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Working behind the counter at Bray's Hamburgers, 47-year-old Lirija Pasho said issues important to her this political season are the economy, the war in Iraq and health care.

## Bid proposal would show favor to local businesses

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland businesses would be given preferential treatment when bidding for city contracts under a new measure that is drawing broad support from elected leaders.

Local businesses would be treated as the low bidder as long as their prices don't exceed those from outside companies by 3 percent for items under \$100,000 or by 1 percent for bids over \$100,000.

That means a Westland company that bids \$80,000 for a city contract would be considered the low bidder even if a Troy business offers the same product or service for \$78,000, according to an example provided by the city attorney's office.

"It gives local businesses an advantage in the bidding process," Mayor William Wild said, introducing the proposed bidding ordinance amendment during talks Monday with the seven-member Westland City Council.

Officials still could choose an outside company if they decide they don't want to pay slightly more to support a local business, but the new measure would put into writing a method allowing the city to give preference to Westland companies.

"If we can keep it at home, I think we should keep it at home," Councilman Bill Johnson said.

Under city rules, officials

have to seek competitive bids for public work costing \$5,000 or more and for materials, tools or similar items priced at \$750 or more.

City officials believe the new policy would help Westland businesses struggling to survive a brutal Michigan economy.

"We all know how the economy is right now — it's tough out there," Finance Director Steve Smith said.

City officials hope to help companies that pay taxes here and support local charities.

Businesses receiving preferential treatment wouldn't necessarily have to be based here. Lowe's Home Improvement, for example, would qualify with its Westland store even though the company has its headquarters in North Carolina, City Attorney Angelo Plakas said.

Wild conceded that many local businesses don't even understand the city's competitive bidding process and, therefore, might be missing out on opportunities for revenue. To that end, he plans to have new Controller/Purchasing Agent Jade Smith get the word out to local companies and build a database of local businesses and the products or services they sell.

The council could vote on the bid ordinance amendment as early as this month. The new measure appears to have strong support from the council.

"Whatever we can do to help the local guys, I'm in favor of," Councilman Michael Kehrer said.

## Great divide: Voters split over candidates

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Don't assume that Democrats had an edge inside Bray's Hamburgers just because the Westland diner has its icon — a donkey statue that resembles the political party's symbol — near its east door.

But don't think that Republicans trampled like elephants through the Ford Road restaurant in Tuesday's presidential primary, either.

Westland voters followed statewide trends Tuesday, favoring Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton and Republican Mitt Romney, but customers inside Bray's seemed as divided over candidates and political parties as they did over whether they should have a late breakfast or an early lunch.

They had a common worry, though. They want Michigan to stop

bleeding jobs. They're just not sure which candidate has the right tour-ni-quet.

Bob and Anita Roberts of Wayne enjoyed late-morning pancakes and sausage as they sat on stools inside the old-fashioned diner.

"We've had so many job losses in the United States, especially in Michigan," said Bob Roberts, a 73-year-old General Motors Corp. retiree. "We're not going to survive unless we get some jobs here. We've got to get rid of NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement) and keep the work here in the United States."

Roberts described himself as a Democrat who is torn between two candidates, Clinton and Barack Obama.

"I think Obama is a good talker,

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Duke Cameron, who works for an auto supplier company, supports Republican Mitt Romney because "he said he would bring Michigan back."

## Kindness of others

Homeless mom's story leads to job offers, place to live

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

With a new job and a place she will soon call home, Deborah Rush's life has changed dramatically since she shared her story about being unemployed and living in a Wayne County homeless shelter with her three children, Chris, 8, Angela, 10, and Sean, 13.

"It's unbelievable," Rush said Tuesday. "At my lowest point, with the way things are in the

world, I had no idea what would happen. It's good to know there is still human kindness out there."

Rush, 44, had a swift response to her plight after her story appeared in the Dec. 30 edition of the *Observer*. Potential employers started calling her that same day, and she started training Jan. 7 on a new job that pays "a lot more" than the \$10 an hour retail job she had lost before ending up at the Wayne County Family

Center in Westland.

Rush had to sign a confidentiality agreement with her new employer, but said "it's a good job." She takes a bus to and from work.

Rush's family also will be moving into a Redford home after a local family, stationed in the U.S. Navy in Virginia, saw the story. The family, which chose to remain anonymous, has asked that Rush only pay the utilities for the first six months at the home, which had

been for sale.

"This way she will have some time to put her life together, save some money and take care of things without the stress of worrying about paying rent," the family said in an e-mail to the *Observer*.

Rush plans to move into the home by the end of January. After six months, she will begin a rent-to-own agreement with the family, which has agreed

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Homeless mother Deborah Rush has a new job and will soon move into a house of her own with her children, Chris, 8, (from left), Sean, 13, and Angela, 10.

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# Auto show provides master's degree education for co-chair

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Joe Serra is about to earn his master's degree at the North American International Auto Show.

He's hoping to graduate with honors.

As president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, Serra has the privilege of co-chairing the 2008 and 2009 shows. From coordinating exhibits to rubbing elbows with auto magnates from around the globe, it's his job to make sure one of the largest car shows in the world runs without a hitch.

For the 2008 show he'll be working with Carl Galeana, former president of DADA and the senior chair for this year's show.

Galeana is vice president of The Galeana Automotive Group based in Warren. Serra is president of Serra Automotive, with dealerships in Southfield, Farmington Hills and other parts of Michigan.

It's Serra's fourth year as an officer with DADA and his first

as president.

"Part of the process of being an officer is to learn about the auto show," he said. "Because you have those four years prior building up to it, you're listening and learning."

"It's a gigantic show — to understand it overnight is impossible ... it's almost like four years of going to college and these next two years I'm getting a master's degree."

With two hands on the steering wheel, we sat down with Serra to talk about the 2008 show:



Serra

**Observer: How does the Detroit show stack up to the auto shows in New York, Los Angeles and other parts of the globe?**

Serra: Great question, and to answer it I'm going to break up the globe. In the United States, Detroit is the only show permanently sanctioned by OICA (International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers) as one of the premier international shows and that's a tremendous honor.

Now, when you get outside North America there are several shows I feel are of our caliber, in Frankfurt, Geneva, Paris and Tokyo — Detroit is the fifth show. Those are what I call the 'Fab Five' of auto

shows, and then there is a big dropoff.

So what this sanctioning does is it brings the international press to the event. Auto shows are all about manufacturers unveiling their products to the world, and each year the North American International Auto Show gets over 6,000 media from 62 countries. It's mind-boggling.

**Observer: How many new car introductions are planned at the show this year?**

Serra: The number will be the same as in the past and usually that's around 50. But the key is not how many introductions, but the quality of the new models — and the nice thing about our show is we'll get the best of the best.

We want the press and their full attention — probably 40 of those new models will be introduced worldwide at the same time. It will be the best of the best.

**Observer: How many visitors typically attend the show?**

Serra: Physically, on site we're anticipating about 800,000 visitors through the public days (Jan. 19-27). The part you can't see, touch or feel are those who visit online — we expect around 200 million hits.

# Chinese make first appearance at auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN  
STAFF WRITER

China wants to sell you a car. Lots of them, actually.

For the first time in the history of the North American International Auto Show, five Chinese auto manufacturers will exhibit their cars in Motown. Richard Kalika, executive vice president of sales and dealer development for Chamco Auto, said these companies are hoping to introduce quality vehicles into the U.S. market at a discount price.

"They're called entry level cars, but they're really not entry level," Kalika said. "They're large cars but due to the pricing

matrix we've used on our side... the whole production scenario in China allows us to keep the prices extremely low."

Kalika said production savings allows Chamco Auto to sell its vehicles "at 20 percent below whatever the car market is for a comparable car."

As for quality of the cars themselves, "they've been working on it and they continue to work on it," Kalika said. "Quality is critical. To launch in the United States without quality you're in trouble. It'll take you years, even decades to get back."

"The Chinese are concerned too, because the first (car) makers over here set the standard for all other Chinese vehicles."

The challenge, he continued, is to teach the Chinese what quality means in America.

"They're very proud of the quality and the job that they do," he said about today's Chinese factory worker. "The hard part has been training them as to what quality is. Quality to them was 'doesn't break.' Not necessarily the seams had to line up and all that."

A veteran salesman who spent several years working in Detroit for Chrysler, Kalika got involved in the Chinese auto industry because "it was the next wave coming. I got involved on the ground floor."

There's good reason for his optimism. In 2006, China became the second largest auto maker after the United States, according to the Chinese Association of Automobile Manufacturers. Last year in China, a record 8.5 million vehicles were sold to the public.

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# Chevy Malibu Car of the Year

## Lutz says only way to protect jobs is build better cars

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN  
STAFF WRITER

GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz predicts a busy year for hundreds of workers at the assembly plant in Orion Township where the Chevrolet Malibu is produced.

"We're now making some investments to break bottle-necks and get the line right up. We see the demand being way beyond what we thought it would be," Lutz said Sunday, moments after the Malibu was named 2008 North American Car of the Year. "This is the way to protect jobs. Long-term there's only one way to protect jobs and that's to build better cars than anybody else."

The North American International Auto Show bolted out of the gate Sunday with a herd of longhorn cattle muscling its way down Congress and Washington to introduce Chrysler's 2009 Dodge Ram.

### AUTO SHOW FACTS

**What:** North American International Auto Show.

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**Media previews:** Sunday, Jan. 13, through Tuesday, Jan. 15.

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"We've been knocked down before but never knocked out."

But the industry does appear a bit wobbly.

Even while he bragged about the Malibu winning Car of the Year, Lutz fretted about the challenges his industry faces: tougher fuel standards, rising oil prices and labor costs — not to mention stiffer competition from the foreign auto makers.

Specifically, he estimates it will cost an additional \$6,000 per vehicle to meet the newly-proposed 35-mpg fuel standard by 2020.

"There's just no way we could afford to eat those costs," Lutz said.

At the same time, GM and every other company at the show displayed numerous hybrid models to promote the latest in green technology, promising more fuel efficiency and reduced carbon dioxide emissions while raising the bar on efficiency and comfort.

Even as the industry aims to offer a greener tomorrow, Sunday was a day to show off the new cars and celebrate awards.

"It's a wonderful car to drive," Lutz said about the Malibu, a family sedan specifically designed to compete against the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.

"It feels like a \$45,000 luxury car. It's sleek, quiet, refined, has wonderful steering. And look at the exceptionally well-crafted interior and exterior. I think everyone in General Motors, from Rick Wagoner down to the



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Chevrolet General Manager Ed Pepper is happy. The 2008 Malibu took the North American Car of the Year Award.

least senior hourly worker, wants this car to win."

The Malibu beat out the Honda Accord and Cadillac CTS to win Car of the Year, while the Mazda CX-9 was chosen over the Buick Enclave and Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid to earn 2008 North American Truck of the Year.

Northville resident Mark R. LaNeve, vice president of vehicle sales and marketing for GM, said the Malibu will provide the Big Three a welcomed boost into the mid-sized car market.

"I think it's a key signal to America that you don't have to buy a Japanese mid-car anymore. You can buy a Chevy from an all-American brand, built right here in the United States," said LaNeve.

"We took this new Malibu and right from the beginning we said, 'We're going to build a

car that will beat the Accord and Camry.' We want it to look like a \$40,000 car and sell it for (\$20,000). I think that's exactly what we did. It truly is the car you can't ignore."

Giant video screens flash digital images of cars and trucks around the main floor of the auto show. Every known auto maker, from Ford Motors to the Changfeng Group, has their latest car models and concept vehicles on display.

Jaguars and Bentleys, Ferraris and Road Rangers, face off against Corvettes and Chargers, pickup trucks and minivans. Solar cars and racing models... a bumped out Chrysler 300C Hollywood car... the new Dodge Viper... a futuristic Buick Riviera equipped with gullwings... all of them are on display.

The interior of the car also has a niche at the show. Beda


Bozenius, vice president of Johnson Controls, introduced the latest in automatic seating, electronics and other interior features.

He also unveiled the Plymouth Township-based company's new corporate slogan: Ingenuity Welcome.

"When we say 'Ingenuity Welcome,' we mean it in two ways," Bozenius said to a large group of reporters on Sunday. "The first is that we are always on the lookout for great ideas, and the ability to provide our customers and the marketplace with ingenious products and services."

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# It takes true discipline to invest during turbulent times

It seems every few months I have to write a column about investing and the stock market.

Last year, there were at least three times where the market had a significant sell-off and the news media was filled with stories of doom and gloom. Once again, we're going through another one of those periods. Last year in February and last summer, the market had a major sell-off then came back over a short period of time. Investors who did not panic and held their positions were rewarded. Although I have no idea when the market will begin to regain its strength, I have no doubt that investors who panic and bail out will significantly underperform the market. I know investors say they don't want to lose any more money and they'll sit on the sidelines until things get better. Unfortunately, this strategy does not work and will result in losing more money.

Being an investor is not easy. Even when the market is doing well, it takes discipline to be successful because a good investor focuses on an overall strategy and not day-to-day returns. Someone who focuses

on the short run is not an investor but rather a gambler. Whenever I talk about investments, people will ask me whether something is a good investment. The question should be: "Is this a good investment based upon my individual goals and objectives and my portfolio?" For example, if someone had 25 percent of their portfolio invested in energy funds I would recommend selling the

funds because 25 percent is too much in that sector of the economy. On the other hand, if someone had no exposure to energy I would recommend that they add an energy fund. The issue isn't whether an energy fund is a good or bad but how it fits into your individual portfolio. Being an investor requires one to think counter-intuitively. For example, the general belief is you stay with the

winners and sell the losers. Unfortunately, that's a failed strategy because being a good investor sometimes requires you to sell the winners and buy investments that are underperforming. The reason you sell winners is they have done well and now they represent too large a portion of your portfolio. Investors who did not prune the real estate portion of their portfolio were hurt more than

those who had constantly rebalanced. Another example is what happened in the tech boom in the 1990s. Those who continued to buy technology-based investments because of performance were severely hurt. Investors who constantly prune their portfolios and maintain a balance find that over the long run their portfolios do just fine. As we go through a soft

stretch in the market, don't let fear dictate decisions. Instead, base investment decisions on your overall strategy. If you don't have an overall investment strategy, now is the time to get one. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

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Rick Bloom

## Orchestra offers passport to Scandinavia

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra performs their first concert in 2008, Scandinavian Holiday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Schmidt Auditorium in Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

The program, conducted by Volodymyr Shesniuk, includes music by Edvard Grieg and John Sibelius. Pianist Julia Siciliano is the guest soloist for Beethoven's Piano Concerto #2. Siciliano was a student in Livonia Public Schools. She is currently doing graduate work at the University of Michigan and teaching part time at Schoolcraft College.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$5 for children, and available at all Livonia libraries or at the door. For more information, call (734) 421-1111 or visit [www.livoniasymphony.com](http://www.livoniasymphony.com).

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**RELIGION**  
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**Pancake breakfasts**

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

**Men's breakfast**

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church

of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

**MOPS meetings**

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

**Bible studies**

Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

**MOPS groups**

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy

Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

**LOGOS Youth Club**

Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

**HeartCry**

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

**Women of the word**

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomens.

**Bible study**

Get a new life, study Scripture 9:10-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

**Fellowship Dinners**

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Thrift Shop**

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

**Registration**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking

registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

**Morning prayers**

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

**J.O.Y. meeting**

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

**Higher Rock Cafe**

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<p><b>St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church</b> St. Genevieve School - PreK-8 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-6220 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile &amp; Jeffries) MASS: Tues. 7 p, Wed., Thurs. 9 a, Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a</p> <p><b>St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church</b> 32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1618 (between Merriman &amp; Farmington Roads) MASS: Mon. 8:30 a, Fri. 8:30 a, Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a</p>	<p><b>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST</b></p> <p><b>Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City, MI 48135 (1 block west of Venoy) Phone: 734-524-0880 Pastor: <b>Eddie Petreaca</b> Meetings on Saturdays for: Early Morning Bible &amp; Health Class 8 a.m. Worship Service-English-9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (all ages)-11:00 a.m. Worship Service-Hispanic-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting-7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>NON DENOMINATIONAL</b></p> <p><b>BELL CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Casual, Contemporary, Excellent Children's Program Meets at Franklin H.S. in Livonia on Joy Road (Between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads) at 10:00 a.m. 734-425-1174 Join us for coffee, bagels and donuts after the service!</p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</b></p> <p><b>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)</b> 9901 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman &amp; Farmington Rds.) <b>(734) 422-0484</b> <a href="http://www.rosedalegardens.org">www.rosedalegardens.org</a></p> <p>Chapel Worship Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am WE WELCOME YOU TO A FULL SERVICE CHURCH</p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</b></p> <p><b>WARD</b> Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road "Just west of I-275" Northville, MI 248-374-7400</p> <p>Traditional Worship 9:00 &amp; 10:20 A.M. Contemporary Worship 9:00 A.M. Nursery &amp; Sunday School During All Morning Worship Services Evening Service • 7:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRDT-AM 580 The WNUZ Word Station For additional information visit <a href="http://www.wardchurch.org">www.wardchurch.org</a></p>	<p><b>Risen Christ Lutheran</b> David W. Martin, Pastor 46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth (1 Mile W. of Sheldon) <b>(734) 453-5252</b> Worship 8:15 &amp; 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Nursery Care Available <a href="http://www.risenchrist.info">www.risenchrist.info</a></p>
<p><b>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</b></p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 46601 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1625 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3198</p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN SCIENCE</b></p> <p>First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth 1184 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI <b>734-453-0970</b> Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m. Reading Room Located at church Saturday 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. <b>734-453-0970</b></p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN SCIENCE</b></p> <p>First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth 1184 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI <b>734-453-0970</b> Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m. Reading Room Located at church Saturday 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. <b>734-453-0970</b></p>	<p><b>St. James Presbyterian Church, USA</b> 25350 West Six Mile Rd. Redford (313) 534-7730 Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M., Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Dinners - 8:00 P.M., Thrift Store every Sat. 10am-2pm Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible Rev. Paul S. Bousquetta</p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD</b></p> <p><b>St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church &amp; School</b> 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA (734) 261-1360 <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 A.M. &amp; 10:30 A.M.</b> website: <a href="http://www.stpaulsilivonia.org">www.stpaulsilivonia.org</a></p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA</b></p> <p><b>Timothy Lutheran Church</b> A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 8820 Wayne Rd. (Between Ann Arbor Trail &amp; Joy Road) Livonia • 427-2290 Jill Hegdal, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Available)</p>

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OUR VIEWS

## Make program part of your day

The third Monday of January is a national holiday, a day set aside to celebrate the accomplishments and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who fought for social justice and equality.

Dr. King was one of the most influential leaders of the 20th century. His name is synonymous with the civil rights movement and his speech, "I Have a Dream" has inspired millions of people from all races to seek to understand each other and break racial barriers.

For many, Martin Luther King Day is a day off from work or school, a chance to sleep in or look over the cars at the annual auto show. But for others it is a day to remember Dr. King's message. For them, it is a time to rekindle his dream of a world where people see each other not as black or white, but as human beings.

Monday morning, the Annapolis Park Church of Christ will once again host a city observance, honoring Dr. King, at 9:30 a.m. at the church on the southeast corner of Annapolis and Henry Ruff roads. Youngsters will raise the flags of the world in a show of peace and unity and inspirational songs will be sung by the Detroit Male Ensemble from the Detroit School of Arts.

The program is always inspiring and uplifting, a good way to start the day that honors the man who gave his life for a belief that all men are equal.

King's "dream" is far from reality. Great strides have been made since his death in April 1968, but more needs to be done. We all need to embrace Dr. King's message of love, peace and reconciliation and a great place to start is at the King Day celebration.

Dr. King's legacy should be mean more than a day off, it should be a time to reaffirm our commitment to the belief that we all are created equal.

We encourage residents to start the day in a peaceful way by attending the program. The hour isn't too early, and there's time to do what you want to do the rest of the day, like take in the auto show.

Even 40 years after he died, his message still rings true: "Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy ... Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."

## Auto show gives industry an international forum

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Cars designed for speed or for comfort or for safety. The North American International Auto Show at the Cobo Center in downtown Detroit is the heart of the auto world this week and next. The press has been given the news this week on the latest in advanced auto engineering and design. On Saturday, the doors open to the public.

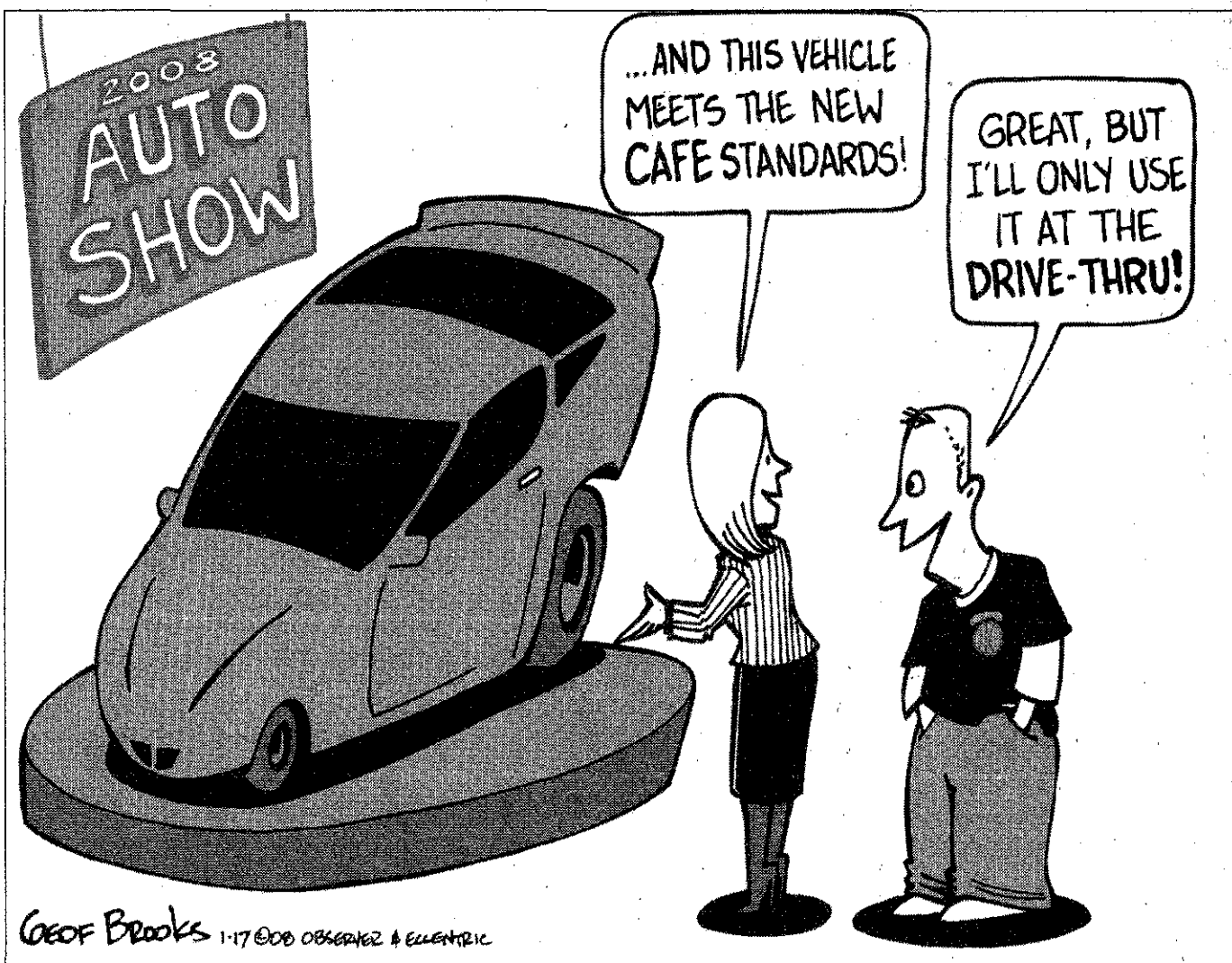
For the Detroit auto industry, the auto show is crucial in its efforts to make its case to an international audience that Detroit takes a back seat to no one in automobile innovation.

Last year, the federal government approved a significant 30 percent hike in the corporate average fuel economy standards to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. The auto industry reluctantly agreed to the new standards after winning some concessions, including separate standards for cars and trucks (which lead in U.S. vehicle sales).

Detroit automakers face some stiff challenges in the years ahead to create vehicles that are energy-efficient, safe, well-engineered and designed to capture the public's fancy. They also face challenging economic issues involving their American workforce, which has been reduced to a mere fraction of what it once was.

While this area is trying to develop alternative economic bases, the health of the auto industry remains a key to our economic revival. The success of the auto show and the ideas that it generates will determine our own economic success.

Check out the show and tell us what you think.



### LETTERS

#### Wrong about bullying

I believe the paper got it wrong. The Democrats weren't bullied out of putting their names on the ballot, they thought Michigan doesn't hold enough cards to bother with us. Those four candidates either were lazy or running with the tails between their legs while praying they did the right thing. If they can't take the heat now, what is Washington headed for?

Now Clinton! She is ready with a steam machine, she won't let no one get in her way. That is the way to be, to get things on in Michigan! That is what women are all about. Men sit on their butts with a can of beer — Bush — while the women take control and get it done!

If you can't stand up to Michigan you can't stand up for U.S. Get your name on the ballot, people, or you are not getting my vote! Sure, one vote doesn't count!

But considering how the last eight years went, this vote counts hugely. I certainly don't want Huckabee to be president. My husband is already calling him "Hunkaberry Hound." That will be the slogan for the next four years, if some knuckle heads vote him in. Be aware of who you are voting for, names count. They trashed Bush's name hard.

All this money they have spent on this election could have gone to the hungry and insurance that we all needed desperately now! Michigan needs some teeth pulling to get it out of the ditch, and that where we are now, in a ditch, a deep one. A Jaws of Life is what we need.

Mari Squire  
Westland

#### Where are checks, balances?

In response to the letter from Patricia Linna of Westland regarding Bills: HR 1955 & S 1959 I agree 100 percent with her. Those bills are highly flawed, especially if you read the Constitution.

Why should we allow the president or any government official to tap our phones, spy on us? They say to protect us from terrorism. Who will protect us from them? If we allow these bills to pass, we are giving up our constitutional rights and moving ever so close to becoming a dictatorship not a democracy.

I was taught in school that our government has three main branches (executive, judicial and legislative) so that our government would have checks and balances so that our government would be fair and balanced. Each division could keep watch over the other. What happened? It sure doesn't appear that way to me.

Yvonne Nemeth  
Livonia

#### Back universal health coverage

Your story headlined "Bleak future looms for local, county governments" is true enough, but there is one reason for hope.

One big reason local and county governments are short on money is rising

health care costs. Each year the cost of health insurance rises. Companies and government bodies that offer health insurance to their employees and retirees are getting walloped. Meanwhile the number of uninsured keeps rising. Most of the uninsured still get treated — usually in hospital emergency rooms, at a huge cost, which is shifted to companies and government bodies who offer health insurance to their employees and retirees. It is the most idiotic, expensive and wasteful health care system in the entire world.

The only way to rein in health care costs is with universal coverage. That is why a group called Michuhcan is petitioning for a constitutional amendment that would guarantee health insurance coverage to every Michigan resident. You can help us gather signatures on our petitions; go to [www.michuhcan.com](http://www.michuhcan.com) to volunteer or call (734) 812-0664.

Local and county governments face hard times, but this is also an opportunity to fix a broken system.

Tom Regan  
Royal Oak

#### Real reform needed

Expanding term limits completely misses the point. We need real election reform and that means it is imperative that we adopt Public Financed elections! Let's get lobbyists out of this "game" of politics all together. It is time we ended the corporate purchase of elections/politicians. On the national level that means per person we would spend only \$6 a year to publicly fund each and every election for the House, the Senate and the White House. It's not only practical but far more fiscally responsible to have the public fund elections (politicians can still collect small donations from supporters).

Yes, decreasing term limits will lead to more experienced congressmen. But look where that's gotten us — on a death track in Iraq! We don't need "experience," if it's going to blow our country straight to hell. We need fresh faces and open access for everyday folks to be able to run for office.

Expanding term limits is a joke. If we want representatives who actually represent us (and not the lobbyists and corporate powers that be) then we need to publicly fund elections. Let's start thinking about some real electoral reforms here.

Brianna Knoppow  
Farmington Hills

#### Home-school oversight

Michigan's lack of oversight for home-schooled children has the potential for neglect and harm to children who are not attending public school. Even when children attend public school, some of them slip through the cracks, as in the case of Ricky Holland.

When John Engler was governor of the state of Michigan, he saw to it that the oversight of home-schooled children was removed. Now, even though a child is registered as home-schooled, no one checks to see that the educational and

emotional needs of the child are being served, and that the child is protected from abuse.

In order to protect our kids, this situation needs to change. Our public schools do a great job of educating all children. And our public schools are accountable at every election, and at every school board meeting, and through parent involvement.

It is time to make home-schooling accountable again. There are great cooperative programs available to home-schoolers, and there are parents who conscientiously and effectively teach their children, and these programs and parents should not fear oversight. But oversight must be restored for all home-schooled students so that none will slip through the cracks.

Fern Katz  
Southfield

#### Pray for middle class

General Motors and Ford recently announced raises for their employees, but those of us who work for those companies know that it is on the backs of those they are letting go. Local large auto companies are letting our neighbors go weekly — this slow bleed has been a constant for four years. Those of us who work for those companies have been doing the job of three people for years.

In one very large local auto supplier, hundreds come from overseas monthly, employees train their replacements and lose their jobs. This local large facility does not hide what they are doing — they say it's the only way they can survive. This same facility, and another local OEM has removed every other fluorescent light bulb in their working areas in order to save \$25,000 per year. The trash is only collected once a week, and the employees empty their own bins.

The middle class is disappearing — this affects (area) residents greatly, as they are employed by these companies. Many of my co-workers were let go the week before Christmas at Visteon — there are many more to come. We should all pray for the middle class, those families who have lost, or are losing their homes and jobs.

P. Pondell  
Canton

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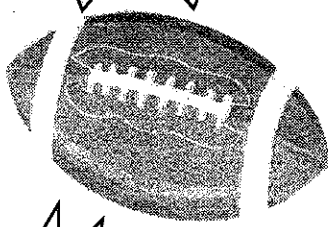
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## Rockets fend off stubborn Churchill, 65-57

In Lakes Division clash

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

It appeared to be another quick night of work for the Westland John Glenn boys basketball team.

A thunderous dunk by 6-foot Keshawn Martin, a couple of quick 3-pointers from Stefan Marken and another dagger, triple by Daris Smith to end the first quarter, made it a 19-10 Rockets' advantage Tuesday night against Livonia Churchill.

But the host Chargers had other ideas in this battle for first place in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Underdog Churchill pulled ahead twice in the second quarter, was dead even at intermission (34-34) and trailed by only seven midway through the fourth quarter before succumbing to the talented Rockets, 65-57.

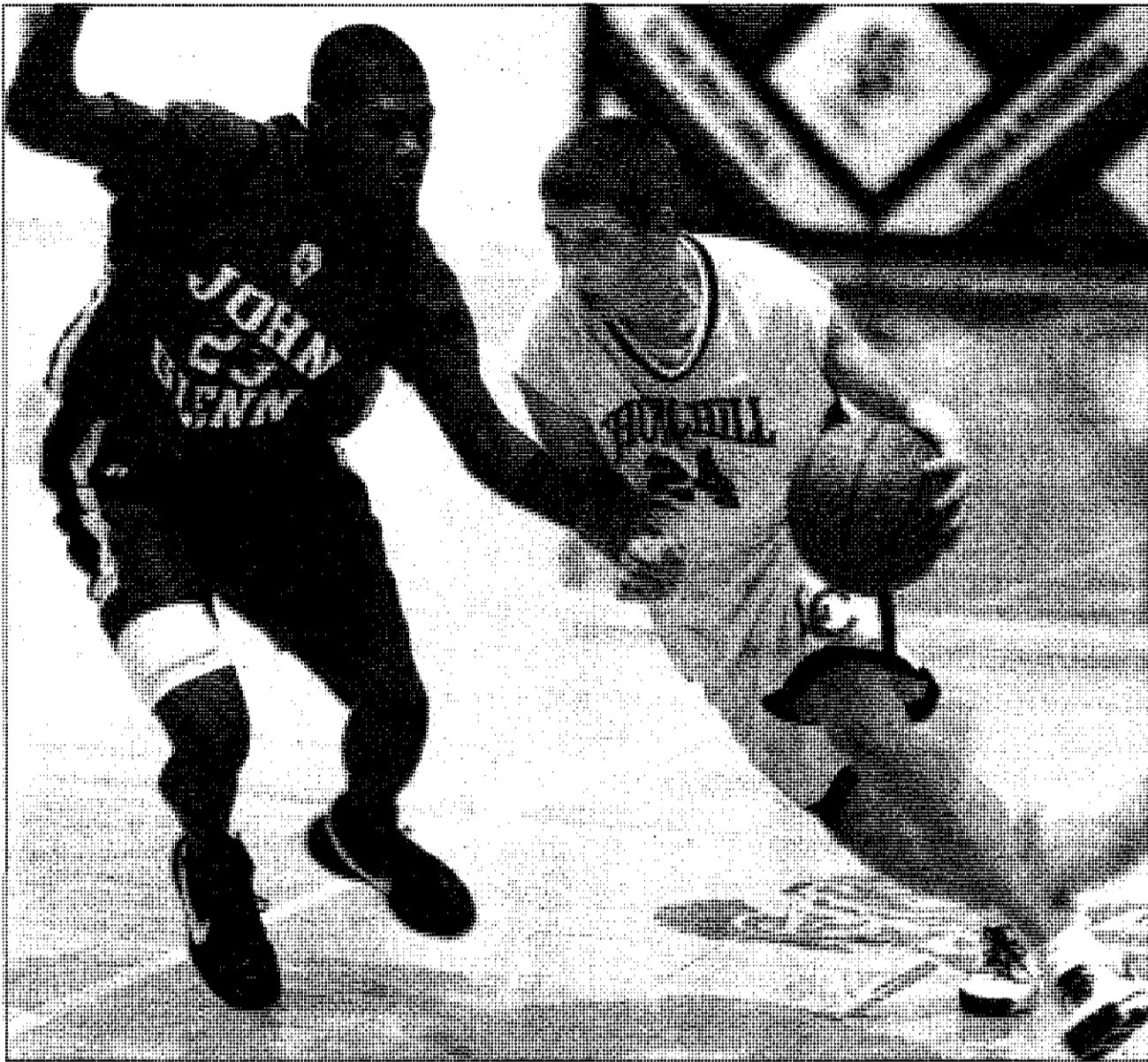
Glenn is now 9-1 overall and 5-0 in the Lakes, while Churchill falls to 7-3 and 4-1.

Marken, a 6-foot-4 senior, finished with 17 points, while 6-2 senior forward Earl Hardison added 13.

Austin Anderson contributed 10, while Martin and Smith chipped in with nine and eight, respectively.

Andrew Vagnetti, a senior guard, led Churchill and all scorers with 22 points, 19 of those coming during the first three quarters before he cooled off. Senior center Ryan Rosenick added 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Nick Seger chipped in with 11 points.

"It's no joke they (Churchill) were 4-0," Glenn coach Dan Young said of the Chargers' divisional record. "They guard, they rebound and they share the ball. They make everything difficult. They're a physical, strong and selfless group. Anytime you play defense and rebound, you can beat anybody."



Churchill's Andrew Vagnetti, who scored a game-high 22 points, sets to drive past John Glenn's Jeremy Langford during Tuesday's WLA Lakes Division battle for first place.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Sidelines**

### Collegiate notes

■ Huntington (Ind.) University sophomore guard Erica Yost (Livonia Ladywood) scored a career-high 19 points, including 11 of her team's final 15 points, in a come-from-behind 62-59 women's basketball win last week over Spring Arbor.

The Northville native, majoring in Recreational Sports Ministry, was 6-of-10 from the floor, including 4-of-5 from three-point range as she earned Huntington University Athlete of the Week honors.

■ Central Michigan University's Lauren Krupsky (Livonia Churchill), who averaged 2.27 kills per game and hit .194, was named to the Mid-American Conference All-Freshman Team in women's volleyball.

Krupsky, a member of Churchill's 2007 (spring) Class A state championship team, helped the Chippewas to a 22-9 overall record, its first 20-win season since 1985, along with a 10-6 MAC record.

### Churchill dinner

The Livonia Churchill High Athletic Patrons (CAP) will stage its annual fundraiser dinner from 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20 at The Coaches Corner, located at Seven Mile and Farmington roads.

All proceeds will benefit Churchill athletics. Prizes include hourly 50-50 drawings.

### WYAA sign up

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball and softball will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Jan. 19 through March 29 at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road and south of Warren).

The WYAA, celebrating its 50th anniversary, will offer baseball programs for T-Ball (ages 5-6), Coach-Machine Pitch (7-8), Mustang (9-10), Bronco (11-12), Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16) and Palomino (17-19).

WYAA softball programs included: slow-pitch (local travel), ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-18. A competitive fast-pitch program is also offered for ages 10-, 12-, 14- and 16-and-under.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640; or visit [www.wyaa.org](http://www.wyaa.org).

### LJAL registration

Registration for Livonia Junior Athletic League baseball and softball will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 and 28, at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road (just south of Schoolcraft).

The program is open for all boys and girls who are residents of the City of Livonia, or reside in the Livonia Public Schools district.

## Trojans riding high

Stewart, Fairfax lead streaking C'ville to two wins

It's been quite a week thus far for the Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball team.

It started Monday with a convincing 63-43 Metro Conference win at home against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and continued Tuesday with a resounding 92-68 triumph at home over non-conference foe Hazel Park.

Clarenceville is now 8-1 overall. Junior guard Jamie Stewart led the Trojans with 29 points, including a pair of triples, in the victory over Cranbrook. Senior point guard Lonnie Fairfax also came through with 11 points, 12 assists and eight steals.

"It was one of our best games overall, especially defensively," said Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry, whose team improved to 3-0 in the Metro. "Our guys were ready to go. We executed our plays and shut down their plays. And the best thing is that we only had five turnovers."

Xander Streck led the Cranes (5-4, 1-2) with 18 points.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

The 6-foot-3 Stewart scored 27 against Hazel Park (0-10), while Fairfax added 22 points and 16 assists. Junior center Jeremy Gainer chipped in with 15 points.

Clarenceville broke away from a 27-27 halftime deadlock with a 34-24 third-quarter run followed by a 31-17 outburst in the final quarter to post its highest point total since 1996.

Jordan Madry scored a game-high 28 for Hazel Park, which shot 11-of-17 from the foul line.

Meanwhile, the Trojans were 14-of-21 from the foul line.

Clarenceville can make it 3-0 on the week with a win Friday at Lutheran High Westland.

**ANNAPOLIS 46, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 34:** Dylan Cawley scored 15 points and Kwame Cawmarrie added 13 to propel Dearborn Heights Annapolis (4-6) to the non-conference win

Tuesday at Lutheran High Westland (1-6).

Sam Ahlersmeyer scored eight for the Warriors, who pulled within five in the third quarter, but could get no closer after trailing 16-5 following one quarter and 25-13 at halftime.

"Defensively we played well, giving up only 46 points, but we did not shoot well," said Lutheran Westland first-year coach Brandon Bekius, whose team connected on just 11-of-53 shots from the floor (20 percent).

**AGAPE 61, HURON VALLEY 34:** Ty Majeski scored 13 points, while Kevin Reith and Brandon Pierson each added 10, Tuesday to lift host Canton Agape Christian (6-4, 2-0) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference triumph over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-6, 0-2).

Junior center Kyle Tacia scored 15 for the Hawks, who trailed Agape 33-15 at halftime.

The Wolverines were 9-of-18 from the foul line, while Huron Valley hit 3-of-6.

## Franklin corrals Mustangs, 44-33

Livonia Franklin turned up the defensive intensity during the second half Tuesday night en route to a 44-33 girls basketball victory over host Northville.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

After trailing 15-14 at halftime, the Patriots outscored the Mustangs 30-18 to

improve to 9-3 overall and 3-2 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Junior Brianna Taylor led Franklin offensively with 18 points. Samantha Floyd and Ashley Price chipped in with 10 and eight, respectively. Junior Brittany Taylor finished with six points and 16 rebounds.

"We were able to get some great substitutions off the bench and were able to shut them (Northville) down in the second half," Franklin first-year coach Dave McCall said. "Melissa Davies came in and was outstanding. And we broke their press the second half."

Chelsea Atzinger led Northville (8-5, 3-2) with eight points.

**JOHN GLENN 49, CHURCHILL 38:** Junior center Brittany Holbrook fueled a 26-13 fourth-

Please see **FRANKLIN, B2**

## Livonia Blue vaults past rival Red in gymnastics test

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Red's Paula Guzik carried all-around individual honors, but Livonia Blue was the dominant team Monday night, posting a 143.80-138.25 gymnastics victory at Churchill High School.

Blue, made up primarily of girls from Stevenson High School along with Franklin, improved to 5-0 overall in dual meets, while Red (Churchill) falls to 3-2.

The two teams are no strangers. They practice together daily and travel to the same meets throughout the season.

Guzik, the defending Division 1 balance beam champion, placed first in three events en route to an all-around total of 37.20, including an impressive 9.65 on the beam.

But it was the Livonia Blue trio of Laura Nomura (36.60), Meghan Powers (35.80) and Emily Quint (35.75) who decided the final outcome.

Quint, a sophomore, captured the floor exercise with a score of 9.45. Nomura, a junior, tied Guzik for first on vault (9.45 each), while Powers, also a junior, deadlocked Guzik for first on the uneven bars (8.95 each).

"Considering our injuries, I thought we performed well," Blue coach Lisa Fierk said of the trio. "Meghan (Powers) jammed her big toe on Saturday and Emily (Quint) hurt her big toe today. Both were injured, but they went all out and did their best, and I'm really proud of them. They're really driven and self-motivated. They push and encourage each other."

Guzik, defending Western Lakes Activities Association



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Livonia Red's Paula Guzik, the all-around individual winner, works through her floor routine during Tuesday night's meet against rival Livonia Blue.

all-around champion who placed fifth in the state, also posted 9.15 on floor to

finish third.

Please see **GYMNASTICS, B3**



Livonia Blue's Emily Quint works through her routine on the balance beam during Tuesday night's meet against rival Livonia Red. She was runner-up on the beam and took first on floor exercise.

# Seaholm matmen take first at Lutheran Westland

Birmingham Seaholm captured all five dual matches Saturday to win the Lutheran High Westland Tournament wrestling title.

Rounding out the field was Garden City with a 4-1 record followed by the host Warriors, Livonia Clarenceville and Inkster at 2-3 each. Southfield-Lathrup was 0-5. Garden City's unbeaten wrestlers on the day included Adam Love (285 pounds), co-MVP Mike Nordby (171), Justin Johnson (135) and Tyler Twigg (130). Devin Ashley (125) and Ryan Hall (145) each finished 4-1.

Undeclared on the day for

## PREP WRESTLING

The host Warriors included lower co-MVP Brad LaRose (112), Steve Kemp (152) and Craig Kowalski (215), the latter whom rallied in the third period in three matches for wins. Teammates Laith Francis (119) and Nic Yancy (160-171) each captured four of five matches.

Clarenceville's Brent Gilman (103) improved to 17-2 overall by going 5-0, while teammate Jake Ruth (119) improved to 16-4 by winning all five matches en route to co-MVP honors.

## NOVI-DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Jan. 12 at Novi-Detroit CC

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Holt, 246 points; 2. Belleville, 133; 3. Canton, 131; 4. Oxford, 128; 5. Anchor Bay, 123.5; 6. Plainwell, 123.5; 7. Fowlerville, 114; 8. Westland John Glenn, 106.5; 9. (tie) Warren Woods Tower and Wyandotte Roosevelt, 89.5 each; 11. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 66; 12. Livonia Stevenson, 47; 13. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 27; 14. Birmingham Brother Rice, 26; 15. Orchard Lake St. Mary, 22.5.

## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

**103 pounds:** Ben Mattheisen (Holt) dec. Taylor Knobloch (Fowlerville), 8-6 (over time); **3rd place:** Anthony Pavlich (WJG) pinned Ben Donovan (AB), 2:32; **5th place:** Waleed Faraj (Canton) dec. Mike Thomas (Oxford), 6-3; **112:** Justin Flesoon (Bell) dec. Leon Shannon (WR), 4-2; **3rd:** Matt Bates (Fowlerville) dec. Corey Leonard (Holt), 7-6; **5th:** Dillon Roblyer (Plainwell) dec. Larry Rybarz (AB), 7-5; **119:** Robbie Bidingmire (AB) dec. Kyle Hanton (Holt), 10-7; **3rd:** Doug Eldridge (CC) dec. Carl Lucke (Canton), 7-3; **5th:** Chris Schneider (Bell) p. Sam Ellis (Rice), 1:29; **125:** Jeremiah Austin (WJG) won by major

dec. over Donnie Watkins (Canton), 15-6; **3rd:** Tommy Kozak (Bell), dec. Dustin Miller (Holt), 6-4 (OT); **5th:** Jimmy Maloney (WR) dec. Travis Kern (Fowlerville), 10-5; **130:** Christian Cullinan (WR) dec. Jared Stephens (WJG), 3-1 (OT); **3rd:** Kyle Lowry (Tower) dec. Grant Ankeny (Holt), 7-3; **5th:** Steve Sattler (AB) dec. Jeremy Filippelli (Canton), 9-3; **135:** Kyle Brammer (Oxford) won by major dec. over Ken Lowry (Tower), 10-2; **3rd:** Steve Cox (Canton) dec. Dario Faruggia (WR), 4-1; **5th:** Chaz King (Holt) dec. Alan Poole (AB), 8-2; **140:** Brennan Brumley (Tower) dec. Koort Leyler (Holt), 4-0; **3rd:** Brent Winekoff (Canton) dec. Jacob Losen (Bell), 6-5; **5th:** Trevor O'Connor (CC) dec. Bo Cantar (Oxford), 3-1; **145:** Steve Cook (Bell) dec. Raz Markosian (LS), 12-6; **3rd:** Sven Alm (Forest Hills) won by default over Joey Post (AB); **5th:** Zac Seyke (Holt) dec. Mike Myer (Oxford), 5-1; **152:** Zack Shaw (Holt) won by technical fall over Cody Smith (Plainwell), 15-0; **3rd:** Chad Scruggs (Bell) dec. Jeff Adkins (WJG), 4-2; **5th:** Eric Stevenson (AB) dec. Brendan Cox (CC), 8-7; **160:** Nick Licari (AB) p. Josh Shaw (Holt), 1:59; **3rd:** Gary Lawrence (WJG) won by major dec. over Charlie Alm (Forest Hills), 13-1; **5th:** Ben Asp (Fowlerville) p. Tom Lewis (Plainwell), 4:10.

**171:** Dillon Kern (Fowlerville) p. James Mireles Jordan Russell, 3:00; **3rd:** Tim Burnham (Plainwell) dec. Zach Personak (WR), 12-8; **5th:** Rodger Kropp (Canton) p. Geoffrey Charles (Oxford), 4:52; **189:** Joe Riley (Plainwell) dec. Corbin Boone (Holt), 7-5; **3rd:** Emanuel Onuemen (LS) dec. David Harter (Fowlerville), 11-4; **5th:** Josh Villareal (Oxford) dec. Roger Roper (Bell), 7-1; **215:** Mitch Zajac (Holt) dec. Zack Line (Oxford), 5-2; **3rd:** Jacob Sefton (Fowlerville) dec. Dan Wanshon (Canton), 5-3; **5th:** Karre Cigan (Bell) p. Niko Palazeti (CC), 4:01; **285:** Sam Coniglio (Tower) dec. Dylan Smith (Oxford), 4-1 (2 OTs); **3rd:** Alex Doman (Rice) dec. Erick Helfmann (Fowlerville), 9-3; **5th:** Luke Konsitzke (Canton) p. Emmanuel Fields (Bell), 2:56.

## DUAL MEET RESULTS

**Jan. 17 at Farmington NORTH FARMINGTON 51 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE**  
**152 pounds:** Derek Robbins (Cville) won by major dec. over Jim Burger, 14-3; **160:** Nate Churney (NF) won by void; **171:** Jacob Blowers (NF) pinned Tim Sietinski, 5:15; **189:** Andrew Jasmir (Cville) p. Rahmi Chaghouri, 5:03; **215:** Muamer Mesinovic (Cville) p. Shuja Rizvi, 0:13; **285:** Matthew Neal (Cville) won by void; **103:**

Brent Gilman (Cville) won by major dec. over Jordan Russell, 17-7; **112:** Matt Jaisle (NF) p. Coy Silanpaa, 1:30; **119:** Greg Hogan (NF) won by major dec. over Jake Ruth, 9-4; **125:** Jake Levin (NF) p. Steven Courtney, 0:30; **130:** Joel Millman (NF) p. Scott Convery, 2:57; **135:** Mike Jaisle (N) won by technical fall over Cody Silanpaa, 16-1; **140:** Matt Russell (NF) p. Patrick Walker, 3:50; **145:** Matt Lamer (NF) p. Tony Brandt, 0:30. **FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 40 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 36**  
**160 pounds:** Angel Gama-Diaz (FHH) won by void; **171:** Tim Sietinski (Cville) pinned Matt McMillan, 3:10; **189:** Andrew Jasmir (Cville) p. Beshar Shukri, 1:30; **215:** Ryan Roberts (FHH) p. Muamer Mesinovic, 1:55; **285:** Mark Mauwad (FHH) p. Matthew Neal, 4:55; **103:** Brent Gilman (Cville) p. Jacob McGill, 1:20; **112:** Ryan Ruspa (FHH) won by technical fall over Coy Silanpaa, 15-2; **119:** Jake Ruth (Cville) p. Jon Baldwin, 4:30; **125:** Mike Winkus (FHH) won by tech. fall over Steven Courtney, 15-0; **130:** Ryan Dukes (FHH) p. Scott Convery, 3:16; **135:** Collin Warren (FHH) dec. Cody Silanpaa, 20-14; **140:** Daniel Lebb (FHH) dec. Patrick Walker, 7-4; **145:** Tony Brandt (Cville) p. Doug Babeler, 1:30; **152:** Derek Robbins (Cville) p. Jeff Wheeler, 1:16; **Clarenceville's dual meet record:** 11-7 overall.

# Division-leading Zebras romp, 83-55

Wayne Memorial overcame a 21-16 first-quarter deficit Tuesday to earn an 83-55 Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball win at Plymouth.

Wayne is now 8-2 overall and 5-0 in the Western Division. The Wildcats slipped to 2-8 and 1-4, respectively. Senior guard Mike Lee led Wayne's balanced scoring attack with 21 points.

Six-foot-10 center Jeremy Lovelady (16), senior forward John Hill (14) and junior guard Robert Woodson (11) also played well for the Zebras. Nine of Woodson's points came on three triples.

"They had 18 offensive rebounds, which hurt us," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Lovelady got most of his points on put-backs." Plymouth senior Brandon Roberts netted a team-high 18 points, while Navraj Sandhu added 16.

After trailing 21-16 after one quarter, the Zebras rebounded to secure a 36-29 halftime advantage. They sealed the deal by outscoring their hosts 29-10 during the decisive third quarter.

**SALEM 61, STEVENSON 45:** Grant Stone scored 18 points and Ross Davis

## WLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

contributed 10 to the Rocks (4-6, 2-3) posted the WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Tuesday at home over Livonia Stevenson (3-7, 1-4).

Salem led 28-20 at halftime and pulled away with a 21-10 third-quarter run.

Sophomore guard Bobby Naubert led the Spartans with nine points, while sophomore forward Jordan El-Sabeh added eight.

Stevenson was 9-of-11 from the foul line, while Salem hit 7-of-10.

**NORTHVILLE 79, FRANKLIN 48:** In a WLAA-Western Division game Tuesday, the Mustangs (6-4, 4-1) rolled to the victory at Livonia Franklin (3-7, 2-3) behind Greg Haase's 13 points.

Dan Kirkpatrick, Scott Wagner and Eric Maise each added nine for Northville, which bolted out to a 24-11 first-quarter advantage and led 41-16 at halftime.

Jeff Poole scored 15 for the Patriots, while Ryan Matthey added 11.

Northville was 12-of-24 from the foul line, while Franklin was 13-of-29.

"They (Northville) had a good perimeter game and good movement of the ball leading to some inside scores," Franklin first-year coach Jeremy Rheault said. "We did not execute against their zone (defense) and we had major defensive breakdowns. Northville is big, a good team that is well-coached."



John Glenn's 6-foot point-guard Keshawn Martin slams one home early in the first quarter in Tuesday's 65-57 win over Livonia Churchill.

# Wydryck's 22 sparks MU women

In a game it trailed just once, the Madonna University women's basketball team battled and fought Saturday through a 76-63 win at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Sparking the victory was freshman Tabatha Wydryck, who led all scorers with 22 points.

MU is now 7-10 overall on the year and 2-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, while U-MD falls to 8-8 and 0-3.

The Crusaders shot 47 percent in the first half, staking themselves to as much as a 13-point lead with 9:20 left in the opening half on a Christie Carrico triple to make it 21-8.

Dearborn cut into the Madonna lead, trimming it to just five with 33 ticks left on the clock, but a Rebecca Ruffi layup and two free throws from Sheryl Jager pushed the MU lead back to nine, making it 42-33 Madonna heading into the break.

Coming out of the intermission, U-MD went on a 14-6 run over the first 5:20 of the half to take a one point lead at 49-48. Madonna then went on a run of its own - 18-4 - to retake the lead for good. The Crusaders built up the lead to as much as 17 with less than six minutes to go.

Cali Crawford scored 16, while fellow senior Caryn Inman added 15 for the victors. Kandace Perryman led the Wolves with 16 points.

**Graves adds 4th recruit**  
MU coach Carl Graves

signed his fourth recruit Friday for the 2008-09 season by landing 5-foot-11 center Jennifer Redmond of Temperance Bedford.

Redmond, who has sparked the Kicking Mules to an 8-2 overall record and a top-10 Class A ranking (Division 1), plans to pursue a degree in nursing.

"She'll be a great addition to our post presence and we feel she has the tools and ability to adapt to just about any situation the college game will throw at her," Graves said.

Redmond will be joined by Graves recruits Erin Bentley, a 5-4 guard from Ida; Vanessa LaMay, a 5-11 forward from Taylor Truman; and Brandy Ulum, a 5-10 forward from Almont.

## Lady Ocelots romp

The NJCAA's No. 5-ranked team in Division II, Schoolcraft College, went on a second-half scoring spree Saturday, breezing past visiting Kirtland Community College, 79-58, in a MCCA-Eastern Conference women's basketball matchup.

The Lady Ocelots led just 35-34 at halftime, but opened the second half on a 13-0 run that put them in control.

For first-place Schoolcraft (13-2, 6-0), Janelle Harris and Antoinette Brown each scored 17 points with Shana King chipping in with 11. Taylor Langham (Salem) scored six points.

Whitney Bonham led Kirtland (5-10, 3-3) with 27 along with 12 rebounds.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Jan. 17**  
Rudolf Steiner at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 18**  
W.L. Northern at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Jan. 17**  
Rudolf Steiner at Huron Valley, 6 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 18**  
Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.  
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Ladywood at Birm. Marian, 7:30 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Friday, Jan. 18**  
Franklin vs. Riverview at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
Stevenson vs. Farmington at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 6 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 17**  
Clarenceville at A.P. Inter-City, 6 p.m.  
Wayne at Northville, 6 p.m.  
Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.  
W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
Warren Woods-Tower Inv., 7:30 a.m.  
Stevenson Spartan Classic, 10 a.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 17**  
Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Salem, A.A. Pioneer at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASIUMS**  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
Farmington Inv. at Maxfield Center, 9 a.m.  
**PREP BOWLING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 17**  
(at Westland Bowl)  
Clarenceville vs. Marian-Rice: 3:20 p.m.  
John Glenn vs. Wayne, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
Wayne County Championships at Sunnybrook Lanes, 8 a.m.  
**PREP SKIING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 17**  
Ladywood vs. Hartland at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS FIGURE SKATING**  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
Individual District at DISC, TBA.  
**COMPETITIVE CHEER**  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
Brighton Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Allen Park Invitational, 10 a.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 1 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Friday, Jan. 18**  
Whalers at Guelph Storm, 7:35 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.  
**MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE**  
**Friday, Jan. 18**  
Detroit Ignition vs. Milwaukee Wave at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.  
TBA - time to be announced.

## MEN'S HOCKEY STANDINGS

**LIVONIA OVER 30 MEN'S HOCKEY STANDINGS (through Jan. 13)**  
D&G Heating & Cooling 15-8-5/35 points  
Stante Excavating 13-7-3/34 points  
LaSalle Bank 12-11-6/30 points  
Zaschak Enterprises 12-11-5/29 points  
Hunt's Ace Hardware 11-10-6/28 points  
Coldwell Banker/G86 9-11-7/25 points  
Livonia Auto Body 9-13-5/23 points  
Daily Restaurant 6-16-2/18 points

Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
Warren Woods-Tower Inv., 7:30 a.m.  
Stevenson Spartan Classic, 10 a.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 17**  
Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

# Churchill, Spartans both post big wins

Keith Yackley's hat trick carried state-ranked Livonia Churchill to a 9-3 boys hockey victory Tuesday night over host Plymouth at Compuware Arena.

Josh Proben added two goals for the Chargers, who improved to 12-2 overall with the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory.

Nathan Milam added his 30th goal of the season along with two assists. Kyle Burke Mike Woynick and Christo Papioannou each contributed one goal.

"I liked our pace and I thought we carried the flow pretty well," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "I also liked the fact that a lot of guys chipped in."

Colin Rolfe scored twice for the Wildcats (8-6), who were outshot 34-11.

Churchill used goaltender Greg Wirick for two periods and Aaron Crouse in the final period.

Ryan Schultz went all the way in goal for the Wildcats. **STEVENSON 8, W.L. CENTRAL 1:** Joe Byrne scored two goals and added

two assists Saturday as Livonia Stevenson (12-0, 2-0) rolled to a WLAA-Lakes Division win over host Walled Lake Central (2-12-1, 0-3) at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

Zach Roberts, Cole Rochowiak and Ryan Baratonio each added one goal and one assist. Mike Voran, Sean Lerg and Ian Curran also scored for the Spartans, who are ranked No. 1 in Division I.

R.J. Kierdorf finished with three assists, while Jake Harbowy and Mark Bekkala added two each.

Sophomore Danny Sager picked up his second victory of the year for the Spartans, who outshot Central, 59-8.

# FRANKLIN

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quarter surge Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (5-7, 2-3) turned back Livonia Churchill (3-9, 1-4) in a WLAA Lakes Division matchup.

The 6-foot-11 Holbrook finished with 16 points, including 13 in the decisive fourth quarter. She also converted 6-of-9 free throws.

"We were able to get the ball inside and defensively we made a couple of stops in the fourth quarter," said Glenn coach Mike

Schuette, whose team trailed 25-23 after three periods.

Brittany Brown chipped in with 15 points, while Ashley Montgomery finished with eight.

Alysa Boldizar and Chelsea Manasian scored 12 and 10, respectively, for the Chargers.

Glenn was 19-of-29 from the foul line, while Churchill was 8-of-18.

**PLYMOUTH 65, WAYNE 40:** Senior guard Trenia Barbee's game-high 28 points was not enough Tuesday as host Wayne Memorial (3-9, 0-5) fell to the Wildcats (6-6, 3-2) in a WLAA Western Division game.

Plymouth, getting 17 points from Shaakira Haywood and 13

from Kelsi Robinson, jumped out to a 31-18 halftime lead and put it away with a 19-9 fourth-quarter run.

Wayne played without 6-foot-3 center Wendi Foster (illness), but got nine rebounds from Bre'Ana Sims and six points from Nastassia Goines.

Plymouth was 15-of-25 from the foul line, while Wayne was 3-of-9.

**SALEM 55, STEVENSON 30:** On Tuesday, Alaya Mitchell's game-high 20 points sparked the WLAA Lakes Division-leading Rocks (10-2, 5-0) past host Livonia Stevenson (3-9, 0-5).

Kaylee McGrath scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Spartans.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 80
WAYNE MEMORIAL 70
Jan. 15 at Churchill
200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Steven Ogg, Adam Karson, Jordan Holland, Kevin Erdmann), 1:54.52; 2. Churchill (Steve Jones, Joey Liberati, Ricky Scully, Matt Castellini), 1:59.8; 3. Churchill, 2:14.55.
200 freestyle: 1. Jacob Barnes (WM), 2:06.59; 2. Nathan Larsen (LC), 2:11.01; 3. Scully (LC), 2:15.77.
200 individual medley: 1. Ogg (WM), 2:19.67; 2. Greg Van Gorp (LC), 2:33.86; 3. Liberati (LC), 2:38.22.
50 freestyle: 1. Holland (WM), 2:05.2; 2. Jones (LC), 2:19.3; 3. Erdmann (WM), 2:25.24.
1-meter diving: 1. Matt Hope (LC), 173.15 points; 2. Andrew Richards (LC), 169.05; 3. Travis Holt (LC), 123.35.
100 butterfly: 1. Ogg (WM), 1:00.56; 2. Scully (LC), 1:17.1; 3. Castellini (LC), 1:17.8.
100 freestyle: 1. Holland (WM), 52.7; 2. Jones (LC), 52.96; 3. Erdmann (WM), 57.43.
500 freestyle: 1. Barnes (WM), 5:40.83; 2. Alex Lamerand (LC), 6:03.94; 3. Larsen (LC), 6:06.98.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Holland, Erdmann, Josh Higgs, Ogg), 1:42.03; 2. Wayne (Jacob Schofield, Mike Gabriel, Karson, Barnes), 1:47.52; 3. Churchill, 1:47.75.
100 backstroke: 1. Castellini (LC), 1:11.21; 2. Van Gorp (LC), 1:15.16; 3. Schofield (WM), 1:15.71.
100 breaststroke: 1. Karson (WM), 1:18.03; 2. John Yurgil (LC), 1:18.46; 3. Liberati (LC), 1:19.07.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Castellini, Van Gorp, Scully, Jones), 3:59.21; 2. Wayne (Gabriel, Schofield, Higgs, Barnes), 4:08.81; 3. Churchill, 4:19.58.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-2 overall; Wayne, 0-3 overall.

Heat C: 1. Zac Kraai (Z), 1:48.43; 2. Matt Gauthier (AAP), 1:49.92; 3. Charles Turlo (LS), 1:53.37.
Heat B: 1. Marshall Bouwman (Z), 1:51.50; 2. John Lubisco (N), 1:54.17; 3. Chris Behler (LS), 1:56.86.
Heat A: 1. John Bliekie (N), 1:55.78; 2. Jamin Wieringa (Z), 1:56.90; 3. Kyle Anderson (AAP), 1:58.02.
200 IM: Heat D: 1. Peter Keeler (AAP), 2:02.0; 2. Jon Bardsley (N), 2:04.88; 3. Dylan Zwiers (Z), 2:08.00.
Heat C: 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 2:05.55; 2. Joe Kargula (N), 2:09.86; 3. Bryan Bielecki (LS), 2:12.68.
Heat B: 1. Max Boyea (AAP), 2:09.65; 2. Ben Schoenek (N), 2:11.09; 3. Gregg Elhart (Z), 2:12.52.
Heat A: 1. Ethan Eaton (AAP), 2:13.35; 2. Aaren Marecki (LS), 2:13.56; 3. Alex Miller (N), 2:21.62.
50 freestyle: Heat D: 1. Drew Coffin (Z), 22.28; 2. Kyle Hermann (LS), 23.00; 3. Thomas Magner (AAP), 23.21.
Heat C: 1. Grant Cole (AAP), 23.20; 2. Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 23.27; 3. Ryan Scott (LS), 23.67.
Heat B: 1. Nik Mrdali (AAP), 23.27; 2. A.J. Aquino (N), 23.98; 3. Jared Diebel (LS), 24.18.
Heat A: 1. Jerome Pesta (LS), 23.76; 2. Kevin Smith (AAP), 24.58; 3. Ty Daughterty (Z), 24.91.
1-meter diving: Heat D: 1. Nick Nemetz (AAP), 374.15 points; 2. Tyler Keelen (Z), 334.85; 3. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 315.75.
Heat C: 1. Riley Reiffer (Z), 306.30; 2. Jacob Rechford (AAP), 294.35; 3. Luke McKay (LS), 245.85.
Heat B: 1. Scott Beal (AAP), 266.90; 2. Dan Wentworth (Z), Victor Bodrie (N), 228.85.
Heat A: 1. Ben Weber (AAP), 265.76; 2. Ryan Trotter (N), 146.20.
100 butterfly: Heat D: 1. Jeremy Sall (Z), 53.59; 2. Robert Luke (LS), 54.98; 3. Joe Kargula (N), 55.94.
Heat C: 1. Josh Geschwendt (Z), 53.74; 2. Mike Cruce (LS), 55.07; 3. Nate Lunn (N), 57.93.
Heat B: 1. Scott Geverink (LS), 58.63; 2. Edward Lee (AAP), 59.66; 3. Clay Maloure (N), 1:00.40.
Heat A: 1. Kevin Jensen (AAP), 58.87; 2. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 1:00.53; 3. Connor Koblinski, 1:04.81.
100 freestyle: Heat D: 1. Drew Coffin (Z), 48.96; 2. Kyle Hermann (LS), 50.04; 3. Richard Zhang (C), 51.00.
Heat C: 1. Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 50.41; 2. John Lubisco (N), 51.44; 3. Aaren Marecki (LS), 51.64.
Heat B: 1. Nik Mrdali (AAP), 50.22; 2. Charles Turlo (LS), 51.69; 3. A.J. Aquino (N), 52.72.
Heat A: 1. Ethan Eaton (AAP), 52.89; 2. Chris Behler (LS), 53.10; 3. Jake Lane (N), 56.01.
500 freestyle: Heat D: 1. Brody Bliekie (N), 4:47.78; 2. Zac Kraai (Z), 4:57.04; 3. Matt Gauthier (AAP), 5:00.40.
Heat C: 1. Marshall Bouwman (Z), 5:03.19; 2. Greg Sheppard (N), 5:10.56; 3. Daniel Schoff (LS), 5:14.48.

Heat B: 1. Max Boyea (AAP), 5:08.61; 2. John Bliekie (N), 5:09.26; 3. Kelen Schoff (LS), 5:12.43.
Heat A: 1. Kyle Anderson (AAP), 5:13.66; 2. Jamin Wieringa (Z), 5:21.99; 3. Chris Lafayette (N), 5:26.25.
200 freestyle relay: Heat C: 1. Pioneer (Grant Cole, Nik Mrdali, Thomas Wagner, Matt Gauthier), 1:31.65; 2. Zealand (Jason Vander Plaats, Josh Geschwendt, Zac Kraai, Marshall Bouwman), 1:32.43; 3. Stevenson (Kyle Hermann, Chris Behler, Aaren Marecki, Ryan Scott), 1:33.56.
Heat B: 1. Pioneer (Edward Lee, Ethan Eaton, Kevin Jensen, Brian Gregorka), 1:34.47; 2. Stevenson (Charles Turlo, Jerome Pesta, Adam Dabkowski, Jared Diebel), 1:35.78; 3. Northville (John Lubisco, Alex Miller, Jake Lane, John Bliekie), 1:36.77.
Heat A: 1. Pioneer (Kevin Smith, Jack Tesar, Kenichi Osawa, Andrew Anderson), 1:36.12; 2. Stevenson (Brendan Schoff, Mike Buccina, David Bladecki, Jimmy Vayis), 1:40.44; 3. Northville (Nathan Menovick, Erik Peterson, Connor Koblinski, Anthony Adamowski), 1:42.03.
100 backstroke: Heat D: 1. Jeremy Sall (Z), 53.70; 2. Peter Keeler (AAP), 54.15; 3. Robert Luke (LS), 55.78; 2.
Heat C: 1. Robert Nichols (AAP), 54.43; 2. Dylan Zwiers (Z), 58.20; 3. Greg Sheppard (N), 59.37.
Heat B: 1. Jonathan Mackey (Z), 59.65; 2. Nate Lunn (N), 1:00.47; 3. Brendan Schoff (LS), 1:02.75.
Heat A: 1. Ben Schoenek (N), 1:01.67; 2. Zach Lindeman (Z), 1:02.51; 3. Jimmy Vayis (LS), 1:02.75.
100 breaststroke: Heat D: 1. Joey Wingett (LS), 1:03.21; 2. Sida Chen (S), 1:03.54; 3. Gregg Elhart (Z), 1:05.99.
Heat C: 1. John Loria (LS), 1:08.13; 2. Kevin Smith (AAP), 1:08.79; 3. Zac Geschwendt (Z), 1:09.07.
Heat B: 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 1:06.90; 2. Anthony Adamowski (N), 1:08.81; 3. Eric Schuman (LS), 1:09.37.
Heat A: 1. David Bladecki (LS), 1:08.75; 2. Alec Wagner (N), 1:11.39; 3. Eli Cornblatt (AAP), 1:11.47.
400 freestyle relay: Heat C: 1. Zealand (Josh Geschwendt, Drew Coffin, Zac Kraai, Jeremy Sall), 3:16.22; 2. Pioneer (Peter Keeler, Grant Cole, Matt Gauthier, Robert Nichols), 3:19.74; 3. Northville (Brody Bliekie, Nate Lunn, Clay Maloure, Jon Bardsley), 3:23.05.
Heat B: 1. Pioneer (Andrew Anderson, Kevin Jensen, Ethan Eaton, Edward Lee), 3:28.84; 2. Northville (John Bliekie, Ben Schoenek, John Lubisco, Greg Sheppard), 3:32.65; 3. Stevenson (Chris Behler, Robert Luke, Jared Diebel, Ryan Scott), 3:33.80.
Heat A: 1. Pioneer (Jack Tesar, Kyle Anderson, Max Boyea, Patton Doyle), 3:37.15; 2. Stevenson (Adam Dabkowski, Scott Geverink, Bryan Bliekie, Kelen Schoff), 3:37.91; 3. Northville (Nathan Menovick, Alex Miller, Connor Koblinski, Jake Lane), 3:43.59.

Warriors improve to 8-1; Blazers trip Divine Child

Lutheran High Westland continued its winning ways Tuesday in girls basketball, romping to a 47-24 non-conference victory over visiting Detroit Urban Lutheran.

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5-0) survived a scare Tuesday from visiting Dearborn Divine Child (8-5, 0-5). Caitlin Szczypka's eight points paced the Blazers, who made just 13-of-50 shots from the floor and 4-of-8 from the foul stripe. "We came out flat and they (Divine Child) deserve a lot of credit, they hustled," said Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski, whose Blazers defeated Divine Child in a previous meeting, 40-30. Lauren Malinowski and Shelby Sheehan each scored 10 points for the Falcons, who led in the fourth quarter before the Blazers pulled it out thanks baskets by Alex Serowoky and Jenna Anastos, along with a triple with only 40 seconds remaining from Alison Szczypka to

give her team a two-point cushion. KINGSWOOD 51, CLARENCEVILLE 27: Three players scored in double figures Monday as host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (6-5, 2-3) downed Livonia Clarenceville (6-6, 3-2) in a Metro Conference game. Abby Cohen scored 13, while Christine Vlassic and Kate Blessing added 12 and 11, respectively, for the victorious Crane, who jumped out to a 31-19 halftime lead. Amber O'Halloran scored 10 for the Trojans, who were without top rebounder Chenay Kemp (school disciplinary matter). "We let them fast-break us defensively in the second quarter and you're not going to win shooting 11 percent for the game," Clarenceville coach Julie Patterson said. Kingswood was 7-of-12 from the foul line, while Clarenceville was 3-of-9.

GYMNASTICS

FROM PAGE B1 "Paula's very consistent," Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "She's not only been a strong leader to the team, but she's improving every night. She's a captain who motivates the team with a lot of positive energy." Fierk, meanwhile, was pleased with freshman Kelly Charniga's 8.95 on floor, good enough for fourth place; along with sophomore Katie Bridges' 8.8 on beam and Nomura's 9.45 on vault. "They're really stepping it up this year, as is Cassie Morford, a sophomore for us," Fierk said. Injuries have certainly

played a pivotal role in each team's progress throughout the season. Livonia Blue lost junior Brittany Janis to a torn ankle ligament following the first meet of the season, while Red's Alicia DiMauro, also a junior, pulled out Monday night with an injury after posting 9.0 on vault. "We're just getting everybody back," Grodzicki said. "But I had to pull her (DiMauro). Once we have our full lineup, we hope to improve. "They (Blue) have a lot of depth with their team. They're strong and they did a great job. You have to be pleased with them." This is only the second season where the teams have not been combined, but the spirit

of unity remains strong. "There's good sportsmanship amongst both teams," Fierk said. "We both cheer the Red and the Blue on." Both teams return to action at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Farmington Invitational at the Maxfield Center. LIVONIA BLUE 143.80 LIVONIA RED 138.25 Jan. 14 at Churchill H.S. Vault: 1. (tie) Laura Nomura (Blue) and Paula Guzik (Red), 9.45 each; 3. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.25; 4. Meghan Powers (Blue), 9.1. Uneven bars: 1. (tie) Powers (Blue) and Guzik (Red), 8.95 each; 3. Nomura (Blue), 8.7; 4. Kelly Tappella (Blue), 8.6. Balance beam: 1. Guzik (Red), 9.65; 2. Quint (Blue), 9.3; 3. Nomura (Blue), 9.25; 4. Powers (Blue), 8.9. Floor exercise: 1. Quint (Blue), 9.45; 2. Nomura (Blue), 9.2; 3. Guzik (Red), 9.15; 4. Kelly Charniga (Blue), 8.95. All-around: 1. Guzik (Red), 37.20; 2. Nomura (Blue), 36.60; 3. Powers (Blue), 35.80; 4. Quint (Blue), 35.75; 5. K. Charniga (Blue), 34.25; 6. Tappella (Blue), 34.05; 7. Katie Bridges (Blue), 33.80; 8. Katina St. Pierre (Red), 32.90. Dual meet records: Livonia Blue, 5-0 overall; Livonia Red, 3-2 overall.

MU soccer signs Adkins

Madonna University women's soccer coach Paul Thomas announced the recent signing of his third recruit for the 2008 season with the addition of 5-foot-5 midfielder Taylor Adkins from Livonia Stevenson. Adkins, a two-year letter winner and member of two State Cup championship teams is Livonia United '91, joins forwards Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin/Schoolcraft College) and Nicole Rodriguez (Woodhaven). "Taylor is a very technical player and strikes the ball well," Thomas said. "She is good on set pieces and is very good in the air, which is a huge asset in the women's game at the collegiate level. She is a strong, aggressive player who can play in the midfield or out in the back." LJAL celebrates 50th The Livonia Junior Athletic League is in the midst of celebrating its 50th anniversary. The league is in search of past players, cheerleaders, coaches and parents to submit photos, memorabilia and

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overall fond memories of the LJAL. In conjunction with the anniversary, a dinner dance will be staged Friday, Feb. 8 at the St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Tickets are \$95 per couple or \$55 per person (includes dinner, open bar, door prizes and music by Men in Black). To obtain tickets, donate a door prize or buy a program advertisement, contact the LJAL via e-mail at info@ljal.com; or by mail to: P.O. Box 135533, Livonia, MI 48153. Patriot LJAL Hoop Night The Livonia Franklin boys basketball team will stage an Livonia Junior Athletic League Night on Friday, Jan. 25 when the Patriots host Canton. All LJAL players only need to wear their jerseys to be admitted free. Tickets for adults is \$5. The junior varsity game starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by the varsity game at 7 p.m. For more information, visit franklinbasketball.googlepages.com. Stevenson orientation Livonia Stevenson High

School will stage its incoming ninth-grade Orientation Night for all eighth-grade middle school students including private or parochial schools beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7.

Students must be accompanied by an adult. A portion of the program includes meeting athletic department coaches and current athletes for all sports program at Stevenson in the Competition Gym. Information regarding practice-tryout dates and sports signup sheets will be available. You can also pick up a physical exam card and coupon for a physical. Co-curricular clubs such will also be featured simultaneously in the North Cafeteria. The academic portion of the program includes meeting school counselors, tours of the school, meeting the Student Senate, and information about extra curricular activities and club. The school jazz band will also be featured and the student store will be open for business. For more information, call the Stevenson athletic office at (734) 744-2660, Ext. 48116.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

CRESTWOOD INVITATIONAL Jan. 12 at Cherry Hill Lanes BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 3,714 (2 regular games-4 Baker games); 2. Wayne Memorial, 3,703; 3. Southgate Anderson, 3,598; 4. Flat Rock-Woodhaven, 3,592; 5. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 3,567; 6. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 3,502; 7. Clarkston, 3,468; 8. Warren Lincoln, 3,356; 9. (tie) Berkley and Crestwood (Gold), 3,332 each; 11. Taylor Truman, 3,315; 12. Taylor Kennedy, 3,305; 13. Westland John Glenn, 3,301; 14. Trenton, 3,287; 15. Crestwood (Blue), 2,756. Boys high game: Pete Wagner (Berkley), 280. Boys 2-game high series: Jordan Sanker (Annapolis), 502. Wayne scorers: Lonnie Lawrence, 248-236-484; Zac Kyle, 171-232-403; Eric Robertson, 200-191-391; Tom Pattenau, 203; Mike Solarz, 199. Wayne regular games: 995-1,004-1,999. Wayne Baker games: 213-226-439; 226-235-461; 213-200-413; 176-215-391. Total: 1,704. GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Taylor Kennedy, 3,286 (2 regular games, 4 Baker games); 2. Woodhaven, 2,956; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy (A), 2,950; 4. Clarkston, 2,882; 5. Trenton, 2,878; 6. Southgate, 2,853; 7. Livonia Ladywood, 2,777; 8. Divine Child, 2,728; 9. Wayne, 2,694; 10. John Glenn, 2,660; 11. Truman, 2,632; 12. Annapolis, 2,554; 13. Mercy (B), 2,390; 14. Berkley, 2,369; 15. Crestwood, 2,312; 16. Warren Lincoln, 2,226. Girls high game: (tie) Alex Reeder (Mercy B) and Sara Richards (Divine Child), 213 each. Girls 2-game high series: Richards (Divine Child), 425.

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS FARMINGTON-HARRISON 19 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 11 Jan. 15 at Town 'n Country Lanes Farm-Harrison scorers: Scott Hinger, 233; Brandon Bingham, 231-194-425; Robert Schlotta, 217; Tyler Vance, 217; Alan Singer, 217. Clarenceville's record: 1-3 (Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference).

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 17 FARMINGTON-HARRISON 13 Jan. 8 at Country Lanes North scorers: Alex Novak, 241-152-393; Cody Purcell, 176-143-319; Steve LaPierre, 234-181-415; Sean Miller, 193-215-408; Marshal Vortrie, 159-192-351. Regular games: 1,003-883-1,886 (13 points). Baker games: 195-151-346 (4 points). Clarenceville scorers: Christian Grates, 223-180-403; Cody Kissandi, 169-212-381; Austin Bentley, 145-Phillip Heidler, 169-314; Jason Bertera, 180-167-347; Chris Diaz, 191-181-372. Regular games: 908-909-1,817 (7 points). Baker games: 179-173-352 (6 points).

FARMINGTON-HARRISON 16 WAYNE MEMORIAL 14 Jan. 8 at Country Lanes Wayne scorers: Tom Pattenau, 225-208-433; Mike Solarz, 204-212-416; Cory Harden, 210-200-410; Eric Robertson, 194-202-396; Zac Kyle, 169; Ryan Gabriel, 192-361. Wayne regular games: 1,002-1,014-2,016 (10 points). Wayne Baker games: 138-268-406 (4 points). Farm-Harrison scorers: John Clarahan, 269-

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 27 FARMINGTON-HARRISON 3 Jan. 15 at Town 'n Country Lanes Clarenceville scorers: Sara Brown, 221-212-433; Kayla Barber, 179-169-348; Danielle Maples, 189. Farm-Harrison scorers: Tabetha Chapman, 176-160-336; Allison Bosink, 180-155-335. Dual match records: Clarenceville, 4-0 (Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference); Farmington-Harrison, 2-3 (WOB).

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 25 NORTH FARMINGTON 5 Jan. 8 at Country Lanes Clarenceville scorers: Kari Cummins, 137-Sara Brown, 178-315; Elizabeth Sindan, 136-138-274; Amanda Darby, 158-150-308; Danielle Maples, 166-224-390; Kayla Barber, 209-193-402. Regular games: 806-883-1,689 (19 points). Baker games: 195-153-348 (6 points). North scorers: Jennifer Maples, 185-148-33; Caryn Roberts, 117-148-265; Melissa Bizer, 139-120-259; Rachel Friedman; Eryn Hong-Amanda Golsky, 125-157-278; Rachel Weberman, Danielle Labadia, Hong, 114-94-208. Regular games: 684-667-1,351 (1 point). Baker games: 145-157-302 (4 points).

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A small sampling of the all-natural soaps made by Sharon Czekala.

## Natural soaps, Michigan style

Infuse your home with the essence of the mitten

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Sharon Czekala is making a living doing what she loves: celebrating Michigan.

The Canton resident, born and raised in the mitten, has created a business making natural, Michigan-themed soaps and through it discovered the loyalty residents here have for their state.

"Even in the tourist areas where we sell our soaps, many of the sales come from Michigan residents," Czekala said.

Her business, The Great Lakes Natural Soap Company, is based out of her home; an endeavor that allows her to raise a family, yet one that is growing faster than she imagined.

There she handcrafts a line of natural soaps all dedicated to Michigan.

Many are made with herbal ingredients grown in Czekala's own front yard and some are imprinted with images of Michigan wildlife such as elk, ducks, hummingbirds, small mouth bass and dragonflies. Her other soaps have Michigan names, scents and themes.

For example, Mackinac lovers may want to eat, rather than wash with, the soap called Fudge Shoppe which looks and smells like dark chocolate fudge.

Beach-goers might decorate their bathrooms in shades of green and blue and include the soap

Please see **SOAP, D2**



Canton resident Sharon Czekala, owner of The Great Lakes Natural Soap Company, stands with some of the soaps she makes out of her home.

### BATH SOAP BOMB

Make your own all-natural bath bomb:

- 4 tablespoons citric acid
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup baking soda
- 4 tablespoons coconut or almond oil
- 1/4 teaspoons essential oil (such as eucalyptus, lavender, mango)

Sift dry ingredients into a bowl. Mix well with wire whisk. Put bottle of oil in warm-water to melt oil.

Slowly add oil to dry ingredients, then add fragrance and blend.

Scoop mixture by teaspoons and shape into balls, rest them on a sheet of waxed paper for three hours. Gently reshape if needed.

Or press into fun shaped molds, place in freezer until hard, then remove from mold.

Let the soap dry and harden for 24 to 48 hours. They are fragile so gently package each shape in its own cellophane bag or closed container to keep fresh.

To use, drop one bomb into warm bath water to release fragrance and oils.  
Source: [www.alabu.com](http://www.alabu.com)



Great Lakes Natural Soap Company owner Sharon Czekala of Canton works on a new batch of all natural soap.

## Remember vintage '07

Up and down the state of California, vintners are praising the high quality of the 2007 wine grape harvest.

Since wine quality is determined in the vineyard, it's not too early to begin to assess what's coming down the pike from the state that accounts for two-thirds of all wine sold in the United States. Additionally, according to a Gombert-Fredrikson report, California reached another all-time high in 2006 with a retail value of its wines realizing \$17.8 billion.



Focus on Wine  
Ray & Eleanor Heald

### WHAT MAKES A GREAT VINTAGE?

Each great vintage has elements that make it great. Broadly throughout California in 2007, a mild winter with below normal rainfall, coupled with a dry spring, led to early bud break. Although cluster counts were high in most locations, a sparse berry set in spring resulted in loose grape bunches (which helps keep disease pressures low). Additionally, berries were small, smaller than many vintners have seen in more than 10 years. This creates a greater skin to juice ratio and enhances quality because grapes develop intense varietal flavors, and particularly for red wines, rich, mouth-filling tannins.

Winemaker Ted Seghesio, of Seghesio Family Vineyards in Sonoma County, noted a crop smaller than previous vintages. "Overall quality at this point appears to be excellent," Seghesio said. "Deeply colored and dark-fruited young wines possessing balanced acidities promise a successful vintage."

### TWO HARVESTS CALLED ONE

In North Coast California wine regions, a cool, moderate growing season heated up in the latter part of August, causing multiple varieties to ripen at the same time. Winemakers scrambled to pick early-ripening varieties before the sugars got too high and acid levels dropped. If this happens, wines have high alcohols and are fat and flabby in the mouth.

When weather turned cool in the second week of September, harvest went on hold in many locations. Although cooler weather and moderate rainfall affected the entire state, the North Coast witnessed the most significant precipitation, particularly in the first week of October.

Weather pattern change allowed for a slower maturation and flavor development of red varieties, particularly cabernet sauvignon and the

Please see **WINE, D2**

## Fighting junk e-mail requires time and diligence

A recent report issued by Google claims that spam — junk e-mail — is on the decline. My inbox begs to differ.

I receive hundreds of junk messages every day. However, until recently, very few of them actually ended up in my e-mail program, Outlook Express.

That's because I subscribed to SpamArrest ([spamarrest.com](http://spamarrest.com)), a filtering service that intercepts spam before it reaches my PC.

When the time came to renew, however, I balked at the \$44.95 annual fee. After all, we live in the age of Gmail. Surely I could find a free alternative that would be just as effective at stopping spam.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

For instance: Gmail. I already have an account I use for various purposes, like subscribing to newsletters and inviting column readers to contact me.

As it happens, Gmail provides fantastic spam filtering. When I retrieve my messages in Outlook Express, I rarely see any junk.

The problem lies with my personal domain (Broida.com), which I use as my primary mail account. Without SpamArrest standing guard, there's nothing to stem the tide of Viagra come-ons and PayPal scams.

If only I could leverage Gmail's spam filtering for my domain. Guess what: I can! Gmail can fetch mail from up to five other accounts, and it applies the same anti-spam expertise: Junk messages automatically land in the online Spam folder, where I can review them just in case a

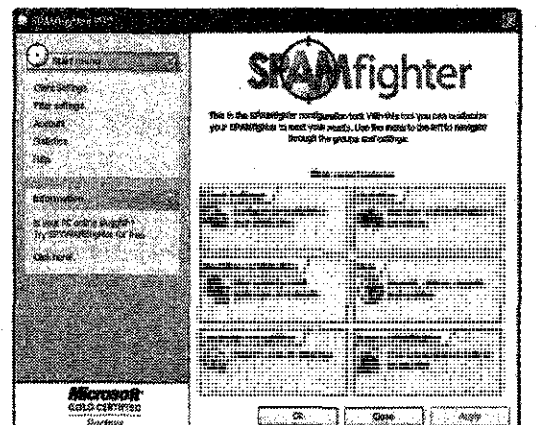
legitimate message gets caught in the net.

Meanwhile, I can retrieve mail in Outlook Express just like always, except now everything filters through my Gmail account. And therein lies a wrinkle: There's no longer any way to distinguish between Gmail mail and Broida.com mail. Everything appears to have come by way of Gmail.

To be honest, I haven't figured out a solution to this yet. (Any Gmail experts out there will undoubtedly suggest an IMAP setup, but I've tried that and it's just not for me.) In the meantime, I'm investigating other spam-fighting options.

For a few weeks I tried shifting to Thunderbird ([mozilla.com/thunderbird](http://mozilla.com/thunderbird)), an e-mail program

Please see **TECH SAVVY, D2**



SpamFighter integrates with Outlook, Outlook Express, and Windows Mail to provide robust spam filtering, but it'll cost you \$29 annually.

**SOAP**

FROM PAGE D1

Bluewaters — a translucent bar made to look like the blue-green waters of our Great Lakes, with a beach-like scent.

Wine-drinkers might be amused by Leelanau Wine Country soaps that are deep purple in color and scented like a vineyard. And, anyone who has been 'Up North' in the spring — to smell the lilacs and cherry blossoms — might enjoy

the purple Lilac Profusion and the pink Traverse City Cherry Blossom.

"The soaps are very popular in states like Florida and Arizona where a lot of Michiganders have retired to or have second homes," Czekala said.

The soaps can be purchased online or at variety of specialty shops in the tri-county area.

"Many of our products are designed for specific purposes and offer a more natural

approach to skin care than their synthetic counterparts," Czekala said. "We use natural ingredients and skin-friendly botanicals to enrich our products and add texture, color and aroma."

The next plan for the Czekala is to expand the company beyond Michigan's theme. Imagine orange scents and manatee shaped soaps for Florida, or perhaps prickly pear shapes in deep pink shades to represent the state of

Arizona.

However at least for the moment, her attention is still on Michigan, where she is enhancing homes with soapy scents of trillium and also expanding a pet soap line that uses essential oils of lavender, eucalyptus, cedar wood and tea tree oil that are said to help repel mosquitoes and fleas from animals.

There's a lot to celebrate right here at home, Czekala said.

**WINE**

FROM PAGE D1

other major Bordeaux varieties. Moderate rainfall does not affect the thicker skins of these grape varieties. Winemakers waited for the "second harvest" which ended about Oct. 25.

Overall, winemakers are facing high quality but a quantity reduced 10 to 15 percent below average. The bottom line is always about supply and demand. Lower wine grape tonnage in 2007 will have an eventual tightening effect on the market. Yet, price impacts are not based on a single vintage. For now, there's an abundant supply of wine in the pipeline from the larger-than-normal but very good 2005 vintage.

**MICHIGAN 2007 HARVEST**

"If a timely harvest was made in 2007, white wines (chardonnay, pinot gris and pinot blanc) from the Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas will be exceptional," said Black Star Farms winemaker Lee Lutes. He's also excited about the progress of red wines, particularly pinot noir and cabernet franc.

"Most whites were picked early to retain good acidity and produce a recognizable Michigan style," Lutes said. The wines are balanced with clean fruit and well developed flavors. Black Star Farms barrel fermented chardonnay will be stellar with a fairly lean, Burgundian profile and balanced notes of French oak. The pinot gris is showing full palate expression while the pinot blanc is rich and pretty following a long cool fermentation.

"Compared to 2006, pinot noir crop load was down as we've learned to manage the number of tons per acre better. We experienced developed flavor with a deep profile and a bit more concentration. Cabernet franc is also very good, nicely integrated with mature tannins. My big surprise was the 2007 merlot. In the past we were concerned about winter hardiness, but this year we had advanced ripening with great flavor development."

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**WINE PICKS**

**Best Chardonnay Under \$20**

- 2006 Meridian Santa Barbara County \$10
- 2006 Concannon Central Coast Selected Vineyard \$10
- 2006 Oak Knoll Oregon Unoaked \$10
- 2006 Rodney Strong Sonoma County \$14
- 2006 Sebastiani Sonoma County \$15
- 2005 Newton Red Label \$18

**Best Chardonnay Over \$20**

- 2006 Lucas & Lewellen Goodchild Vineyard \$22
- 2005 Ferrari Carano Tre Terre \$34
- 2005 Arrowood Sonoma County \$35
- 2005 Patz & Hall Durell Vineyard \$44
- 2005 Patz & Hall Hyde Vineyard \$55

**Best Pinot Noir Under \$35**

- 2006 Sebastiani Sonoma Coast \$18
- 2005 Lucas & Lewellen Hilltop \$26
- 2006 Argyle Willamette Valley \$26
- 2005 Logan \$30
- 2005 MacRostie Carneros \$30

**Best Pinot Noir Over \$35**

- 2006 J. Lohr Fog's Reach Vineyard \$35
- 2005 Argyle Reserve \$37
- 2004 Sonoma Coast Vineyards \$57 (oak style)
- 2005 Patz & Hall Hyde Vineyard \$60
- 2005 Argyle Spirithouse \$72
- 2005 Patz & Hall Pisoni Vineyard \$80

Fireside Sips: Warre's Warrior \$17, a reserve Port wine blended from a selection of wines sourced from Warre's quintas (vineyards) is ready for immediate drinking and does not need decanting. It's delicious with a variety of medium to hard cheeses and mixed nuts. Warre's Otima 20 Year Old Tawny Port (\$43/500ml) is a step up in style and character and addictive with dark chocolate.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

**TECH SAVVY**

FROM PAGE D1

from the makers of Firefox. It's similar to Outlook Express but includes built-in spam filtering (and a killer mail-search feature).

Unfortunately, it's a bit complicated for the average user, and after 10 days of letting it "learn" what I consider to be junk, it still managed to

filter only about two-thirds of the spam. All the rest I had to delete manually.

I've also looked at anti-spam utilities like MailWasher (mail-washer.net) and SpamFighter Pro (spamfighter.com). The former works quite well, but it's a standalone program that you have to run prior to loading your e-mail client. Not for me.

As for SpamFighter Pro, it integrates directly with Outlook Express and does an

excellent job junking the junk mail. But it costs \$29 per year, and I'm looking for free.

On second thought, maybe free just isn't an option in the fight against spam. Maybe I should pony up the \$29 or \$45 and call it a day. After all, what's a few bucks in exchange for a spam-free inbox? Very worthwhile, if you ask me.

What method(s) do you employ to keep junk mail at bay? Have you found a free

solution that works? E-mail me at the address below and I promise you won't end up in my spam folder.

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Learn about sustainable 'green' remodeling and building materials as The Community House hosts Green Design: Remodeling Our Homes and Our Future 7-9 p.m. tonight. Instructor Debra Christy-Merriman, interior designer and owner of "Wake Up Your Space," will share how and where to find products and materials that have the lowest negative impact on our planet. The Community House is

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**Get Organized Event**  
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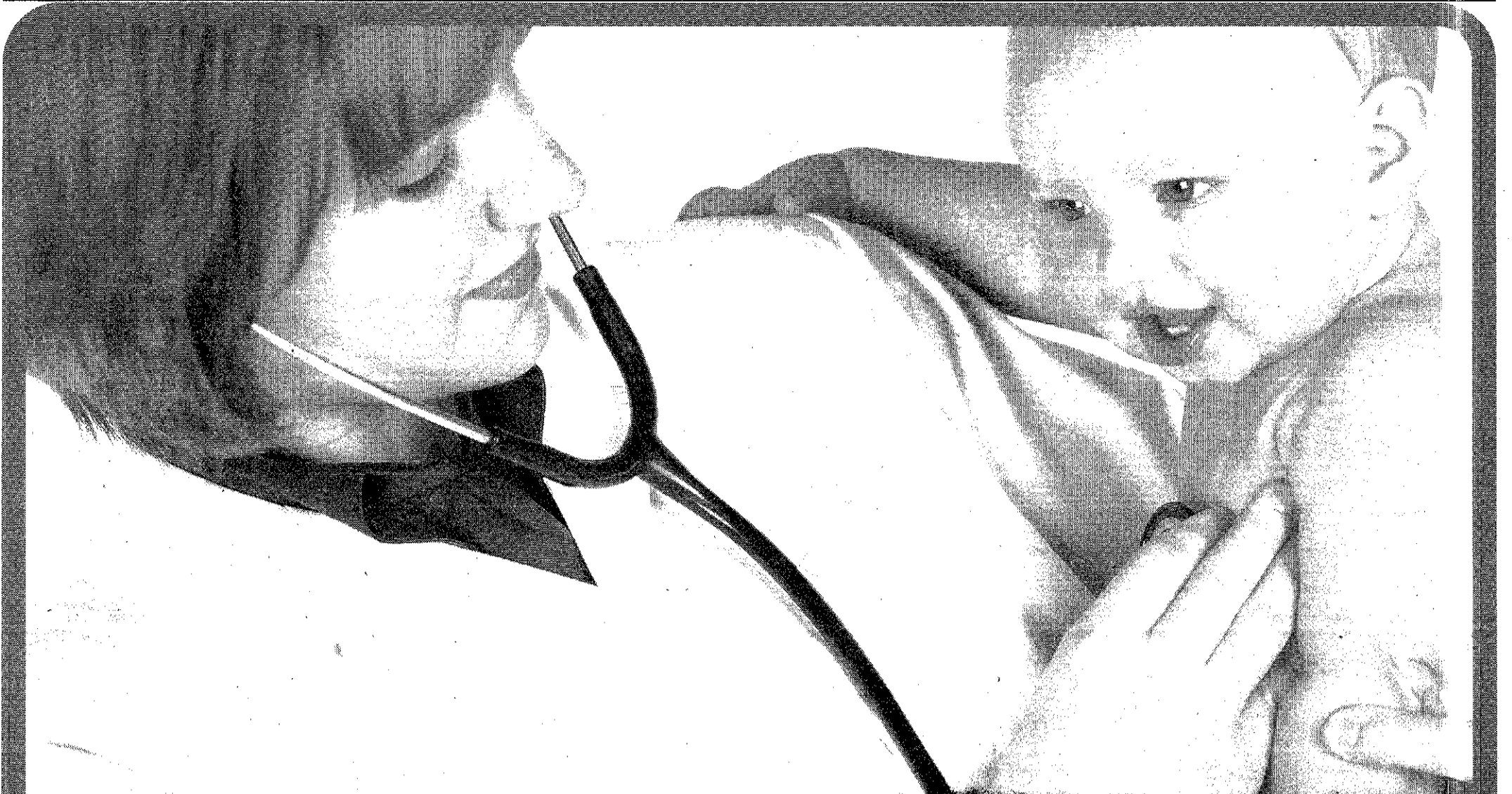
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