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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

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 tourniquet.

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

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

"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 missiug 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

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 Center in Westland. 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

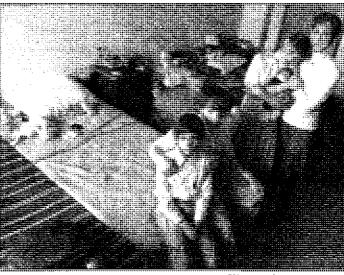
Rush had to sign a confidentiality agreement with her new employer, but said "it's a good job." She takes a bus to and from work.

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

"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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Fourth man charged for home break-in

STAFF WRITER

Four teenagers charged in a Westland home invasion are still under investigation for a rash of similar incidents in Westland, Garden City and Wayne, a police sergeant confirmed Monday.

The last of the four teens was arraigned Monday in Westland 18th District Court for a Dec. 18 home invasion on Glen near Schuman. The defendants, all 18, are accused of breaking out a rear kitchen window, going inside and stealing items, such as a flatscreen television, jewelry, a digital camera and change, police Sgt. Ed Price said.

Daniel Hutcherson of

Garden City became the latest teen arraigned, following earlier charges against Westland teens Cody Wazelle, Mark Zimmerman and Kyle Brewer.

"This was excellent police work by Ed Price," police Sgt. Thad Nelson said. "He really did a good job on this case."

The four teens are charged in the home invasion on Glen, but Price said authorities are continuing to investigate a series of similar incidents that happened as long ago as September.

The charges came as area authorities have noticed an upswing in crimes like home invasions and other thefts crimes that officials say tend to increase in tough economic times.

If convicted of the Dec. 18 home invasion, the four teens could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison. Notguilty pleas have been entered for them in court.

Hutcherson was arraigned Monday on a charge of second-degree home invasion. He was jailed in lieu of a \$10,000/10-percent bond and ordered to return to court for a Jan. 24 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

On Friday, Brewer was arraigned on charges of second-degree home invasion, larceny in a building and larceny over \$1,000. He was jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 cash or surety bond and, like Hutcherson, he

was ordered to return to court for a Jan. 24 hearing.

On Jan. 4, Zimmerman was arraigned on a charge of second-degree home invasion and jailed in lieu of a \$30,000/10percent bond. His hearing was scheduled for today (Jan. 17).

The first teen arraigned was Wazelle on Dec. 28, just a few days after authorities executed a search warrant at his Westland residence amid allegations they found some stolen items. Wazelle was released on a \$5,000 personal bond, and he already is awaiting trial in circuit court after earlier waiving his preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court.

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Coach's supporters: Firing 'handled badly'

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Supporters of a former John Glenn High School football coach let the Wayne-Westland school board know they didn't like his sudden dismissal nor the way in which it was handled.

Speaking on behalf of Todd DeLuca, they peppered the board with praise of the former varsity football coach and criticism that janitors and players knew of the school's decision to "move in another direction" before he did.

"He expected a lot of the players, they were students first," said Bob Johnson of Westland. "He demand respect, hard work, dedication and honor. He worked the kids hard and expected them to work hard. He deserves his job, he deserves better treatment than this."

DeLuca, a former Glenn quarterback who played under Lloyd Carr, coached a total of 28 seasons with the Rockets, including the last four as varsity coach. As varsity coach, he posted a 17-20 overall record, including one state playoff appearance in 2004.

DeLuca, who led the John Glenn Rockets to a 5-4 season this year, including a win over crosstown rival, Wayne Memorial, found out in early December from athletic director Brian Swinehart that his contract wasn't being renewed.

"We need to know why this happened, why he wasn't given the opportunity to resign or move to another position" said Bud Somerville, a longtime John Glenn football booster.

"I've known coach DeLuca for 36 years, he's one of the best

coaches I've ever seen." Somerville also told the board that not only did the school janitors know that the coach was being fired before he was told by Swinehart, a person called to inquire about the coaching position before the firing.

"The way he was fired was inappropriate," he said. "After 28 eight years, he deserves better than that. This was handled very badly."

Several people spoke in support of Swinehart, telling the board that administrators have to make tough decisions.

"He's one of the top athletic directors in the state, he's done great things over at the school, he's made some great changes," said Steven Brown.

"He's a tremendous guy, he loves the school, he loves the community," added Glenn basketball coach Mark Anderson. "He loves what he does. I've been around Glenn for seven years and I can tell you he's a very well respected AD. He does a good job."

Anderson added that he believed it was time for a change, noting that it means "our kids will get scholar-

School board President Skip Monit declined to discuss the firing, but told DeLuca's supporters that the district has "done due diligence" about the

"It's in the hands of the HR (human resources) department, we believe it will be handled fairly and justly," he

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Free seminar

Dr. James Froelich, director of vascular medicine at University of Michigan Hospital will talk about preventing heart disease at a free seminar at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Forum Fitness Center, 34250 Ford, Westland. To reserve a seat, call (734) 729-7000.

Euchre tourney

St. Mary Catholic Church, 3417 Third St. in Wayne, will have a euchre tournament Saturday, Jan. 19, with registration starting at 6:30 p.m.

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Comedy fund-raiser

The Westland Historical Society will present a fundraiser, Comedy for a Cause, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, in Livonia. Tickets are \$15 each and available at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind City Hall on

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Skating benefit

Skateland West will hold a skating benefit Friday, Jan. 18, and Monday, Jan. 21. The Big Buck Skate will be 1:30-3:30 p.m. both days and benefit the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

Bring in a canned good and skate for just one buck (\$1). Regular skate rental will be \$1 and \$5 for inline skates. The canned goods will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Skateland West is at 37550 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-2801.

Astronomy program

Join the Nankin Mills' naturalist on a journey through the celestial wonders of the night sky at "Winter Sky for Beginners" 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18. The winter constellations have many bright stars, making them easy to locate. Orion, the mighty hunter, is the 'guide' for the program. Bring a T-shirt to create your own star show. A short outdoor viewing session is included - weather permitting - sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills.

Program will be held at Wayne County Parks' Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Cost is \$4 per person, ages 7 through adults. Preregistration is required at the park office. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

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but I think (former President) Bill Clinton might help Hillary if she's elected," Roberts said. "It's down to those two for me right now."

He didn't entirely dismiss Romney, though. "I like the way he's talking. He makes you turn your head."

Roberts and other customers voiced disappointment that Democratic candidates like Obama and John Edwards pulled their names from the Michigan ballot after the state broke party rules by moving up its primary date.

"I think it's a farce the way this was handled," Roberts said, adding that he believes all candidates should have participated in the Michigan primary. With 19.5 percent of

Westland voters casting ballots,

those who voted Republican favored Romney (2,108) over John McCain (1,240) and Mike Huckabee (890). Some local voters also gave the nod to Ron Paul (418), Fred Thompson (191), Rudy Giuliani (178), uncommitted (128), Duncan Hunter (17), Tom Tancredo (5) and Sam Brownback (1).

On the Democratic side, Westland voters supported Clinton (3,884 votes) over uncommitted (2,102), Dennis Kucinich (192), Chris Dodd (43) and Mike Gravel (22).

Duke Cameron, a 54-yearold auto supplier worker who sat inside Bray's on Tuesday, cited job losses and the economy as his top concerns this election vear.

'Unemployment in Michigan is the highest in the nation," Cameron said. "I'm for Mitt Romney because he said he would bring Michigan back."

Even so, Cameron indicated as he sipped coffee and smoked a cigarette that he probably wouldn't vote in Tuesday's primary.

Like Roberts, Cameron called the Democratic primary "a joke" because all the candidates weren't on the ballot.

Supporters of Obama and Edwards had urged voters to cast their ballots as "uncommitted.

Working behind the counter at Bray's, 47-year-old Lirija Pasho didn't plan to vote Tuesday but said she will be voting for the first time in the November presidential election. A native of Macedonia, Pasho came to the United States when she was 8 years old, and she became a U.S. citizen last vear.

Pasho cited the economy, health care and the war in Iraq as issues that she believes should be addressed by the presidential candidates.

"Everybody's worried about health care," said Pasho, who

has some health coverage on her job. "And with the war, I'm not too crazy about our president (George Bush). We have created a situation that is hard to get out of." Like others, Pasho said she is

worried about the economy and job losses.

"People who are out of jobs can't find a job," she said. "If you don't have a job, you can't make ends meet and take care of your family. It's bad." Pasho, a Garden City resi-

dent, described herself as an independent voter who is liberal-leaning. But she criticized the Democratic Party for causing some candidates to snub Michigan's primary.

"I don't know why they bypassed our state. It's ridiculous," she said. "They went to Iowa and the other state (New Hampshire), but they treat us like we don't matter.

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to sell the house only for what

they owe on it. "We are simply two families trying to help each other out during difficult times the best we can," the family's statement said.

Rush's story also led to a variety of donations to the homeless shelter, which is run by administrator Carol Eddy

and her staff. Rush has asked other employers who called her to consider hiring some of the other people who stay at the center. To reach the shelter, call (734) 721-0590.

"My only wish is that this goodness continues for the other residents," Rush said. "They deserve the very best as

Rush said she can't be thankful enough to those who were touched by her story and who helped her. That includes a company, Entertainment

Express on Telegraph near Warren, that picked up her family in a limo during the holidays and took them to dinner and to see a holiday light show in Hines Park.

"My children were just thrilled," Rush said.

The company came back to the homeless shelter with a trolley and took other residents to the same light show.

Rush already has made arrangements for her children to continue attending their same schools in the Inkster

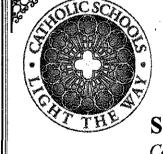
district after the family moves. She didn't want to disrupt them in the middle of the school year.

In December, Rush, a disheartened mother, had wondered aloud whether she would ever be able to recapture her share of the American dream. Due to the generosity of strangers, she now smiles when she suggested a hopeful ending for this story.

"And they lived happily ever after," she said.

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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

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

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 I call the 'Fab Five' of auto

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

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 Tokvo — Detroit is the fifth show. Those are what 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 introduction 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 mil-

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

"The Chinese are concerned too, because the first (car) makers over here set the standard

back.

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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St. Dunstan Catholic School will hold an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the school, at 1615 Belton, Garden City. St. Dunstan is a fully accredited Catholic school that offers a quality, faith -based, Catholic education, using a challenging curriculum that is taught by highly qualified and dedicated teachers in classrooms that offer an excellent teacher-student ratio. During the open house, the staff will be available to discuss with parents all of the activities taking place in their classrooms. Current parents and families also are invited to view all the work our students have done and discuss what is planned for next year. The school offers a reasonable tuition. After the visit, families are invited to a spaghetti dinner the parish community room inside the church The dinner is sponsored by the PTG. For more information, call (734)

425-4380. Tax time

The Liberty Tax Service Offices at 235 Inkster Road, just north of Cherry Hill , Garden City, is holding an open house 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions in the tax law as well as what's need to file your return this year. For more information call (734) 425-4993.

Texas Hold 'em-Vegas Night The Wayne Ford Civic League will

hold a Texas Hold 'em Tournament and Vegas Night Saturday, Feb. 2, at the league half, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Texas Hold 'em seating is limited to 200 participants and advance reservations are available. On the Vegas side, guests can enjoy black jack, Let it Ride, big money wheel and roulette games or try their luck with Michigan Charity Game Tickets, There also will be 50/50 raffles conducted every hour with all the proceeds being donated to the Westland Goodfellows. Beer, wine, wine coolers, Mike's Hard Lemonade and Pepsi products will be available for purchase. For advance reservations or more information, contact Sean Leonard by e-mail at theleonard83@aol.com or phone at (734) 377-3517, or contact the hall by calling

wayneford.org. Apply for scholarships

The 41st annual Court of St. Brigid Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. Rose Kennedy Oivision, offers educational scholarships to winners, who must be Irish, Catholic and between the ages of 17 and 22. The program is Saturday, Feb. 16, at the AOH hall in Detroit. Contact, Maureen Kelley at (734) 632-0334 or visit www.detroitirish.org. Apply by Feb. 9.

(734) 728-5010 or by e-mail at vbarra@

Railroadiana

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club is sponsoring Railroadiana, a buy-and swap toys and trains show, noon -4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer, one mile west of Merriman. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food is available and parking is free. There will be operating

Abandoned Vehicle Auction

January 23rd at 10:00 am Spar 3135.

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1999	Ford	1FAFP6639XK100774
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Personal property described below in the matter of:

654- Raymond C. Dennis- refrigerator, toolbox, golf clubs

sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

- 820- Barbara Gorno- boxes, table, totes 125- David Beeler Jr- boxes.mattress
- 144- Kristen Van Wasswhnova-bags,boxes,totes 238- Kimberly Sidar- bags, boxes, totes
- 327- Jason Liberadzki-microwave, tv, shelf 512-Janet Pielak-bags, boxes, totes
- 518- Ann Marie Swift-box.sofa.tv
- 532-Michael A. Santwire-bags, boxes, totes 651- Taquana Brooks-bags, boxes, totes
- 657- Kymane R Clark-bags, boxes, totes 834- Eleni M. Segos- box,dresser,totes
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Personal property described below in the matter of: 1054 - Tonia Parker - China Cabinet, Mirror, Misc Items

- 1068 Jeanine Schifino Mattress, Boxspring, 20 Boxes
- 1078 Danyell Alexander Couch, Table, Endtable 1166 - Ryan Mason - Bike, 2 Totes, 5 Bags
- 1246 Lori Hill -- Bike, 20 Boxes, TV
- 1298 Kimberly Mathews TV, Treadmill, Loveseat 2004 - Felicia Green - Couch, Oven, Freezer
- 3142 Ivonne Buchman Table, 8 Chairs, 10 Boxes
- 3180 Renee Robinson Couch, Desk, Misc Items 3198 – Dawn Scharp – Dresser, Mattress, Cedar Chest
- 3204 Frederick McCray Bike, Riding Lawnmower, Refrigerator
- 4014 Jessica Burton 5 Totes, Chair, Microwave 4062 - Nutrica Baker - Dresser, Loveseat, Couch
- 4066 Lavella Norwood-Edwards 10 Totes, 2 Bags, Dresser
- 5040 Adam Cain Washer, Dryer, VCR 5078 - Sharon Watkins - 30 Boxes, Stereo, 5 Totes
- 5096 Fayvian Watts Mattress, Luggage, 10 boxes
- 5172 Jacqulyn Billingsley Couch, Table, 4 Chairs 5182 - Ambra Sanders - 6 Totes, 2 Boxes, Misc Items
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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 2464- Nicole Turner- boxes, bags, totes 1484-Carla Hickman-boxes bags totes
- 2283-Tammy Butler-boxes totes clothes 1098-Shelly Maddox-dressers chairs boxes
- 2134-Margaret Johnson-boom box bags boxes 1288-Martha Williams-boxes totes clothes
- 2281-Veronica Peterson-totes boxes 1248-Anthony Mccarthy-totes bags boxes
- 1410-Sparkalen Keith-totes bags boxes 1331-ibrahim abuikhdair-box and bag
- 1442-Michael Brown-tv totes beds
- 1354-April Stewart-table fridge boxes 2464-Nicole Turner-boxes table bags
- 1508-Denise Jorden-fridge boxes sofa W/D 1348-Michael McClain-boxes bags totes
- 1214-Yameka Rainer-leather sofas beds dressers 1444-Rimmon Oneil-minifridge vacuum chairs
- 1008-Candy Chartier-clothes boxes bags 1138-Bobbie Brazier-bike bed ent center
- 1468-linda riley-sofa loveseat, bed 1298-Dionne Simms-boxes furniture beds 2456-LeRoy Rice-speakers paintings tv

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train layouts of various gauges and more than 150 dealer tables. Tables are available at \$10 per table. To reserve tables, call (734) 595-8327, Dealer set-

up is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show. Hospice volunteers The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is looking for kind, compassionate individuals to help support hospice patients and their families in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Volunteers are

needed Monday through Friday during day time hours. There is a particular need for male volunteers to support male hospice patients. The next training session is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 9, 16, and 23. Attendance at all three sessions is required. All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. An interview is required. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext 8361, or direct at (248) 967-8361.

Also visit the VNA Web site at visit

www.vna.org. **Wrestling Club**

Westland Bottle Rockets is a wrestling club for ages 5-14. The club meets on Monday and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marguette, west of Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan. The club runs from November through March and costs \$20. For guestions or more information, contact Judy at judylaw1122@yahoo.com or calling (734) 634-4595.

Dunkin' Donuts gives coffee to RC donors

In honor of January's National Blood Donor Month, Dunkin' Donuts is recognizing American Red Cross donors, employees and volunteers in Michigan.

Now through Thursday, Jan. 31, all donors at any of the participating American Red Cross blood donor centers or who attempt to give blood will receive a coupon for a medium, freshly brewed, any flavored coffee or a small hot chocolate, including their new Milky Way Brand Hot Chocolate.

"For a second straight year. Dunkin' Donuts is proud to recognize the American Red Cross employees, volunteers and donors by providing them with free coffee and donuts," said Nick Spencer, marketing manager of Dunkin' Donuts. "We are pleased to assist the American Red Cross supporters with their blood collection efforts.

Dunkin' Donuts also is be donating donuts today (Jan. 17)

as treats for donors and volunteers at select American Red Cross Blood Donor Centers throughout southeastern Michigan.

All American Red Cross employees and volunteers in southeast Michigan and other select Michigan counties will receive the same free coupon offering. The coupons are redeemable at any participating Dunkin' Donuts locations throughout Michigan (while supplies last).

Senior Alliance holds comedy benefit

Instead of giving the traditional flowers and candy, take your Valentine out for laugh and benefit The Senior

Alliance. Comedy for a Cause will be held Thursday, Feb. 14, at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia. Tickets are \$15 per person - 80 percent of the ticket price will be donated to The Senior

Alliance. In addition, show your

Comedy for a Cause ticket for 25 percent off a meal at Kickers All American Grill, located below Joey's, or 50 percent off a pizza during the show. Kickers All American Grill and Joey's Comedy Club are located at 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Order tickets and find out more information about The Senior Alliance by calling Jaclyn Kochis, TSA Program Specialist, at (734) 727-2060. Reservations are required for dinner; call (734) 261-0555. Mention Comedy for a Cause when calling.

The Senior Alliance mission is to provide advocacy, programming, planning, contracting, funding and personnel necessary to enable older persons to function as independently as possible in their community.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, January 24, 2008, various item of the City Westland Police Department will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

<u>Stock</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>VIN</u>
3380830	1996	Ford	Mustang	1FALP42X8TF217197
3741068	1996	Oldsmobile	Aurora	1G3GR62CXT411660

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.

The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by perspective buyers on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, from 8:30 Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start

of the auction. Terms and Conditions will be acceptable to any item sold.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 1 1/7/08

Presiding: President Pickering

Present: Godbout, Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves, Stottlemver

2-James Godbout declared Council President. 4-Cheryl Graunstadt declared Council President Pro-Tem. 5-Approved minutes of 12/17/07.

7-Approved Indus. Fac. Tax Exempt. Cert. for US Farathane. 8-Approved Prep. Res. granting Appl. of US Farathane for Ind. Fac.

Exempt. Cert. 3-Adopted Intro. of Budget. Amend. 2008-06; Manpower Budget

10-Adopted Intro. of Budget, Amend. 2008-07; Gen. Fund 11-Adopted Intro. of Budget. Amend. 2008-08; Gen. Fund \$20,915.00.

\$135,985.00. 13-Approved Checklist Activity: \$1,904,393.84 & Prepaid: \$2,845,941.54

12-Adopted Intro. of Budget. Amend. 2008-09; Gen. Fund

Minutes available at the Clerk's office. JAMES R. GODBOUT

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

EILEEN DEHART City Clerk

Council President Publish: January 17, 2008

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2031-Larry Adams-sofa,dresser 3013-Jennifer Stoneberg-big screen leather couch table 3018-Frank Makdesion-boxes totes table 3030-Aaron Stevens-Washer Dryer a/c unit 3042-Rick Seal-hutch sofa loveseat 3064- DeQuan Thomas- mattress,tv,box 3077-Thomas Lundy Sr. fish tank TV chairs 3082-Michael Height-boxes totes bags 3088-Kiauna Lewis-dresser tv table 3091-Melissa Thomas-tv boxes chairs 3097-Thomas Lippford- ent center tv sofa 4014-Samuel Cuffie-W/D stove boxes 4020-Arthur LeRoy-bike table totes 4023-Nate Atherton-totes grill tools 4050-Melissa Scott-foosball table tv couch 5006-Patrick M. Laferty-bags totes boxes 5027-Destiny Volosuk-clothes totes stereo 5063-Nicole Monthei-weight set washer dryer 5069-Carl Hicks-boxes totes bags 5086-Marie Long-boxes totes bags 5093-Wendy Galloway-couch chairs toys 6001-Anthony Davis-trucks tires lawnmower 6014-Jacqueline Rice-ty dresser beds 6022-Buddie Adkins-cables spools 6026-Denise Hood-toys fishtank clothes 6041-Louis Forysek-excercize equipment clothes table 6043- Jerry Field- washer, bed, box 6050-Fatme Berry Yamani-boxes totes bags 6055-Debra Bynum-tv freezer hutch

Personal property described below in the matter of:

6059-Judith Ryan-fish tank lawnmower 6071-Waymon Smith-office equipment doors chairs 6080-Christine Newsome-motorbike bike boxes 6085-Ron Bembry bags boxes 6089-George Smith-boxes bags totes 6093-Rosemarie Schafer-chairs totes

6097-Tom Lnndy-engine 6111-Chytia Kidd-microwave bags bed 7008-April Holyfield-boxes bags totes 7035-Melissa Hill-boxes bags totes 7040-Rebecca Grauman-boxes bags totes 7049-Elisa Vann-Bags totes boxes 7068-Teniko Troutman-boxes bags totes

7112-Renee Boyea-boxes bags totes 9014-Crystal Neumann-crib toys clothes 9043-Jerry Bray-couch outdoor furniture 9051-Angela Davis-chairs table couch 9084-Demetrius Terrell-boxes totes bags

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1306B, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Fitness Center, 7420 N. Wayne Road, Parcel # 015-03-0004-001, East Side of Wayne Road, North of Warren Road, Ernie J. D'Ascenzo (Peter J. Giambanco).

Case #2164, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to VFW Post #6896, 28945 Joy Road, Parcel #002-99-0014-000, South Side of Joy Road, East of Middlebelt Road, Kevin Biondo (Richard D. Gnida).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 5,

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

B160-Tamarka Davis-dryer,refrigerator,bags

C025- Lola Yonko- box,bag,tote D042- Linder Magwood- box,bag,tote E040- Denise Hearn-headboard, mattress, dresser

A011- Brian R. Davis- box,bag,tote A016- Tracey Wilburn-- box,bag,tote B048- Keyanna Wafford-- box,bag,tote

B072- Michael Kowalski- totes.vac.tools B081- William Childress-- box, bag, tote

B097- Margret Mercing-- box,bag,tote B109- Latanya Harris-- box,bag,tote

B117- Engrid Gudger-- box.bag.tote

B118- Robert Smith- washer, dryer, entertainment center B126- Jeffrey Johnson-- box,bag,tote

B131- Catherine McDonald-- box,bag,tote B149- John Mason-boxes, refrigerator

B269- Thessalonia Stubbs-- box,bag,tote B282- Nefertiti Morris- bed.couch.washer

B309- Jason Herdandez-- box.bag.tote

B321- Tisha Delaney-- box,bag,tote B345- Audrey Powell-- box,bag,tote

B392- Lacie Lesniewski-- box.bag.tote C016- Katie Day- box, bag, tote

C025- Lola Yonko - box,bag,tote C043-Tonia Johnson-box,bag,tote

D001- Trinity Ministries- box.bag.tote D007- Sharon Mitchell- box,bag,tote

D026- Cher- ri Pve- box.bag.tote D034- Julia Hightower-box, bag, tote

D037- Charmaine Land-box,bag,tote F003- Anthony Woods

F018- Bradley Moscarello Publish: January 10 & 17, 2008

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1372C, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Café Restaurant, 34795 Ford Road, Parcel #047-01-0001-302, South Side of Ford Road, East of Wayne Road, Simon Kassem (Gaetano Greco)



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

> KENNETH B. SHARP, Chairman Westland Planning Commission

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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



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Malibu is pro-'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. Loug-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

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, January 17, 2008

What: North American International

Auto Show. Where: Cobo Center, Detroit.

Media previews: Sunday, Jan. 13, through Tuesday, Jan. 15. Industry days: Wednesday, Jan. 16 through Thursday, Jan. 17.

Black-tie charity preview: 6-9 p.m., Friday, Jan. 18. Tickets are \$400 per person (\$390 of each ticket is tax deductible), Call (888) 838-7500 for

more information. Public days: Saturday, Jan. 19,

through Sunday, Jan. 27. Hours: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 19-26; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 27. Prices: \$12 for adults; \$6 for seniors 65 or older; \$6 for children ages 7-12; children 6 and under are admitted free with a parent.

More information: (248) 643-0250 or www.naias.com.

Inside Cobo Center, dozens of auto manufacturers from around the globe set up giant exhibits, marketing their vehicles on various twists of speed and power, intelligence and green technology.

Despite the challenges that lie ahead, I feel confident today that Chrysler is on the threshold of full recovery and a return to its former greatness," Chrysler CEO Robert L. Nardelh said to hundreds of members of the international media that were gathered in heated tents outside Cobo Center to get a glimpse of the cattle and new pickup trucks. '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 newlyproposed 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



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

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 took 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.

"Secondly, Ingenuity Welcome' speaks to who we are and the kind of employees we want engaged and onboard to make our vision a reality."

The show opens to the public on Saturday.

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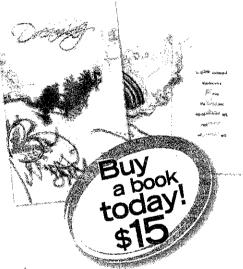


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t seems every few months I have to write a column about investing and the

stock market. Last year, there were at least three times where the



was filled with stories

of doom and gloom. Once again, we're going through another one of Rick Bloom 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

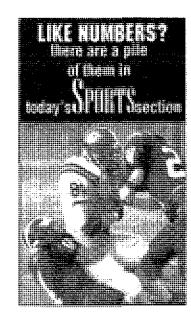
Being an investor is not easy. Even when the market is doing well, it takes discipline to be successful because a good investor focuses on an overall strategy and not day-to-day returns. Someone who focuses

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 Shesiuk, 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.



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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

Investors who did not prune the real estate portion of their portfolio were hurt more than

too large a portion of your

rebalanced. Another example is what happened in the tech boom in the 1990s. Those who continued to buy technologybased 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 vour 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, For more, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement. com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.





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RELIGION CALENDAR

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JANUARY

Spaghetti fund-raiser 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at St.

Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children. Please bring a canned good for their pantry. Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner and help support the Music Scholarship Program that the Livonia Civic Chorus sponsors every year for local students. Raffle baskets and 50/50 raffles. Be part of the fun and entertainment for the evening with a Karaoke twist. For tickets, call Kelly at

(734) 377-1745. Women's retreat

Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20, at St. John's Retreat Center of Plymouth. Cost is \$85, includes Saturday lunch, dinner, snacks and Sunday breakfast. Rooms are single occupancy. For more information, call Kathy Weinberg at (734) 464-0211, Ext. 202.

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include Plymouth Ice Festival & Chili Cook-Off Saturday,

RICHARD J. FRANCIS

Peacefully at home surrounded by the

love of his family on January 14, 2008

after battling leukemia and a rare brain

virus. Beloved husband of 43 years to

Janet. Dear father of Maureen Francis

(Dmitry Koublitsky) and the late Paul

(Mary Veit). Cherished Grandfather of Daniel Veit and Dido of Kateryna

Koublitsky. Brother of Isabel Smith

Will be missed by many brothers and

sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and

friends. Family will receive friends at

A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers

(btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 3-8pm

Scripture Service 7pm. Memorial Mass Friday 11:00am at Holy Name

Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland,

Birmingham. Visitation begins at

church 10:30am. Memorial tributes to

Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 1390

Quarton Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI

48304 or the Paul Francis Memorial

Fund at The Baldwin Public Library,

300 Merrill St., Birmingham, MI

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ROCKO LUCISANO

MAZZARO

Age 75. He was born on September

13, 1932 in Detroit to the late

Emmacolato and Carmella Mazzaro.

He served in the Air Force during the

Korean War. Rocko was an educator

with Farmington, Garden City and Redford High Schools and the

University of Wisconsin- Whitewater.

He was a talented researcher, writer

historian and photographer. He was

an avid gardener and enjoyed baseball

and sports history. He is survived by

his loving wife Sylvia of 51 years. He

was the caring father of: Perri(Mark)

Lindenmuth, Gina(Larry) Tretyak

Rocko(Janice) Mazzaro and Liisa

(Ted) Milliner, all previously of

Livonia. He was the grandfather of 7

grandchildren. He is also survived by

his brothers: Jerome Mazzaro of New

York City and Lou(Ruth) Mazzaro of

Waterford. He was preceded in death

by his sisters: Angelina Lamontagne

and Carmela New. A Memorial serv-

ice will be held on Saturday, January

19th at 1:00pm with gathering begin-

ning at 11:00am at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St.

(10 Mile Rd), South Lyon. Memorial

contributions would be appreciated to

The Salem-South Lyon Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 4817

or Schoolcraft College Library.

Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward

Jan. 19; a walk in Heritage Park 10 a.m. and Whaler's Hockey Game 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, and a Superbowl House Party Sunday, Feb. 3. Single Place Ministry meets Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville, Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5 per person.

MAMA's coffeehouse

The Milroys and Annie and Rod Capps perform Saturday, Jan. 19, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northwest corner of Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. For information, call (248) 569-0965. To reserve an open mic

time, call (248) 626-4650. **Reformed Protestant services**

Continue Sundays at 3:30 p.m., The doctrines and teachings of Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the worship services of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). A new preaching station has been established at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Rd., Canton. The Rev. Sean Humby will preach each Sunday. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www. westminsterconfession.org, or e-mail Humby at sean.humby@fuse.net.

Russian music concert

Wesley Fishwick, planist and David Levine, cellist, present a concert of Russian music 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, west of Farmington Road, south of Grand River, Farmington Hills. Fishwick is the organist at St. John and has taught at Antioch College, Ohio, Macomb College and in the Chippewa Valley School District. Levine has been a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Cleveland Orchestra. This concert is part of the church's 50th Anniversary Celebration series. No charge but a free will offering will be received. For more information, call (248) 474-0584.

The Recovery Principles

Continues 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the sanctuary at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads. Call (734) 421-1760. The class focuses on honesty, openmindedness and willingness.

Swiss steak dinner

Newburg Church Missions Committee is sponsoring a home cooked Swiss steak dinner with all the fixin's 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25. Proceeds will go to housing the homeless. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 children, Macn-cheese will be available for kids. Carryout will be available or stay for dinner and afterwards play board games or cards. Donations accepted. Tickets will be available January 6-20 in the office at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call 734-422-0149.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

Staving affoat

ABC's of personal/family finance 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge but pre-registration is encouraged. Call (734) 422-6038.

Court of St. Brigid

Scholarship Program sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at the AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit, Educational scholarships will be awarded to the winner and her court. Eligible for the program are girls, ages 17-22, who are Irish and Catholic. For application and more information, call Maureen Kelly at (734) 632-0334 or visit www.detroitirish.org. Deadline for application is Friday, Feb. 9.

Special services

Sundays in January the focus is on how life would be different if you only had 30 days to live, 10:30 a.m. at Friendship Church which meets at Michigan Theological Seminary, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, For information, call (734) 710-9370 or visit www.Canton Friendship.org.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills) is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www. orchardumc.org for updates.

UPCOMING

Heart workshop Living a Heart Centered Life work-

shop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Unity Church of Ann Arbor; 4599 Carpenter Road. Tap into your heart's wisdom for health and healing. Find your life's purpose. Learn how to óvercome the negative emotions that can cause heart disease. Dr. Kirk Laman, board certified cardiologist, author, trainer, and assistant Professor of Medicine Michigan State University. For cost and to registration, call (734) 434-8545.

Christian comedian

Ed Thompson (www.edthompsonlive.com), 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96 (Schoolcraft service drive), Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

Curt Collins concert Top 20 Christian Music performer Curt Collins will be performing 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at St. John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Rd., two blocks west of downtown Farmington. Admission is free. A Love Offering will be taken. Call (248) 474-0584.

Single Place Ministry Divorce recovery workshop continues to Feb. 21, at First Presbyterian Church, Emeritus Room, 200 E. Main, Northville, Topics include networking/midlife crisis, stage of grief, putting your "ex" in focus, legal aspects of divorce (includes pot luck dinner), spiritual help and forgiveness, helping children through divorce, and relationships old and new. Cost \$35, includes book, Growing through Divorce, Scholarships available. Childcare available for toddlers

through grade six. To register, call

(248) 349-0911. Lenten symposium

Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan, Sterling Heights. Featured speaker is the Rev. Monsignor Charles Mangan of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Cost is \$40 advance (\$45 at door), \$20 students, free for seminarians. All speakers also attend the youth symposium (cost \$15 for ages 12-17). Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by Mass at 8 a.m. For more information, visit www.holytrinityapostolate.com, send é-mail to barbaramm@sbcglobal.net or call Shirley at (313) 277-8905, Jerene (248) 625-2461 or Bonnie (586) 781-8523. Registration form must be received

by Feb. 20. Men's retreat

Feb. 29 to March 2, at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Outer Drive and 1-96. Single rooms, own bath, all meals. Cost is approximately \$125. Call Ruben at (734) 261-5321 for appointment.

Living Water series

Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H20 starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water. It is also intended for those who have never made a commitment to Jesus.

ONGOING Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a life-changing Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. Couples who pray together daily have a divorce rate of less than 1 divorce in every 1000 marriages. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. 8ased on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. B). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com, St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia,

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulieris Dignitatem-On the Dignity and Vocation of Women). in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session begins 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 14, to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.

Grief support group

Offered by Romulus Wesleyan Church and Hospice of Michigan for 13 weeks began 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the church, 37300 Goddard, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, continues to March 16 and March 20, respectively, at the Romulus Public Library on Wayne Road at Goddard, For information, call (734) 941-1511, (734) 942-7589 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Day of service

Beginning in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden. which provides six tons of produceeach season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For more information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www. holycrosslivonia.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Worship

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

Upper Room Ministries

Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, in Room 111 in Our Lady of Loretto School on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford, Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. All faiths welcome to attend. For information, call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis, F.I.R.E. Ministries, For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule Regular church service 10 a.m.

Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www. holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services 10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy fol-

lowed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays, Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Singers wanted

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BARBARA ANN REUTHER Age 77 of Canadian Lakes, formerly of Plymouth, passed away Sunday 13, 2008. Born August 31, 1930 in Flint, Barb was a graduate Flint central High School, she received her R.N. degree from Hurley Hospital School of Nursing, and earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Gerontology from Madonna University. She married Ken Reuther on March 29, 1952 while he was attending the General Motors Institute in Flint. They made their home in Plymouth for 36 years and moved to Canadian Lakes in 2000. Survivors include husband; Ken, 2 sons; Rick of Grand Rapids and Robert of Plymouth, 2 sisters; Carolyn Kurth and Nancy Crimmins. Barb was pre-ceded in death by a son, Tom in 1995. Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 17 th. at the Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home in Big Rapids. Memorial contributions in Barb's name may be directed to the Ferris State University Foundation for the Barbara Reuther Memorial Scholarship for nursing. Online condolences to www.daggettgilbertfuneralhome.com

BARBARA EILEEN DOWN (nee Stock)

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved angel, on Sunday, January 13, 2008, at the age of 80 while surrounded by her family at University of Michigan Hospital. A light in our lives has been extinguished. A gentle, sweet soul who provided much love and support to her family; her husband of 61 years. Stanley of Farmington, Michigan, her daughters Pamela Down (Charles Pfeffer) of Novi, Michigan, Jacqueline Mines of Walled Lake, Michigan, Deborah Beiz-Rubis (Roger) of Livonia. Michigan and Candice Koda (Philip) of Scottsdale, Arizona and her cherished grandchildren Marine Col. Andrew Belz (Sabrina) currently serving in Iraq, and Jennifer and Kimberly Koda. She was a devoted sister to Donna Jean Nagel (Erwin) and Beverly Ann Douglas (predeceased) and aunt to ten nieces and eleven nephews. An intelligent and industrious worker her entire life, she provided kind, quiet and selfless service to a variety of customers while employed at Bond Clothing Stores, Detroit Bank & Trust and Metro Bank until her retirement at age 67. She was a woman of high principles who lived her life with integrity and strength. She was curious, resilient and passionate about things she cared for. In "retirement she enjoyed creating a beautiful home, gardening and providing joy and peace through her thoughtfulness to family, neighbors and pets. A healthy, vibrant and creative woman stricken with a wretched autoimmune disease, she believed good health would return and looked forward to holding her first great grandchild expected in March. In accordance with her wishes, a private burial and family service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

BARBARA J. ROUNDS

Age 75, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away January 12, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington, MI



BARBARA UNDERWOOD

Age 84 December 21, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of Peggy (Stefan) Marenich, Nancy Randall and Barbara J. Underwood. Grandmother of Andrew Borromey. Sister of Leigh B. (Hannelore) Dennison. Sister-in-law of Barbara U Mullin. Memorial Service to be held Saturday, January 19th, at the Village 34660 Birmingham (two blocks south of Manle on the east side of Woodward). visitation 10am until time of memorial at 11am. Memorials appreciated to Cranbrook Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Court, #300, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660. Obituary and condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com



Of Flint, age 80, died January 9 in Grand Blanc, Funeral services will be held at 3 pm, Monday, January 21 at Brown Funeral Home, 1480 E Hill Road, Grand Blanc, Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 pm. Sunday January 20 at the funeral home, Betty was born in Flint on March 15, 1927 She married Lawrence Epskamp on September 6, 1947. Surviving are children Rebecca (Geraid Kraft) and Sarah Ellen of Melbourne Australia, (Sally Kinyon) of Ypsilanti, David Helen (Larry Olsen) of Fowlerville, Miriam (David Hunt) of Kalamazoo, and son-in-law Victor Galea of Flint; grandchildren Erin Oliver, Megan Epskamp, Gulliver Giles, Rhiannon and Lesleigh Kraft, Elisabeth Rogerson, Katherine Bur, Victor Jr, Michael and Samuel Galea, Melissa and Gary Olsen, Benjamin Epskamp, Abraham, Isaac, and Eleanor Epskamp-Hunt, great-grand children Alison Epskamp and Spencer Galea, Eleanor many nieces and nephews, two brothers, and a sister. Husband Lawrence, her son Lawrence, daughter Martha and granddaughter Emily preceded her in death. Memories may be shared with the family at www.mem.com

BETTY MARIE EPSKAMP



BEVERLY J. CHOPP

Age 77, Jan. 14, 2008. Beloved wife of Lawrence. Loving mother of Guy (Nancy), Susan (Lawrence) Tughan, (Kenneth) Jacobs, Karen (James) Paison, Gregory and Gary (Jennifer). Also survived by 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Arthur Cooprider. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held Thursday 2-9 PM. Please contact the family or R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734)422-6720 for further information. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Assoc. Share a memory of Beverly at www.rggrharris.com

EARL YOUNG January 12, 2008, age 79 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Jewell. Dear father of Philip (Jean), Connie (Randy) Nelson and the late Rosemary. Brother of Grace Deaton, Helen Joerg and Carol Chaney. Grandfather of Eric (Paula), Justin Young, Emily Nelson and Anastasia Nelson. Great grandfather of Ethan and Lucas Young. Instate Tuesday, Jan, 15th, 10am at First Baptist Church of Wayne until time of service at 11am. Family will receive friends Monday, 2-9pm at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family requests memorials to First Baptist Church of Wayne. Please visit and sign tribute at www.uhtfh.com



ELIZABETH M BELROSE

Age 84, of Plymouth, passed away January 11, 2008, Born in Providence Rhode Island, on November 19, 1923. Survived by her devoted husband, Albert. Loving mother of Jerome (Andrea), Marcella (Gerald) Stone, the late Neil, Geralyn (John) Norman. and Michele (Kirk) Czarnecki. Proud nana of 17 and great nana of 27. Dear sister of Marcella Moore. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 14, 2008, from St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd, Plymouth. Interment, All Saints Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

HERMAN F. (FRED).

WATSON Jan. 12, 2008, age 81. Husband of Margaret. Survived by sister Lois, 9 children and their spouses, 30 grand-children, 6 great-grandchildren. Proud Veteran of WWII. Funeral Mass Saturday, January 19, 2008, 10 am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville. In memory of Herman, the family asks that contributions be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit., MI 48207, or a charity of your choice. Interment will be private.

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RELIGION FROM PAGE A8

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the . . Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-youcan-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.

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MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, 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@gmall.com.

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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.

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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.

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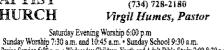
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OUR VIEWS

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.

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 ...

Monday morning, the Annapolis Park Church of Christ will once again host a We encourage residents to city observance, honoring start the day in a peaceful 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."

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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 pub-

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.

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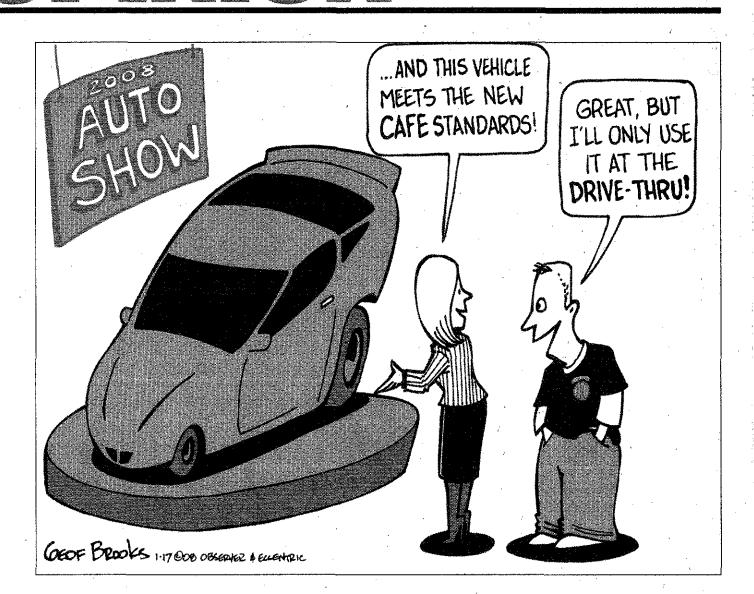
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LETTERS

world.

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

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 democ-

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

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 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 homeschooled 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 homeschoolers, 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 homeschooled 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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QUOTABLE

"Protecting part of such a nice wetland ecosystem is very rewarding since it helps preserve good wildlife habitat." - Sara Thomas, president of the Livingston Land Conservancy, about the donation of eight acres of land by Dianne and Ron Winfrey of Westland and Jo Anne and John Normile of Plymouth

Future of Great Lakes looms large for Michigan

he Great Lakes are the largest freshwater system on the globe, and Michigan alone lives nearly totally surrounded by them. Besides their amazing beauty, they account for around 20 percent of the world's total supply of drinkable fresh water.

But there is reason to worry, big-time. Ponder these disturbing facts about the lakes:

■ Water levels everywhere are very low. Experts think Lakes Michigan and Huron could beat their all-time record lows, set back in 1964. Superior's level in September was 1.6 inches lower than it was in the same month at its previously lowest record. Something's going on, big enough to

take trillions of gallons out of our lakes. Clearly, global warming is involved in various wávs. ■ A new species of invasive, non-

native critter (think zebra mussels or the fish-killing virus VHS) invades every six months or so. David Lodge, a researcher at the University of Notre Dame, says some come from discharged untreated ballast water in ocean-going ships.

Another, possibly even more important source: growths on the outside of ship's hulls.

■ Vern Ehlers, a scientist who is also a Republican congressman from Grand Rapids, is circulating a pledge asking candidates for president to fund a Great Lakes restoration strategy.

A recent Brookings Institution study found restoring the Great Lakes (a \$20 billion effort) would result in \$80 billion in economic benefits. But so far, only Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois — the two from Great Lakes states — have signed.

■ The Detroit Free Press asked the eight top candidates running for president about a variety of environmental issues, from diverting Great Lakes water to dry states to supporting a \$20 billion program to restore the lakes, to ways to cope with global warming.

As of last Friday, only one had answered: former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who grew up in Michigan and presumably knows something about the Great Lakes and their water.

I sat in late last week on a sort of summit conference of folks interested in Michigan's environment. It was both fascinating and encouraging. Of course, there were the heavyweight environmental organizations: The Nature Conservancy, the National Wildlife Federation and the Michigan Environmental Council.

But there were also folks from the Council of Great Lakes Industries and the Ford Motor Co., as well as from the University of Michigan and Brookings. Taken together, the group was about as knowledgeable as you'll ever find about our environment.

There were plenty of insights. First, take the idea, very fashionable in economics and business circles, that Phil Power is a former president of the Michigan chapter of the there should be a price set on water that reflects the actual costs of the resource.

Those intent on improving our resources policies say establishing a price system would reveal lots of hidden and expensive subsidies (for farmers in California, for

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What emerged from the meeting was this: A consensus that our natural resources - whether Great Lakes, streams, forests, shorelines - are uniquely magnificent. They constitute an enormous competitive and economic resource in providing a great, and affordable, quality of life for people who live here.

instance, or folks with green lawns in Las Vegas). "Not so fast," counter the environmentalists. That would make our natural resource a commodity like

anything else for sale. The moment we put a price on our Great Lakes water, somebody will be willing to pay it ... and slurp! — there goes our water!

The economics surrounding invasive species in the Great Lakes make the shipping industry look silly, if not criminally irresponsible. Best evidence is that the state gets some \$50 million in economic benefit from ocean-going shipping. But the annual cost to local governments to clean out the zebra mussels (which originated in ocean-going ships' ballast water) is around \$5

Doesn't it seem that somebody onght to sue the bastards? What emerged from the meeting was this: A consensus that our natural resources — whether Great Lakes. streams, forests, shorelines - are uniquely magnificent. They constitute an enormous competitive and economic resource in providing a great, and affordable, quality of life for people who live here.

But for decades, well-intentioned people have had a great deal of trouble getting a handle on how to preserve, protect and defend our resources, especially the Great Lakes. Seven states border the lakes, each with its own parochial interests and political posturings.

Add to that mix Ontario, a province of Canada, and you've added an international dimension. Mix in the fact that we don't really know much about properly managing - let alone restoring - a complex, enormous ecosystem.

Overall verdict: Not easy. Conclusion: "We're not getting much traction." Yet it was equally clear we have to

At the end of the meeting, there was a fair amount of agreement that each of the interests represented at the table — environmentalists, economic developers, businesses, universities, policy think tanks - might individually have some impact.

But think of the tremendous weight to be gained if everybody could work together to identify areas where they could collaborate. Perhaps they could then even take a few baby steps toward a big consolidating organization!

The group is going to get together again in a little while. It could be the start of something very, very big.

Nature Conservancy. He is also the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a think-and-do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of The Center. Power welcomes comments at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.

Health insurance reform will protect consumers

arly in 2008, the Michigan Legislature will address health insurance reform for individual purchasers. The need for reform is urgent. The number of people expected to find their own health insurance is expected to grow significantly over the next 10 years — but the regulations that govern how insurers treat these

people haven't changed in more than 20 years.

While at least 34 other states have reformed their individual markets to benefit consumers, there are no basic consumer protections in Michigan's law today. That is the problem the House of

Joan Budden

Representatives acted to solve in October, by passing bipartisan legislation sponsored by more than half the members of the House.

The legislation will make some important changes to the individual market place:

■ Limits will be placed on how much people can be charged by any insurance carrier at renewal because they

■ For the first time, the insurance commissioner would have the power to order refunds on all carriers if insurance rates are deemed excessive.

■ Part of the reform legislation would allow the Blues' Accident Fund subsidiary to sell other lines of insurance. This would enable Accident Fund to continue to grow here in Michigan, creating new, good-paying jobs in our state. Accident Fund earnings help support the nonprofit Blue Cross to fulfill its mission by providing dollars back to Blue Cross for its health care business.

The bills are now the subject of a campaign by the out-of-state, forprofit carriers who oppose reform to mount a campaign meant to kill them. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), which annually adds huge sums to its bottom line from forprofit insurers, is also against reform in Michigan. Blue Cross has been attacked by those opposed to reform. These attacks are wrong on the facts, and are meant to distract from the positive aspects of reform.

The argument against Blue Cross' tax status is a distraction from the issues driving the need for reform. We need a system where insurers are held responsible for covering people, and that helps people maintain their coverage at affordable rates. This is what nonprofit health care is all about, and this is why Blue Cross stands behind individual health insurance reform.

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averages just one-tenth of one percent. We also give back to the community four times the value of our tax exemp-

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■ We subsidize tens of millions of dollars each year in coverage for seniors.

■ We currently pay better than 20 percent more than the premiums we take in to provide coverage to people as Michigan's insurer of last resort.

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Joan Budden is vice president, individual business at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.



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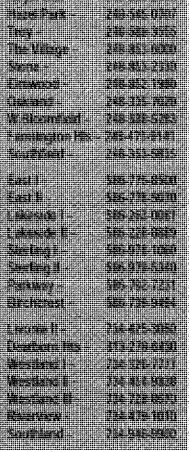
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Rockets fend off stubborn Churchill, 65-57

In Lakes Division clash

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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.'

Please see ROCKETS, B2



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

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 Briauna 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

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

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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

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

Meanwhile, the Trojans were 14of-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

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

Livonia Blue vaults past rival Red in gymnastics test



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.

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 allaround total of 37.20, including an impressive 9.65 on the

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

"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.

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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-frombehind 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 threepoint 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 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 signup

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

For more information, call (734) 421-0640; or visit 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.

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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.

Undefeated on the day for

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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 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

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; 12. 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. Taylon Knonbloch (Fowlerville), 8-6 (overtime); 3rd place: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) pinned Ben Donovan (AB), 2:32; **5th place:** Waleed Faraj (Canton) dec. Mike Thomas (Oxford), 6-3. 112: Justin Fleeson (Belf.) dec. Leon Shannon (WR), 4-2; 3rd: Matt Bates (Fowlerville) dec. Corey Leonard (Holt), 7-6; **5th:** Dillion Roblyer (Plainwell) dec. Larry Rybarz (AB), 7-5. 119: Robbie Bidlingmier (AB) dec. Kyle Hanton (Holt), 10-7; **3rd:** Doug Eldridge (CC) dc. Carl Lucke (Canton), 7-3; **5th:** Chris Schneider (Bell.) p. Sam Ellis (Rice), 1:29. 125: Jeremiah Austin (WJG) won by major

Tommy Kozak (Bell.) dec. Dustin Miller (Holt), 6-4 (OT); **5th:** Jimmy Maloney (WR) dec. Travis Kern (Fowlerville), 10-6. 1**30**: Christian Cullinan (WR) dec. Jared

Stephens (WJG), 31 (OT): 3rd: Kyle Lowry (Tower) dec. Grant Ankeny (Holt), 7-3; 5th: Steve Sattler (AB) dec. Jeremy Fillippelli (Canton), 9-3. 135: Kyle Brammer (Oxford) won by major dec. 135. Ayle Blainine (Oxfold) woll by Inglot 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 Leyrer (Holt), 4-0; **3rd:** Brent Winekoff (Canton) dec. Jacob Losen (Bell.), 6-5; **5th:** Trevor O'Connor

(CC) dec. Bo Cantar (Oxford), 3-1. 1**45**: Steve Coak (Bell.) dec. Raz Markosian (LS), 12-6; **3rd:** Sven Alm (Forest Hills) won by default over Joey Yost (AB); **5th:** Zac Seyka (Holf) dec. Mike Myer (Oxford), 5-1. 152: Zack Shaw (Holf) 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: Dillion Kern (Fowlerville) p. James Mireles (Holt), 3:00; **3rd:** Tim Burnham (Plainwell) dec. Zach Persondak (WR), 12-8; **5th:** Rodger Kropp (Canton) p. Geoffery Charles (Oxford), 4:52. 189: Joe Riley (Plainwell) dec. Corbin Boone (Holt), 7-5; **3rd:** Emanuel Onwuemen (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 N. Farmington NORTH FARMINGTON 51 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

152 pounds: Derek Robbins (C'ville) won by major dec. over Jim Burger, 14-3; 160: Nate Churney (NF) won by void; 171; Jacob Blowers (NF) pinned Tim Siecinski, 5:15; 189; Andrew Jasmer (C'ville) p. Rahmi Chaglhouri, 5:03; 215: Muamer Mesinovic (C'ville) p. Shuja Rizvi, 0:13; 285: Matthew Neal (C'ville) won by void; 103:

In a game it trailed just once,

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Michigan-Dearborn.

Brent Gliman (C'ville) won by major dec. over Jordan Russell, 17-7; 112: Matt Jaisle (NF) p. Coy Sillanpaa, 1:30; 119: Greg Hogan (NF) won by major dec. over Jake Ruth, 12-4; 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 Sillanpaa, 16-1; 140: Matt Russell (NF) p. Patrick Walker, 2:50;

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 Siecinski (C'ville) pinned Matt

McMillan, 3:10; **189:** Andrew Jasmer (C'ville) p. Beshar Shukri, 1:30; **215:** Ryan Roberts (FHH) p. Muamer Mesinovic, 1:55; **265:** Mark Mauwad (FHH) p. Matthew Neal, 4:55; **103:** Brent Gilman (C'ville) p. Jacob McGill, 1:20; 112: Ryan Ruspaj (FHH) won by technical fall over Coy Sillanpaa, 16-2; 119: Jake Ruth (C'ville) p. Jon Baldwin, 4:30; 125: Mike Minkus (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 Sillanpaa, 20-14; **140**: Daniel Lebb (FHH) dec. Patrick Walker, 7-4; **145**: Tony Brandt (C'ville) p. Doug Babler, 1:30; **152**: Derek Robbins (C'ville) 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

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

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 17 Rudolf Steiner at Huron Vailey, 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 o.m.

Wayne at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

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W.L. Western at Wayne, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Ladywood at Birm. Marian, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 18 Franklin vs. Riverview

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Churchili vs. Salem

at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19

Stevenson vs. Farmington at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 6 p.m.

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. Northern at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m

Saturday, Jan. 19 Warren Woods-Tower Inv., 7:30 a.m. Stevenson Spartan Classic, 10 a.m.

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Stante Excavating 13-7-8/34 points
LaSalle Bank 12-11-6/30 points

PREP HOCKEY

THE WEEK AHEAD

contributed 10 as the Rocks (4-6, 2-3) posted the WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Tuesday at home over

Salem led 28-20 at halftime and pulled away with a 21-10 third-quar-

Sophomore guard Bobby Naubert led the Spartans with nine points, while sophomore forward Jordan

Stevenson was 9-of-11 from the NORTHVILLE 79, FRANKLIN 48: In a

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

Patriots, while Ryan Matthey added

foul line, while Franklin was 13-

"They (Northville) had a good perimeter game and good movement execute against their zone (defense)

W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m. Salem, A.A. Pioneer at Stevenson, 7 p.m

GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, Jan. 19 Farmington Inv. at Maxfield Center, 9 a.m. PREP BOWLING

Thursday, Jan. 17 (at Westland Bowl)

Clarenceville vs. Marian-Rice3:20 p.m.

John Glenn vs. Wayne, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 17 Ladywood vs. Hartland

at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m. GIRLS FIGURE SKATING

Saturday, Jan. 19

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Brighton Invitational, 9 a.m. Allen Park Invitational, 10 a.m.

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 Whaters at Guelph Storm, 7:35 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19

Whalers vs. London Knights t 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.

Northern at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

WLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

Livonia Stevenson (3-7, 1-4).

El-Sabeh added eight.

WLAA-Western Division game

of the ball leading to some inside scores," Franklin first-year coach Jeremy Rheault said. "We did not and we had major defensive breakdowns. Northville is big, a good team that is well-coached."

foul line, while Salem hit 7-of-10.

Tuesday, the Mustangs (6-4, 4-1) rolled to the victory at Livonia Franklin (3-7, 2-3) behind Greg Hasse's 13 points. Dan Kirkpatrick, Scott Wagner

Jeff Poole scored 15 for the

Northville was 12-of-24 from the



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER John Glenn's 6-foot point-quard Keshawn Martin slams one home early in the first quarter in Tuesday's 65-57 win over Livonia Churchill.

Saturday, Jan. 19
Wayne County Championships
at Sunnybrook Lanes, 8 a.m.
PREP SKIING Glenn got old-fashioned three-point plays from Marken and Hardison to open the third quarter to jump back in Saturday, Jan. 19 Individual District at DISC, TBA. COMPETITIVE CHEER front, 40-34, but Churchill

managed to hang around.

"I thought our kids played hard," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We attacked the basket, moved well without the ball and did not settle for jumpers early in the possessions. We executed our offense well, better than we have in a while."

Churchill made 20-of-54 shots from the floor, but only 3-of-16 in the decisive fourth quarter.

"I thought Austin (Anderson) did a great job on number 24 (Vagnetti) down the stretch," Young said. "We also put Jeremy Lankford on number 22 (Ryan Woods) and Earl (Hardison) on number 44 (Rosenick). We made those adjustments and it changed things. It made it hard for them to get early looks. We had to stop their guard dribble penetration, and with our four help defenders, they started

moving their feet and getting position defensively instead of trying to steal the ball."

Glenn made 28-of-51 shots from the floor (54 percent), including six triples. But eight second-half Rocket turnovers kept the game close. They (Churchill) had a lot to

do with how we played," Young said. "They are well-coached and coach Solak and his staff have done a great job." Glenn, the defending Lakes

champ, now has the upper hand, although the secondplace Chargers get another crack at the Rockets on Friday, Feb. 1.

"We found out a lot about our team tonight and I'm excited to see how we react from a loss like this tomorrow (Wednesday) in practice," Solak said. "The kids were ready and played so well. We have to scratch and claw for a lot of stuff. That's our M.O. They're not happy. There were a lot of upset faces in the locker room."

Meanwhile, there were some relieved faces on the Glenn

"We knew it would be hard and we're fortunate to get it," Young said.

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nursing.

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 per-

cent 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 Rufli 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.

Wydryck's 22 sparks MU women

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

"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 Ullum, a 5-10 forward from Almont.

Lady Ocelots romp

The NJCAA's No. 5ranked team in Division II, Schoolcraft College, went on a second-half scoring spree Saturday, breezing past visiting Kirtland Community College, 79-58, in a MCCAA-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. Tayler Langham (Salem) scored six points.

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

Battle spurs MU past Wolves

A 22-point, 12-rebound performance from Jon Battle was more than enough for the Madonna University men's basketball team to cruise to a 96-81 win Saturday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

MU is now 11-8 on the year and 2-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, while U-MD falls to 7-10 and

Battle, who averaged a double-double (23 points and 10.5 rebounds) in two MU victories last week including an upset win over the NAIA's Division II,13th-ranked team, Aquinas College, was named WHAC Player of the Week for the third time this season.

U-M-Dearborn led just once in the game at 2-0 and after two ties early in the game, it was all Madonna as the Crusaders used a 57 percent shooting percentage in the first half to build out a large MU held its biggest lead - 18

points - on two separate occasions in the final minutes of the half to take a 50-32 advantage into the break.

Coming ont of halftime, the Crusaders extended their lead to as many as 33 on a D.J. Bridges (Canton) lay-up with 6:56 left in the game. MU took its foot off of the gas a little in the final minutes, allowing U-MD to cut the lead to 15 with 2:02 left, but the Wolves got no closer.

Senior Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) helped the Madonna cause with 19 points and Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) added 11 in the win.

Sean Mattia scored 22 for the Wolves. KIRTLAND 86, SCHOOLCRAFT

68: Sophomore swingman Brian Christian scored 29 points and grabbed 11 rebounds Saturday afternoon to propel Kirtland Community College (9-6, 5-1) to an MCCAA-Eastern Conference victory over host Schoolcraft College (2-13, 2-4), which dropped its seventh straight and hasn't won since Dec. 5.

Sophomore guard Steve Sidebottom added 28 points, including six 3-pointers for the Firebirds, who led 39-27 at halftime.

Zaschak Enterprises 12-11-5/29 points Hunt's Ace Hardware 11-10-6/28 points Coldwell Bank/G&G 9-11-7/25 points Livonia Auto Body 9-13-5/23 points Daly Restaurant 8-18-2/18 points

Keith Yackley's hat trick carried state-ranked Livonia victory Tuesday night over

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

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

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.

Greg Wirick for two periods and Aaron Crouse in the final 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 Baratono each added one goal and one assist. Mike Voran, Sean Lerg and Ian Curran also scored for the Spartans, who are

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

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-1 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 Boldiszar and Chelsea Manasian scored 12 and 10,

respectively, for the Chargers.

Glenn was 19-of-29 from the

foul line, while Churchill was 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 fourthquarter 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 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.

Churchill, Spartans both post big wins

Churchill to a 9-3 boys hockey host Plymouth at Compuware

Association crossover victory.

"I liked our pace and I thought

Churchill used goaltender

Ryan Schultz went all the way in goal for the Wildcats. STEVENSON 8, W.L. CENTRAL 1: Joe Byrne scored two goals and added ranked No. 1 in Division 1.

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

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

Heat A: 1. John Blickle (N), 1:55.78; 2. Jamin

Wieringa (Z), 1:56.90; 3. Kyle Anderson (AAP),

200 IM: Heat D: 1. Peter Keeler (AAP),

2:02.0; 2. Jon Bardsley (N), 2:04.88; 3. Dylan

2. Joe Kargula (N), 2:0986; 3. Bryan Bielecki

Heat B: 1, Max Boyea (AAP), 2:09.65: 2.

Ben Schoenek (N), 2:11.09; 3. Gregg Elhart (Z),

Heat A: 1. Ethan Eaton (AAP), 2:13.35; 2.

Aaren Marecki (LS), 2:13.56; 3. Alex Miller (N),

50 freestyle: Heat D: 1, Drew Coffin (Z).

Heat C: 1. Grant Cole (AAP), 23.20; 2. Jason

22.28; 2. Kyle Hermann (LS), 23.00; 3. Thomas Magner (AAP), 23.21;

Vander Plaats (Z), 23.27; 3. Ryan Scott (LS),

Heat B: 1. Nik Mrdali (AAP), 23.27; 2. A.J.

Aquinto (N), 23.98; 3. Jared Diebel (LS), 24.18.

Heat A: 1. Jereme 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

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

100 butterfly: Heat D: 1. Jeremy Sall (Z).

53.59; 2. Robert Luke (LS), 54.98; 3. Joe Kargula

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 Malloure (N),

Heat A: 1. Kevin Jensen (AAP), 58,87:

2. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 1:00.53; 3. Connor

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; John Lubisco (N), 51.44; 3. Aaren Marecki

Turlo (LS), 51.69; 3. A.J. Aquinto (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 Blickle (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, Nik Mrdalj (AAP), 50.22; 2. Charles

Koblinski, 1:04.81

(LS), 51.64

Rachford (AAP), 294.35; 3. Luke McKay (LS),

Heat C: 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 2:05.55;

Zwiers (Z), 2:08.00.

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 Castelli), 1:59.8; 3. Churchill.

200 freestyle: 1, Jacob Barnes (WM), 2:06:59: 2. Nathan Larsen (LC), 2:11.01; 3. Scully (LC),

200 individual medley: 1. Ogg (WM), 2:19.67; Greg Van Gorp (LC), 2:33.86; 3. Liberati (LC).

2:36.22. 50 freestyle: 1. Holland (WM), 23.75; 2. Jones (LC), 23.9; 3. Erdmann (WM), 25.24. 1-meter diving: 1. Matt Hope (LC), 173.15 points; 2. Andrew Richards (LC), 169.05; 3. Travis Holt

100 butterfly: 1. Ogg (WM), 1:00.56; 2. Scully (LC), 1:17.1; 3. Castelli (LC), 1:17.18. 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 500 freestyle: 1. Bd fies (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 Schoffield, Mike Gabriel, Karson, Barnes), 1:47.52; 3. Churchill, 1:47.75.

100 backstroke: 1. Castelli (LC), 1:11.21; 2. Van Gorp (LC), 1:15.16; 3. Schoffield (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 (Castelli, Van Gorp, Scully, Jones), 3:59.21; 2. Wayne (Gabriel, Schofield, Higgs, Barnes), 4:08.81; 3. Churchill,

Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-2 overall; **ROCK-KILGORE INVITATIONAL**

Jan. 12 at Salem H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 298.5 points; 2. Zeeland, 255; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 235; 4. Northville, 220.5; 5. Salem,

200-yard medley relay: Heat C: 1. Zeeland (Jeremy Sall, Gregg Eihart, Jason Vander Plaats, Drew Coffin), 1:40.17; 2. Stevenson (Robert Luke, Joey Wingett, Mike Cruce, Ryan Scott), 1:41.88; 3. Pioneer (Peter Keeler, Kenichi Osawa, Robert Nichols, Thomas Magner),

Heat B: 1. Zeeland (Jonathan Mackey, Zac Geschwendt, Dylan Zwiers, Trey Sommers), Jeschweite, byfait 24fets, 144,95; 2. Stevenson (Bryan Bielicki, John Loria, Scott Geverink, Jereme Pesta), 1:48.28; 3. Pioneer (Nik Mrdalj, Brian Gregorka, Andrew Anderson, Kevin Jensen), 1:48.38. Heat A: 1. Pioneer (Matt Graziano, Kevin

Smith, Kevin Naud, Edward Lee), 1:49.50; 2. Stevenson (Jimmy Vayis, Eric Schuman, Kelen Schoff, Jared Diebel), 1:50.00; 3. Zeeland (Ty Daughterty, Jacob Heemstra, Cory Carson, Zach Lindeman), 1:54.28. 200 freestyle: Heat D: 1. Brody Blickle

(N), 1:45.38; 2. Josh Geschwendt (Z), 1:46.18; 3. Robert Nichols (AAP), 1:49.15.

Heat B: 1. Max Boyea (AAP), 5:08.61; 2. John Blickle (N), 5:09.26; 3. Kelen Schoff (LS), 5:12.43 Heat A: 1. Kyle Anderson (AAP), 5:13.66; 2. Gauthier (AAP), 1:49.92; 3. Charles Turlo (LS), 1:53.37. Heat B: 1. Marshall Bouwman (Z), 1:51.50; 2. Jamin Wieringa (Z), 5:21.99; 3. Chris Lafayette John Lubisco (N), 1:54.17; 3. Chris Behler (LS),

200 freestyle relay: Heat C: 1. Pioneer (Grant Cole, Nik Mrdalj, Thomas Magner, Matt Gauthier), 1:31.65; 2. Zeeland (Jason Vander Plaats, Josh Geschwendt, Zac Kraai, Marshall Bouwman), 1:32.43; 3. Stevenson (Kyle Hermann, Chris Behler, Aaren Marecki, Ryan

Heat B: 1. Pioneer (Edward Lee, Ethan Eaton, Kevin Jensen, Brian Gregorka), 1:34.47; 2. Stevenson (Charles Turlo, Jereme Pesta, Adam Dabkowski, Jared Diebel), 1:35.78; 3. Northville (John Lubisco, Alex Miller, Jake Lane, John Blickle), 1:36,77,

Heat A: 1. Pioneer (Kevin Smith, Jack Tesar Kenichi Osawa, Andrew Anderson), 1:36,12; 2, Stevenson (Brendan Schoff, Mike Buccinna, David Bladecki, Jimmy Vavis), 1:40,44: 3. Connor Koblinski, Anthony Adamowicz),

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),

Heat B: 1, Jonathan Mackey (Z), 59.65; 2. Nate Lunn (N), 1:00.47; 3. Brendan Schoff (LS),

Heat A: 1. Ben Schoenek (N), 1:01.67; 2. Zach Lindeman (Z), 1:02.51; 3. Jimmy Vayis (LS),

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),

Heat B: 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 1:06.90; 2. Anthony Adamowicz (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 Cornblath (AAP). 400 freestyle relay: Heat C: 1. Zeeland

(Josh Geschwendt, Drew Coffin, Zac Kraal, Jeremy Sall), 3:16.22; 2. Pioneer (Peter Keeler, Grant Cole, Matt Gauthier, Robert Nichols), 3:19.74; 3. Northville (Brody Blickle Nate Lunn, Clay Malloure, Jon Bardsley),

Heat B: 1. Pioneer (Andrew Anderson, Kevir Jensen, Ethan Eaton, Edward Lee), 3:28.B4: 2. Northville (John Blickle, 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. Ploneer (Jack Tesar, Kyle Anderson, Max Boyea, Patton Doyle), 3:37.15; 2. Stevenson (Adam Dabkowski, Scott Geverink, Bryan Bjelicki, 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.

Juniors Allyson Yankee and Becca Refenes scored 16 and 15 points, respectively, for the victorious Warriors, who improved to 8-1 overall.

Yankee also finished with four steals, while the 6-foot-2 Refenes grabbed 10 rebounds.

Janae Halsell led the Vikings (3-9), who trailed 27-11 at halftime, with eight points.

LADYWOOD 34, DIVINE CHILD 31: Despite 26 percent shooting from the floor Catholic League Central Division leader Livonia Ladywood (10-2,

GIRLS BASKETBALL

5-0) survived a scare Tuesday from visiting Dearborn Divine Child (8-5.

Caitlin Szczypka's eight points paced the Blazers, who made just 13-of-50 shots from the floor and 4of-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.
KINGSW000 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

"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

Injuries have certainly

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;

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 2-game high series: Jordan Sanker (Annapolis), 502.

391; Tom Pattenaude, 203; Mike Solarz, 199. Wayne regular games: 995-1,004-1,999.

Boys high game: Pete Wagner (Berkley), 280.

Wayne scorers: Lonnie Lawrence, 248-236-484;

Zac Kyle, 171-232-403; Eric Robertson, 200-191-

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, 2882; 5. Trenton, 2,878;

Southgate, 2,853; 7. Livonia Ladywood, 2,777;
 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

Crestwood, 2.312: 16. Warren Lincoln, 2.226

Girls high game: (tie) Alex Reeder (Mercy B0

and Sara Richards (Divine Child), 213 each.

Girls 2-game high series: Richards (Divine

6. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 3,502; 7 Clarkston, 3,468; 8. Warren Lincoln, 3,356; 9. (tie) Berkley and Crestwood (Gold), 3,332 each played a pivotal role in each team's progress throughout the

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

"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 Güzik (Red), 8.95 each; 3. Nomura (Blue), 8.7; 4. Kelly Tapella (Blue), 8.6.

Balance beam: 1. Guzik (Red), 9.65; 2. Quint (Blue), 9.3; 3. Nomura (Blue), 9.25; 4. Powers Floor exercise: 1. Ouint (Blue), 9.45; 2. Nomura

(Blue), 9.2; 3. Guzik (Red), 9.15; 4. Kelly Charniga (Blue), 8.95. (Blue), 8.95.
Alf-around: 1. Guzik (Red), 37.20; 2. Nomura
- (Blue), 36.60; 3. Powers (Blue), 35.80; 4. Ouint
(Blue), 35.75; 5. K. Charniga (Blue), 34.25; 6.
Tapella (Blue), 34.05; 7. Katle Bridges (Blue),
33.80; 8. Katina St. Pierre (Red), 32.90.

Dual meet records: Livonia Blue, 5-0 overall;
Livonia Ped co. 22 overall; Livonia Red, 3-2 overall.

SPORTS SHORTS

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 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

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.googlep-

ages.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 much 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 Gvm. 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

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

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 NORTH FARMINGTON 17

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 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 Vortriede, Regular games: 1,003-883-1,886 (13 points).

Baker games: 195-151-346 (4 points). Baker games: 195-161-346 (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**

Wayne scorers: Tom Pattenaude, 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 Wayne Baker games: 138-268-406 (4 points. Farm.-Harrison scorers: John Clarahan, 269227-471; Robert Schlotta, 222-227-449; Brandon Bingham, 198-204-402; Scott Hinger, 218-181-399; Alan Singer, 179; Tyler Vance, 181; 360, Farm.-Harrison regular games: 1,085-995-Farm.-Harrison Baker games: 237-256-493 GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

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Farm.-Harrison scorers: Tabetha Chapman. Dual match records: Clarenceville, 4-0 Farmington-Harrison, 2-2 (WOBC). LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 25 NORTH FARMINGTON 5

Jan. 8 at Country Lanes Clarenceviffe scores: 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 Rossy, 129-157-278; Rachel Weberman, Danielle Labadie, Hong, 114-94-208. Regular games: 684-667-1,351 (1 point). Baker games: 145-157-302 (4 points).

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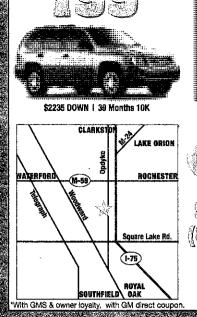
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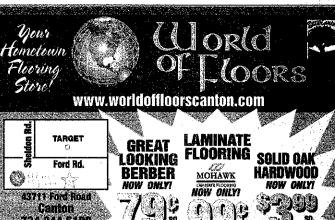
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Great Lakes Natural Soap Company owner Sharon Czekala of Canton works on a new batch of all natural soap.

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

½ cup baking soda

4 tablespoons coconut or almond oil

 $\ensuremath{^{\mbox{$\!\!\!\!/$}}}$ 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

Remember vintage '07

p 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



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald the state that accounts for two-thirds of all wine sold in the United States.
Additionally, according to

vineyard, it's not too early to begin to assess what's coming down the pike from

a Gomberg-Fredrikson report, California reached another all-time high in 2006 with a retail value of its wines realizing \$17.8 billion.

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

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,

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Outlook Express.

That's because I subscribed to SpamArrest (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.

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

(Broida.com), which I use as my primary mail account. Without SpamArrest standing guard, there's nothing to stem the tide of Viagra comeons and PayPal scams.

If only I could layer are Gravil's spam filtering

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 dis-

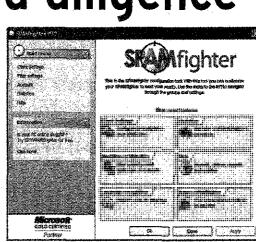
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mail. Everything appears to have come by way of

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

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

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Bluewaters — a translucent bar made to look like the bluegreen 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.

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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

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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.

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TECH SAVVY

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 (mailwasher.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.

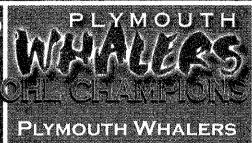
On second thought, maybe free just isn't an option in the fight against spam. Maybe I should pony up the \$29 or \$45 and call it a day. After all, what's a few bucks in exchange for a spam-free inbox? Very worthwhile, if you ask me.

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

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer

spam folder.

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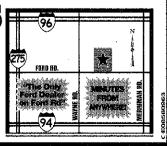
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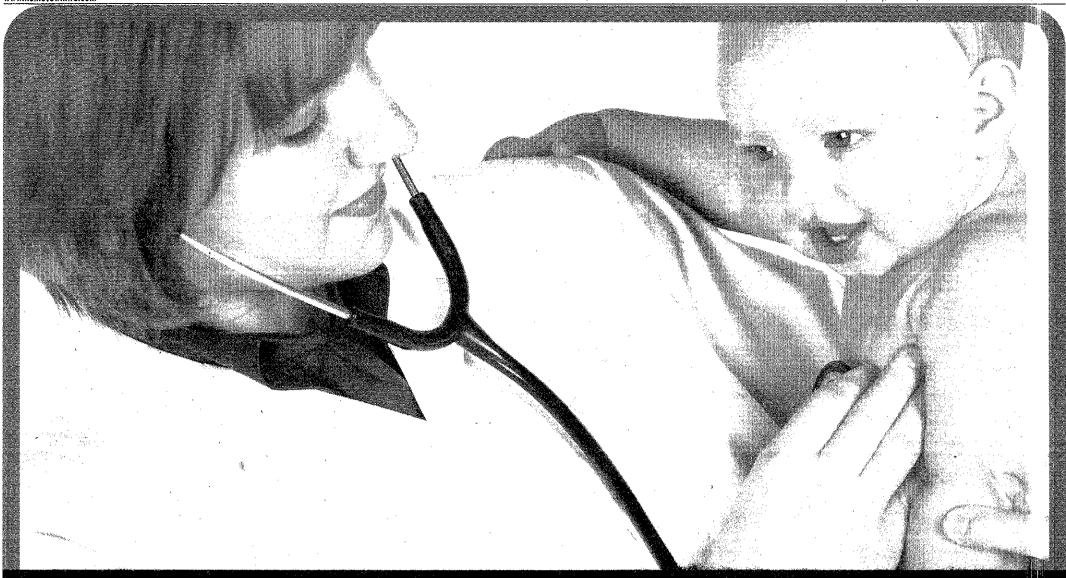


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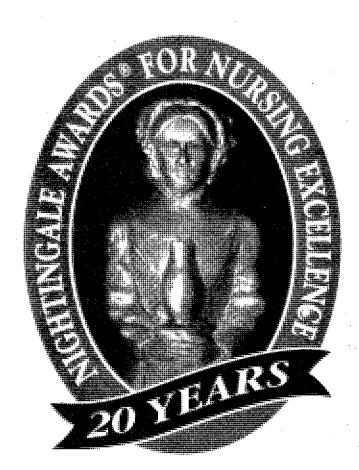
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alternate choice only when the

dress code is stated as "black tie

2) Avoid cummerbunds in hues

other than black. The colored

variety diminishes elegance, and

is best saved for wedding party

Also take care not to wear

"White Tie" which is generally

reserved for events involving

the presence of dignitaries or

4) If multiple black tie events

investing in your own tux versus

renting for the sake of a well-tai-

jacket will serve most men well;

choose double-breasted (and

waist coat in lieu of cummer-

bund) only for a tall, slim body.

6) Appropriate footwear is a tux-

edo shoe or "pump." A standard

complete the black tie ensemble.

High-shine (as in patent leather)

black business shoe does not

is the finish for black tie foot-

wear. Here's where renting can

be a good, economical choice.

7) Remember that the wings of

a wing tip collared tux shirt go

should be tied, not snapped-on.

8) Take personal grooming up

Consider a professional mani-

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9) Personalize your formal look

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5) A single-breasted tuxedo

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When the social dress code calls

thing up a notch in dress and

for "black tie," plan to take every-

grooming. Below is a top-10 tip list

1) Black tie occasions call for floor-

length gowns or high-styled, short

cocktail dresses and evening

separates. (The soft floral dress

that you'd wear to an afternoon

2) Appropriate colors come from

one that flatters your skin, hair

This year, metallic finishes in

one of any number of hues make

4) Don't overlook the value of (or

skimp on) proper, supportive and

invisible undergarments for your

5) Let the mood of the dress direct

makeup choices. (A softly-hued

dress calls for soft makeup; an

intensely-colored dress requires

the balance of dramatic makeup.)

6) Accessories should support

- not compete with - the gar-

ments. Choose a high-impact

but not both.

sities.

dress or high-bling accessories,

7) Footwear should match the

character of the ensemble (a

dress in a lightweight, wispy fab-

ric, for example, is weighed down

by the heaviness of a satin pump).

If open-toe footwear is the choice,

8) Black tie-worthy handbags are

small and carry only the neces-

9) Your everyday hairstyle won't

cut it for a black-tie event. Add

change, or by adding a quality hair

accessory accented with crystal,

10) Beyond the attire, be sure your

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BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFF WRITER

■he North American International Auto Shows brings more than cars to town. NAIAS drives glamour into the Motor City, and for many, car buffs or not, the event is an excuse to party.

Members of Detroit's social set have no doubt been inyited to one of the many soirces surrounding NAIAS.

The hottest ticket in town is the annual Charity Preview at Cobo Center, and at \$400 a pop, guests are expected to dress to impress. Here's a look at what some local experts recommend for auto show style.

CLOTHING

Karen Daskas, co-owner of Tender in Birmingham, encourages women to hike up their hemlines for the Charity Preview.

"I think a lot of women have in their head they should wear long gowns. They shouldn't," Daskas said. "Tender's take is that they should wear cocktail length dresses. It's more chic."

Daskas said shorter dresses can look fresher than floor length.

"It's not the red carpet in Hollywood," she said. "It is a great event and a wonderful way to raise money for charity and bring attention to Michigan, but we recommend that people wear cocktail length. It's nothing new."

When it comes to finding the best fit, customers should seek professional help. Different shapes flatter different figures, but one thing goes for everyone, Daskas said.

"I am not into skin tight, painted on clothes. I just don't think it's a sophisticated look," Daskas said.

And, Daskas suggests, keep the LBD (Little Black Dress) in the closet.

Dramatic colors like red, purple and fuchsia will make you stand out in a sea of 'black tie.'

"Those are great colors and you can accessorize with a great black shoe, something metallic or something that just totally complements the color." Daskas

MAKEUP

When it comes to makeup, Barbara Devo of Touch in Birmingham knows what works for the NAIAS Charity Preview. For the last nine years, Deyo

has groomed VIP guests at Conde Nast's annual private parties.

ting hair and makeup done at the Birmingham Country Club then they go in a limo bus to the gala, and come back to the country club to party," Deyo said.

Black tie makeup can about looking festive.

on Jan. 19, so she'll be trusting her partner Elizabeth Arsov and staff to make up the guests.

looks will be popular. One emphasizes the eyes, with Panchero's Mexican Grill sultry, smoky shadows paired

The other brings focus to the lips with dark, jewel-toned lipsticks offset by bronzed dewy skin and shimmer eve shadows.

said. Touch also will make up

Hyundai executives for their press conference on Sunday.

miss auto show."

When it comes to hair, big sexy waves are the way to go, according to Katrina Malota of Luigi Bruni Capelli Moderni in

hair and makeup for models during General Motors' Stars and Cars gala last Saturday. Kid Rock, Reverend Run.

Mary J. Blige and Maroon 5 all performed at the party, which was held in a huge tent set up

way show, beautiful models in designs by Made In Detroit, and denim by William Rast walked the runway next to splashy GM vehicles.

Malota worked backstage the whole time, primping and prepping models - all but two of whom were flown in from Los Angeles for the show.

"They treat their clients to get-

be interpreted in different ways, Deyo said, but it's all

Deyo is expecting a baby

She expects two different

with nude, glossy lips.

"And usually lots of lashes. That's always a big thing," she

"It's so fun. I'm so absolutely devastated that I can't be there this year," Deyo said. "It's one of the biggest things that happens in the city all year long. That's the first thing I thought of when I got my due date ... 'oh no, I'll

HAIR

Birmingham. She should know, as she joined

other Luigi Bruni stylists doing

outside the Renaissance Center.

During the GM Style run-

We did waves and the tousled Victoria's Secret type of hair. That was the kind of vibe we were going for," Malota said.

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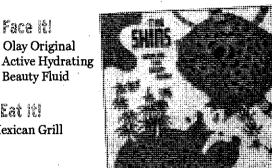
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Local designers create look for auto show

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Eat It!

Two local designers are making their mark on the national auto show circuit.

Productions Plus of Bingham Farms made it possible for Jason Humphrey and Amanda Jurban. both of Detroit, to design a jacket worn by Honda's 2008 American

auto show spokesmodels. Productions Plus supplies and styles talent for auto shows across the country. Last year the company became involved with the Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards, offering a prize to the top 10 designer finalists. The company led the 10 local designers on a 'wardrobe tour' of last year's North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall, explaining the process that goes into outfitting auto show spokesmodels. Then, they invited the designers to submit their own sketches for auto show wardrobe.

According to Shari Barnett, wardrobe manager for

Productions Plus, Humphrey and Jurban's designs stood out. She presented their sketches to Honda executives, who decided to use the women's look. Productions Plus bought the duo's design and immediately placed an order for 20 jackets to be manufactured in New York City.

The conservative, eggshell white jackets are made from cotton twill and feature a unique single oversized button closure. Barnett said the designers had good instinct when they included a subtle Honda logo on the belt.

"Branding has become so important at auto shows around the world," Barnett said. "It's something we saw a lot in the European market and we're seeing a lot more in the local market. The color-on-color logo on the belt is sophisticated and a step ahead."

Check them out in the Honda exhibit at the North American International Auto Show Jan. 19-27 at Cobo Hall. Visit www.naias. com for more information.

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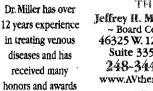
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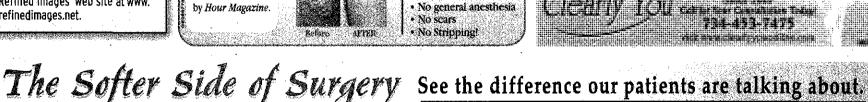


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