit.

Barbee swished a three-point shot with less than two minutes left to bring Wayne to within 44-40. However, Canton's Erin Quinn, who replaced a fouled-out Hollowell at the 2:30 mark, calmly connected on all four of her free throw attempts down the stretch to help Canton seal its second-straight victory.

Nastassia Goines complemented Barbee's strong effort with 12

Canton led 7-6 after one quarter and 17-13 at the intermission. The Chiefs posted a 19-spot in the third quarter on the way to surging to a 36-21 advantage, however, Barbee made it interesting with her long-range shooting over the final

Balanced scoring sparks Chargers; 11-0 Spartans freeze Patriots

Unbeaten Livonia Stevenson made its hockéy alumni proud Friday night.

The Spartans tallied a pair of first-period goals and made it stand up in a 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association crossover win over Livonia Franklin at Edgar Arena.

Mike Voran's 12th goal of the season from Sean Lerg and John Vella at 5:50 of the first period proved to be the game-winner for the state's No. 2-ranked team in Division 1, which improved to 11-0 overall.

Jake Harbowy's power-play goal from R.J. Kierdorf at 10:19 of the same period completed the scoring.

Stevenson outshot the Patriots 35-10 as senior netminder Pat McHugh notched his fifth shutout of the season. Austin Mesler stood out in

goal for Franklin, stopped 33of-35 attempts.

"It's been our M.O. lately, we need to cash in more on our chances, but we're still doing a good job limiting the oppor**BOYS HOCKEY**

tunities of our opponents," Stevenson first-year coach David Mitchell said.

Prior to the 8 p.m. starting time of the varsity game, 40 Stevenson alumni, including Don Finn of the original 1973 Spartan team, participated in an alumni game which ended in a shootout.

Churchill derailed, 3-2

Jeff Weintraub's short-handed goal just 58 seconds into the final period proved to be the difference Friday as host Ann Arbor Pioneer stunned topranked Livonia Churchill, 3-2, in the Pioneer Invitational at Veterans Arena.

Pioneer improved to 4-7 overall with the victory, while the state's No. 1-ranked team fell to

Churchill, which outshot the Pioneers 28-14, led 1-0 after one period on Tyler Cotter's goal from Josh Proben at 10:11.

Pioneer answered with a pair of goals in the second period --Brook Swanson from Weintraub and Chad Tichner at 2:05 followed by Billy Mady's goal from

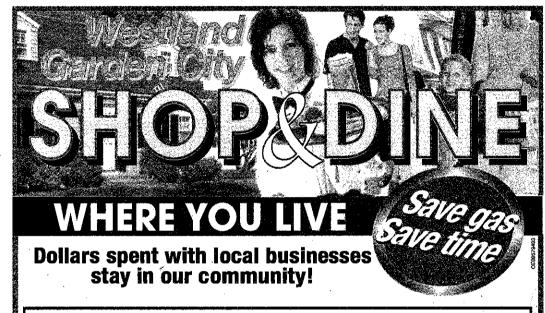
Quinn MacKenzie at 3:51. Churchill's Stefan Kubus then tied it at 2-all on an assist from Cody Atkins at 9:09 of the sec-

Churchill's leading scorer, senior forward Nate Milam (24) goals), was held point-less for the first time all season.

Pioneer goalie Blake Steward stopped 26-of-28 shots, including three breakaways, while Churchill netminder Greg Wirick had to make just 11 saves.

"If we had played the first 35 minutes of the game like we did the last 10 minutes, it might have been a different game," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose Chargers faced Birmingham Unified in Saturday's consolation final.

Milford advanced to the final to face Pioneer with a 7-6 win over Milford.



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Lee pulls trigger in Wayne triumph first half, but he had 17 in the Wayne Memorial rode the Glenn was 15-of-19 from the foul line, while Northern was 11-of-21.

hot perimeter shooting of senior guard Mike Lee to gain a pivotal 66-61 boys basketball victory Friday night at Canton.

Lee scorched the nets for 26 points - 12 coming off a quartet of triples - to help Wayne improve its record to 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs slipped to 3-4

and 0-2, respectively. Canton was paced by its senior one-two punch of Neil Sharma and Chris Bailey, who each registered 16. The duo

also combined for 21 rebounds. "It was a game of runs," explained Canton coach Dan Colligan. "We finished the first half with a nice run to take the lead, but they went on a 9-0 run in the third quarter to take the lead back. Then we got hot

They have a very good team and Mike Lee is a very good player. I thought we did a good job of defending him in the

again at the end of the third.

second half when they really needed him."

The Zebras led 14-12 after one quarter before Canton rebounded to secure a 29-28 halftime edge. Wayne led 45-42 with eight minutes left before outscoring its visitors 21-19 down the stretch.

Martez Abney added 14 points for the winners, who shot only 8-of-18 from the freethrow line.

The Chiefs sparkled from the stripe, nailing 15-of-20 attempts.

JOHN GLENN 81, W.L. NORTHERN 40: Senior forward Stefan Marken scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to propel Westland John Glenn (6-1, 2-0) to a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Friday at Walled Lake Northern (0-7, 0-2).

Glenn, which catapulted to a 23-9 first-quarter lead, also got 13 points from senior point-guard Keshawn

Earl Hardison and Daris Smith each chipped in with 10 for the Rockets, who had all 12 players

Leroy Jackson paced the Knights

W.L. WESTERN 71, FRANKLIN 68: Seniors Ryan Matthey and Israel Woolfork each scored 23 points, but it wasn't enough Friday as host Livonia Franklin (2-5, 1-1) fell to Walled Lakes Western (4-3, 1-1) in a WLAA-Western Division encounter.

> Matthey, who made three triples and went 4-of-6 from the foul line, broke the 20-point mark for the third straight game. It was also Woolfork's second straight 20-pointplus outing.

Four Warriors scored in double figures led by Mitchell Varcenino's 19 points. Quinton Cooper added 15, while Uramel Hogan and Sean Armstrong contributed 13 and 11, respectively.

Franklin rallied from a 33-27 halftime deficit to take the lead in the final quarter.

"It was a good high school basketball game and I'm proud of the way our guys defensively are playing right now," Franklin first-year coach Jeremy Rheault said. "The ball and the calls just didn't bounce our way and we were not able to execute what we wanted at the end.

Franklin was 8-for-11 from the foul line, while Western was 11-of-17.

DOUBLE-DUAL MEET RESULTS Jan. 3 at Livonia Stevenson TEAM SCORES: Stevenson 117, Saline 69; Stevenson 148, University of Detroit-Jesuit 38; Saline 140, U-D Jesuit 45.
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Robert Luke, Joey Wingett, Michael Cruce, Ryan Scott), 1:42.35; 3. Stevenson (Bryan Bielicki, John D. Loria, Scott Geverink, Jerome Pesta), 1:49.4.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

Aaren Marecki (LS), 1:55.72.

200 individual medley: 1. Cruce (LS), 2:03.47; 3. Geverink (LS), 2:13.15.

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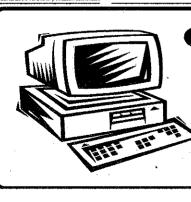
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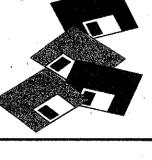




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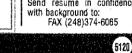
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The motivator

Pedometers spur people to walk another mile

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Dr. Caroline Richardson believes it's only a matter of time before physicians and researchers find a way to encourage Americans to walk on a regular basis. It's no secret that physical activity helps prevent and treat certain diseases. Could pedometers, a small counting device worn on a belt or waistband, motivate people to walk further once they make the decision to get moving?

The results of a recent walking program study at the University of Michigan Health System and VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System show those wearing a pedometer increased the steps they took by about one mile a day.

"In 1996, the surgeon general released a report on physical activity and the health connection," said Richardson, who became interested in the link as a resident that same year. "It got me interested in this known treatment and how to get people to do that. In 1964, the surgeon general came out with a report on the link to smoking and lung cancer. It took us a while to learn how to help people quit smoking. We're just at the beginning of helping people to get more active."

Richardson was the lead author of the six-week study that divided type-2 diabetics into two groups. All were sedentary adults. Half of the participants counted their steps all day long, the structured goals group only used the pedometer when walking for at least 10 minutes. The participants who wore a pedometer throughout the day reported they were more satisfied with their program.

"It turned out both groups increased their walking, but the 10-minute group didn't like it. They felt they didn't get credit for the steps they walked throughout the day," said Richardson, who some-

times walks to work from her Ann Arbor home. Richardson is an assistant professor in the department of family medicine at the U-M Medical School and research scientist at the Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. The study was published in November in the International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity.

Participants used uploading pedometers that plug into a computer. The data helped calculate goals for the next week. Over time, the required amount of steps increased.

"10,000 steps a day is a lot, particularly for people who haven't been doing a lot and have health problems," Richardson said. "For a healthy person, 10,000 steps a day might be a good goal. If you're sick, 8,000 might be good. Physicians or trainers might be able to help you set goals.

"Using a pedometer is most effective for people who have been sedentary and not active before. If you don't know how much to do, you feel in the dark. You have to set goals. Health behavior research

shows setting goals is critical. Pedometers help people to do that. Some people don't need pedometers. Some people walk at a mall and they know they've walked so far because it's measured so they can set goals. For most people, they fit walking in and don't know how much they do. You need goal setting and logging of your results. We used online to do coaching and goal set-

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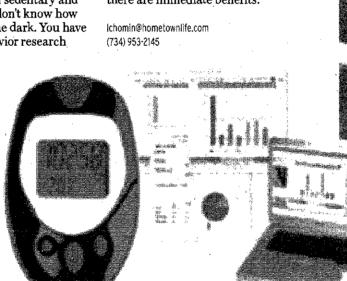
being planned that will allow participants to receive support as part of an e-community which uses pedometers as part of a walking program.

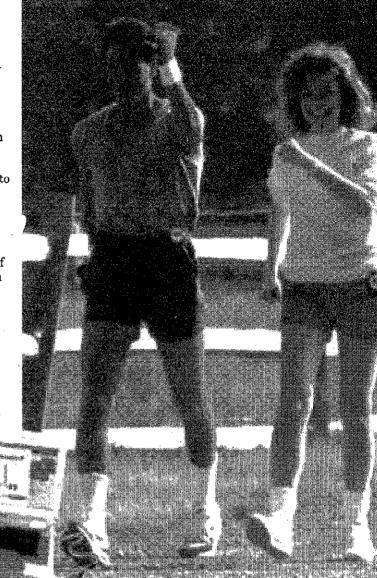
"They'll be able to leave messages for other people and get messages. Giving social support is important in keeping people active," said Richardson, who recommends visiting Web sites for online support. She is a consultant for walking-

"Getting a walking buddy can be critical as is in winter in Michigan finding an indoor place to walk or getting the right clothes to walk," she said.

Richardson said it's important as well to avoid setting long-term goals. "Set immediate goals, like feeling less

stressed out or a better sense of wellbeing," she said. "Go for a walk 'cause it's going to make me feel better right now. I'm going to do it today to destress myself today. People tend to exercise more when there are immediate benefits."





Grief support group

Offered by Romulus Wesleyan Church and Hospice of Michigan for 13 weeks beginning 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the church, 37300 Goddard, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Romulus Public Library on Wayne Road at Goddard. For information, call the church at (734) 941-1511, the library at (734) 942-7589 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Tai Chi classes

New sessions starting the week of Jan. 7, at the non-profit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 591-

Tai Chi for Arthritis

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering fitness classes in Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese discipline combining agile steps, joint-friendly movement, relaxed breathing, and mental challenge to promote mobility and well-being 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 7 to Feb. 11; and Feb. 25 to March 31. (classes also available on Fridays) in the hospital's Classroom 10 on the 4th Floor of the Marian Professional Building at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Five Mile entrance. Registration required, call (734) 655-8950. Tai Chi has been shown to reduce pain and stiffness. Enrollment limited. A registration fee payable to St. Mary Mercy Hospital is required prior to first class.

CHADD meeting

Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet Monday, Jan. 7, at Way Elementary on W. Long Lake Rd. east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. for the meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. The Parent Group will have Fran Parker Ph.D., Mary Jo Schuster and Kevin Roberts moderating a panel of college students who have been successful in college managing their AO/HD. This session is open for parents to bring teens or pre-teens. There will be an adult informal support group in a different room. Free to CHADD members, \$5 donation for non-member families. If school is closed due to inclement weather, the phone line at (248) 988-6716 will indicate meeting is cancelled. The Web site is www.chadd.net/527.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Call (734) 462-4443. Diabetes presentation

Diabetes: Know Your Numbers, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For details, call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is Ginger Ramsay. RN, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. This is a St. Mary

mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, however all are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. No charge, pre-registration

not required. Sharing & Caring

Prevention and treatment of lymphedema with Dr. Justin Riutta, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Beaumont Royal Oak Cancer Center, Sharing & Caring offers education and support programs for breast cancer survivors. All are welcome. For more information, call (248) 551-8586. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588

prior to meeting. Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Dr. Michael Hsu 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Merriman Road Baptist Church on 2055 Merriman, south of Ford road. Hsu, a clinical lecturer and research fellow in the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Michigan, is part of Healing Through Affective Self-Awareness in Fibromyalgia, a randomized control trial with Providence internist Dr. Howard Schubiner. Donations accepted. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

Heartsaver AED 6-9 p.m. Jan. 14, Feb. 11, at Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$55. This is a course for nonhealth care providers and/or individuals who need to learn basic CPR and AED for nonhealth care work requirements, Call (888) 440-7325 to register or for information or visit www.stiohn.org.

CPR Family and Friends: for Infants-Part 1 is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 10, Feb. 14 (\$25), for nonhealth care providers ages 12 and older who want to learn basic CPR and foreign body removal (choking) techniques for infants. CPR Family and Friends for Adults/Children-Part 2, 7:45-9:15 p.m. Jan. 10, Feb. 14 (\$25), for nonhealthcare providers ages 12 and older. Baby Care Basics. Call for schedule of classes. Cost is \$20 per couple. This class provides practical information about bathing, feeding, safety, health care and more. New this year, a baby doctor, will be joining the baby care class to give you more information about your infant

and infant/baby care. Charity basketball game

To benefit March of Dimes, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Waterford Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Rd. While the Waterford Mott High School students dribble, pivot and fly on the court, senior residents and staff from The Inn at Cass Lake retirement community will be on hand to accept cash donations from the public to assist the March of Dimes in its ongoing effort to combat birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For more information, call (248) 681-8229.

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7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Farmington Community Library. 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Please RSVP if you will be attending a few days before the lecture to smo23915@aol.com or call (24B) 344-0896. Admission is \$5 to help pay for cost of the room. April Vallarand, Ph.D. from Wayne State University School of nursing, will speak on medications for chronic pain/ Fibromyalgia including the newest medications available for Fibromyalgia. This will be an opportunity to ask your questions on the medications you may be on, or thinking of asking your physician to prescribe.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Grand opening

St. Mary Mercy Hospital physician, Nabil Suliman, is opening Premier Medicine by offering free cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure checks, refreshments, giveaways and a chance to meet the staff noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 5958 Canton Center Rd., Suite 200, north of Ford Rd., Canton, Premier Medicine, a primary care provider that also offers urgent care services, is now open to patients of all ages in need of a variety of health care services. The physicians are also available to make homebound visits for those runable to reach their office. For more information, call (734) 454-5454 or visit www.premiermedicine.com.

Joint replacement seminars

To educate the community about joint replacement options Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-2400.

Free yoga classes

Astarte Yoga is offering free weekend classes in honor of Yoga Awareness Day (Jan. 26), at Astarte Yoga, 21894 Farmington Rd., Farmington, For information, call (248) 427-0550. The sessions take place 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 (Level 1-2); 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Level 1); 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Gentle); 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (Level 2), and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 (Level 1). Medical research is now confirming what those who practice yoga have been reporting for decades. Studies have demonstrated that practicing yoga postures (asanas), meditation or a combination of both reduced pain for those with cancer, multiple sclerosis, autoimmune diseases and chronic conditions such as hypertension, arthritis, asthma, and carpal tunnel syndrome among others.

Yoga Day USA is sponsored by Yoga Alliance, a non-profit professional organization setting educational standards for yoga teachers and schools.

Hospice benefit

Internationally renowned and award winning photographer Linda Solomon will be a special quest at A Grand Night for Hospice XX, a black tie extravaganza with An Enchanted Evening theme,

Saturday, Jan. 26, at The Ritz-Cariton, Dearborn. The annual event hosted by The Women's Committee for Hospice Care (WCHC), a nonprofit organization that raises money and grants funds for nonprofit hospices in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. Tickets \$300 patron, \$500 benefactor. For information, call (248) 680-7150, or visit www.wchcinc.org. For information about corporate ticket rates and tables, call Susan Kiltie at (248) 359-1167.

Workshop series Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What

To Oo, an ongoing workshop series, will be presented by Ronald Harrison, SW, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Part One: What To Know, runs 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5 and March 4, and provides information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part One is repeated every first Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year. Part Two: What To Oo, will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 15 and Feb. 12, and provides information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. Part Two is repeated every second Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year. The workshops are free and open to the public. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens are all welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. For more information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail to jessa@med. umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs. There. will be a special presentation of this two-part series in Howell on Wednesday March 12, 2008 (part 1) and Wednesday March 19, (part 2,) 7:30-9 p.m. at Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, 620 Byron Road, Howell, Registration is requested but not required for these presentations only; For information, visit Web site or call (517) 545-6213.

CARE House of Oakland County

Circle of Friends holds its annual fund-raising function Tuesday, Jan. 29, begins at noon, preceded by a jewelry show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by designer Sharon Meyer, at The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. A portion of proceeds will be donated to CARE House. Speaker is Naomi Griffith, a consultant on child welfare issues, a storyteller and author of Red Clay and Vinegar: Looking at Family Through the Eyes of a Southern Child. She uses humor and her own experiences to challenge and inspire audiences in business, education, juvenile justice, mental health, child abuse prevention and family violence systems. Circle of Friends patron level tickets are \$150, luncheon tickets \$75. Call (248) 332-7173.

Weliness seminars

With Rena Greenberg to quit smoking and lose weight (all seminars last two hours) 6:30

p.m. Tuesgay, Jan 29 (weight loss) at St. John Oakland Hospital, 28000 Dequindre at 11 Mile, Corporate Services Building; 3 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 (weight loss) at Providence Medical Center Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile at Newburgh; 10 a.m. (stop smoking) and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Elliott Orive, Administration Services Bidg. auditorium, Ann Arbor; 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 at St. John Macomb Hospital, 11800 E. 12 Mile at Hoover), Main Entrance, Auditorium, and-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Kalman Auditorium, Main Entrance. Programs combine hypnosis and behavior modification. The first 45 minutes of session is free. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, they pay \$79.99. Save \$10 by registering at easywillpower.com. The fee includes hypnotic session plus Greenberg's book. The Right Weigh: Six Steps to Permanent Weight Loss, behavior modification booklet, home reinforcement hypnosis CD, and unlimited free repetitions of the hypnosis for one full year, if needed. No reservations required. Call (800) 848-2822.

Splash classes begin

HAP's free Senior Splash Bash & Moms in Motion classes begin in January in five southeast Michigan communities with indoor pools including Southfield and Troy. Any adult can join. Classes not limited to HAP members. For more information, call (313) 664-8420.

UPCOMING

Hip and Knee Pain Seminars

4 p.m. Feb. 4, at Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile. No charge. Information on what causes hip and knee pain with an emphasis on Osteoarthritis. Conservative and more aggressive treatment options discussed. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and educational materials are provided. Call (88B) 440-7325 to register or for information, or visit www.stjohn.org. Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Or. Randy Houdek 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church on 2055 Merriman, south of Ford. Houdek, from Vision Associates of Westland, will speak on vision and fibromyalgia. Donations accepted. Group meets monthly on the second Thursday. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

Intervention workshop

A free presentation by internationally-known intervention specialists Jeff and Debra Jay 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. For more details, call Dawn Farm at (734) 485-8725 or visit www.dawnfarm.org. The Jays describe their effective model for intervention with addicted loved ones. Learn how "Love First" is the way to help people find recovery.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 8 Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 7 p.m. Luth, Westland at Lutheran N'west, 7 p.m. Lutheran South at Huron Valley, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

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John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m. Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 7 n.m. Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist Park, 7 p.m. Ladywood at Mercy, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 10
Clarenceville at Liggett, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 11
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 6 p.m.
W.L. Central at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Luth, Westland at Hamtramck, 7 p.m. Riv. Gab. Richard at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 Luth. Westland at New Boston Huron, 7 p.m. PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Jan. 9 Franklin vs. A.A. Gab. Richard, Churchill vs. W.L. Central

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Jan. 11 Ladywood vs. Northville (Girls), Franklin vs. Northville (Boys) at Novi Ice Rink, 5 & 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 1:20 p.m PREP WRESTLING Wednesday, Jan. 9 Clarenceville Tri-Meet, 5:30 p.m.

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Thursday, Jan. 10

Clawson, Inter-City at Luth, Westland, 6 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12 Novi-Detroit CC Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Napolean Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Romulus Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Lutheran Westland Invitational, 10 a.m. South Lyon Invitational, TBA. BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Tuesday, Jan. 6 Thursday, Jan. 10 Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 Wayne Invitational prelims, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12 Wayne Invitational finals, 1 p.m. GIRLS GYMNASTICS Monday, Jan. 7 Livonia Red-Blue at Walled Lake, 7 p.m. PREP BOWLING

Tuesday, Jan. B Clarenceville at Country Lanes, 3:20 p.m. Wayne vs. Farmington at Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12 od Inv. at Cherry Hill Lanes, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 John Glenn vs. Harrison at Country Lanes, 3 p.m

PREP SKIING Hoops Challenge Monday, Jan. 7 Ladywood vs. Novi at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 10 Ladywood vs. W.L. Central

at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m

Berkley at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Novi Invitational, TBA

Monday, Jan. 7 St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9
Aquinas Collegé at Madonna, 7:30 p.m. Schoolcraft at Flint Mott CC, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 3 p.m.

Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 7 St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9

Schoolcraft at Flint Mott CC, 5:30 p.m. Madonna at Aquinas College, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 1 p.m. Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Wednesday, Jan. 9
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 7:11 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 11
Whalers at Sarnia Sting, 7:35 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 12
Whâlers vs. Erie at Compuware, 7:05 p.m.

MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

TBA - time to be announced.

Friday, Jan. 11 Ignition vs. Chicago at Compuware, 7:35 p.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Saturday, Jan. 12

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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Separate age divisions for boys and girls includes: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13,

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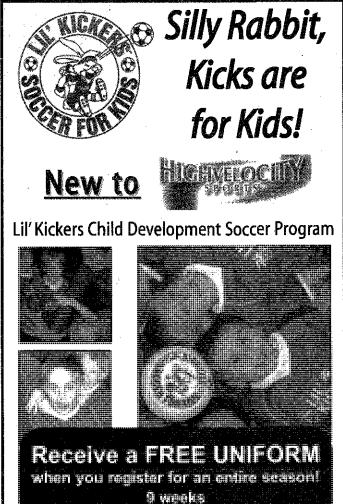
Ken Brown scored nine and Anton Todd eight for the

Clarenceville won its first two games in similar fashion, but a loss to state-ranked Madison Heights Madison followed.

"We feel we let one get away, and the kids were eager to get back at it," McKendry said. "We start league play next week, and we want to set high goals. We play in the toughest Class B district around, and we have to keep improving or its not going to be good enough. We have an opportunity to have a special season."

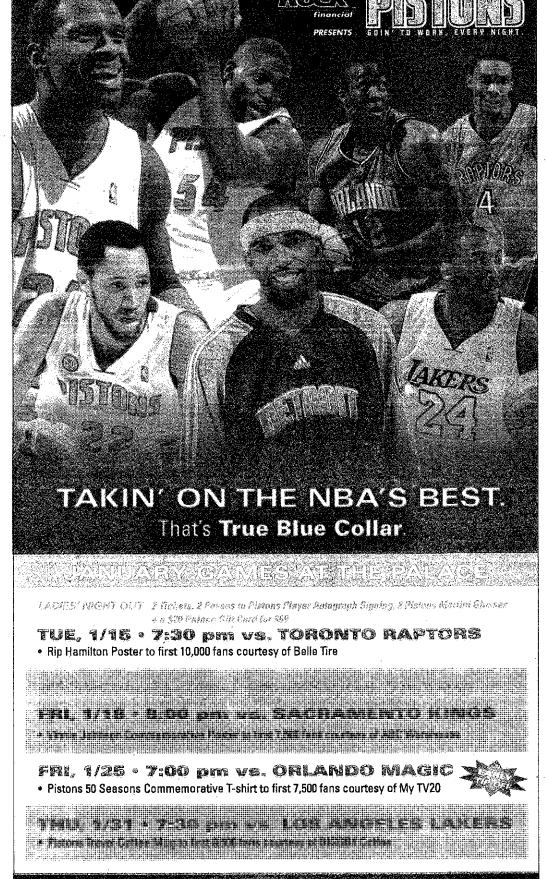
Harrison will regroup and stay positive in pursuit of its first victory.

"We have to do a better job as a unit," Logan said. "The coaching staff has to come up with something to give our kids a chance. I told our guys to keep plugging away because, if the door opens and we're not there, then shame on all of us."

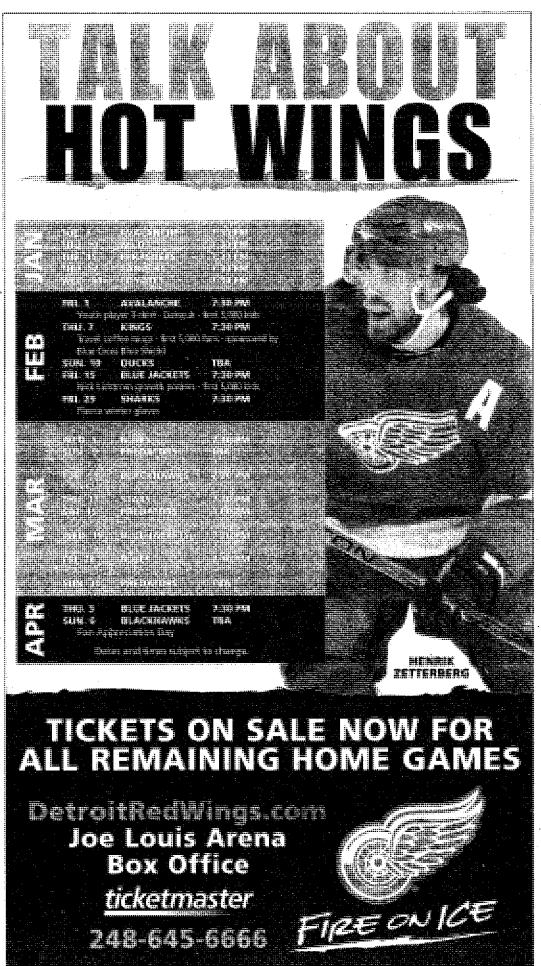


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Take time before replacing pet cat

My cat just died and I'm feeling lonely. I've asked my dad for a new one, but he says that I'm not ready yet. How can I prove to my dad and myself that I'm responsible enough to have another pet? Lonely Garden City

I'm sorry to hear about your cat; it's a very sad thing when our pet dies. It's kind of like losing a friend - a friend that



Monica Fulton

with you and loves you no matter what. Feeling lonely is normal so is feeling angry or sad or depressed. Your dad might be trying to give

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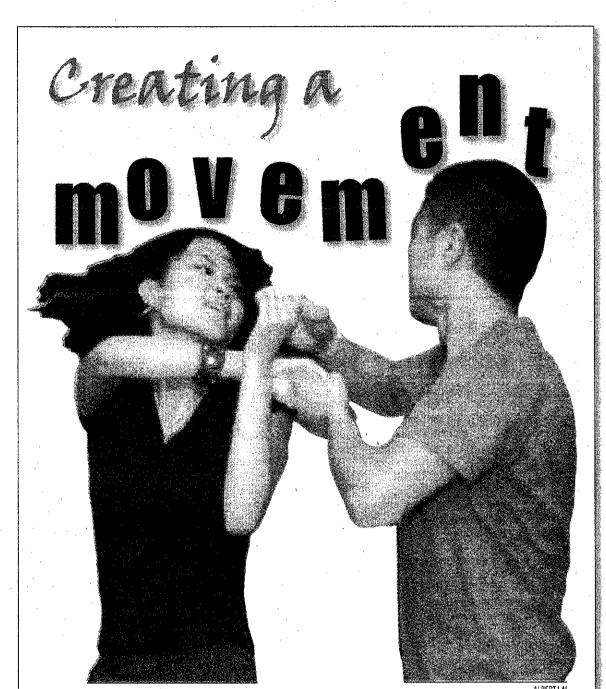
you some time to adjust before bringing a new cat home. But, if he feels that you didn't take good enough care of your cat, he might not want to bring a new cat home because it would mean more work for him! Give yourself time to accept the loss of your cat, enough time so that when you think about your cat you're able to smile instead of cry. Then talk to your dad and find out why, exactly, he thinks you're not ready for another one. I also encourage you to make yourself a list of all the reasons you want another cat; many times we rush into getting a new pet as a way to "replace" the one who died.

However, if your list seems to indicate that you're looking for a "replacement," give yourself more time. If you get a new cat too soon, you'll end up resenting the new cat because he's not your old cat! Together, you and dad can work out a plan where you are able to show him that you're ready and he's able to see that you're ready for

Me and my dad don't get along. I have tried a million times to try and fix it but it doesn't seem like he cares. What should I do? Ms. Fix-it

Garden City Being a teen is tough. Being the parent of a teen can be equally tough. I think the key to making these years easier is to have open communication. This can be difficult for both sides you have all kinds of emotions rolling around (making it hard to keep a level head) and your dad has all kinds of knowledge he wants to pass on to you (making it hard for him to listen). Sometimes, the problem isn't that Dad doesn't care - sometimes the problem is that he cares too much. My advice is to sit down with dad and talk about how you're feeling. Let him know that you feel the two of you don't get along that well and share with him the things you've done to try to "fix" this problem. Then, ask him if he sees it the same way. If he doesn't, it's your turn to listen. Find out how dad feels and then the two of you can get on the same page. One other thing to keep in mind — as daughters grow up, dads sometimes feel uncomfortable expressing love and concern toward their teen daughters. Make sure dad knows that he can write encouraging notes to

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Salsa moves are fast and fancy at the YA Salsa events, which are held monthly at the American Legion Post 346.

Salsa gurus share dance, friendship, energy

BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

A dozen or so inches of snow, icy roads and frigid temperatures set the scene for a smokin' hot evening of salsa dancing.

Despite the early December snow storm, the self-proclaimed salsa junkies took to the wooden dance floor at American Legion Post 346 in Farmington. The group of about 150 on that night wouldn't miss the monthly YA Salsa Social.

The music and the dancing attract a mix of people from all ethnic backgrounds and people from their teens to their 70s and every age in between.

"The music, the people, it's inter-generational and it's international," said Suzanne Geldys, of Dearborn Heights, who is a dance instructor at Eastern Michigan University. "It's great fun."

Each month, for the past four years, YA Salsa has held monthly socials and dance workshops, often featuring nationally and world renowned salsa dancers.

Rooted in an extensive Web site, www.yasalsa.com, the YA Salsa movement was created by Jessica Joseph, 25, of Bloomfield Hills, along with a few friends, in December 2003.

"We felt there was a void in the community," said Joseph, noting salsa socials are held in New York, Chicago and other major cities. "This is out of the club, drinking and

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Dancers move elegantly around the wooden dance floor at a recent YA Salsa



Salsa dancers mix and mingle on the dance floor.

KENNETH WHITE



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Robin and Bob Rayburn and Adina.

Persians just one of the breeds in cat show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Robin Rayburn never realized the grooming that went into owning a Persian cat until Adina came into her life. The Livonia woman not only combs through the long fur before leaving home in the morning, but also after returning from work in the evening.

It's not unusual for Rayburn to put a bib or coffee filter around Adina's neck just to keep the 8-month

clean. The blue cream Persian is sure to be sporting one or the other in her first cat show. The event is being put on by the Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers Jan. 26-27, at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland,

but as many

as 40 differ-

ent breeds

will be

shown.

old kitten



& Household Pet Cat Show When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 26-27 Where: Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road., Westland Tickets: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children. Free parking, food available, handicap access

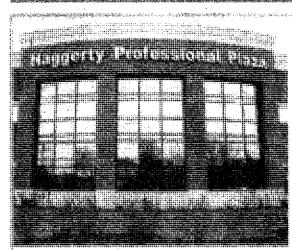
Adina is entered under her full name KingdomKatz Mi Lady Adina. Adina means gentle, delicate in Hebrew.

"It's a learning experience. She can't groom herself. Her hair gets stuck in her mouth," said Rayburn, who owns Adina with her husband Bob.

The couple drove all the way to Rockford, Ill., to purchase the Persian, whose father was a grand champion and her mother a champion. Adina was 11 weeks old and weighed two pounds then. Although she looks bigger because of her fur, Adina weighs only eight pounds today. Rayburn uses not only shampoo, but cream rinse and static control to tame the silky blue- and cream-colored coat.

"She didn't have that much hair as a kitten," Rayburn said. "She's usually bathed once a month, but I plan to bathe her once a week before the

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Sweet Dreamzzz carries on mission in new home

STAFF WRITER

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Nancy Maxwell knows the benefits of a good night's sleep. As executive director of Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, she is determined that every young child looks forward to each night. The group provides sleep

essentials to children.

Maxwell shared one story. "One little boy in Pontiac told us that after he received a sleep kit, his back didn't hurt any more because he had been sleeping on his side with his back up against the couch to keep warm and using a baby blanket to cover himself," Maxwell said. "The sleeping bag gives him his own environment and keeps him warm."

Some children have had to share toothbrushes and beds and put themselves to bed.

The group's main focus has been to assist children in Detroit, typically at schools that have 75 percent or more children who receive a free lunch. based on honsehold income.

"Principals and children have told us that children are coming to school tired and falling asleep at their desk," Maxwell said. "We are educating them on the importance of a good night's sleep. We also send home information for their par-

Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit recommends no TV or use of a computer one hour before bed. "You need to give your mind a

chance to rest," Maxwell said. Every child needs a minimum of nine hours of sleep or 540 minutes. The younger children need closer to 10 or 11 hours of

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osteoarthritis are not related to inflammation, but to a wearing away of joint cartilage. What

the anti-inflammatory medications do in such a setting is relieve pain. No medication, as yet,

If the role of medication in osteoarthritis is to relieve pain, then your doctor's choice of drugs is not limited to the antiinflammatory class, instead, your doctor can turn to analgesic

drugs such as acetaminophen or lower doses of ibuprofen and naproxen as represented by The advantage of these analgesic medications is that both side effects and cost are less

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Susan Orlikowski, left, and Nancy Maxwell of Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, stand in their new warehouse within the Mystic Medical Equipment building with a few of the items they provide to children who are in need.

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children since 2001, said Sue Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, Orlikowski, operations director based in Farmington, recently at Sweet Dreamzzz. moved to a new location in the building of Mystic Medical Children also receive a nightshirt and tube socks. Equipment on Research Drive "A lot of the children wear the

Maxwell said.

in Farmington Hills. Paul Wenson, owner of Mystic Medical, rents both office and warehouse space to Sweet Dreamzzz on a monthly basis. He had some unused

wert II memzzz offices and felt that Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit would be a good partner.

In 2000, Wenson moved his business from a location on Grand River to its current location and donated the old office space to the nonprofit until his lease ended.

Wenson and his wife, Jeni, also hosted the first Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit fund-raiser in 2001 at their home and helped raise almost \$20,000 for the group, Maxwell said.

Maxwell was an original founder in 2001. Orlikowski has worked for the organization for five years and has been director of operations for two years.

Contact Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit at (248) 478-3242 for more information or to make donations.

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Faith and family series to focus on marriage next

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia continues its new Faith and Family series this month with Marriage I: Two Become One, a presentation focusing on God's design for thriving married love 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

The speakers, Deacon Robert Ervin, and Pastoral Associate, Sharon Williams, will offer theological and practical explanations of the Church's teachings necessary to the fulfillment of our greatest hopes and plans for marriage and the

Their presentation will focus

on the hands-on practicality of issues we have all wrestled with or witnessed in our own

or loved ones lives. A Children's Ministry will be available for children of those who register prior to the event.

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to register your child. This event is the second in the new Faith and Family Series offered at St. Michael the Archangel Parish over the next two years and is open to all in the area.

The series' focus will be on the dynamics of the Christian family, with particular emphasis on practical, hands-on methods of achieving those goals in the modern world.

show. It takes about 21/2 hours to wash and dry Adina. We call her Swiffer because she attracts everything."

"She even has a special bowl for drinking water, which is shaped like a beehive with a small opening at the top," Bob Rayburn added.

Charlie, the Rayburns' ordinary house cat, doesn't seem especially impressed by Adina, who lies totally relaxed on her back with her feet straight up in the air. Robin, however, admits she's nervous about their first cat show.

We're kind of excited. We bought all kinds of stuff for the cat show. It's a double cage area and you have to decorate their cage," said Rayburn, who disappears into a back room and brings out custom-made pink curtains to drape Adina's cage. "We'll see how she does at the cat show then decide about future shows."

Rachel Anger is one of the judges who will be following the standards to see which cats match the closest. As many as 225 felines may be judged. Entries are still coming in

until Jan. 7.

"Each breed has a standard that's a blueprint for the breed. It's all written out for me so all I have to do is match that." said Rachel Anger of Wayne. Anger's judged other cat shows, including the annual Madison Square Garden CFA-Iams Ĉat Championship held in October. She breeds European Burmese cats.

"Each standard has 100 points allocated to the features," Anger said. "The American wirehair is judged on hair. Cornish Rex looks like a greyhound with a curly coat. Structure is very important, mostly coat and structure. Eye color is very unimportant. The Maine Coon is the largest pedigreed breed of cat.

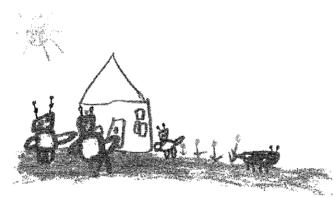
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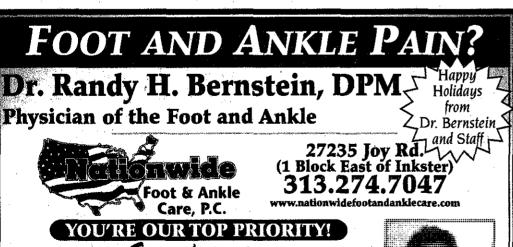
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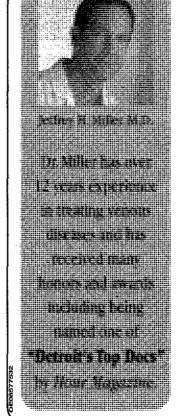
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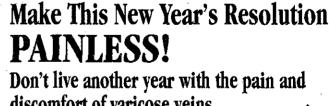
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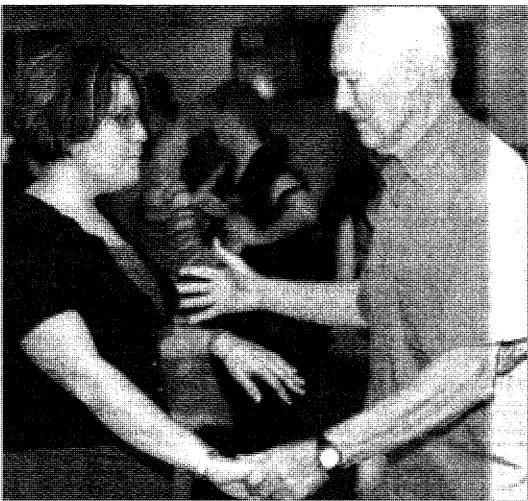
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Dancers of all ages take to the dance floor at the YA Social events, including Jim Daniels, 75, of Troy.

smoking atmosphere, which is very conducive for salsa. This is for hardcore salsa dancers, people who are in love with it.'

Jamin Williams, of Livonia, was one of the original crew to start the YA Salsa scene.

"What I enjoy most about being involved in this is, first and foremost, being able to dance salsa all night," said Williams. "Up until the YA social, there was no one other place in Michigan where one could do this. Secondly, so many people in the area have been looking for something like this and it feels good to be able to provide it. It is nice to be able to go to a place and dance at a 'party' for hours and not need to be in a smoke-filled nightclub or drinking alcohol to do it."

Each YA Salsa social draws between 200 to 400 or more people. They come in droves

from all over metro Detroit and from around the country to tap into the energy, the friendship and the love for salsa dancing.

"One of the coolest things about it is the people are so kind here," Joseph said. "You walk in and everyone knows everyone. It's the Cheers of salsa dancing. It's a mix of all nationalities, all religions, all heritages, all ages, everything.'

Joseph started YA Salsa while she was a student in a "Self Expression in Leadership" class, with the project focusing on making a difference in the community. She held the socials in Dearborn at the time and, soon, it caught on.

"After a year or a year and a half, it just blew up," she said. Now, the socials are held at the American Legion Post 346 on Grand River, just west of Orchard Lake Road. in Farmington. The next social is set for 5:30-10 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13. There is a

\$10 cover; all ages welcome. "It's a place where everyone can go and have fun and you can bring your whole family," said Laura Geldys, of Dearborn Heights, who is an original team member of YA Salsa and a well-known salsa instructor. "I come here and it's like a family reunion.

Nellie Erneta, 76, of Westland, said salsa dancing keeps her young. She dances five nights a week at different locations, like Sangria in Royal Oak.

"Besides the music, I like the atmosphere," she said. "In the salsa world, we all love each other. It doesn't matter what country you're from. We have people here from all over the world."

The Jan. 13 social will include live music by Grupo Salvaje and musical stylings by DJ Cisco of SalsaDetroit. com. For all the details, visit online at www.vasalsa.com. The American Legion Post 346 is located on Grand River, just west of Orchard Lake Road.

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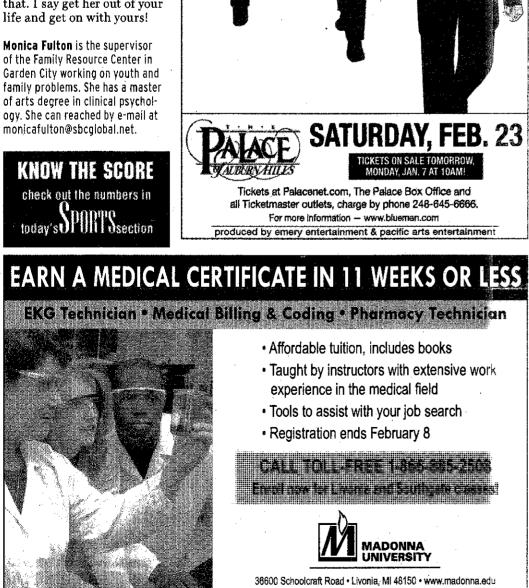
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Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She has a master of arts degree in clinical psychology. She can reached by e-mail at







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Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734)354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month

MARY ELLEN HALL

Age 95, died December 31, 2007. She

was a resident of Henry Ford Village

and previously had lived in Livonia for 50 years. She was born in Ann

Arbor and graduated from University

High School and the University of

Michigan. She was preceded in death

by her parents, Arthur and Lillie Hall, and her husband, Dr. William N.

Edmonds. Survivors include one sis-

ter, Maxine Reed, and her husband,

Karl of Asheville, NC and two nieces and one nephews. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made

to the charity of one's choose.

Arrangements by Muehlig Funeral

ESTHER HELEN ENNIS

73, Canton, Michigan, died December

Ypsilanti, Michigan. Beloved wife,

mother and sister. Esther was born in

Detroit, Michigan to the late Devilo

and Helen Waterman. She was pre-

ceded in death by husband LeRoy

Ronald Ennis, sisters Edna Mather, Doreen Bernard, Shirley Newman,

and Lois Kosinski. Survived by chil-

dren Gloria Klukowski-Welch and

Brian Ennis; grandchildren Ryan (and

Jennifer) Klukowski, Bryan Kluk-owski, Amanda Klukowski, Samantha

Klukowski, Johnny Welch, and Kelly

Welch; great grandchildren Josilyn

Grace Klukowski, Michael Joseph Klukowski, and Jose Alexander Klukowski, brothers Wade Waterman

and Joseph Waterman. Interment at

Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit,

Michigan. A memorial service will be

held Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 1:00pm at the Risen Christ Lutheran

Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road,

Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Arrange-

ments by Generations Funeral & Cremation Services.

REGINA "GINA" FOUTS

December 30, 2007, age 49 of Wayne.

2007 at St. Joseph Hospital,

Chapel, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@ yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www. myspace:com/qchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set

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Lincoln Park High School Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50 year reunion. Contact: Nancy 313-535-877 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

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LILLIAN M. NESS

January 2, 2008 Wife of the late N.

Howard Ness. Dear mother of Carol

Ness (David Nall), James (Elizabeth),

William (Maria Luz) and John

(Jennifer). Also survived by ten

grandchildren and one great-grand-daughter. Funeral services have been

held. Memorial tributes to the

Salvation Army. A.J. Desmond &

Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

RICHARD O. PAINTER

Age 90 of Milford, died on January 3,

2008. He is survived by his son, Gary

(Susan) Painter; daughter, Susan (Perry) Paielli, fifteen grandchildren

and many great-grandchildren. He

was preceded in death by his wife

Nela in 1984 and a son, Richard in 2000, and was the former spouse of

Jane Fiscus. Funeral Service was held

at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404

East Liberty, Milford, Saturday, January 5, with Rev. James Braid

officiating. Burial White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be

made to Hospice of Michigan or to

the Milford United Methodist Church.

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248-684-6645 or visit:

and share memories at:

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008, Only about 63 percent of the class have

MARY WILSON THOMAS

Age 80, January 1, 2008. Loving wife

of the late William. Dear mother of

Kip (Nicki), Neil (Suzanne), Deborah (Chuck) Leckenby, Cynthia (Brian) Martin. Grandmother of 12 and great

grandmother of 13. Funeral Service

was held at the Berean Bible Church,

Livonia. Arrangements by the Harry J.

Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the church

at 35375 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

48150 or the Family Life Radio in her

CONSTANCE M.

WALCHESKI

Age 75, died Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at Treasure Coast Hospices in Stuart. Born in Detroit, MI, she has

resided in Stuart since 1982 coming

from Livonia, MI. She was a

Registered Nurse and retired from Martin Memorial Medical Center as a

charge nurse after 15 years of employ-

ment. She received her Bachelor's

degree in Nursing from Detroit Mercy

College. She was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stuart.

She was president of the Catholic Council of Women; an extraordinary

minister, C. C. D. teacher; Eucharistic

minister to the sick and volunteered at

St. Joseph Catholic School. She was a

member of Treasure Coast Audubon

Society. She was a member of Red

Hat Club, Lunch Bunch and active in

St. Lucie Club Association. She supported a foster child in Honduras. Her

hobbies included travel, the beach and the pool. She enjoyed time spent with

her children and grandchildren. Survivors include her husband of 53

years, Joseph Walcbeski of Stuart; sons, Paul Walcheski of Mount Ulla, NC; Bob Walcheski (Kelly) of Port St. Lucie: Don Walcheski (Kristen) of

Big Rapids, MI; and Tom Walcheski (Jennifer) of Palatine, IL; three grandchildren, Timothy, Rachel and Matthew; brothers, Dr. Zacharia

Mikros of Florida and Donald Mikros of Livonia, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made Treasure Coast Hospices, Inc.,

1201 SE Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997.

Services: Visitation will be held 6 to

8 PM, Saturday, January 5, 2008 and 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM Sunday, January

6, 2008 at Forest Hills Funeral Home in Palm City. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM,

Monday, January 7, 2008 at St. Joseph

Catholic Church in Stuart. Burial will

follow at Forest Hills Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction

guest registry may be signed at www.foresthillsfunerals.com

of Forest Hills Funeral Home.

been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734)451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Plymouth-Canton high schools Classes of 1988

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclassof1988@vahoo. com for more information.

Romulus High School Class of 1958

A 50-year class reunion Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Lakes of Taylor, 25505 Northline, Taylor. For details, contact Al Preis at (734)697-0092. Janet Miller at (734)697-7483 or Terry 8ird at (734)697-4232.

ART CLASSES IN JANUARY

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia resumes classes in January. Classes and workshops in all media will be offered for all levels of ability.

New this winter is a pastel workshop with Jerry Power, a nationally known artist and member of the Pastel Society of America. Also new are a four-week Figure Drawing from a Model class with Lin Baum, More Granulation, Spatter & Waxed Paper Techniques with Marj Chellstorp, and Loose and Free on Gessoed Brown Wrapping Paper with Edee Joppich.

Joppich returns with her New Ways with Watercolor (Crinkled Paper) 7-week series with morning and evening classes available. She'll also teach the workshop, Impressionistic Effects with Tissue Paper Pulls Feb. 20-

Laura Whitesides-Host is back by demand with Experimental Watermedia 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 15 to Feb. 26, as is Chellstorp with Painting the Night Scene Feb. 7-8.

Class and workshop prices range from \$60 to \$125 for Power's workshop Feb. 28-29.

The VAAL classroom is located at The Dickinson Center, Room 14, 18000 Newburgh, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. To receive a free winter schedule of classes or for more information, call (734) 838-1204.

VAAL is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative arts by offering studio class and twice yearly exhibits. Membership is open to everyone. The next meeting is scheduled 7 p.m. Thursday,

To be eligible to exhibit in the VAAL 2008 Spring Show, members must attend the January and March meetings. VAAL dues cost \$25 a

Hughes-McArthur

Jennifer Lynn Hughes and Ryan Anthony McArthur were married on Oct. 20, 2007 at Lakeside Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, NV with over 30 friends and family members in attendance. A reception was held in Brighton, Mich. on Nov. 3, 2007.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Patricia Hughes of Fenton. She graduated from Baker College with a BBA and is a current graduate student at Baker College earning her MBA. She is employed at Colorbok, INC in Dexter as a Product Development Manager.

The groom is the son of Dr. Steven and Barbara McArthur of Livonia. He earned his BBA from University of Michigan. He is currently employed as a Senior Financial Analyst at Comerica Bank in Detroit.

The bridal party consisted of Kristy Premo, Matron



of Honor; Lisa Hooker, Bridesmaid; Alan McArthur, Best Man, and Joseph Szabelski, Groomsman.

The couple are planning a February 2008 honeymoon cruise to the Southern Caribbean. They are making their home in Redford.

ENGAGEMENTS

WEDDING

Noonan-Dimick

John and Lisa Wever of Canton and Steve Noonan of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Noel Noonan, to Christopher Brian Dimick, son of Brian and Karri Dimick of Marysville, Mich.

The future bride is a graduate of Canton High School and Western Michigan University. She also earned a master's degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. She is the associate editor of Consumers Digest Magazine in

The prospective groom is a graduate of Marysville High



Information Management Association's magazine in Chicago, IL.

An October, 2008, wedding is planned in Chicago where the couple resides.

Chicago, IL.

School and Western Michigan University. He is a staff writer for the American Health



Dennis and Ann O'Flaherty of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Ann O'Flaherty, to James Mark Santeiu, son of Mark and Denise Santeiu of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 20**0**0 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in elementary education. She is currently employed by St. Edith School in Livonia as a fifth grade teacher.

The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, a 2001 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in anthropology and received a master's degree in education from the University of



Michigan in 2003. He is currently employed by Santeiu Vaults Inc.

A June 2008 wedding is planned for St. John's in Plymouth.

WILLIAM KEELER

Age 40 of Livonia. Passed away December 20, 2007. Beloved son of Larry and Alice. He will be deeply missed by his children Andrea and Jason, brother Kenneth (Lisa), Michael, and Jacqueline. Service was held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 5, 2008 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Livoma. Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Foundation www.diabetes.org.

www.StAndrewsChurch.net

ANNA LOCKWOOD

Age 92 of Redford, formerly of Livonia, died December 25, 2007. Born December 12, 1915 outside of Konigsberg, East Germany, she was the youngest of eleven children. Anna came to the United States on June 13, 1935 on the "Europa" and settled in Detroit for a short while. Beloved wife of Willard "Sunshine" Lockwood, whom she married on July 11, 1940, preceded her in death in 1979. Devoted Mother to Patsy (Joe) Goupie of Westland, Butch (Barb) Lockwood of South Lyon and Susan Wess of Westland. Proud grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Anna and Sunshine Lockwood owned Sunshine Greenhouses and Produce in Plymouth and later in Livonia. During the slow seasons, Anna worked at Kresge's in downtown Plymouth creating their gift baskets and holiday displays - her Christmas bows were amazing! Anna believed a daily spoonful of Jaegermeister was the key to a long life. She will be lovingly remembered for her boisterous laugh, feisty spirit and whispering "goose it" when riding in a fast car. A memorial service will be held January 12, 2008, 1pm at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI. Friends may visit 12noon until service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia 48154.

KRISTIN SKORINA

Loved One

Passed away peacefully at home on January 1, 2008. She was born on December 28, 1962. She will be remembered by her gentle spirit and loving nature which she shared with all who knew her. Kris was preceded in death by her mother Elizabeth Skorina. She will be lovingly remembered by her father, George Skorina; adopted mother, Nancy Wiggle; sisters Carol (Jeff) Morgan, Mary (Ned) Sims; nephews, Stephen and Karl Gulau, Spencer and Troy Morgan; niece Elizabeth Gulau; special friend Katie Collins and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Kris graduated from the Ford Skill Center for Special Education in Livonia, Michigan. She was active in the Just Fun Club in Western Wayne County and the Special Olympics Organization. She will be greatly missed for her hugs, kisses and unconditional love. Visitation and funeral services were held on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth, Michigan. Donations can be sent to Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 331 North Center Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 or the Association of Retarded Citizens of Western Wayne County, 2257 South Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan

48186. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

BETTY MAE (GENTNER) WESLEY

Formerly of Detroit. Passed away peacefully on December 15, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Louis Wesley. Dear Mom of James (Carolyn), Thomas (Janean), (Carl) Cornelius and Kathleen Patricia (William) Holcomb. Sister of Paul (Ruth) Gentner, and the late Kenneth (Audrey) Gentner. Also survived by eight grandchildren.

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Application deadline is near for young artists competition

The application deadline for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition is Monday, Jan.

The competition is scheduled to take place Sunday, Feb. 3, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. Through the generosity of the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Plymouth Optimists, Plymouth Rotary, and Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society recognizes young orchestral talent from Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities. Since 1978, this competition has offered music scholarships to the youth in these areas.

The competition is composed of three divisions: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12), and Junior Combined (grades 7-9).

Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in the Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville) or plymouthsymphony.org.

Wayne-Westland school districts. Members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola Music are also eligible. The distribution of scholarship funds for the first place winners in each division is as follows Senior Instrumental \$500, Senior Piano \$500, and Junior Combined \$250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged.

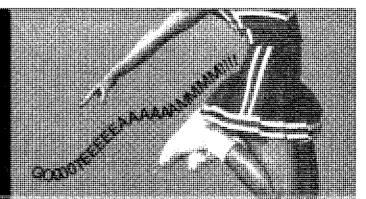
Past participants are encouraged to reapply; however, musicians are eligible to win only one First Prize Award in each division. Winners may have the opportunity to

perform with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton. Applicants must be available to perform at the competition.

For an application and/or further information, call Jane Libbing at (734) 451-2112 or send e-mail to jane@plymouthsympho-

Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony Web site at www.

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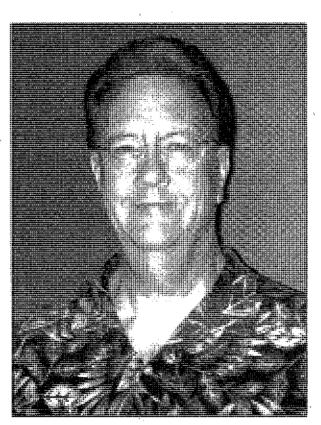
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independent nonprofit think-tank Ethics Resource Center (ERC) in Arlington, Va., says that you can spot one when you're in "a situation requiring you to make a decision about the right thing to do, where the outcome impacts another person.' Her organization recently released the results of a study of 1,929 business sector respondents.

Marjorie Doyle, global practice leader for Ethics and Compliance Solutions at LRN Professional Services, headquartered in Los Angeles, differentiates between ethical lapses that are "high-risk activities -- such as preferential treatment, the sharing of company secrets, embarrassing a person publicly, inappropriate public communication and a violation of laws -- and lesser-risk -such as taking credit for another's work, using influence, (or) being abusive or hostile." She adds that the behavior flouts company policies or the law, or is inappropriate.

These lapses occur "when an individual loses the ability to define right from wrong," according to Samantha Derrick, Human Resources manager of Ultralife Batteries Inc., in wonder how you could Newark, N.Y. CONDUCT

> All three of these sources consider ethical violations both an organizational and employee issue. Doyle puts more weights on the organizational side. Harned maintains that "organizations set the standard for their employees, but decision-making often involves an individual or a couple of individuals." But organizations and employees don't always work together on these problems.

In fact, ERC finds that 54 percent of employees didn't report, out of a sense of futility. What actions were taken? ERC research indicates that "more than one-third who saw misconduct chose to resolve the issue themselves rather than report through official company channels. Two in five of these employees did not report, because they would have had to report the misconduct to the person involved, and one in four were not aware of any mechanism to report anonymously.

Harned observes, "Only three percent (of respondents) used an anonymous helpline: -- "43 percent chose to go to their supervisor, where they had an immediate relationship;

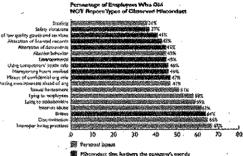
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ERC considers the 12 percent of people who don't report "significant." ON THE GROUND

"Almost every decision in the workplace has an ethical component," Harned states. "There has been at lea one major incident of misconduct in every job I've had," f which she used company channels. She says that she didn always need to know the outcome, because it was irreleva to her work.

Doyle increased her reporting as her seniority grew. Incidents occurred "on a pretty regular basis . . . at least a couple a month." She comments that many weren't intentional, resulting from misunderstood policy. She didn't always know the outcome, but she did trust that the system was working. She points out that a person might have lost a bonus or a job, but for privacy, companies didn't fill her in. "The importance isn't that they happened," she states, "but that they were raised, dealt with and clarified." Derrick, herself, has never reported an ethical lapse.

She indicates that approximately half of the employees at her manufacturing company prefer an anonymous reporting system, such as SilentWhistle, by Allegiance Inc., in the Salt Lake City suburb of South Jordan, Utah. The



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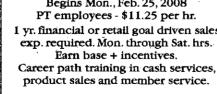
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