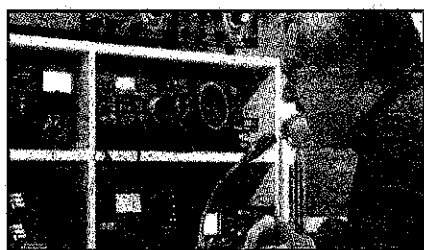


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The girls varsity basketball team takes to the parquet for a demonstration as part of the dedication program

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Dedication showcases Glenn pride

Senior Brittany Holbrook, who plays three varsity sports for the John Glenn Rockets, talks about the opportunities the new gymnasium offers students. "This shows athletes and sports is cared about here," she told the audience.



BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

"It's going to help a lot," said student Linda Barrett, standing in the doorway to the newest gymnasium to John Glenn High School. "We used to have to split with the boys basketball team."

That all changed Wednesday afternoon in a show of Rocket pride as current and retired school officials, special guests and selected students gathered for the dedication of a 200,000-square-foot athletic facility. "This surely is a facility our athletes can take pride in, hold their practices in and play games in," said Glenn Principal Joan Sedik. "We thank the community for their support of the sinking fund. Without it, this would not have been possible."

That message was echoed throughout the program the showcased students - the Glenn Singers, JROTC color guard, girls' varsity basketball team, cheerleaders and concert band. "I consider it an honor to participate

in this celebration, I've been fortunate to witness the transition of this school district into a bona fide state-of-the-art district," said school board President Skip Monit. "We have something that is second to none."

Brittany Holbrook served as student representative at the ceremony. She told the audience, "At John Glenn, I have the opportunity to plan a career, the opportunity to be challenged in class and in athletics. This new facility brings new opportunities for training and practice. Our potential increases with more practice time."

The addition is adjacent to the existing gymnasium on the south side of the school. It includes a full competition gym as well as an auxiliary gym equipped with portable golf and batting cages, locker rooms and fitness center.

This is the fifth addition to the school since it opened in 1964. A cafeteria was added in 1968 to complete

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Baracy taps principal as new executive director

A high school principal will be moving to Wayne-Westland's administrative offices following his appointment as executive director of student and legal services.

John Albrecht of Wayne Memorial High School will join Superintendent Greg Baracy's administrative staff this spring to work with current director William Camp before he retires in June.

"John has been through all the various positions, I strongly recommend him for this post," said

Superintendent Greg Baracy. Albrecht attended John Carroll University, the University of Toledo, Detroit College Of Business and Eastern Michigan University where he received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics-secondary education, and history. He also received his master of arts degree in the art of teaching from Marygrove College.

Albrecht taught as a middle school and high school mathematics teacher in the Detroit Public Schools

before joining Wayne-Westland in 1999 as a mathematics teacher at John Glenn High School. In 2002, he became an assistant principal at Glenn and moved to the principal post at Wayne Memorial in 2005.

Trustee Skip Monit told Albrecht he will be "sorely missed" at Wayne Memorial and lauded him for his work.

"You've built a great support staff there," he said. "That's what managers do."

Trustee Cindy Schofield, speaking

on behalf of Z-PAC, the high school's Zebra Parents Advisory Council, said the organization feels very sad about his departure.

"We're sad because we enjoyed working with you," she said.

Albrecht thanked the board for its vote of confidence, telling members that "you don't get to a place like this unless you have people who are solid."

He will become the executive director officially on July 1.

- By Sue Mason

Double trouble

Defendant was on probation at time of arrest

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

One of two defendants charged with running a prostitution ring out of an apartment complex on Westland's north side already was on probation for assault and drug charges, authorities confirmed.

Lanard Mack Henley, 24, remains on probation through Feb. 1, 2009, for a 2004 case involving an assault and possession of cocaine, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Henley also had a charge from 2002 of carrying a concealed weapon, but that case already had been resolved and was considered inactive.

Henley and Davina Shirley Lloyd, 26, are accused of operating a prostitution ring out of their Woodcrest Villa apartment, off Wayne Road south of Joy. The couple was charged Jan. 18 after a 16-year-old girl came forward with her mother and told police she had worked for them.

The girl's allegations triggered an investigation that led to undercover officers arresting Henley and Lloyd on the night of Jan. 17 at Fairfield Inn of Canton, where they are accused of taking another prostitute, 18, to meet a client.

The couple's preliminary hearing, which will determine whether

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Jaycees sponsor Meet and Greet

Get up close and personal with Westland officials at a Westland Jaycees-sponsored Meet and Greet Thursday, Feb. 7.

Mayor William R. Wild, City Council President James Godbout, City Councilmen Mike Kehrer, Bill Johnson and Robert Stottlemeyer, Assistant City Prosecutor/Assistant City Attorney Mark McConnell and City Clerk Eileen DeHart will be at Marvaso's Italian Grille, 6569 N. Wayne Road, 6-8 p.m.

The event will allow the residents of Westland to meet their government leaders in a more casual atmosphere.

The Westland Jaycees are a local organization dedicated to training young leaders through community service. The Westland Jaycees have been responsible for past events such as the Patriots Day Ceremony, Tribute to The Stars and the annual Easter Egg Scramble.

For more information on the Westland Jaycees, call (734) 226-0400 or visit the club's Web site at www.westlandjaycees.org.

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Hearing delayed in beating case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne man accused of attacking his pregnant girlfriend in a Westland apartment and causing her to miscarry will have to wait to learn whether he will face trial.

Daniel Reed Jarrett II's preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court was delayed Thursday until mid-February after a defense attorney sought more time to review the case.

Jarrett, 24, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he's convicted of assaulting a pregnant woman and intentionally causing a miscarriage. His 19-year-old girlfriend was 21 weeks pregnant by him when police said she was beaten and kicked Jan. 3 inside a Woodland Villa apartment

near Warren and Central City Parkway.

The victim has returned to her native Texas, where she met Jarrett while he was attending Abilene Christian University. The pair had been visiting Michigan when the incident happened, police Sgt. Michael Harhold said.

The victim had missed a flight to Texas and was staying with friends at Woodland Villa when an argument erupted with Jarrett over whether she should have had an abortion, Harhold has said, based on statements made to police.

The girlfriend isn't expected to return from Texas to testify during Jarrett's preliminary examination, which will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

"It's not anticipated that she will testify at the exam," Harhold said.

Rather, two people who were in the apartment when the incident erupted are expected to testify, according to the sergeant.

A not-guilty plea has been entered for Jarrett, who is jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond. He is accused of knocking his girlfriend to the floor, beating her and kicking her before a telephone call was made to 9-1-1.

The woman was rushed to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where doctors learned that she had miscarried. Jarrett turned himself over to police three days after the assault occurred.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Council session

The Westland City Council will have a public study session at 6 p.m. Monday, before the 7 p.m. business meeting, to discuss possible changes in the council's policies and procedures. One item under consideration is streamlining the meetings by having general citizens comments only on one portion of the agenda rather than two. The meeting will be held at City Hall on Ford Road east of Newburgh.

Bowling fund-raiser

A bowling fund-raiser to benefit the Motor Bulldogs Baseball Association will be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford, Canton. Check-in time is 8 p.m., bowling starts at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a raffle ticket to win a 36-inch TV, three games of bowling and pizza.

There will also be 50/50 drawings, mystery games and raffles. For tickets or more information, call Dennis Montie at (734) 306-2706.

The Motor Bulldogs Baseball

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Association a travel baseball league made up of children age 8-13 and under from Garden City, Westland, Redford, Livonia and other surrounding communities.

Valentine Card Party

Ss. Simon and Jude Church will hold a Valentine Card Party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. There will be door and table prizes, 50/50 raffle, cards, games, light meals and snacks. Tickets are \$8 and are available at the door. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

Animal adventure

Children will have a chance to get close to a fennec fox, two-headed python, Kenyon sand boa, and many other

exotic wild animals when the William P. Faust Public Library host "African Animal Adventure" at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. The animals will be featured as the main characters of traditional tales and stories.

The program is limited to 100 children. The library of Westland is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Ford and Warren Road. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Grab your partner

Looking for some one-on-one time with the best little girl or boy in the world? Join in the annual Square Dance Hoedown! The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, as couples do mixers, traditional square dances, and other dances. Each couple will enjoy a souvenir photo and refreshments. Grandmas, Grandpas and older brothers or sisters are welcome. Cost is \$10 per couple, plus \$5 for each additional daughter or son. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.



Claitor Myers, wearing a sweater in the forefront, plays the Nintendo Wii game at the Westland Convalescent & Rehab Center in Westland. With her are patient David Brown (left) and employee LeeAnn Pennington (right). Standing next to Myers is Pennington's daughter Kendra, who has helped patients learn to play.

Wii bit of help: Video game provides physical therapy

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Imagine bowling, golfing, fishing or playing tennis without having to go outside.

It's like that — sort of — for residents of the Westland Convalescent & Rehab Center on Warren Road east of Central City Parkway.

Patients are enjoying a little competition and getting physical therapy by playing video games on the center's new Nintendo Wii system.

Even those in wheelchairs can play the interactive game system, striving to throw a strike at bowling or trying to score a hole in one on a video golf course.

The games allow residents to improve their range of motion, their endurance and their balance — boosting their recovery while letting them engage in activities that they once considered out of reach.

As many as four patients can compete in a friendly bowling match.

Aside from the obvious physical benefits, the Nintendo Wii program "helps with depression levels, too," said Lori Heavener, director of

rehabilitation.

The new program was brought in after the 230-bed facility received a multi-million dollar facelift during the last 18 months, said Judy Bianchi, marketing manager.

"We've tried to focus in the past on long-term care, but we're shifting our focus to short-term rehabilitation," Bianchi said. "We've doubled the size of our therapy room, and we now have the Nintendo Wii in the therapy room."

Patients who bowl with help from Nintendo Wii actually see a video that looks like a bowling alley. They use a remote control device that acts as their bowling ball. They pull their arm back, move it forward, press a button and let the ball go.

"It's very helpful for people who are arthritic," Heavener said.

Nintendo Wii is the latest way the center is trying to help its clients. For more information about Westland Convalescent & Rehab Center, call (734) 728-6100 or go online to www.westlandccc.com.

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PROBATION

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they should stand trial, was delayed Thursday until Feb. 28 by Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli. Defense attorneys sought more time to review the allegations.

"There's a large amount of documents and evidence that we had to turn over to

the defense," said police Sgt. Robert Swope.

Henley could face penalties ranging up to life in prison, if he's convicted of two counts of child sexually abusive activity and one count of transporting a girl for prostitution. Lloyd, who has no known criminal history, is charged with child sexually abusive activity, using a computer and the Internet for a crime, transporting a prostitute, pandering or inducing others into

prostitution, and accepting earnings of prostitutes. Most of the charges against her are punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

The prostitution services had been advertised online at Craigslist, a network featuring free advertising for jobs, housing, personals and other services, police Lt. Mark Engstrom said during a Jan. 18 arraignment. Authorities called a cell phone belonging to Lloyd, Engstrom said, and undercover officers learned that several young women had been involved in the alleged prostitution ring.

Not-guilty pleas have been entered for Lloyd and Henley. Westland 18th District Magistrate Donald Vandersloot ordered the defendants jailed in lieu of a \$1 million bond each as they await the outcome of the charges against them.

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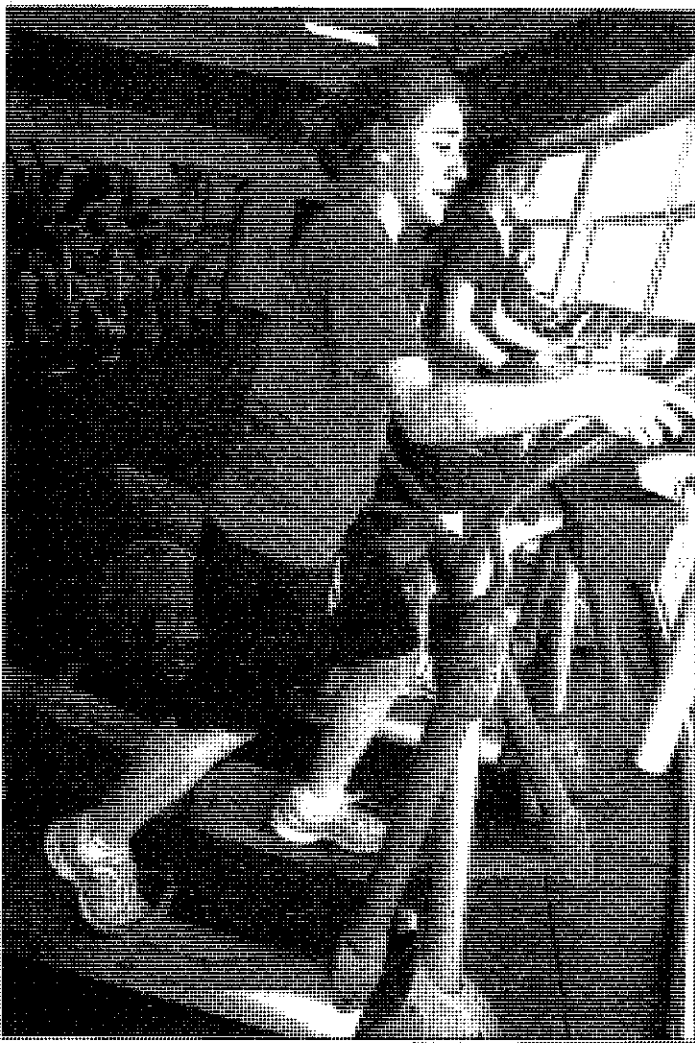
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Senior Danielle Levy and sophomore Ashley Bailey try out the new elliptical machines in the fitness center.



John Glenn High School Athletic Administrator Brian Swinehart (left) and Principal Joan Sedik (right) look on as of Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy and school board President Skip Monit cut the ribbon leading into the new John Glenn High School gymnasium.



Sophomore Heidi Irvin, a member of the golf team, practices her swing in the new indoor golf pad and nets. "I really like it, it's a big improvement," she said.

GYM
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the original high school and more classrooms, an auxiliary gym and library expansion were added between 1978 and 1983. A second library expansion took place in 2003.

According to Superintendent Greg Baracy, the addition was "primarily to accommodate the realignment of the girls sports seasons."

"This now gives our students more opportunities to practice during normal hours — after school — rather than late into the evening when they should be home studying," he said. "What

this represents is that when the school district and the community coming together great things happen."

While the red tile entrance stands out, it's the wall of windows along the corridor that stretches the entire length of the addition that has caught Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart's eye. He wants to drive by and through the windows see a Glenn sports Hall of Fame.

Swinehart used the ceremony to announce the formation of a committee to work on establishing an athletic hall of fame. The committee will include retired football coach Chuck Gordon, retired athletic director Jerry Szukaitis, John Wood and Keith DeMolay, to name a few.

"We have a rich and proud athletic tradition here that needs to be honored," he said.

Swinehart has been collecting information from other schools and has at least 10 examples of how to do one.

"The committee hopes by the end of the school year to start the process and by the end of next year have the first nominee," he said. "We need people who been around and who know

the history of sports at this school."

Looking around the gym, Swinehart added: "I feel like the luckiest person here today." Not quite.

That honor went to students like Barrett and Holbrook. "This shows athletes and sports is cared about here," said Holbrook.

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Man to stand trial in 7-Eleven holdup

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

After serving a 15-year prison term for armed robbery, an Ann Arbor man could find himself behind bars again amid accusations he wore a mask and robbed a 7-Eleven store on Westland's west side.

Noel Anthony Napper, 40, was ordered to stand trial after he waived his preliminary hearing Thursday in Westland 18th District Court on charges he donned a mask and robbed the store early Jan. 11.

Although a not-guilty plea has been entered for him, Napper is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court

on charges of armed robbery, felony firearm and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He is jailed in lieu of a \$750,000 cash or surety bond set by 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

Napper's decision to waive his preliminary hearing on Thursday avoided pretrial testimony and prompted Cicirelli to automatically send the case to circuit court. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

An investigation led police to Napper after a 7-Eleven clerk reported that a masked gunman demanded an undisclosed amount of money and then fled the store at Cherry Hill and Hix roads during the

early morning hours of Jan. 11.

No shots were fired and no one was injured during the holdup, police Sgt. Michael Harhold has said.

Napper's latest legal problems surfaced less than three years after he was discharged

from prison for armed robberies he committed in 1988 and 1990, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections. He had served a nearly 15-year term before he was freed in April of 2005.

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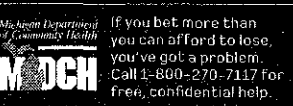
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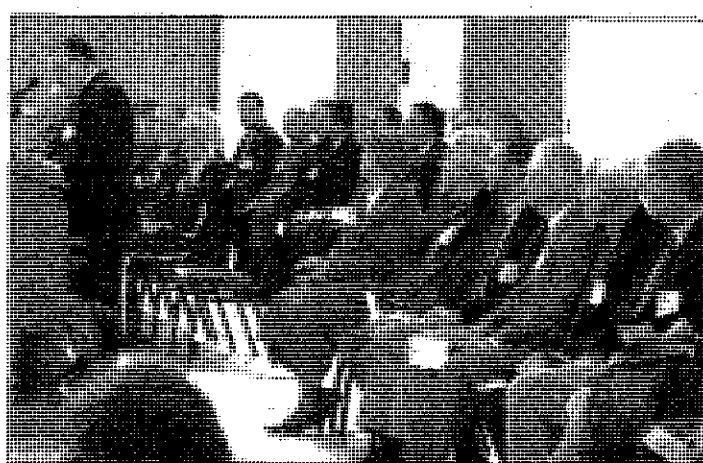
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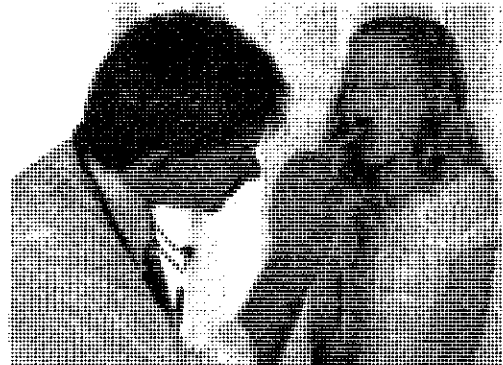
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Chinese New Year

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Legend holds that when Buddha summoned the animals to say good-bye to them before he left earth, only 12 came - the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and boar. To honor them, he named a year after each of them.

People born in the Year of the Rat are noted for their charm and attraction for the opposite sex. They work hard to achieve their goals, acquire possessions, and are likely to be perfectionists. They are basically thrifty with money. Rat people are easily angered and love to gossip. Their ambitions are big, and they are usually very successful.

This is the most important festival in the Chinese year and lasts 15 days. Even before the festival, extensive preparations centered on cleaning - houses are cleaned, new clothes purchased, debts "cleaned up" and so forth - take place, to clear out bad luck. The night before, firecrackers are set off to drive away any remaining evil spirits, then the house is sealed, to prevent good luck from leaking out.

The family then shares a special meal, full of symbolic foods, dumplings symbolizing unity and happiness, oysters for good business, noodles for longevity, lettuce for prosperity, a whole fish for togetherness and abundance (the fish is

never fully eaten, signifying the family will always have more than enough). In fact, many foods are served whole, as using sharp objects during the holiday may cut off good luck.

On New Year's Day, seals are broken; the family dons its new clothes, and spends the remainder of the holiday visiting relatives and temples.

If you'd like to learn more about this colorful festival, why not check out the 394 area of the library, which deals with international holidays, or the 950s for Chinese history.

"Kung hei fat choy!" (That's Cantonese for Happy New Year!)

Stop by at the reference desk at the Public Library of Westland, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westland.lib.mi.us for all your information needs.

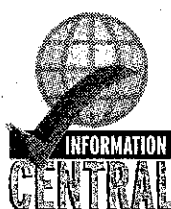
Highlighted Activities

Teen Advisory Board: 7 p.m. Feb. 5. Help the library "be all it can be." Join the Teen Advisory Board. The board helps in collection development, program planning, even decorating the Teen department. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop at the Reference Desk for more details.

Internet 101: 7 p.m. Feb. 6.

For the very beginner - what the Internet is and how to get there? What is a mouse, what is a monitor, how do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site? This is a hands-on class. Space is limited. Register in advance at the Reference Desk or call (734) 326-6123.

Information Central is compiled by reference librarian Janet Lowry. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.



Arena honors namesake on Michigan Hockey Day

In case you didn't know it, Saturday, Feb 16, is Michigan Hockey Day, and nine will be the number worth noting at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Anyone bearing the number nine on a jersey, hat, or any other Mike Modano memorabilia at the arena during open skate 1-2:20 p.m. will get in free.

Nine is the jersey number of Dallas Stars center Mike Modano. The all-time goal-scoring and points leader amongst American-born players in the NHL, Modano grew up in Westland.

Regular admission for open skate at Mike Modano Arena on Michigan Hockey Day is \$3.50 for kids and seniors and \$4.50 for adults. Skate rental is \$2.50.

"Mike Modano is a genuine NHL superstar, and we're proud to say he's from Westland," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "We think it's only fitting that we acknowledge him here in our city as part of Michigan Hockey Day."

Modano's parents, Michael and Karen still live in Westland.

Modano was the first overall pick in the 1988 NHL Entry Draft and went on to win the Stanley Cup in 1999 with the Dallas Stars. He has played all 18 of his NHL seasons with the Stars franchise.

In addition to his excelling on the ice, Modano is the founder and current vice-president of the Mike Modano Foundation Inc., which raises awareness and funding for organizations offering education and assistance to children and families affected by child abuse.

Formerly the Westland Sports Arena, the facility was renamed in honor of Modano during a ceremony in 2003. The arena currently has on display various memorabilia which highlight his milestone achievements from childhood to present, including the puck from his first goal scored in the NHL, his authentic Olympic jersey, and Modano's Minnesota North Star jersey.

The Mike Modano Ice Arena is at 6210 N. Wildwood, just north of Ford. For more information, call the arena at (734) 729-4560.

Knox Box program: Safe and secure

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

If Billy Pate finds himself in need of some emergency assistance, he knows one thing - Garden City firefighters won't have to damage his home to get inside.

Thanks to the Garden City Rotary Club and firefighters, Pate's home now has a Knox Box - a locked steel box attached to his front door which contains a

key to his home. The Knox Box key is kept on fire vehicles to be used by firefighters in an emergency.

"I thought it was a terrific idea when I heard about it," said Pate, who is nearly 80 and has lived alone since his wife died in 2000.

The Rotary Club is paying for the Knox Boxes - the tab for the residential units run about \$200, including shipping - while firefighters handle the installation. Currently, seven homes have the Knox Boxes - primarily senior citizens.

"They are designed for rapid entry. There is no charge for the installation," said Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Michael Massey.

The Knox Boxes are required on a new construction commercial buildings where they are likely to be inset into the brick, Massey said. On existing commercial buildings the boxes are flush-mounted. Currently, the boxes have been installed at 50 business, all public schools and seven homes.

"Some businesses worry that the boxes could be knocked off but the steel is so heavy you would never get it open with a sledge hammer," said Massey. "It's cheap insurance to know someone can get into the house for an emergency without breaking in."

Rotary will provide a Knox



After a Knox Box has been installed near the top of the front door, Garden City Rotary Club member Bill Snodgrass (left) posed with homeowner Billy Pate and Firefighter Eric Tews, who installed the unit. Rotary is sponsoring a program to provide the units, which contain a house key to allow quick emergency entry into the home, for senior citizens and homebound residents.

Box upon request as a public service project, said club member William Snodgrass.

"That's what our club is all about. We help make a better place to live," said Snodgrass, who encouraged any Garden City resident interested in having a Knox Box installed to contact the fire department or Maplewood Senior Citizen Center. "It gives you peace of mind."

As a senior citizen living alone, Pate said he had already tried to be prepared for an emergency. When he bathes, Pate said he takes a cordless telephone into the bathroom and leaves the front door unlocked just in case he falls and can't get up.

"Now you don't need to leave the door unlocked anymore," said Massey.

Pate and Snodgrass's father

attend the same church - Pate heard about the Knox Box program at a church men's club meeting.

"If I'd known about these, I'd have paid for it myself. It's a wonderful program," said Pate. "We've got the greatest Fire Department in the world."

A teacher retired from the Livonia Public Schools, Pate and his family moved into his home in 1960.

"I hope I can stay here - it's our home. Garden City is a great town and has wonderful services," said Pate. "When I came here I was the young man, now I'm the old guy."

For more information about Knox Box program, call the Fire Department at (734) 793-1780 or the Maplewood Senior Center at (734) 793-1870.



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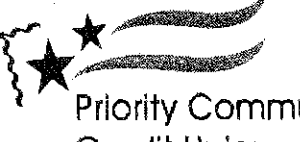
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IRS rule allows waiver of tax on certain debts

Dear Rick: Last year I lost my job and had to sell my home. I did a short sale and sold it for less than I owed. The mortgage company forgave the balance of my mortgage but a friend said I have to pay taxes on that amount. Please tell me my friend was wrong. I have no clue how I would come up with the money to pay the taxes.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

mortgage debt forgiveness in 2007 are going to receive 1099s from their mortgage companies. If they are not more than the exclusion amount then there will be no taxable income. I

For taxpayers who had some sort of debt forgiveness on a secondary home the tax liability will be substantial. My advice is to file your return and pay what you can on the liability. If you cannot afford to pay the taxes, contact the IRS at (800) 829-1040 to work out a payment plan or file Form 9465 (installment agreement request) with your return.

Many taxpayers who run into tax difficulties choose not to file because they cannot pay their tax. You are better off to file a timely return because it can help in avoiding penalties.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

I have good news. The IRS recently announced new rules that will allow you to be forgiven for the amount of the debt. Prior to these new rules your friend would have been correct.

Under the new rules for tax years 2007-09, taxpayers can exclude up to \$2 million of debt that has been forgiven as long as it is on your principal residence. For single individuals or for married couples filing separately, the amount is \$1 million. The rules apply to short sales as well as mortgages reduced because of a restructuring by the mortgage company.

The rules are new and many taxpayers who went through a short sale or some sort of

am not sure on how the IRS wants them reported but I recommend you include those items on your Form 1040. You can attach a statement to the return explaining that forgiveness of debt was on your principal home and so no income is reported. Consult IRS Publication 544 before you file your return, especially if you prepare your own tax return.

The new rules apply only to debt forgiveness on your personal residence. If you did a short sale or had some debt forgiven on a second home, the entire amount of the forgiveness is considered taxable income and you are liable for taxes.

Distractions lead to dangerous kitchen fires

The cell phone rings, and it is quickly answered. The problem is, the cooking that was taking place prior to the phone call is now unattended. The resulting fire is one of the over 100,000 fires in the U.S. that start in the kitchen.



Tom Kiurski

There is another side of this statistic that paints an even grimmer picture - there are another 12 million kitchen fires that go unreported each year. Many of those unreported fires are extinguished by homeowners, and they feel they do not need to report the fire. If there is any question about whether or not the fire is out, call us. If you plan on turning in a claim to your insurance company, call us.

The main reason for kitchen fires is leaving cooking food unattended. We often become comfortable with cooking, so we feel a "short" time away from cooking is fine. We've done it before, right?

Often, the ensuing fire will take people by surprise. They think quickly (and incorrectly) that water is effective at putting out fires. Cooking fires are quite different, and water usually spreads the fire. The best thing to do when cooking is to take out the lid that properly fits the pan you plan to cook in. If an unwanted fire breaks out, cover the pan with the lid. This takes away the oxygen and stops the fire. Turn the heat off to the burner and let the pan cool. If the fire is in an oven, keep the oven door closed and shut off the oven.

Another great thing to have on hand for that cooking fire is the container of baking soda. Baking soda can extinguish many fires in the kitchen, so keep it in a handy location. All kitchens should be ready for a larger fire, and an A-B-C rated fire extinguisher should be located nearby.

Make sure everyone knows where the fire extinguisher is kept, and that they all know

how to use it. By using the acronym "PASS", you can remember how to use it. The "P" stands for "Pull". This is where you pull the pin or tape out of the way of the operating mechanism. The "A" stands for "Aim", as you aim the nozzle at the base of the flames. When within about 8 to 10 feet, the first "S" stands for "Squeeze", as you squeeze the handles together or squeeze the button down. The final "S" stands for "Sweep", as you move the fire nozzle from side to side.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

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Ford honors 2 auto dealers for charitable efforts

Two area Ford dealers have been recognized for distinguished corporate citizenship by the Ford Motor Company.

Brothers Doug and Tom North, owners of North Brothers Ford in Westland and North Brothers Lincoln Mercury in Troy, have earned Ford's Salute To Dealers award. They are among nine North American dealer principals who will receive the eighth annual tribute at a ceremony Friday, Feb. 8, in San Francisco.

Through donations, fundraising and volunteer service, the two men have helped provide summer camp scholarships, shelter and other support for families in need and youth recreation facilities.

The North brothers are guided by similar values, which Tom North said is "a business



Tom North



Doug North

philosophy we learned from our father." James North, a long-time Rotary Club member, also participated in and supported many other charitable causes when he ran the family business.

His sons expand that legacy by underwriting scholarships for dozens of area youngsters to attend YMCA and Salvation Army summer day camps each year, supporting a mentoring program for at-risk youths in Westland and helping construct a local library,

playground and skate park and improve a baseball diamond.

"Young people face the greatest risks and greatest challenges," said Doug North, explaining why his dealerships also support schools in Troy and Westland, the Wayne County Family Shelter and the Boy and Girl Scouts of America.

"They have been exemplary role models to the community," Paul Motz, director of the Westland Youth Assistance Program, said of the Norths. "Their contributions through the years have impacted hundreds of families. North Brothers Ford is a class act and the epitome of generosity and commitment to community service."

Support also flows to the Wayne County Family Shelter in Westland, a partnership of

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and the county that offers transitional housing for more than 500 parents and children annually.

"North Brothers Ford provides us with beds, mattresses, diapers, laundry soap - so many of the essentials that our people go through constantly," said Director Carol Eddy. "Doug and Tom instill that spirit of giving in their employees, who also donate money and time as volunteers. And it never ends. This doesn't just happen one time a year. They think of us all year long, they're over here and they're calling and asking what we need."

Doug and Tom North, who joined the dealership in 1987 and 1990 respectively, are exploring a new route to uphold the spirit of respon-

sibility their father instilled. They have established a charitable foundation to attract more matching grants for programs they support.

"We consider ourselves part of the community," said Doug North. "This is the right thing to do, and it's part of our DNA." Salute To Dealers was launched in 2001 to demonstrate the company's commitment to its thousands of dealer principals who step beyond their showroom doors to make a difference where they live and work.

The three men were selected from a field of 65 dealers located in 23 states and Canada based on community service activities, length of participation and personal motivation. Regional representatives for all Ford Motor Company brands

submitted nominations. Four judges, including Edsel B. Ford II, made the selection.

"Inspiring dedication to their neighbors by David, Tom and Doug underscores the commitment to corporate citizenship that my great-grandfather built into the fabric of Ford Motor Company more than a century ago," Ford said. "They and fellow honorees strengthen communities, set an example for others and bring hope to thousands of people across our country. We are very proud of them."

A painted portrait of each honoree will have a montage of philanthropic and volunteer activities that led to the award. Duplicates of the portraits will join a Salute To Dealers display in the lobby of Ford's World Headquarters in Dearborn for year-round viewing.

Garden City Hospital offers wellness programs for residents

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Monday, Feb. 4

Power Hour at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Childbirth Education (third of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Heart Pals Cardiac Support Group at 7:30 p.m. Group support is offered to cardiac patients and/or their significant other. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise

program designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (fourth of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of

equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Testing noon-2 p.m. Have your blood pressure checked (free) and your cholesterol level (S5) or Lipid panel (S10), tested on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. Everyone is welcome. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Power Hour at 3 and 5 p.m. An intense exercise class designed to take you to the next level in fitness. Every class will be different, but we guarantee that each one will be challenging and fun, with a variety of aerobic exercises to experience. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Yoga (first of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for details and to register.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

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Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. The staff

of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Diabetes Support Group at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Hear guest speakers and get involved with open discussion on new diabetes information by attending this support group. Day and evening classes are available. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

CPR - Infant and Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children victims age 8 and under. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for

those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Strength and Stretch at 11 a.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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Daily Programs

Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Sunday, February 3rd, 2008 and end Sunday, February 10th, 2008. Interested persons should:

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- 15-Approved minutes of 1/7/08.
- Approved bid to be named as Official City Newspaper, from Observer & Eccentric.
- Approved bid from Federated Service Pro, to remodel Police Dept. Conf. Room., amt. \$16,276.20.
- Adopted Land. Div. Res. Lot 14, 15, & 16; w. side of Newburgh, s. of Ford.
- 16-Approved Intro. of Ord. 253, to amend Chptr 2, Art. X, Sect. 2-701 thru 2-708.
- 17-Adopted Manpower Budget Amend 2008-06.
- 18-Adopted Budget Amend. 2008-07; General Fund \$12,896.00.
- 19-Adopted Budget Amend. 2008-08; General Fund \$20,915.00.
- 20-Adopted Budget Amend. 2008-09; General Fund \$275,717.00.
- 21-Approved Site Plan for prop. comm. ctr. Parcel #042-01-0020-000 thru -0023-000, s. side of Ford, e. of Wayne.
- 22-Approved Spec. Land Use for prop. expansion of New Mexico Rest., 35851 Ford, Parcel #045-02-0301-000, s. side of Ford, w. of Wayne.
- 23-Approved Site Plan for prop. Indus. bldg., Parcel #0521-01-0232-000, s. side of Florence, e. of Abuzzzi Dr.
- 24-Confirmed re-appt. of Angelo Plakas & Assoc. as City Atty., thru 12/31/09.
- 25-Confirmed re-appt. of B.Thompson as Planning Dir., thru 12/31/09.
- 26-Confirmed re-appt. of R.Kosowski as Parks & Rec. Dir., thru 12/31/09.
- 27-Confirmed appt/re-appt. of T.Bailey, E.Johnson, E.Lamp, M.Rawson, N.Huda, Rev.T.Keeling & D.James to Parks & Rec. Advisory Council.
- 28-Confirmed appt. of Plante & Moran as City Auditor thru 12/31/09.
- 29-Confirmed appt. of S.Chopek to EDC/TIFA Board thru 1/22/2014.
- 30-Confirmed re-appt. of M.Harris to Nankin Transit Comm. thru 12/31/09.
- 31-Confirmed re-appt. of J.Godbout to Nankin Transit Comm. thru 12/31/09.
- 32-Approved Comm. Dev. Dir. Salary to 100% of wage scale.
- 33-Approved City Clerk Benefit Pkg. thru 12/31/08.
- 34-Approved Deputy City Clerk Benefit Pkg. thru 12/31/08.
- 35-Approved Checklist Activity: \$1,453,502.75 and Prepaid: \$7,050,911.33.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

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Red Cross speaker: Prepare for emergency – and know where to go

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you had just five minutes to get out of your house in an emergency, would you know what to take?

That was the question Jessie Gonyea of the American Red Cross posed at the Westland Rotary Club Thursday, Jan. 17. "All these things take a level of preparation," said Gonyea, community liaison for the Red Cross and a Monroe resident.

She urged her audience to have a three-day supply of all prescription medication, noting she carries her husband's heart medication. Gonyea, who had lunch goers list what they'd take, reminded them to consider pets who will need shelter in an emergency.

Her family's close to the Fermi nuclear facility, and they're prepared to head south to Toledo where there's a school/shelter that accepts

pets (not all do). Gonyea noted you should pay attention to wind direction for chemical emergencies, and have alternate routes of travel.

She agreed that identification, credit cards and other essential documents are needed.

Your cell phone's a vital item, but in a widespread disaster you'll need contacts outside the state. "It does affect the satellite," Gonyea said. "Remember that power outage we had a couple years ago? You have to have a contact out of state."

Other must-haves include one gallon per person per day of water, along with food and water for your pet and something to carry the pet in. In her example emergency bag, Gonyea had emergency food rations good for several days.

"It's not the best-tasting thing but if you're hungry it's not bad," she said.

Other highlights:

- Gonyea carries in her car a change of clothes, along with flip-flops and rubber boots for each member of her four-person family.

- "Ponchos are really important. We have a lot of rain around here."

- She carries a flashlight, with separate batteries so power doesn't drain. A "glow stick" can help you see enough to put batteries in.

- Don't forget toilet paper.

- A "survival wrap" that's folded but large enough to cover several people will maintain body temperature.

- Waterproof matches come in handy, as does a whistle.

"You will always hear a whistle above everything else," said Gonyea, noting the sharp whistles heard over the crowd at Detroit's annual Thanksgiving parade. At her house, they have different numbers of blasts to identify who's outside in case of a fire.

She also recommended a small first aid kit. "The NOAA radio is wonderful" for emergency information, she added of that crank-up item.

Additional emergency information can be found on the Red Cross local Web site, www.semredcross.org. Gonyea concluded by reminding Rotarians to make sure generators are used only in a well-ventilated area.

She also covered work done by disaster action teams, such as food/clothing vouchers for fire victims who often stay in a hotel briefly. Victims are referred to other agencies for long-term needs including furniture replacement.

Westland Rotary President Lou Toarmina is a Red Cross volunteer, responding to fires.

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Blue Cross campaign is only to enhance its profits

"If I had a million dollars, I'd buy your love."

That line from the Barenaked Ladies has a special resonance in Michigan right now.

By the time you read this, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan may have spent in excess of \$1 million in political advertising and up to \$500,000 in other ads in a single week.

It has blanketed the Legislature with political contributions. The president and CEO is Daniel Loepp, Blue Cross' former chief lobbyist. All this to pro-



J.P. Wieske

mote the Blues' version of so-called health reform.

In truth, the bills have more to do with reforming Blue Cross and, like the Blues' past efforts to reform the small group market, will lead to fewer insured people for Michigan and more profits for Blue Cross.

But you can't blame Loepp. He is doing what he does best — using Blue Cross' political influence to gain an advantage on its competitors. In 2002, Loepp begged the Michigan Legislature to bail out Blue Cross in the small group market. Blue Cross claimed it was facing millions of dollars in losses from alleged "cherry picking" by other insurance carriers. As a result of those claims, the

Legislature eventually passed and Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed Act 88, which went into effect Jan. 23, 2004.

Since the passage of that bill, Michigan Blue Cross Blue Shield has made more than \$1,000,000 a day. Apparently, it isn't enough.

Armed with a politically connected CEO, hundreds of thousands of dollars in political contributions and substantial market power, the Blues now have set its political sights on the individual health insurance market.

Similar to its claims in 2002, BCBSM says it's in dire financial straits. The individual health insurance market, it says, is losing money. Despite owing more than 50 percent

of the individual market, Blue Cross claims it cannot compete with the commercial health insurers who individually have a minuscule share of the individual health insurance market.

It's a little like Microsoft claiming Apple is competing unfairly in the PC market.

But the Blues have learned from the 2002 battle, when objections from interested parties, including the rest of insurance industry, derailed its legislation. The bill that eventually emerged looked very different from the one initially pushed by the Blues. In order to avoid that, the Blues have come out fully armed this time.

By some counts, Blue Cross has retained seven new lobbyist firms and

the services of four public relations firms. It has advertised heavily, falsely implying that its competitors terminate coverage once people become sick. (That is already illegal under Michigan law and is also prohibited by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.) The cost of this campaign has likely already run into the millions of dollars.

Instead of buying the love of state legislators, maybe Blue Cross should pour that money into covering the uninsured.

J.P. Wieske is director of state affairs for the Council for Affordable Health Insurance, based in Alexandria, Va.

LETTERS

Amendment needed

We need to send a message to the politicians in Lansing that they were elected to serve their constituents. For the last two years, I have tried to have the Michigan Vehicle Code amended. The Michigan State Police traffic division feels the amendment has merit, but is unwilling to introduce it. Westland legislators are unwilling to introduce it. Even if it was introduced, it probably would not get out of committee.

So what can voters do? Petition the Legislature to act seems the only alternative.

Please organize a petition drive to put the issue on the ballot and let voters decide. Hopefully, the amendment would allow traffic engineers to decide traffic issues and not the police or the courts. In regard to speeding violations, the gist of the amendment is already in the code — see section 5 — but conveniently ignored.

This campaign could help the paper's circulation and establish a new community role.

Walter Stroyan
Westland

Down on digital

Appreciating that it's inevitable, I applaud any lawful measure that

delays the arrival of digital-format TV. At age 63, I remember when a TV set was a piece of furniture, its little screen mounted in an elegant wooden cabinet. I remember the NBC peacock's feathers fanning out to herald the advent of color. And color was welcome because it not only enriched the picture by an order of magnitude, but did not impair viewing on a black-and-white set.

But digital format, even supporting high-definition, does not promise the qualitative leap of color. Thus on local cable, I don't foresee comprehending a city commission meeting any better because I can count the threads in the mayor's tie. And while watching a network drama or sitcom, I might prefer not to appreciate the pores on an actor's face.

Yet someone somewhere has decided that I need this dubious improvement so badly that I must buy new equipment or adapter boxes, extend cable elsewhere in the house and accept that a couple of smaller TVs, perfectly serviceable up to now, are destined for the Dumpster. Multiplying these consequences by millions of households reveals the extent of the waste.

My main concern, though, is not economic, but cultural. The fixation on digital format suggests that the

viewing experience has surpassed content quality in the expectations of the audience — at least as manipulated by the industry and its marketers. The technology may point forward, but its impact is distinctly retrograde, paralleling the film industry's computer-enabled abandonment of dialogue in favor of morphing monsters.

Paul M. Selbold
Birmingham

We were fetuses once

I am writing as a former human embryo and fetus in response to Mr. Ryan Dinkgrave's article "Chronic disease cures await case in ESCR." He also states that he is a diabetic.

An article in the journal of the American Medical Association, April 2007, has shown research that shows great promise of using a patient's bone marrow cells to cure their own diabetes Mellitus Type I, those with a new onset of the disease. Researchers have shown that adult stem cells have been more highly successful in treating diseases than the embryonic stem cell research. Dozens and dozens of documented cases have proved this fact contrary to the public belief that embryonic stem cells are effective. See www.stemcellresearch.org. Get your facts yourself and not second-hand information.

Aside from the fact that adult stem cells are pretty effective in treating some diseases, we must not forget that we were human embryos once. We were human fetuses once. We must respect the life of those people who are embryos and fetuses right now. If they are not killed, they will be adults like us. If we keep on destroying human embryos for research and fetuses (unborn babies) in abortion, we are no longer the "land of the free."

We are committing genocide in our own country. It is sad that some presidential candidates flaunt the fact that they are for embryonic stem cell research and for abortion. They have forgotten their roots and what they learned in their life science classes.

We have five former embryos, now kids. We would never dream of destroying them in their early beginnings as a blastocyst, an embryo, a fetus, all human beginnings. Wake up America, before it is too late "the land of the free."

Angie Schubert
Livonia

More false hope

War without end — Amen.
I first need to say that I have always

wanted to write about this crazy line that comes into my head. It bothers me a lot, because it is a thing that always pops into my head every time I see Bush Jr. as he is giving his annual speech to the nation.

You see, I grew up going to the Methodist church. Yes, there was a method to each service, because the preacher man (and most often it was our in-law, the minister at the church we went to) would always say this in his benediction: "World without end ... amen." The "we are strong in our resolve," or we are "making progress" statements always have a way of forcing this goofy statement back into my head.

It's as if Bush was this fictitious preacher, trying to collect money on some TV revival show on some obscure local TV channel.

The reality is that we are spending \$12 billion a month on a war we frankly aren't winning. Is that fiscally conservative? I think not.

Are the spoils of this war in Iraq coming back to you and me? Do we feel safer? If you answered yes to either question, then you should send your money to the nearest TV preacher of your choice, because you like false hope.

Mark Barringer
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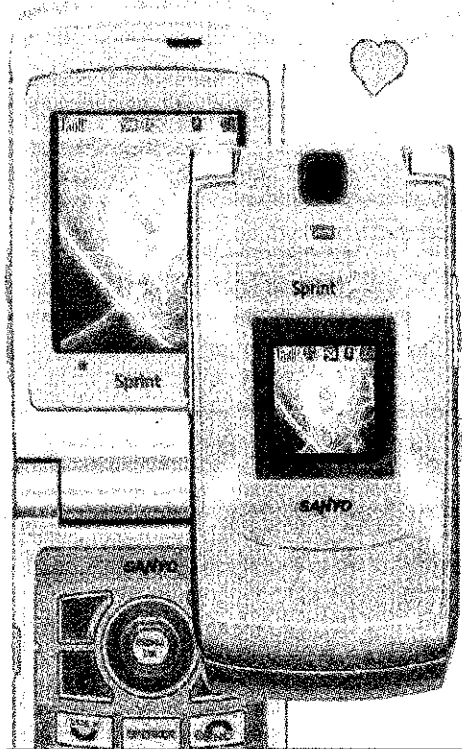
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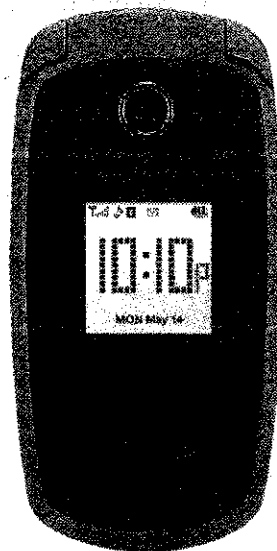
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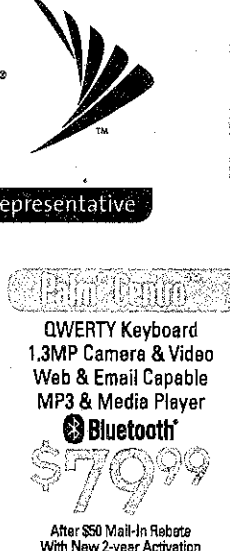
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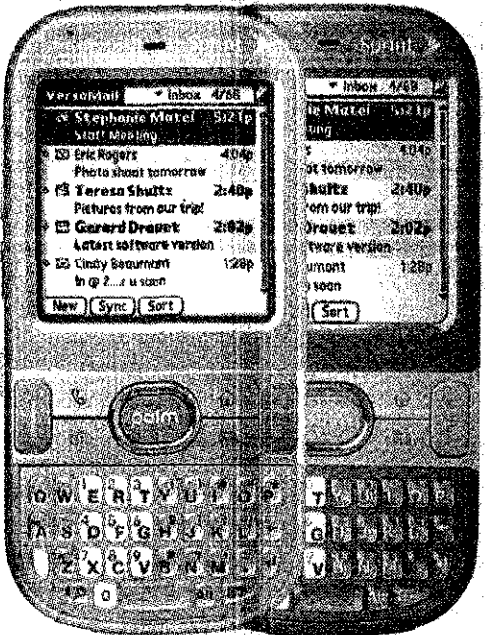
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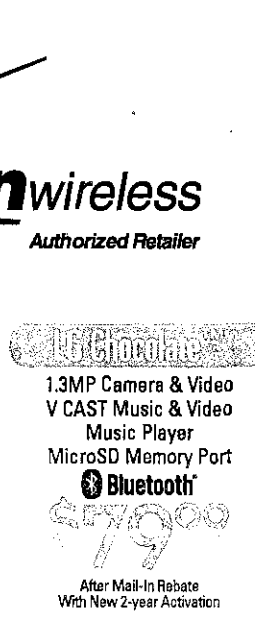
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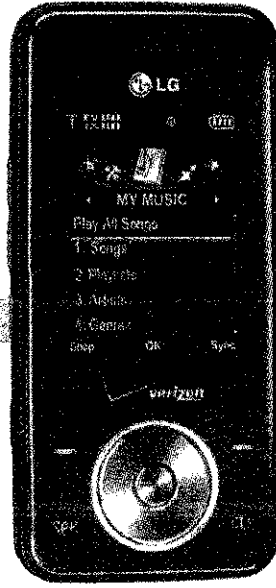
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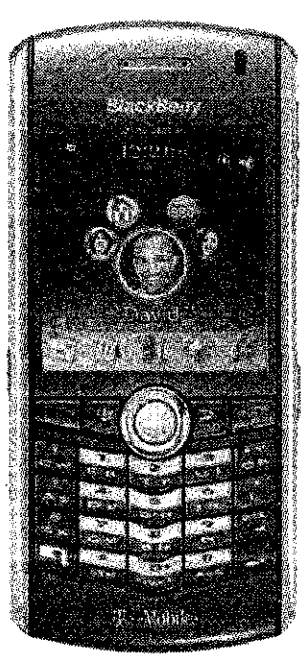
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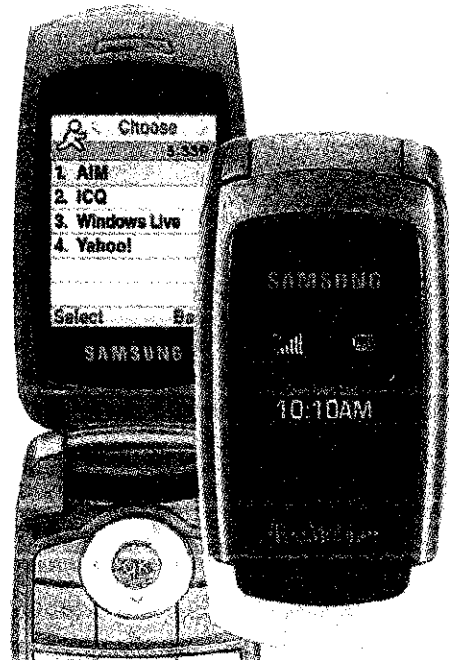
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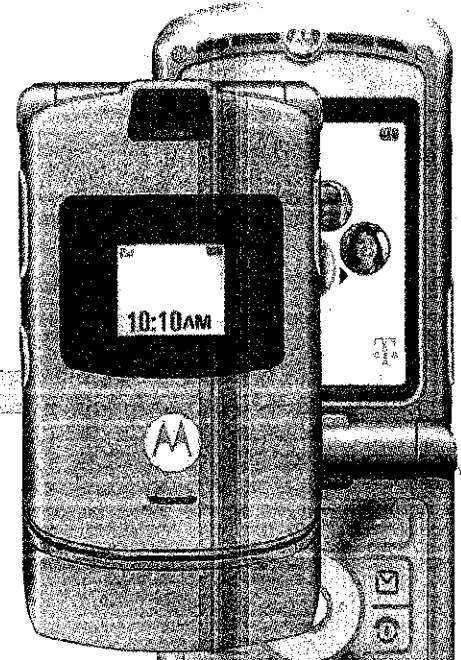


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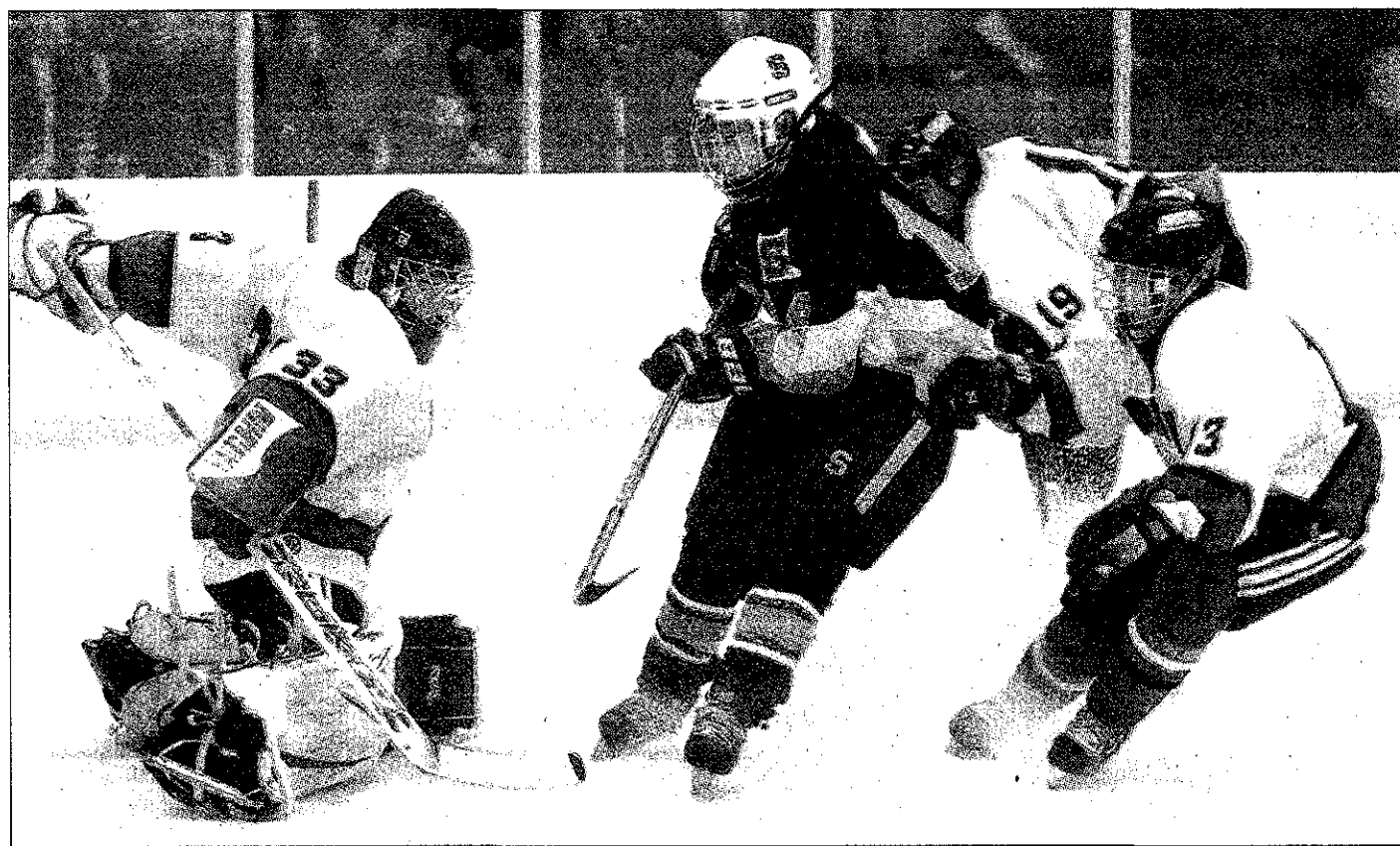
Churchill shaved, 5-1

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Dodging a bullet only two days earlier, Livonia Stevenson's hockey team came out firing on all cylinders Wednesday night with a 5-1 victory over rival Livonia Churchill before a capacity crowd at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The game pitted the state's No. 1- and No. 3-ranked teams in Division 1 with top-rated Stevenson improving to 17-0-1 overall after suffering their first blemish Monday night in a 3-3 shocker against host Walled Lake Northern at Lakeland Ice Arena.

Against Churchill, Michael Voran's hat trick sparked the Spartans, who improved to 4-0-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Ryan Baratono (center) scores on Churchill goalie Derrick Daigneau during the first period. Trailing on the play are Churchill's Dan Bostick and Scott Sundberg.

Please see **STEVENSON, B2**

Sidelines

MSU's Lerg saluted

Michigan State University junior goaltender Jeff Lerg (Livonia) was named Central Collegiate Hockey Association Player of the Month.

Lerg went 5-0-3 with a 1.32 goals-against average, along with a .959 save percentage while sweeping all four CCHA Goaltender of the Week awards in January.

MU signs Bambach

Madonna University head cross country coach Patrick Daugherty announced the signed Thursday of Livonia Ladywood runner Emily Bambach.

"Emily is an outstanding student-athlete and will certainly help us in our quest for a (Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic) conference title."

Bambach has earned four letters in cross country and three in track. She helped the Blazers to a pair of state finals appearances in cross country as a sophomore and junior.

The All-Catholic Scholar-Athlete also competed in the Division 2 state meet as a sophomore in track.

Ocelots postponed

The scheduled men's, and women's basketball games Wednesday night between Alpena Community College and host Schoolcraft College were postponed due to white-out driving conditions up north.

The games have been rescheduled for 5:30 p.m. (men's) and 7:30 p.m. (men's) on Monday, Feb. 11 at Schoolcraft, according to athletic director Sidney Fox.

Scholar finalists

Livonia Churchill's Jacyln Griebek (Class A girls) and Ryan Whittum (Class A boys) are among the finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award.

Griebek was a member of the Churchill Class A state championship girls volleyball team (spring 2007), while Whittum was an All-Observer first-team pick as a defensive back for the Chargers' 7-3 football team, which reached the Division 1 state playoffs.

To be eligible for the award, students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

The top 32 Scholar-Athlete recipients will be honored at a ceremony during halftime of the MHSAA Class C Boys Basketball Finals, Saturday, March 15, at the Michigan State University Bresler Student Events Center in East Lansing.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stevenson's Michael Voran scored a hat trick in Wednesday's 5-1 win over Churchill. The Spartans are 17-0-1 overall and ranked No. 1 in Division 1. He had a goal and two assists in a 3-3 tie two days earlier against Walled Lake Northern.

Northern pulls off 3-3 tie vs. No. 1 Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Coach Claude Tunison had to convince his Walled Lake Northern boys hockey team that they belonged on the same ice with the state's elite teams.

After losing 4-0 on Jan. 26 to Livonia Churchill, ranked No. 3 in Division 1, the Knights did the improbable two days later, earning a 3-3 deadlock last Monday with No. 1 Livonia Stevenson at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

The tie left Stevenson with a 16-0-1 overall record and a 3-0-1 mark in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

(Stevenson beat No. 3 ranked Livonia Churchill on Wednesday, 5-1. See related story.)

Northern, despite being outshot 40-24, actually had the top-ranked Spartans on the ropes, leading 3-2 late in the final period before coach David Mitchell pulled his goaltender Pat McHugh for the extra attacker.

Sean Lerg's goal with only seven seconds remaining gave Stevenson a 3-3 deadlock with R.J. Kierdorf and Michael Voran assisting on the game-tying goal.

"They put a lot of heat on our goalie (freshman Connor Hellebuyck) at the end and got the

Please see **SPARTANS, B3**

Wayne Memorial boys roll rare 300 in Baker game

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

PREP BOWLING

Wayne Memorial caught lightning in a bottle during its 25-5 boys bowling triumph Tuesday afternoon against Livonia Clarenceville at Country Lanes in Farmington.

The Zebras, a Division 1 state team semifinalists a year ago, rolled a perfect 300 in the second Baker game during the Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference matchup.

The quintet of Eric Robertson, Mike Solarz, Nate

Mosley, Ryan Gabriel Zac Kyle achieved the rare feat in the alternating shot format, which resulted in 12 straight strikes.

Wayne, which improved to 7-4 overall and 3-4 in the WOBC, also set season bests for team-high game (1,157) and team-high series (2,228), along with a second-best Baker team-high series (477).

Clarenceville took the first Baker match, 204-177, to earn four points, but lost the second

in a respectable, 300-247, as well as the two-game set, 477-451, to fall behind 6-4

Wayne then dominated the individual and regular game matches.

Top individual bowlers for the Zebras included Robertson, 268-192-460; Kyle, 266-177-443; Gabriel, 236-204-440; Mosley, 197-204-401; and Solarz, 190-194-384.

Christian Grates led Clarenceville with a 395 two-game set on games of 225 and 170.

On Jan. 26 at Parkway Lanes

in Trenton, the Zebras were runner-up to host Trojans in the Bowl by Burns Baker Tournament.

Trenton took first in the best two-of-three Baker format, 212-207 and 235-202.

Wayne was first in qualifying with sets of 708-744-1,482 and 848 for a 2,330 total followed by Trenton (2,140), Riverview (2,070), Westland John Glenn (2,046), Flat Rock (2,010) and the Zebras' No. 2 squad (1,999).

In the girls division, Trenton led the way with an 1,899 followed by Riverview (1,890),

Flat Rock (1,858), John Glenn (1,667), Wayne (1,657) and the Zebras' No. 2 squad (1,394).

DUAL MATCH RESULTS WAYNE MEMORIAL 25 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 5 Jan. 29 at Country Lanes

Wayne's top scorers: Eric Robertson, 268-192-460; Zac Kyle, 266-177-443; Ryan Gabriel, 236-204-440; Nate Mosley, 197-204-401; Mike Solarz, 190-194-384.

Regular game totals: 1,157-971-2,228 (19 points); Baker games: 177-300-477 (6 points).

Clarenceville's top scorers: Christian Grates, 225-170-395; Chris Diaz, 187-191-378; Jason Bertera, 201-153-354; Austin Bentley, 188; Phillip Heldler, 181; Cody Kissandi, 159; Bentley, 137.

Regular game totals: 204-247-451 (4 points); Baker games: 204-247-451 (4 points).

Dual match records: Wayne, 7-4 overall, 3-4 (Wayne-Oakland Bowling Conference); Clarenceville, 2-7 overall, 1-6 (WOBC).

Making strides

Patriots tie Plymouth, 5-5

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin first-year hockey coach Scott Wirgau was encouraged by his team's performance Wednesday night in a 5-5 deadlock with Plymouth at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"This team (Plymouth) is on a roll and their goalie (Ryan Schultz) is outstanding," Wirgau said of the Wildcats, who are 10-7-1 overall and 3-2-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "I've been able to make a short list for us as far as some of

the things the team has to build upon this year and we've done that. Our kids are starting to believe in themselves and the system."

Four of Franklin's five goals were power-play efforts including Eric Volk's game-tying score from Jordan Short and Tyler Barnes with 11:42 left in the final period.

The Wildcats took a 5-4 lead just 1:35 earlier in the third on Erik Olivier's power-play goal from Ewan Swieczkowski.

Plymouth jumped out to a 2-0 lead just 4:42 into the first period on goals by Justin Gilliam (from Jake Jossy) and Colin Rolfe (from Jossy and Kyle Rochov).

But the Patriots responded on Jordan Chisholm's power-play goal from Derek Davis and Tyler

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Franklin's Tyler Miller in control.

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Miller at the 5-minute mark followed by Chisholm's second of the night from Miller at 11:12.

In the second period, Rick Cigile scored from Rolfe and Noel Aspenwall at 4:16 to make it 3-2. Franklin's Tyler Barnes then answered with a pair of power-play goals just 30 seconds apart, the first from Robert Beattie and David Muller at the 10-minute mark and the second from Beattie and Ronald Perian.

Jerry Pitts' power-play goal from Conner Dresser with only 37 seconds before the second period ended evened the count at 4-4.

Plymouth outshot the Patriots, 43-23, as Franklin netminder Austin Mesler made 38 saves.

Schultz had 18 saves, but none bigger when he blocked Chisholm on a breakaway following a steal off the Plymouth defense with only 1.2 seconds left in the game.

Franklin is now 4-11-2 overall and 0-5-1 in the Western Division.

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It's time to get 'Brooklyn' side of story

Everybody who bowls is familiar with the term, "Brooklyn" strike. One reader, Richard Best, sent an e-mail asking what the origin is for the New York or the Brooklyn strike.

This made a nice topic for discussion around some of the local lanes.

I finally called the one-man encyclopedia of bowling, Mark Miller at U.S. Bowling Congress headquarters in Greendale, Wis.

"It was originated by bowlers in the New York area around the early 1900s as the Brooklyn indicates a crossover hit," Miller said. "That is equal to crossing over the East River from Manhattan to Brooklyn. There is also a Jersey strike, the same thing but this is for crossing the Hudson River into New Jersey."

As for the "New York" strike, that is not a commonly used term for any kind of strike and Miller was not aware of any connection there. I hope that this satisfies the curiosity of Richard Best or anyone else who wondered why but were afraid to ask.

The Metro Detroit USBC held its annual meeting recently at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights highlighted by Kristy King of Clinton Township being elected to a two-year term on the Metro

Detroit USBC Board of Directors joining four incumbents.

The new Youth Committee members elected included Todd Atkinson (Macomb Township), Amanda Hirst (Royal Oak), Brian Light (Rochester) and Aaron Slaughter (Detroit).

Everything else was business-as-usual with only two changes in the by-laws concerning methods of voting for directors. The Metro Detroit USBC serves over 70,000 members, by far the largest in the nation.

News flash: USBC sets specifications for lane conditioners.

The purpose of the lanes oil, actually a clear liquid applied by machine to the lanes is to preserve the lane from wear and tear, and also to be put down in a specific pattern to determine the path of the ball.

Long ago, specifications were made to conform to fire safety standards and now the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is involved.

Do you know that when you bowl, it's possible that you could actually be eating some of the lane oil?

If it gets on the ball, it will surely get on your hands as well. Now when you grab the hot dog or nachos with the same hand, you could be eating the lane oil at the same time.

The USBC specification requires that manufacturers of lane conditioners conform with USBC that their products meet

the FDA standards, generally recognized as safe under the code of federal regulations.

The FDA uses GRAS additives to test substances such as food additives and chemicals for safe human use or to ensure that no ill effects occur if there is human contact with certain chemicals.

"USBC is going the extra mile to protect it's bowlers used in USBC leagues and tournaments meet strict federal government standards," USBC Technical Director Neil Stremmel said. "In this case we want to do our part to be sure our bowlers are safe if they happen to come in contact with lane oil. I think it's a good idea to always have a fresh bowling towel handy and wipe the ball frequently."

"When you are handling that burger and fries, use your non-bowling hand. Wash your hands thoroughly when you are done bowling."

Lee Snow of Wixom was bowling recently in the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic League when he fired his 33rd career 300 game.

This is his rookie year in the league and this classy lefty has a wicked strike shot that hits the pocket like a bomb.

The "Snowman" has enjoyed great success in league play, tournaments and the tour.

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Association. Meanwhile, the loss drops Churchill to 15-3 overall and 4-1 in the Lakes.

Stevenson, despite being outshot 31-16, made their scoring chances count as Voran got things rolling just eight seconds into the game off the initial face-off when he flew down the right wing and flicked a shot past Churchill netminder Derrick Daigneau.

Jake Harbowy and R.J. Kierdorf assisted on the goal and the two also helped set up Ryan Baraton's goal at 10:12 of the same period to make it 2-0 for the Spartans.

Voran's second goal at 52 seconds of the second stanza gave the Spartans a 3-0 advantage as senior forward Sean Lerg drew the assist.

"That (first) goal (by Voran) gave us a boost, anytime you score that early it helps, we were fortunate to get it," said Stevenson first-year coach David Mitchell, who was an assistant previously at Churchill. "Mike is usually pretty good, he's a leader for us on and off the ice. He's always consistent and he was very good tonight."

Churchill, unable to cash in on a pair of five-on-three power-play chances in the first period, showed some life when Tyler Cotter scored at 6:28 of the second on a two-man advantage with Nate Milam assisting to cut the deficit to 3-1.

But just 32 seconds later, Voran tallied an unassisted short-handed goal at the 7-minute mark giving Stevenson

a three-goal cushion again. "That (goal) came at a big time," Mitchell said. "We were opportunistic and able to answer back. It was a big goal."

Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni then switched goaltenders, bringing in Greg Wirick, but it couldn't stem the tide as Kierdorf scored at 12:44 of the second period off a slick pass from Baraton to make it 5-1. Joe Byrne also assisted on the goal.

Neither team was able to score in the final 15 minutes as Stevenson senior goalie Pat McHugh was sharp, stopping 30-of-31 Churchill attempts.

"Overall I'm happy with the performance and it helps that Pat (McHugh) played very well tonight," Mitchell said. "He did a good job for us."

The two teams meet again in a rematch Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Edgar.

"We got outplayed," Mazzoni said. "Too many mistakes and they (Stevenson) were hungrier than we were."

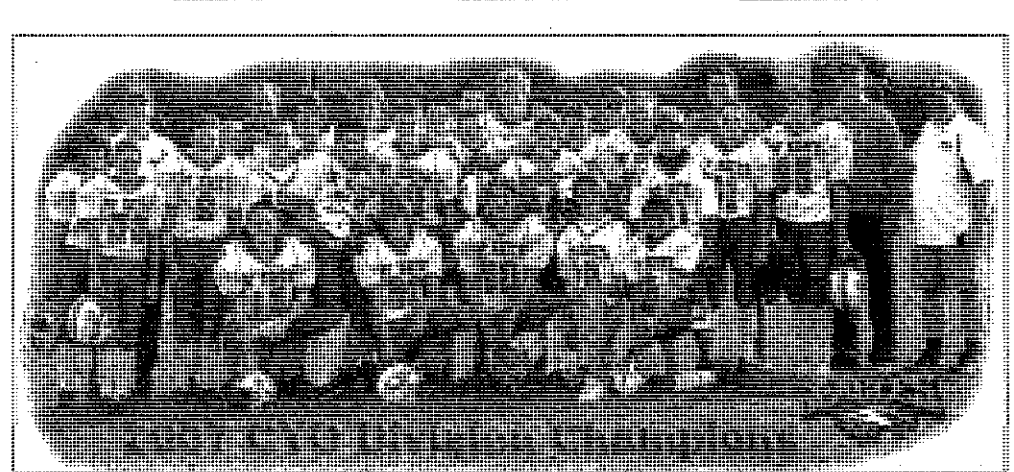
Churchill took 11 penalties, while Stevenson had nine.

"We still have to work on penalties," Mitchell said. "We were good on the penalty kill, but it doesn't mean we can do it every night. You're not always going to get away with it."

Milam, a senior forward who leads the Chargers with 34 goals on the year, took four penalties himself.

"Special teams have got to get better," Mazzoni said. "And their (Stevenson's) better players were better than our better players."

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CYO football runner-up

Livonia St. Edith captured the 2007 Catholic Youth Organization Division A football title before losing to Bloomfield Hills St. Regis in the CYO title game, 14-6, last October. Members of the varsity Eagles, who earned two playoff wins, include: Alex Coe, Patrick Collins, Kyle Cooper, Connor Dwyer, Aaron Hess, Thomas Huber, Steven Kushner, Adam Kwiecinski, Jacob Lawrence, Connor Lemko, Brett MacDonald, John Marlow, Dan Mixer, Michael Mosley, Brandon Patrone, Chris Pierce, Andrew Poterala, Mark Safran, Joseph Scott Jeffery Sugg, Vincent Tomasi, Samuel Vaitkevicius, Zachary Walters and Matthew Zinkosky. St. Edith is coached by Brad Dickey, who is stepping down after 10 years. Assistants include Paul Hess, Sam Aneed, Dan Collins, Al MacDonald and Dickey's successor, Mike Gatt, the former Hillsdale College quarterback who guided the Chargers to an NAIA National Championship. The former Redford-Detroit Catholic Central captain has called the offense signals the last four years for the Eagles, who have gone 27-7 with one CYO title, one runner-up finish, two division championships and four trips to Ford Field. "Mike is a great coach and a great person," Dickey said. "Kids love to play for him and coaches enjoy working with him. I'm so happy that Mike has accepted the position."

THE WEEK AHEAD

- BOYS BASKETBALL Monday, Feb. 4 Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 Lutheran West at Clarencville, 7 p.m. Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Wayne, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m. Clarencville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m. Canton Agape at Huron Valley, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 Luth. Westland at Light & Life, 7 p.m. Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Monday, Feb. 4 Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m. (Metro Conference Playoffs) Clarencville at B.H. Cranbrook, 7 p.m. Lutheran West at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 Canton Agape at Huron Valley, 7 p.m. Mon. St. Mary CC at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 5:30 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Tuesday, Feb. 5 Ladywood vs. Mercy at Edgar Arena, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 Churchill vs. W.L. Northern, Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m. Franklin vs. Redford Unified at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 (Michigan H.S. Showcase at Trenton) Churchill vs. Farmington at Kennedy Arena (Main Rink), 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 Ladywood vs. Bloomfield at Southfield Ice Arena, 4 p.m. Franklin vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m. (Michigan H.S. Showcase at Trenton) Stevenson vs. Novi-Detroit CC at Kennedy Arena (Main Rink), 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 Ladywood vs. Ann Arbor at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6 p.m. Franklin at Taylor Unified, 7:30 p.m. (Michigan H.S. Showcase at Trenton) Stevenson vs. Trenton (Main Rink), 4:40 p.m. Churchill vs. Cranbrook (Teifer Rink), 6 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Tuesday, Feb. 5 Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 6 p.m. Clarencville at Berkley, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 (Western Lakes Crossovers) Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Plymouth at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at Salem, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 Clarencville at Lutheran West, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 W.L.A. Tourney at Churchill, 9 a.m. Metro Conference Tournament at Lutheran Westland, 10 a.m. BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING Tuesday, Feb. 5 John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Wayne, 7 p.m. GIRLS GYMNASTICS Monday, Feb. 4 Livonia Red-Blue vs. Hartland at Churchill H.S., 7 p.m. PREP BOWLING Tuesday, Feb. 5 (at Town 'n Country Lanes) Wayne vs. N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 (at Novi Lanes) Wayne vs. Northville, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 Utica Eisenhower Doubles Tourney at Sterling Lanes, 8 a.m. GIRLS FIGURE SKATING Monday, Feb. 4 Team Competition at Farmington Ice Arena, 4 p.m. PREP SKIING Thursday, Feb. 7 Divisional Championships at Alpine Valley, TBA. COMPETITIVE CHEER Monday, Jan. 4 Northville at Wayne, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 John Glenn at Franklin, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 PR Cheer Tournament, TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Feb. 6 U-M Dearborn at Madonna, 7:30 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 Cornerstone at Madonna, 3 p.m. Flint Mott CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Feb. 6 U-M Dearborn at Madonna, 5:30 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m. Flint Mott CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Feb. 8 Whalers at Ottawa Generals, 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 Whalers at Belleville Bulls, 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 Whalers at Kingston Frontenacs, 2 p.m. MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE Thursday, Feb. 7 Ignition at La Raza de Monterrey, 9:35 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

PREP GYMNASTICS RESULTS

- GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS LIVONIA BLUE 138.65 BIRMINGHAM UNIFIED 128.70 Jan. 30 at Groves H.S. Vault: 1. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.25; 2. Laura Nomura (Blue), 9.0; 3. Kelly Charniga (Blue), 8.55; 4. Cara Baughman (BU), 8.5. Uneven bars: 1. Quint (Blue), 8.8; 2. Baughman (BU), 8.7; 3. Meghan Powers (Blue), 8.65; 4. (tie) Cassie Morford (Blue) and Karen Otzen (BU), 8.4 each. Balance beam: 1. Otzen (BU), 9.35; 2. Powers (Blue), 9.2; 3. Nomura (Blue) and Cara Baughman (BU), 9.0 each; 5. Carley Lukas (BU), 8.5. Floor exercise: 1. Baughman (BU), 9.0; 2. Nomura (Blue), 8.95; 3. (tie) Charniga (Blue) and Quint (Blue), 8.85; 4. Otzen (BU), 8.7. Livonia Blue's dual meet record: 8-1 overall. LIVONIA RED 134.35 BIRMINGHAM UNIFIED 128.70 Jan. 30 at Groves H.S. Vault: 1. Paula Guzik (Red), 9.05; 2. Margarita Lazarevska (Red), 8.7; 3. Jamie Marliugh (Red), 8.55; 4. Cara Baughman (BU), 8.5. Uneven bars: 1. (tie) Baughman (BU) and Guzik (Red), 8.7 each; 3. Katina St. Pierre (Red), 8.55; 4. Karen Otzen (BU), 8.4. Balance beam: 1. Otzen (BU), 9.35; 2. Baughman (BU), 9.0; 3. St. Pierre (Red), 8.9; 4. Marliugh (Red), 8.5. Floor exercise: 1. Baughman (BU), 9.0; 2. Guzik (Red), 8.95; 3. Otzen (BU), 8.7; 4. Sarah Parkin (Red), 8.4. All-around: 1. Baughman (BU), 35.20; 2. St. Pierre (Red), 33.25; 3. Otzen (BU), 34.7; 4. Jackie Kendall (BU), 30.95. Livonia Red's dual meet record: 5-4 overall. NORTHVILLE 144.00 LIVONIA BLUE 143.40 Jan. 28 at Churchill H.S. Vault: 1. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.3; 2. Allison Kemp (N), 9.2; 3. (tie) Makenna Pohl (N), 9.05; 4. Laura Nomura (Blue), 9.0. Uneven bars: 1. Pohl (N), 9.25; 2. Meghan Powers (Blue), 9.05; 3. (tie) Quint (Blue), Amy Reynolds (N) and Kemp (N), 8.95 each. Balance beam: 1. Pohl (N), 9.35; 2. (tie) Nomura (Blue) and Cassidy Winter (N), 9.25; 4. Quint (Blue), 8.95. Floor exercise: 1. Quint (Blue), 9.45; 2. (tie) Nomura (Blue) and Makenna (N), 9.3 each; 4. Winter (N), 9.15. All-around: 1. Pohl (N), 36.95; Quint (Blue), 36.65; 3. Winter (N), 36.1; 4. Nomura (Blue), 36.05; 5. Kemp (N), 35.95; 6. Powers (Blue), 35.7; 7. Reynolds (N), 35.5. Livonia Blue's dual meet record: 8-1 overall. NORTHVILLE 144.00 LIVONIA RED 140.35 Jan. 28 at Churchill H.S. Vault: 1. Paula Guzik (Red), 9.25; 2. Allison Kemp (N), 9.2; 3. (tie) Alicia DiMauro (Red) and Makenna Pohl (N), 9.05 each. Uneven bars: 1. Pohl (N), 9.25; 2. Kemp (N) and Amy Reynolds (N), 8.95 each; 4. Guzik (Red), 8.85. Balance beam: 1. Guzik (Red), 9.6; 2. Pohl (N), 9.35; 3. Winter (N), 9.25; 4. Reynolds (N), 8.8. Floor exercise: 1. Guzik (Red), 9.4; 2. Pohl (N), 9.3; 3. (tie) DiMauro (Red) and Winter (N), 9.15. All-around: 1. Guzik (Red), 37.1; 2. Pohl (N), 36.95; 3. Winter (N), 36.1; 4. Kemp (N), 35.95; 5. Reynolds (N), 35.5; 6. DiMauro (Red), 35.3. LIVONIA BLUE 141.5 SALEM 139.0 Jan. 24 at Salem Vault: 1. Laura Nomura (Blue), 9.45; 2. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.3; 3. Meghan Powers (Blue), 8.95. Uneven bars: 1. Quint (Blue), 9.1; 2. (tie) Powers (Blue) and Brittany Young, 9.0 each; 4. Katie Koetting (Salem), 8.85. Balance beam: 1. Powers (Blue), 9.1; 2. Quint (Blue), 8.85; 3. Kate Kariotis (Salem), 8.8. Floor exercise: 1. Koetting (Salem), 9.45; 2. Quint (Blue), 9.2; 3. Nomura (Blue), 9.1. All-around: 1. Quint (Blue), 36.75. SNOWFEST INVITATIONAL RESULTS Jan. 26 at Troy Athens TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Blue, 144.10 points; 2. Livonia Red, 140.35; 3. Troy Athens, 140.075; 4. Birmingham Unified, 133.35; 5. Royal Oak, 130.45; 6. Grosse Pointe Unified, 129.05; 7. Saline, 128.45; 8. Vassar, 120.15; 9. Troy, 100.90; 10. Hartland, 76.65. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS VAULT Division 1: 1. Paula Guzik (Red), 9.5; 2. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.4; 3. Alicia DiMauro (Red), 9.1; 4. Cara Baughman (Birm.), 8.75; 5. Meghan Powers (Blue), 8.5. Division 2: 1. Laura Nomura (Blue), 9.45; 2. Karen Guo (Athens), 8.8; 3. Margarita Lazarevska (Red), 8.75; 4. (tie) Jamie Marliugh (Red) and Brittany Swazey (Red), 8.7 each; 6. Lauren Patte (Red), 8.65; 7. Allison Gilley (Blue), 8.6; 8. Katie Bridges (Blue), 8.45. UNEVEN BARS Division 1: 1. Quint (Blue), 9.5; 2. Meghan Powers (Blue), 9.4; 3. Mary Lahr (Royal Oak), 8.9; 4. Dalia Shafiq (Blue), 8.8; 5. DiMauro (Red), 8.35; 6. Kelly Charniga (Blue), 8.3; 8. Guzik (Red), 8.1. Division 2: 1. Kelly Tapella (Blue), 9.2; 2. Nomura (Blue), 8.8; 3. Amy Clearr (Royal Oak), 8.5; 4. (tie) Kristy Richart (Saline) and Guo (Athens), 8.45; 8. Katina St. Pierre (Red), 8.3. BALANCE BEAM Division 1: Guzik (Red), 9.7; 2. Baughman (Birm.), 9.6; 3. Karen Otzen (Birm.), 9.4; 4. Brooke Madzia (Athens), 9.25; 5. (tie) Powers (Blue), 9.2; 7. Quint (Blue), 8.75; 8. DiMauro (Red), 8.5. Division 2: 1. Kelly Madzia (Athens), 9.45; 2. Nomura (Blue), 9.3; 3. Lazarevska (Red), 9.25; 4. Swazey (Red), 8.85; 7. Marliugh (Red), 8.6; 8. St. Pierre (Red), 8.4. FLOOR EXERCISE Division 1: 1. B. Madzia (Athens), 9.4; 2. Naomi Cherup (Athens), 9.375; 3. Guzik (Red), 9.35; 4. Otzen (Birm.), 9.1; 5. (tie) Charniga (Blue) and DiMauro (Red), 9.0 each; 8. Quint (Blue), 8.9. Division 2: 1. (tie) Nomura (Blue) and Paige Pennycok (Athens), 9.2 each; 3. (tie) Lauren Krieger (Grosse Pointe) and K. Madzia (Athens), 9.05 each; 5. Guo (Athens), 8.9; 6. Tapella (Blue), 8.8. ALL-AROUND Division 1: 1. Guzik (Red), 36.65; 2. Quint (Blue), 36.35; 3. B. Madzia (Athens), 35.45; 4. Cherup (Athens), 35.225; 5. DiMauro (Red), 34.95. Division 2: 1. Nomura (Blue), 36.75; 2. Lauren Krieger (Grosse Pointe), 34.15; 3. Guo (Athens), 33.6; 4. Paige Sederna (Saline), 33.50.

Advertisement for Lil' Kickers Child Development Soccer Program. Includes text: 'Silly Rabbit, Kicks are for Kids!', 'New to HIGH VELOCITY SPORTS', 'FREE OPEN HOUSE! Friday, March 7, 2008 5:00-7:00 pm at HVS Ages: 18 months-9 years old'. Contact: (734) HV-SPORT 46245 Michigan Ave. hvsports.com

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Stevenson orientation

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

Students must be accompanied by an adult.

A portion of the program includes meeting athletic department coaches and current athletes for all sports program at Stevenson in the Competition Gym. Information regarding practice-tryout dates and sports sign-up sheets will be available. You can also pick up a physical exam card and coupon for a physical.

Co-curricular clubs such will also be featured simultaneously in the North Cafeteria.

The academic portion of the

program includes meeting school counselors, tours of the school, meeting the Student Senate, and information about extra curricular activities and club. The school jazz band will also be featured and the student store will be open for business.

For more information, call the Stevenson athletic office at (734) 744-2660, Ext. 48116.

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 in

Livonia. Tickets are \$95 per couple or \$55 per person (includes dinner, open bar, door prizes and music by Men in Black).

To obtain tickets, donate a door prize or buy a program advertisement, contact the LJAL via e-mail at info@ljal.com; or by mail to: P.O. Box 135533, Livonia, MI 48153.

WYAA registration

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

The WYAA, celebrating its 50th anniversary, will offer baseball programs for T-Ball (ages 5-6), Coach-Machine Pitch

(7-8), Mustang (9-10), Bronco (11-12), Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16) and Palomino (17-19).

WYAA softball programs included: slow-pitch (local travel), ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-18. A competitive fast-pitch program is also offered for ages 10-, 12-, 14- and 16-and-under. Call (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

AAU girls hoops

Tryouts for the Livonia Hurricane 15-and-under girls AAU basketball team will be from 8-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 at Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia.

All players must fill out an AAU membership application and pay a \$14 tryout fee.

For more information, call Jim Milican at (734) 709-2412 or (734) 522-7461.



Flames triumph

The Livonia Mite Flames came away with the Dearborn Thanksgiving and Livonia's Gordie Butler Memorial Christmas tournament titles while posting an 8-1 record. The Flames defeated the Livonia Mite Predators, 3-2, in the Christmas tournament and the Dearborn Heights Chiefs, 3-2, in the Thanksgiving final. John Doyle (23 goals) and Alex McKeen (15 goals) were the Flames' leading scorers. Other members of the Flames include: Jacob Briggs, Benjamin DeSantis, Jason Oilworth, Sean Duffany, James Freed, Nicholas Futrell, Moqan Galu, Charles Kowalski, Ryan Matey, Gavin Pierz, John Pollack, Kyle Siroky, Michael Tjilos and Willis Wuebben. The coaching staff includes Chris Boloven, Jim Boloven, Todd DeSantis, Mike Galu, Bart Passalacqua, along with manager Doug Doyle. Team sponsors include: Livonia Towing, Technology Solutions, Senate Coney Island, E.J. Tax Service, Brentwood Pediatrics, Brann's, TOPS-Take Off Pounds Sensibly/Emily Galu and McKeen & Associates, P.C.

MU men's cagers outgun Tech

Double-digit scoring outputs from four Crusaders - led by Canton's Cedric Sims' game-best 29 - sparked Madonna University men's basketball team to a 90-80 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Wednesday night over visiting Indiana Tech.

With the victory, MU improved to 14-10 over all and 6-2 in WHAC play, while Tech falls to 11-12 and 4-4.

The triumph ties a school record for wins (14) in a season with the 2002-03 squad that finished 14-15.

Tech opened the game by scoring the first seven points before Jon Battle, playing against his former team, got MU on the board with 15:49 left in the half off of a Tech turnover to make it 7-2.

The Warriors increased their lead to 14 over the next

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two minutes, getting to the 14-point mark on a triple by Shaun Cabrera and forcing MU boss Chuck Henry to call a time out with 12:55 showing on the clock.

MU then went on a 21-3 run to tie the game for the first time all night at 25-25 with just under seven minutes to go.

The two sides traded scores with Tech taking the lead two more times in the half before a D.J. Bridges (Canton) jumper in the lane gave the Crusaders a brief 38-36 lead - their first of the game.

Tech tied the game for the fifth time on an Anthony Johnson lay-up with just four ticks left to send both the two teams to the locker rooms tied at 38.

The Warriors took a pair of leads early on in the second half but a Sims turn-around jumper knotted the game at 42-all with 17:46 left in the contest.

The Crusaders took the lead for good with 17:42 on a Battle lay-off of a Charlie Henry (Agape Christian) steal to give the home side a 44-42 lead.

Madonna built its lead out to as many 13 on two separate occasions before closing the game out with the 10-point win.

Sims led MU with his 29 as Battle added 23 points to go along with 14 rebounds for his third double-double of the season.

Bridges chipped in with 20 points of his own for the victors.

Brad Webster led Tech with 20 points and 11 boards.

Lady Crusaders romp, 66-43

The Madonna University women's basketball team routed host Indiana Tech, 66-43, Wednesday night in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action.

Dominance on the glass helped enable plenty of second-chance baskets for the Crusaders (10-12 overall, 5-3 WHAC), who built a 37-19 halftime lead and coasted from there.

WOMEN'S HOOPS

MU outrebounded Indiana Tech, 51-27. Freshman guard Tabatha Wydryck lead with 15 points and six of those boards, while Senior guard-forward Caryn Inman added 13 points and nine rebounds.

Other Crusaders making their mark included senior

guard Rebecca Ruffli (eight points, five rebounds) and 5-11 freshman forward Sheryl Jager (eight points, six boards).

Junior forward Christie Carrico and senior guard Cali Crawford each added seven points.

Faith Johnson scored eight points for the Warriors, who dropped to 1-22 overall and 1-7 in the conference.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 132 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 47
Jan. 31 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: 1. Churchill (Matt Castelli, John Yurgil, Ricky Scully, Matt Hope), 2:04.8; 2. John Glenn (Ian Dalton, Pat Kemp, Cody Roe, JaCory Frowner), 2:24.61; 3. Churchill, 2:30.39.

200 freestyle: 1. Grog Van Gorp (LC), 2:08.9; 2. Nathan Larsen (LC), 2:10.58; 3. Alex Lamerand (LC), 2:16.06.

200 individual medley: 1. Steve Jones (LC), 2:20.68; 2. Castelli (LC), 2:38.16; 3. Shawn Long (WJG), 2:44.88.

50 freestyle: 1. Billy Lyons (WJG), 25.39; 2. Joey Liberati (LC), 2:26.93; 3. Denis Knight (WJG), 27.03.

1-meter diving: 1. Hope (LC), 196.30 points; 2. Andrew Richards (LC), 173.30; 3. Travis Holt (LC), 166.10.

100 butterfly: 1. Jones (LC), 1:07.71; 2. Scully (LC), 1:13.25; 3. Seth Klein (LC), 1:27.82.

100 freestyle: 1. Lyons (WJG), 56.75; 2. Van Gorp (LC), 57.9; 3. Micheal Burshtyn (LC), 1:00.85.

500 freestyle: 1. Lamerand (LC), 5:55.25; 2. Larsen (LC), 5:56.85; 3. Xavier Ziemba (LC), 6:20.2.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Liberati, Van Gorp, Hope, Jones), 1:45.6; 2. John Glenn (Lyons, Long, Roe, Frowner), 1:52.46; 3. Churchill, 1:56.37.

100 backstroke: 1. Castelli (LC), 1:08.97; 2. Scully (LC), 1:13.74; 3. Michael Hodges (LC), 1:20.3.

100 breaststroke: 1. Knight (WJG), 1:16.75; 2. Yurgil (LC), 1:17.94; 3. Liberati (LC), 1:19.77.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Jones, Van Gorp, Larsen, Castelli), 3:58.0; 2. Churchill (Lamerand, Burshtyn, Richards, Scully), 4:19.26; 3. John Glenn, 4:33.84.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-5 overall, 1-2 WAAA-Lakes Division; Glenn, 1-6 overall, 0-3 WAAA-Lakes Division.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 125 WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 61
Jan. 31 at Stevenson

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Robert Luke, Joey Wingett, Michael Cruce, Kyle Hermann), 1:41.87; 2. Stevenson (Kellen Schaff, Eric Schuman, Mark Johnston, Jared Diebel), 1:51.69.

200 freestyle: 1. Chris Behler (LS), 1:57.11; 2. Sean Riley (WLC), 1:59.66; 3. Ben Baumgarten (WLC), 2:01.49.

200 individual medley: 1. Scott Geverink (LS), 2:13.03; 2. Ryan Miceli (WLC), 2:18.23; 3. Cory Casagrande (WLC), 2:19.49.

50 freestyle: 1. Jerome Pesta (LS), 24.19; 2. Bryan Bielicki (LS), 25.26; 3. Garrett Leidich (WLC), 25.34.

1-meter diving: 1. Tyler Esmacher (WLC), 161.70 points; 2. Luke McKay (LS), 161.40; 3. Jack Beaudoin (LS), 156.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Cruce (LS), 55.4; 2. Ryan Scott

(LS), 1:02.53; 3. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 1:05.37.

100 freestyle: 1. Diebel (LS), 52.31; 2. Riley (WLC), 52.96; 3. John D. Loria (LS), 54.43.

500 freestyle: 1. Hermann (LS), 5:01.11; 2. Aaron Marecki (LS), 5:20.38; 3. Baumgarten (WLC), 5:32.1.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Scott, Charles Turlo, Loria, Bryan Mallick), 1:39.44; 2. Central (Riley, Matt Jannette, Tyler James, Baumgarten), 1:42.3.

100 backstroke: 1. K. Schoff (LS), 1:00.26; 2. Jimmy Yavis (LS), 1:02.24; 3. Mohamed Ghotaimi (LS), 1:02.71.

100 breaststroke: 1. David Bladecik (LS), 1:08.6; 2. Ian McCracken (LS), 1:15.61; 3. John Molnar (WLC), 1:15.69.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Turlo, Bielicki, Wingett, Nick Belmore), 3:45.29; 2. Stevenson (Behler, Geverink, Daniel Schoff, Adam Ferrara), 3:48.11.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 9-2 overall, 3-0 WAAA-Lakes Division.

PLYMOUTH 117 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 69
Jan. 31 at Plymouth

200-yard medley relay: 1. Franklin (Scott Ansteth, Brandon Larkins, Nick Anthony, Shane Shelton), 1:52.48; 2. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Dan Stocsup, Kyle Dull, Peter Nolan), 1:53.59.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Conger, Justin Scaparo, Ethan Weinary, 2:01.89).

200 freestyle: 1. Anthony (LF), 1:57.29; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 2:00.64; 3. Adam Wing (P), 2:04.22.

200 IM: 1. Larkins (LF), 2:17.79; 2. Shelton (LF), 2:20.30; 3. Jack Gruszczynski (P), 2:24.77.

50 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 23.27; 2. Jack Distel (P), 24.97; 3. Jason Oldani (P), 25.34.

1-meter diving: 1. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 163.55 points; 2. Frank Henius (LF), 157.50; 3. Christian Osorio (P), 128.90.

100 butterfly: 1. Conger (P), 56.32; 2. Anthony (LF), 58.07; 3. Ansteth (LF), 1:02.50.

100 freestyle: 1. Shelton (LF), 53.81; 2. Joe Eudy (P), 54.24; 3. Distel (P), 55.54.

500 freestyle: 1. Oldani (P), 5:22.00; 2. Wilson (P), 5:28.61; 3. Scott James (LF), 5:45.45.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Conger, Distel, Oldani, Wilson), 1:38.61; 2. Plymouth (Nolan, Ambrose, Eudy, Dull), 1:39.77; 3. Franklin (Anthony, Shelton, Tyler Lee, Larkins), 1:40.09.

100 backstroke: 1. Ansteth (LF), 1:06.51; 2. Stocsup (P), 1:08.56; 3. Nick Cobane (P), 1:09.27.

100 breaststroke: 1. Larkins (LF), 1:12.36; 2. Dull (P), 1:13.81; 3. Alex Juney (P), 1:16.52.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Conger, Gruszczynski, Weiner, Distel), 3:43.18; 2. Plymouth (Wilson, Oldani, McLaughlin, Eudy), 3:44.54; 3. Franklin (Lee, Joe Michniewicz, Ansteth, James), 4:03.37.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 5-2 overall, 3-0 WAAA-Western Division; Franklin, 3-1 overall, 2-1 WAAA-Western Division.

PREP SKI RESULTS

GIRLS SKI RESULTS
Jan. 31 at ALPINE VALLEY BIRMINGHAM MARIAN 14

LIVONIA LADYWOOD-SACRED HEART 24
Slalom: 1. Katie Thibideau (BM), 31.97; 2. Torey Fifer (LL-SH), 32.97; 3. Kristen Lunghamer (BM), 33.67; 4. Maddie Vaughn (BM), 33.8.

Giant slalom: 1. Thibideau (BM), 32.98; 2. Amanda Waske (LL-SH), 34.17; 3. Lunghamer (BM), 34.96; 4. Shannon Corby (LL-SH), 35.8.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 16
LIVONIA LADYWOOD-SACRED HEART 22
Slalom: 1. Torrey Fifer (LL-SH), 33.91; 2. Amanda Waske (LL-SH), 34.01; 3. Britney Beslock (WLN), 34.74; 4. Alexa Harris (WLN), 35.0.

Giant slalom: 1. Jamie Clark (WLN), 34.75; 2. Waske (LL-SH), 34.85; 3. (tie) Harris (WLN) and Corby (LL-SH), 34.88.

Ladywood-Sacred Heart's record: 5-4 overall.

Jan. 29 at ALPINE VALLEY WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 15

LIVONIA LADYWOOD-SACRED HEART 27
Slalom: 1. Shannon Corby (LL-SH), 25.05; 2. Cheryl Craig (Lakeland), 25.15; 3. Christine Wade (Lakeland), 25.18; 4. Kelly Dearing (Lakeland), 25.99.

Giant slalom: 1. Rachel Hogarth (Lakeland), 22.97; 2. Corby (LL-SH), 23.47; 3. Mary Mitchell (LL-SH), 24.24; 4. Dearing (Lakeland), 24.37.

Jan. 29 at ALPINE VALLEY ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY 12

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 24
Slalom: 1. Carl Goeckel (OLSM), 28.47; 2. Brian French (OLSM), 28.96; 3. Mitch Masser (OLSM), 31.45; 4. Peter Woolcox (WLN), 31.6.

Giant slalom: 1. French (OLSM), 30.17; 2. Goeckel (OLSM), 31.45; 3. Woolcox (WLN), 31.6; 4. Masser (OLSM), 32.58.

ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY 27 BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE 28
(St. Mary wins tiebreaker)

Slalom: 1. Carl Goeckel (OLSM), 28.13; 2. Brian French (OLSM), 28.47; 3. Zach Nowak (Rice), 28.57; 4. Andrew Thibideau (Rice), 28.8.

Giant slalom: 1. French (OLSM), 30.3; 2. Nowak (Rice), 30.76; 3. Goeckel (OLSM), 31.27; 4. Conner Doyle (Rice), 31.39.

Dual meet records: St. Mary, 9-0; Brother Rice, 8-1.

Jan. 29 at ALPINE VALLEY ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY PREP 15

WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 24
Slalom: 1. Justin Jansen (Lakeland), 21.42; 2. Carl Goeckel (OLSM), 22.26; 3. Brian French (OLSM), 22.79; 4. Mitch Masser (OLSM), 23.01.

Giant slalom: 1. French (OLSM), 20.46; 2. Jansen (Lakeland), 20.87; 3. Goeckel (OLSM), 21.82; 4. Masser (OLSM), 23.21.

Greenhills girls stymie Warriors

Twenty-seven turnovers and 7-of-30 shooting from the floor led to Lutheran High Westland's undoing Thursday in a non-conference girls basketball loss to visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills, 30-17.

Jaclyn Walker paced Greenhills (11-3) with 16 points, while juniors Becca Refenes and Allyson Yankee each scored six for the Warriors, who couldn't overcome a 14-3 first-quarter deficit.

Refenes grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds.

PREP HOOPS

While the Warriors shot only 23.3 percent from the floor, Greenhills was only 11-of-52 (21.1 percent).

"To hold them to 30 points I'm pleased," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "But we gave up 11 offensive rebounds and turned it over too much. They (Greenhills) played man-to-man and sagged a lot. We tried to get the ball into the high post."

Warriors boys fall in OT

In a non-conference game Wednesday night, Ryan Zinser's 16 points carried Birmingham Roeper to a 56-49 overtime over visiting Lutheran High Westland.

Josh Kruger notched 20 points for the second straight game in a losing cause for the Warriors, who fell to 1-11 overall.

Roeper is 9-4 overall. It was 42-all at the end of regulation before the Roughriders outscored Lutheran Westland 15-8 in the four-minute extra sessions.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

DUAL-MEET RESULTS
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 50 SALEM 21
Jan. 31 at John Glenn

103 pounds: Steve Wakeford (WJG) pinned Devin Stratton, 1:59; 112: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) p. Karl Allen, 0:49; 119: Josh Austin (WJG) p. Ian Phillips, 2:19; 125: Kevin Bennett (Salem) decisioned Mark Thompson (WJG), 10:4; 130: Jeremiah Austin (WJG) won by major dec. over Kevin Hayter, 14:3; 135: Alex Kemp (Salem) dec. Mikkel Tipton, 8:5; 140: Jared Stephens (WJG) won by technical fall over Johannes Oling, 23:7; 145: Dan McCallih (WJG) p. Justin Kane, 0:29; 152: Zaid Ammari (WJG) won by tech. fall over Robbie Schultz, 17:2; 160: Jeremy Epley (Salem) p. Zach Redden, 1:59; 171: Austin Root (Salem) dec. Jeff Adkins, 8:3; 189: Blake Abbey (Salem) p. Gerald Powell, 1:58; 215: James Kelly (WJG) p. A.J. Smith, 1:48; 285: Dustin Gajowak (WJG) p. Chase Moore, 0:25.

Glenn's dual meet record: 21-6 overall, 5-0 WAAA-Lakes Division (clinched title).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 57 NORTHVILLE 12
Jan. 31 at Northville

103 pounds: Steve Tuvo (LF) pinned Ian Storton, 3:13; 112: Jared Pienkik (LF) won by void; 119: Justin Jacobsen (LF) p. Cliff Peterson, 4:03; 125: John Hebert (N) won by void; 130: Evan Bentley (N) p. Chris Shihadah, 1:01; 135: Matt Hintz (LF) p. Matt Ledhoff, 5:12; 140: Brandon Smith (LF) decisioned Aaron Towne, 10:9; 145: Brandon Billiau (LF) dec. Brian Baglan, 9:5; 152: Elvin Ferreira (LF) dec. Matt Hagan, 8:4; 160: Don Stratz (LF) dec. Nick Mudar, 19:13; 171: Garrett Hay (LF) p. Kevin Mantay, 5:02; 189: Dan Woodal (LF) p. Colin Mavesh, 1:30; 215: Cody Hay (LF) dec. Dave Owens, 3:1; 285: Mike Modes (LF) won by void.

Franklin's dual meet record: 19-3 overall, 4-1 WAAA-Western Division.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 36 LIVONIA STEVENSON 28
Jan. 31 at Stevenson

140 pounds: Charlie Kokenekes (LS) pinned Mike Simon, 1:51; 145: Raz Markosian (LS) decisioned Don Kril, 11:5; 152: Aaron Newman (WLC) dec. Dan McCarthy, 8:7; 160: Andrew Schramm (LS) dec. Dave Burwell, 10:5; 171: Josh Smith (WLC) p. Jacob Burns, 3:00; 189:

Emanuel Onwuemene (LS) dec. Brandon Decker, 12:6; 215: Andy Lall (WLC) p. Kenny Foisy, 2:45; 285: Glenn Lubitz (WLC) p. Austin Micallef, 5:29; 103: Jake Smith (WLC) p. Adam Moyer, 0:45; 112: Michael Fobar (LS) won by major dec. over Russell Hartley, 19:6; 119: Ray Kovt (WLC) p. Colin Chimento, 1:18; 125: Dave Kovt (WLC) dec. Tommy Myshock, 3:2; 130: Mitchell Gonzales (LS) dec. Artem Gazaryants, 10:3; 135: Anthony Mainella (LS) p. Nick Zakovick, 1:10.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 14-6 overall; 2-3 WAAA-Lakes Division.

TRI-MEET RESULTS
Jan. 30 at Livonia Clarenceville

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 39 LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 27


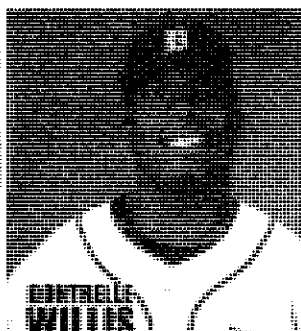
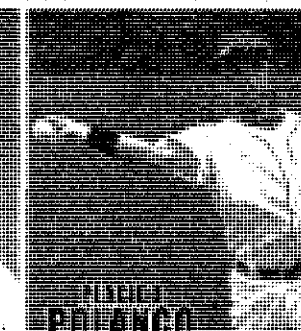
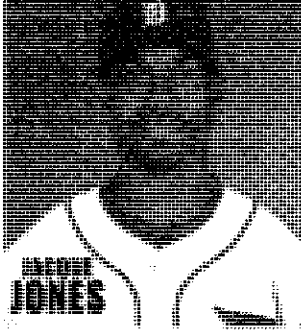



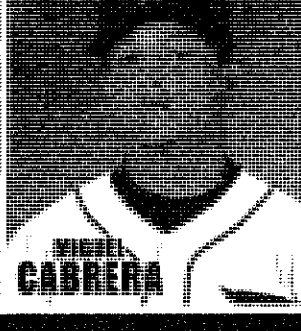

135 pounds: Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville) pinned Jeremy Kohtz, 0:40; 140: Patrick Walker (C'ville) p. Theodis Washington, 1:50; 145: Tony Brandt (C'ville) p. Alex Bos, 5:40; 152: double void; 160: Stephen Kemp (LW) decisioned Derek Robbins, 10:5; 171: Billy Meier (LW) dec. Tim Sicsinski, 15:9; 189: Craig Kowalski (LW) dec. Andrew Jasmer, 11:5; 215: Muamer Mesinovic (C'ville) won by void; 285: Matthew Neal (C'ville) won by void; 103: Brent Gilman (C'ville) won by void; 112: Brad LaRose (LW) p. Coy Sillanpaa, 0:40; 119: Jake Ruth (C'ville) dec. Laith Francis, 4:1; 125: Ben Crandell (LW) won by void; 130: Justin Palka (LW) p. Scott Convery, 5:30.

Dual meet records: Clarenceville, 15-7 overall, 5-0 Metro Conference.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 48 HARPER WOODS 36

130 pounds: Mike Marlin (HW) pinned Scott Convery, 2:15; 135: Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville) won by void; 140: Patrick Walker (C'ville) won by void; 145: Kyle Morgan (HW) p. Tony Brandt, 3:02; 152: Derek Robbins (C'ville) p. Carloin Ellis, 3:30; 160: Ron Carney (HW) won by void; 171: Tim Sicsinski (C'ville) p. Josh Hadley, 1:40; 189: Andrew Jasmer (C'ville) p. Eric Stivers, 1:25; 215: Muamer Mesinovic (C'ville) p. Eric Curry, 1:30; 285: Tom Pellegrini (HW) p. Matthew Neal, 3:20; 103: Brent Gilman (C'ville) p. Devonte Dumas, 2:20; 112: Coy Sillanpaa (C'ville) won by void; 119: Anthony Burris (HW) p. Jake Ruth, 1:30; 125: Jermaine Crowell (HW) won by void.

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Bigger babies may become happier adults

Betty from Royal Oak e-mails that her baby was over nine pounds when he was born. Is he too plump?



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Betty, having a bigger baby could mean your child will be a happier adult. Researchers studied almost 5,000 babies over 40 years. They found low birth weight babies were more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety later in life. Researchers also found, the bigger the baby, the likelihood of depression and anxiety decreased. Other studies have linked low birth weight to a higher risk of diabetes and heart disease later in life. Experts stress proper nutrition for pregnant women is crucial.

Patrick from Clarkston e-mails, he was told he has high levels of testosterone. Is this bad?

Actually, Patrick, in some cases it could be good. Researchers studied more than 11,000 men who had no cancer or cardiovascular disease. They found those men in the upper 25 percent of natural testosterone had a 41-percent lower risk of dying from heart attack, stroke, other cardiovascular conditions and cancer. Researchers actually believe low testosterone levels could increase a man's risk of cardiovascular death. But, experts warn, men should not begin testosterone supplementation based on this study, since the benefits and risks of hormone therapy for men are unknown.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Go red for women

Luncheon raises awareness about heart disease

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jo Anne Leslie used to work 80 hours a week, always skipped breakfast and when 5 p.m. rolled around headed for the vending machine so it was no surprise when one weekend in October 2004 she felt especially tired. Instead of seeing her doctor, the Birmingham woman went to work on Monday. When she still wasn't feeling good Tuesday, she drove to the emergency room where she learned she was having a heart attack.



Marcovitz

Two stents and three years of cardiac rehab later, Leslie shares her story at the Go Red for Women luncheon Feb. 7, as part of the American Heart Association's campaign to raise awareness about risks such as family history. Leslie ignored the fact her mother died at age 63, her father at 73 from heart disease.

"It made me wake up, to realize what's important in life," said Leslie, a baby boomer with two sons and two grandchildren. "I lost 50 pounds. I did not go on a diet. I changed my eating habits. I stay away from fats almost entirely, stay with fruit and vegetables, salmon and chicken. About five days a week I work out on a treadmill and elliptical machine."

Leslie retired from the accounting department at Providence Hospital in Southfield in 2005 after 28 years and now works as a tax analyst at Henry Ford Hospital four days a week in addition to volunteering at the American Heart Association and serving on a cardiology committee at Providence as a patient. She plans to tell women at the luncheon "to form a good relationship with a physician they can trust and talk openly too, and to insist on going to cardiac rehab" if they have heart disease.

NEW HABITS

"I hadn't exercised for 30 years, had a sedentary and stressful job," said Leslie. "They teach you about nutrition, medications you're on, get you moving on different apparatus."

Two of this year's Go Red education sessions focus on incorporating fitness and nutrition into busy lives, and the myths and facts surrounding heart health nutrition with Beverly Cameron, a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator at Providence, speaking about preventing heart disease.

Cameron says people hear in the media about studies showing olive oil is good for the heart but don't realize each teaspoon is 50 calories. She suggests keeping a journal, write down the foods eaten and the amount.

"They need to use a small amount, the same with almonds and walnuts. About 1 ounce, 23



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The American Heart Association is raising awareness about cardiovascular disease in women in a variety of ways. This 2008 calendar is available for a donation of \$15. Standing left to right are AHA employees and volunteers Shelley Rusinek, Vanessa Ogua, TaSheena Young, Courtney Dean and Stacy English. Seated are Barbara Allushuski, Mercer, and Millie Hall, Coalition of Labor Union Women.

GO RED FOR WOMEN LUNCHEON

What: The American Heart Association event begins at 9 a.m. with screenings and registration followed by education sessions, exhibits, Red Dress Fashion Show and lunch. All attendees encouraged to wear red

When: Thursday, Feb. 7

Where: Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 100 Renaissance Center

Tickets: \$175. Call (248) 936-5825

almonds, is 200 calories," said Cameron, who starts her day with oatmeal made from scratch and adds flax seed. A couple hours later she eats a piece of fruit then for lunch has lean meat on whole grain bread or a salad with garbanzo beans. Cameron recommends eating five or six times a day — a meal, a snack, a meal. For exercise, she suggests using a sports or weighted Hula Hoop for the midsection (sports-hoop.com).

"You can do chair exercises while watching television," said Cameron. "Whenever the commercials come on pick up a can of vegetables in each hand, do leg lifts. Within an hour you've exercised six times, or walk around the dining table 10 times. Dance around the room when no one's looking."

Cameron is especially worried about teens and women ages 17 to 24 who are not concerned about heart disease because they don't have high blood pressure, one of the risk factors that include diabetes. Type 2 diabetes continues on the rise in teenagers who Cameron says "are overweight and sedentary and love \$5 pizzas."

"I've talked to fourth-graders doing the Atkins Diet. What is the message we're giving. We're not giving the message to eat more vegetables and fruits and less portions. It's all you can eat buffets, 99 cent meal deals," said Cameron. "We need to

get people back to foods closer to a natural state. The less processed the food the healthier we are going to be."

DIET MATTERS

Dr. Pamela Marcovitz says eating fast and processed foods is one of the reasons statistics on heart disease in women have not improved.

"A recent study looking at heart disease deaths since 1980, overall they thought heart disease was on the decline then they looked at women age 35 to 54 and thought it was actually increasing. The authors thought women are gaining weight and getting obese and getting diabetes which is more of a risk factor in women than in men," said Marcovitz, medical chairwoman of the AHA's Metro Detroit Board of Directors and director of the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

While Marcovitz believes the Go Red campaign has raised awareness about heart disease, many women are more concerned about breast cancer than the No. 1 killer.

"Women are still not of the belief that they can get heart disease. We still hear of women who just don't feel well, exhausted, have indigestion and don't think of heart attack," said Marcovitz. "You need to know your cholesterol, blood pressure, fasting blood glucose and get enough exercise. Women continue to be underdiagnosed. Half of all women who have a heart attack didn't know they have heart disease. One of the messages of the Heart Association is it's imperative for you to be assertive in your health care. Take the first step and get checked if you're unusually short of breath, exhausted, have jaw pain, tightness in the throat, left arm pain, symptoms of indigestion. If you have a history of heart disease in the family, get checked and ask for a stress test."

For more information, visit www.american-heart.org or www.goredforwomen.org.

Turn Fat Tuesday into Fit Tuesday

Fat Tuesday is around the corner and for many Metro Detroiters that involves eating paczkis and leaving behind their healthy New Year resolutions. That's why the Botsford Center for Health Improvement is offering Fit Tuesday. Stop by the Botsford Center for Health Improvement 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 for free group exercise classes, an ask the dietitian booth with nutrition handouts, recipes and healthy snacks, and use of the facilities exercise equipment, pool and sauna. There is no charge and no reservations necessary.

The morning begins with a Sculpt and Tone group exercise class demo (9 a.m.) which includes a series of upper and lower body workouts that combine dumbbell,

Fitball, resistance bands and your own body weight while also integrating balance, core strength and postural awareness (20-minute session).

At 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. the Gentle Aerobics therapeutic water program increases range of motion, muscle strength and toning which is good for arthritis or other debilitating health conditions including post injury/surgical (one-hour session).

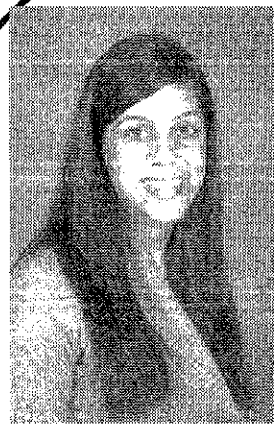
CORE Conditioning increases core strength with floor exercises and power band training at noon. Benefits include ab toning, increased flexibility as well as stability in the lower back (20-minute session).

Zumba Dance, a Latin inspired cardio aerobic dance rhythm that integrates upper and lower body dance aerobic

moves fused with a spice of Latin dance, starts at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and lasts 20-minutes.

At 5 p.m. three classes are offered. Spinning incorporates cardiovascular, lower body strength, and intense cardio burning in a fun, motivational setting (one-hour session). Fit Ball improves functional strength, balance and coordination while developing posture and core muscles including abdominal and lower back (one-hour session) Aqua Fit is a high-energy cardiovascular conditioning and strength training class which uses hydro-tone equipment to help tone and strengthen muscles (one-hour session).

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Let assault victim know you support her

My friend told me she was raped at a party she went to. I don't know what to do or what to say to her. How can I help her?

Helping Friend
Livonia

I am so sorry to hear that your friend was assaulted. It is comforting to hear that you want to help her. It's never easy to be in a situation like this, but I do have a few tips that will help you and ultimately help your friend.

First, it's important to let her know that you support her. You don't have to say the "right" thing; just being with her can help. Do this by finding time to be alone with her and letting her talk about the rape in her own time. Wanting to know the details is

very natural, but you'll want to keep your questions to yourself. Encourage her to get medical attention right away, no matter how long ago the rape occurred. You might even offer to go with her if she wants you to. Most importantly, give her the phone number of the local sexual assault hotline. In our area, First Step has a 24-hour crisis line: (888)453-5900.

Don't worry if there are long pauses during your conversation, let them happen, your friend might need a few moments to process everything while she's talking to you. It's very important that you believe your friend, even if it's difficult to hear or if you know the other person involved. You can show her you care by saying things like: "I'm sorry this happened to you" or "What happened wasn't your fault." You can also show her you care by crying with her!

Many rape victims blame themselves for the rape. Remind your friend that she did not cause the rape to happen. If she feels that she should have fought back, say something like, "It's hard to scream or fight back when you're scared." She might feel that she's responsible for the rape because she was alone with the rapist. Remind her that she trusted him and that he violated the trust. She did not ask to be raped!

It's wonderful that your friend confided in you; she probably trusts you not to tell anyone else. Let her be the one to tell people if she chooses. If you think she's not getting the help or support she needs, ask her if you can talk to an adult together. But, if you think your friend might attempt suicide, talk to an adult immediately.

Don't forget to take care of yourself! Hearing about a sexual assault can be very upsetting. It can also be confusing if you know both people involved. It's normal to feel angry, but confronting the other person is not going to make the situation any better. Find someone to talk to about your feelings, like a school counselor or the First Step crisis line: (888)453-5900.

During Winter Break, I went out on a date with someone I just recently met. After the movie, he kept pressuring me to do things I didn't want to do (you know what I mean). He got mad when I wouldn't and took me home. Now I'm worried that he won't want to go out with me again. What should I do?
Worried
Westland

I say stay far, far away from this guy! Anyone who tries to force you to do something you don't want to do is bad news! You could have been a victim of acquaintance rape ... girls between the ages of 15 and 24 are at the greatest risk for being raped by someone they know, most often they are raped on a date. Acquaintance rape is forced, manipulated or coerced sexual intercourse by someone the victim knows. It happens when one person is forced to have sex by manipulation, threats, physical restraint or even violence. Here are some tips to help keep yourself safe.

Pay attention to behaviors that don't feel right. Be careful of your date if he ignores your personal boundaries or doesn't listen to what you say. If your date is jealous or possessive of you and your time, or gets upset when you don't do what he wants, this might be an early warning sign of future problems. If he tries to make you feel guilty in order to get his way, or pressures you to use alcohol or other drugs, leave the situation and get help. Watch out if your date insists you go someplace alone or accuses you of being uptight. These are all examples of behaviors that might indicate a problem.

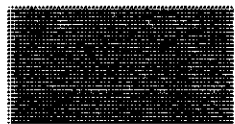
If you feel like you are being pressured, try to stay calm so you can think. Be assertive and clearly say that you are not comfortable and that you want to leave. And by all means, don't worry about being nice or about hurting his feelings - think about your safety! Look for ways to escape and if one thing doesn't work, try something else. Experts agree, though, that if you can't escape and resisting becomes too dangerous for you, stop. Submission does not mean consent.

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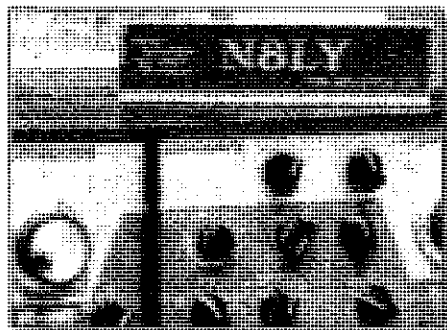
Hams at heart



Livonia resident and amateur radio operator Tom Mellnick calls out over the airwaves to see who is listening.



Amateur radio operators must pass a test to become licensed by the FCC and receive specific call letters for their broadcast.



Livonia Amateur Radio Club hits airwaves

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Tom Mellnick twists the knob back and forth on the amateur radio when suddenly the voice of an operator from Italy comes pouring into his Livonia home.

Mellnick doesn't interrupt the ongoing conversation. Instead, he shows off postcards that document the times and dates of conversations he's had with others who share the same hobby in Russia and Luxembourg.

On Feb. 17, he and members of the Livonia Amateur Radio Club will swap not only equipment, but information on this form of communication which continues to thrive in spite of advances such as e-mail and the Internet. Amateur radio has been around since the early 1900s.

Mellnick became interested in 1978. Back then, knowledge of

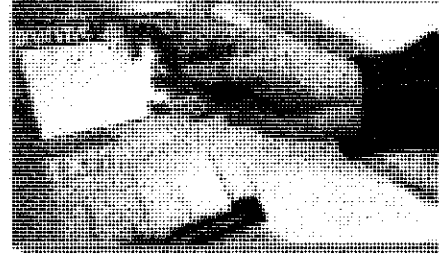
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Livonia resident and amateur radio operator Tom Mellnick talks about the uses of Ham Radio.

SWAP-N-SHOP

What: Livonia Amateur Radio Club's annual fund-raiser
When: 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 17
Where: Livonia Civic Park Seniors Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile
Admission: \$5 at the door. For information, call (734) 513-8784 or send e-mail to w8gkh@arrl.net



Amateur radio operator Tom Mellnick displays postcards from Russia and Luxembourg that mark conversations he had with other operators.

Gay activists talk about creating change

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jan Stevenson never revealed her sexual orientation during years as a corporate banker. Today, more and more people are coming out of the closet but there's still plenty of work to be done before gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders enjoy equal rights and are accepted by all members of society.

From Feb. 6-10, Stevenson and Susan Horowitz join thousands of activists at the Creating Change conference to learn about organizing to further the movement. The two Farmington Hills women do their part in educating and keeping the gay community up to date on issues through their Livonia-based publication, *Between the Lines* (BTL). Over the last 15 years, they've covered same sex marriage, adoption rights for same sex couples, hate crimes, and HIV/AIDS in BTL (www.pridesource.com).

Horowitz was born and raised in New York City and has been active in the gay rights movement since the 1970s. She remembers when police were persecuting patrons in Stonewall, a gay bar in Greenwich Village in 1969, and the first Pride celebration in New York in 1970



Susan Horowitz (left) and Jan Stevenson stand in front of their 15-year archive of *Between the Lines*.

in response to not having any civil rights. She founded her first printing and graphics company in 1975, and *Pride Publishing* in 1989.

Stevenson was born in Ohio and holds master's degrees from Yale University and Drexel University, and a bachelor's degree from the

University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music. She met Horowitz when the two were serving on the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. They were married in 2005 in Canada. Together they're working on an exhibit of BTL's 15 years for the conference in the

CREATING CHANGE

What: The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's 20th conference
When: Wednesday-Sunday, Feb. 6-10
Where: Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center
Information: Visit www.creatingchange.org or www.thetaskforce.org

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

"Creating change is about what can we do to work together," said Susan Horowitz, BTL's 55-year-old executive editor. "The conference is the official kickoff to celebrate BTL's 15 years. We took over at issue 34 and we're now at 534. We don't often get the chance to pause and take a look back, take a look at the history and what it's meant to the community."

"In '93 I was executive director of Affirmations (gay community center)," said Stevenson, 52. "The center took a contingent to the Washington March right after Bill Clinton was inaugurated. There was a sense of hope things would change. It had a huge impact at the car companies. They eventually offered domestic

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WEDDINGS



Meier-Grancitelli
 Meghan Anna Meier and Mitchell Ryan Grancitelli were married Aug. 12, 2007, at the Roostertail in Detroit with the Rev. Edward Gregory Zell officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jerold and Mary Meier of Plymouth. She is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She was attended by Emilie Drummon, matron of honor and the bride's sister, Callie Gizicki, Katie Conlon and Charlene Dallos.

The groom is the son of Mark and Margaret Grancitelli of Monroe. He is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's Catholic Central and a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University.

He was attended by Tim Calkins, best man, Nick Gallina, David Lehmann and Bronson White.



Ring bearers were Jacob Meier, Nichola and Nathan Massengill. Flower girl was Kayla Meier.

The couple honeymooned at the Riviera Maya in Mexico. They are making their home in Plymouth.

Young-Virant

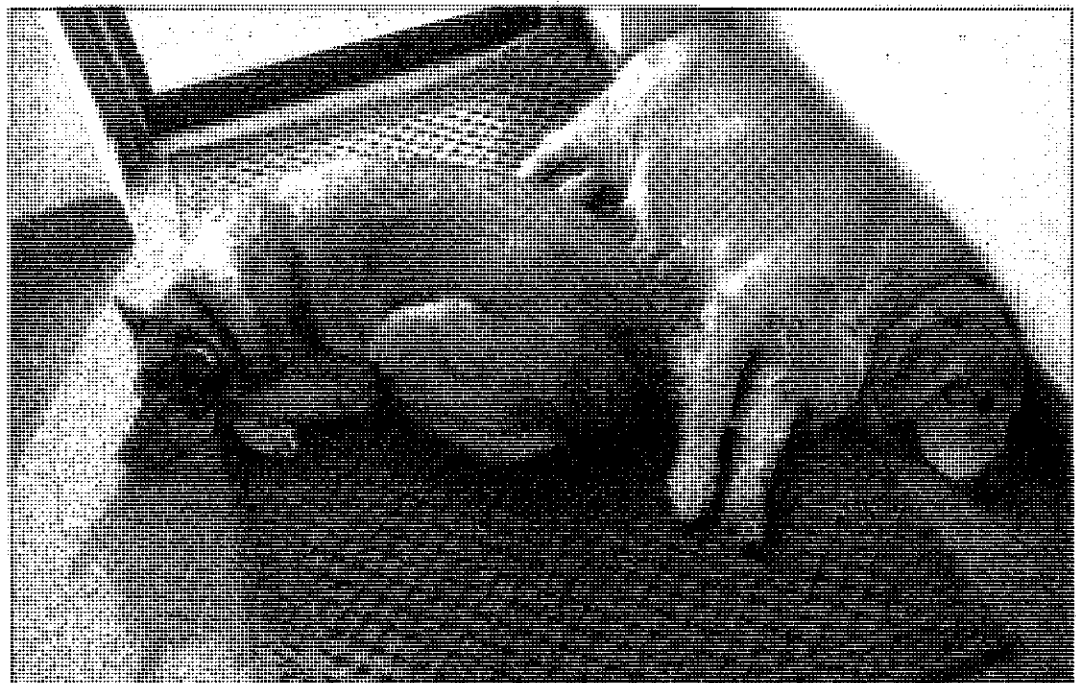
Deborah Lynn Virant and Jerry Joseph Young III were married Dec. 15, 2007, with the Rev. Sue Nykamp officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Chuck and Marilyn Virant of Ubyly, Mich.

The groom is the son of Jerry Young II of White Lake and Robin Young of Clarkston.

The wedding was held at the Victoria Chapel in White Lake.

The couple will make their home in Waterford.



The Pride Source offices are canine-friendly. The co-publishers' dogs Yogi and Cooper wait to greet visitors and staff.

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partners benefits in 2002. Comparing the early '90s till now, it's amazing how many people are out in churches, work, not just in the community. In the early days writers used pseudonyms and it was difficult to find photographers."

While it's still legal to fire an employee for sexual orientation, there has been change especially in the last five years. That's why it's important to present activism training sessions and address health, anti-violence, disability, aging, and military and veterans issues at the conference.

"We feel it's important for gay people to be interlocked with other movements that's why (civil rights leader) Julian Bond is the speaker opening the conference. We have the same enemy — intolerance," said Stevenson. "Activism is a process and why the paper exists. We just want to change the world. It's not about burning the place down. It's about teaching people to be more effective activists and then as a team go out and educate. Some people have ink in their blood. I'm far more committed to what we're writing about. It's more the message formed



Co-publishers Susan Horowitz and Jan Stevenson are compiling an exhibit of 15 years of Between the Lines covers for the Creating Change Conference Feb. 6-10, and the publication's anniversary celebrations over the next couple of months.

about tolerance and diversity." Lynn Stange has been reading and advertising in BTL for 15 years because of its relevance.

"It's quick hands on knowledge. It's all the education and news of the community, everything that happens in the community, socially, legally, politically," said Stange, a Troy resident and real estate agent in the tri-county area.

Leslie Thompson agrees with Stange about the impact BTL makes in the commu-

nity. She especially appreciates the coverage given to Affirmations, the gay community center which she directs in Ferndale.

"They get the word out about the programs like HIV," said Thompson, who lives in Royal Oak.

The conference offers several sessions on AIDS/HIV. Thompson is especially looking forward to a full day on community centers. "Community centers reach more people than any of the other national organizations. It's about face to face support and helping them through struggles," said Thompson.

"There are sessions throughout (the conference). It's also an opportunity for people of color in our movement to network, same way with the transgender community. We all need to come out. We're the ones who are going to make a difference. We need to find the strength and courage to come out."

Affirmations was there for Thompson when she came out 16 years ago.

"It saved my life," said Thompson. "The negative stereotypes scared me and caused me to stay in the closet to 34. It's here for people. We're just everyday people. We're walking alongside straight people and they don't know we're here."

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RADIO

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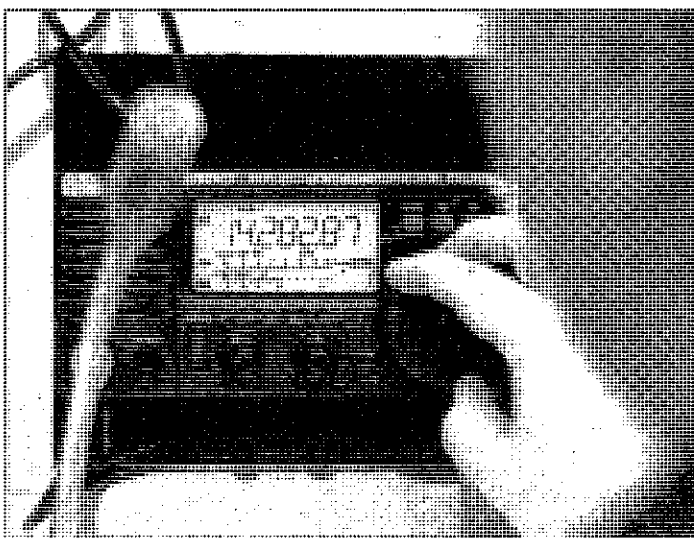
"It is very interesting, amazing how it works. Radios have gotten more expensive and complex, but the old technology still works," said Mellnick, whose call letters are N8LY.

"We have people monitoring space shuttle communications live from Houston. A lot of astronauts are ham operators and have radios on board.

There are radios for vehicles, walkie-talkie size radios. It's a learning experience every day. "For me it's all done with a wire antenna in my attic, although a generator is needed in case of emergency. There's the fun side and the public service side where the community benefits. We're involved with fire, police and the county."

Sharon Keller is especially proud of the club's commitment to help with communications in case of an emergency. The club also provides its services to organizations such as the March of Dimes during walks.

Keller was licensed in 1985, but her late husband, Joseph, had been involved with the club since the 1960s. The Livonia Amateur Radio Club offers classes to prepare people



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Amateur radio operator Tom Mellnick adjusts his equipment to see who he could locate over the airwaves.

who want take the test so they can receive a license.

"The club has equipment at Livonia Police that was bought for us to use," said Keller, president of the Livonia Amateur Radio Club. "When there's a true emergency, there will be no cell phones. All that's going to work is amateur radio. We have a Field Day the last weekend in June and utilize the radio tower at Fire Station No. 6. It's an emergency preparedness exercise held throughout the world with a two-day contest to make as many contacts as you can during 24 hours."

"This is N8LY," Mellnick says, trying to make contact with anyone who might be listening at this particular moment in time.

Bill from Fairhaven in Ira

Township in St. Clair County responds. Mellnick asks why he's continued to be interested in the hobby. Bill has been

licensed since 1959.

"I enjoy the people. I have a lot of fun chatting with a bunch of friends all over the country," Bill said. "There's a lot to attract amateur radio operators."

"There are so many new things, it's phenomenal," Keller adds. "At the swap there's equipment and how-to books for sale, but we even swap ideas. We have a membership of young and old, men and women."

"Some put in an hour a week to 20 hours a week (into the hobby); people from all walks of life," Mellnick said.

"We're out there," Keller said. "People just don't know we're out there."

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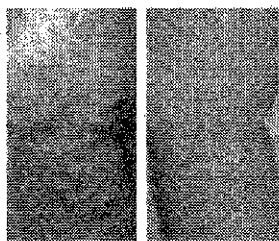
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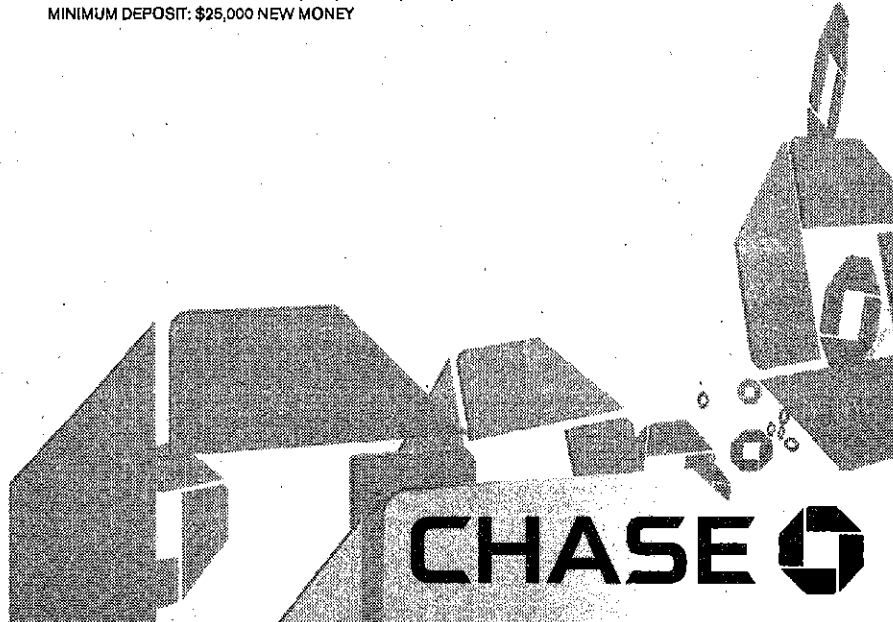
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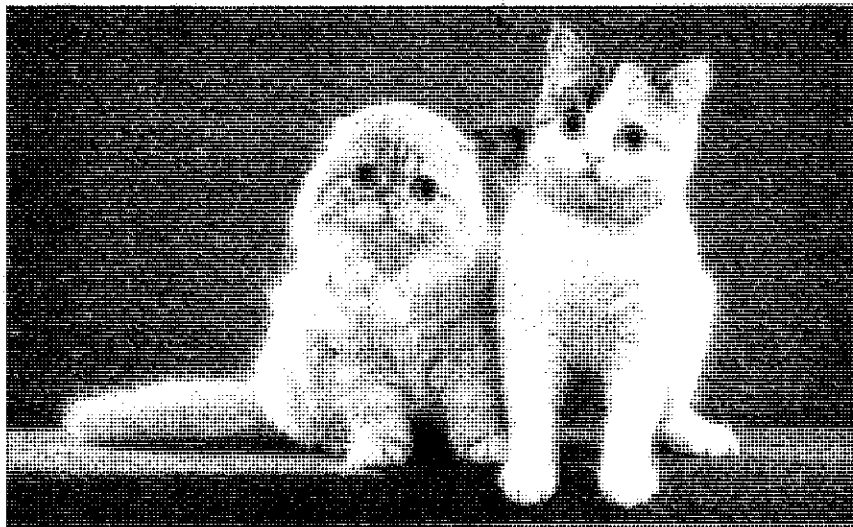
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Sally Patch of Westland has entered her Scottish Fold cat OWHL Red Rover Red Rover (left) in his first adult championship show Feb. 8-10 at the Radisson Hotel in Livonia. Also pictured is OWHL Annie Get Your Gun.



Cat show a purr-fect place to adopt

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sally Patch couldn't be more excited about the 300 cats she's expecting for the first-ever show put on by the Great Lakes Cats Consortium in Livonia Friday-Sunday, Feb. 8-10. Formerly known as Glass CITTICats, the club has gone nonprofit. The show not only features breeds such as Cornish Rex and Scottish Fold, but benefits local rescue groups as well as helps fund a new rescue center the club will be opening for pregnant and nursing cats.

"We're still working on a location, but part of the reason we're doing the show is to raise money to open it," said Sally Patch, co-manager of the show. The Westland resident has also invited local rescue groups to offer cats for adoption at the show.

The Great Lakes Cats Consortium is affiliated with The International Cat Association (TICA) which is similar to the AKC (American Kennel Club) for dogs, but unlike the AKC allows household pets in the show. This year 19 rings spotlight 16 all breed competitions and three specialty breeds with long and short hairs. In addition, visitors will be able

CAT SHOW

What: Great Lakes Cats Consortium holds its first show in Livonia with 300 cats in 19 rings

When: 4-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 9-10

Where: Radisson Hotel-Livonia, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, (734) 464-1300

Admission: \$6 adults/teens, \$4 seniors, \$2 ages 6-12, free age 5 and under. For details, send e-mail to owhlfold@msn.com

to view wild blood cats such as the Cerval in Savannahrama, purchase cat-related products and hear lectures on raw food.

"Cats shows are different than dog shows with toy and hound breeds judged (separately) and then the best of the best. With cat shows, if you have eight judges they judge all of the different breeds and then do the best in show. Each judge is almost their own little show," said Patch. "Kitten class is four to eight months, championship class age eight months and over. There's also the alter class which is for spayed and neutered, also household pet kittens and

household pet adults. TICA allows household classes. The average person who rescues a kitty off the street can still be involved in the sport."

Patch showed her first cat 24 years ago at age 18. She never imagined being in the sport this long, but enjoys competing with the Cornish Rex and Scottish Fold cats she breeds (www.owhl.com). Patch is also part of the Scottish Fold Rescue.

"I love the camaraderie of people doing it and I like this organization because they do promote rescue," said Patch who owns and operates All Around Town Grooming, a mobile service for cats and dogs.

"The show is a good way to see the breed. The Cornish Rex come from Cornwall, England, the Scottish Fold were discovered in a barn in Scotland and can all trace their ancestry back to one cat."

The Scottish Fold is so named because of the ears that bend over. Patch is quick to point out the folded ear is a natural mutation.

All of the different characteristics of cats are naturally occurring. There is no tail or ear docking allowed.

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The Italian American Club of Livonia is offering Italian Classes starting Feb. 5, for 12 weeks with advanced classes from 6:30-8 p.m.

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a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 9.

The cost is \$75 for adults plus book, \$50 for children.

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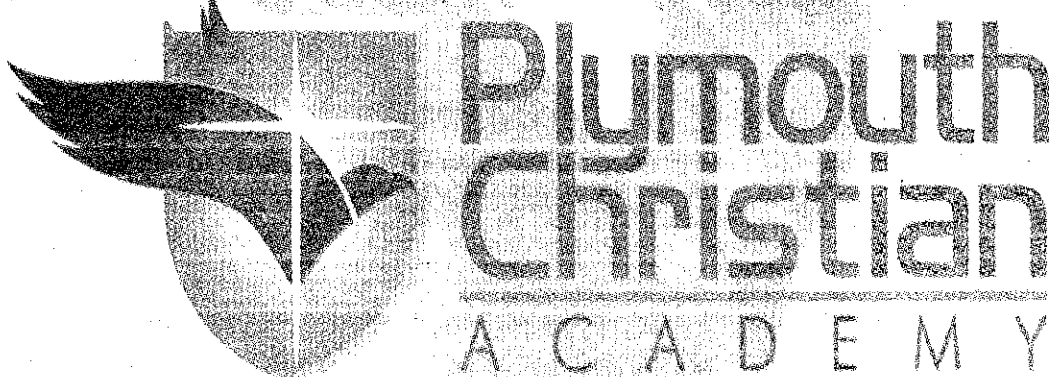
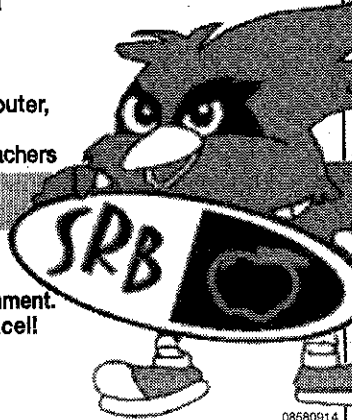
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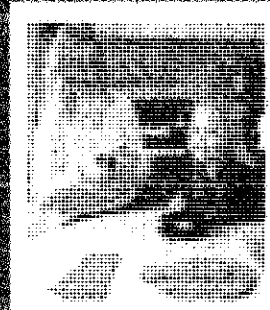
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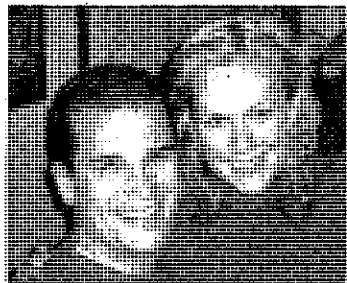
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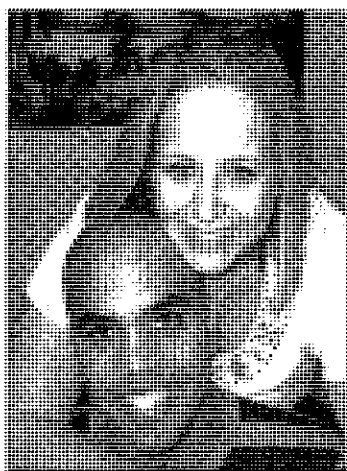
**Worden-Harbar**

Maureen and Terry Worden of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Teresa Worden of Westland, to Lucian Christopher Harbar, son of Denise and Lucian Harbar of Detroit.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree from Marygrove College. She is a teacher at the Novi Community Schools.

The future groom has a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. He is self-employed.

A Nov. 22, 2008, wedding is planned for St. Robert Bellarmine Church.

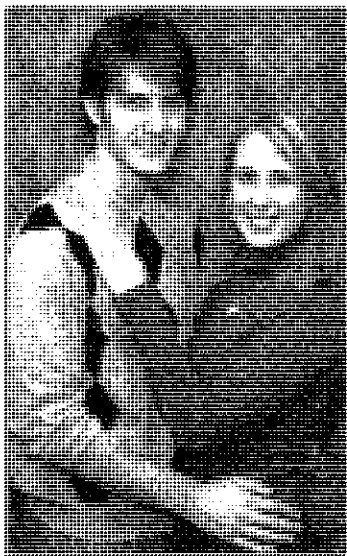
**Hixson-Davis**

Pamela and Vaughn Hixson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Hixson, to Shelby T. Davis II, son of Shelby and Paula Davis of Saginaw.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed by Charter One Bank.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw. He is a student, in the Army Reserve and employed by CSK Auto.

An Oct. 18 wedding is planned for St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City followed by a reception at Woodlands of Van Buren in Wayne.

**Lietz-Flannery**

William and Hendrika Lietz of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Katelyn Marie Lietz, to Matthew Brady Flannery, son of Michael and Dorinda Flannery of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and currently a full-time student at Wayne State University.

The future groom is a 2005 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a certified massage therapist and a full-time student at Wayne State University.

A May 25, 2008, wedding is planned for the Unity of Livonia Church.

Lomason-Snyder

Kyle and Diane Lomason of Gaines, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Lomason, to Brian Snyder, son of Cliff and Sharon Snyder of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Swartz Creek High School. She has a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from the University of Michigan-Flint. She is employed by Consumers Energy.

The future groom is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He has a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed by Harley Ellis Devereaux Architects.

A July 26, 2008, wedding is planned at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

Guibord-Bennett

Greg and Janet Guibord of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Guibord, to John Joseph Bennett, son of John and Sandy Bennett of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Dearborn High School. She received her bachelor's degree in education and is currently working toward her master's degree from Madonna University. He is currently teaching kindergarten at Tutor Time in Farmington Hills.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He received his bachelor's degree in education from Madonna University. He is currently a substitute teacher in the Plymouth-

Wright-Luke

Deborah Ann Wright and Brian Jeffrey Luke are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Paul Wright of Tennessee and the late Ann Dormanen. She is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Spring Arbor University.

The future groom is the son of Don and Annette Luke of Canton. He is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Spring Arbor University. He is employed by Long Mechanical. A June 27, 2008, wedding is

Humphrey-Napier

Robert and Jan Humphrey of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Lea Humphrey, to Chip Napier, son of Flora Napier of Terre Haute, Ind., and the late Herman Napier, Sr.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1997 graduate of Alma College. She was formerly employed as a math teacher with Birmingham Public Schools.

The future groom is a 1985 graduate of Medora High School in Medora, Ind., and 1989 graduate of Indiana State University. He is employed

Barnes-Gabriel

Laura Barnes of Plymouth and David Gabriel of Royal Oak are engaged to be married.

Laura is the daughter of Donna Barnes of Plymouth and Joel and Teresa Barnes of Niles, Mich. The future bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism/public relations from Madonna University. She is currently the membership and annual gifts director at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor.

David is the son of the Virginia Gabriel of Clinton Township and the late Crist Gabriel. He is a graduate of Fraser High School, received a bachelor of science degree in

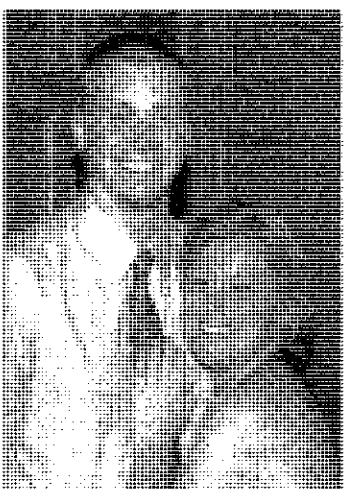
Clement-Sinawi

Randy and Cathy Clement of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Clement, to Brandon Sinawi, son of Ruth Sinawi of Novi and Tony Sinawi of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a teaching degree in special education. She is a teacher at the Autistic Center Program.

The future groom is a 1999 graduate of Farmington High School and will graduate in 2008 with a degree in physical education from Eastern Michigan University.

A May 24, 2008, wedding is

**Virant-Howery**

Chuck and Marilyn Virant of Ubyly, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Rose Virant, to Darrell Howery, son of Terry Howery of Northville and Doris Howery of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is attends Wayne State University. She has received her bachelor's degree in business and is working on her master in business administration.

The future groom has received his bachelor degree and is working on his master's degree in finance from the University of Michigan.

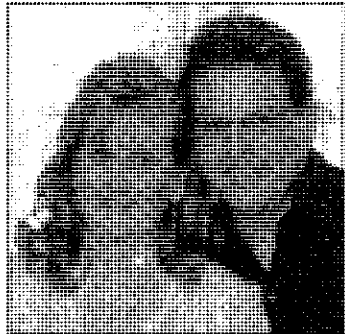
A Sept. 13, 2008, wedding is planned for St. John's in Plymouth, Mich.



planned for the Westland Free Methodist Church.



at engineering manager with UPS in Long Island, N.Y. A summer 2008 wedding is planned.



engineering from Lawrence Tech University and a master's of science degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. He is currently a controls systems engineer at the Ford Motor Co. working on hybrid electric vehicle development.

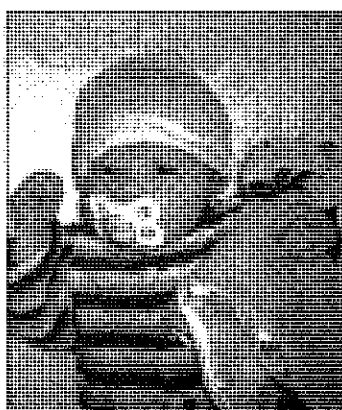
They are planning an April 12, 2008, wedding in Farmington Hills, Mich.



planned for the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.



BIRTHS

**Wyatt Patrick Bushway**

Toni and Todd Bushway of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Wyatt Patrick Bushway on Jan. 22, 2008, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Grandparents are Harry and Sharon Bushway of Alger, Mich., (formerly of Livonia) and Gail and Pat Landino of Garden City.

Great-grandparents are Stuart and Jane Gibbs of Alger, Mich. (formerly of Livonia), Delores Beyer or Garden

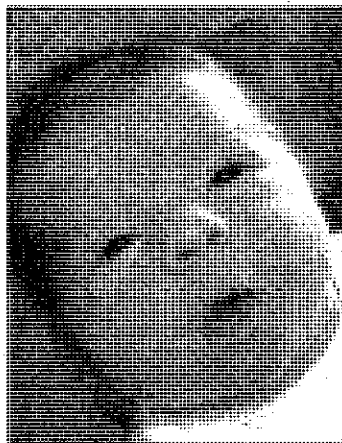
City and Cecile Landino of Chesterfield Township.

Aubrey Wren

Olivia and Jeremy Wren of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Wren, on Dec. 30, 2007, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Grandparents are Kathleen and Vincent Sagona of Livonia and Darlene and John Wren of Livonia.

Great grandparents are Theresa Parrelly of Livonia, Jean Gennette of Wayne, Joan Kosberg of Westland and Eileen Wren of Northville.



ANNIVERSARY

Smiths mark 50th anniversary

Malcolm (Mac) Smith and Phyllis (Rogala) Smith of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Smiths were married Feb. 15, 1958, at St. Clements of Rome in Romeo, Mich. They have lived in this area for more than 40 years.

They have three children: Daniel (Ann) Smith of Livonia, David (Marc) Smith of St. Joseph, Mich., and Denise (Robert) Lorey of Canton.

The couple have eight grandchildren: Justin, Matt, Kayla, Kendra, Lisa, Amanda, Alexandria, Andrew and one great grandchild, Zachary.

Malcolm is retired from JW Cole & Sons/Atlas Van Lines. Phyllis has been a homemaker who is skilled in the arts and very talented in crafts.

A family and friends gathering has been planned in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.



Passages

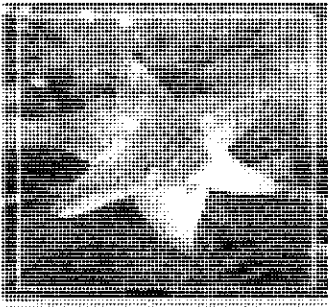
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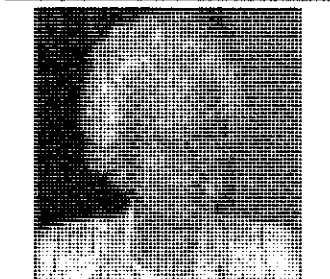
Age 92, formerly of Farmington, MI, died Jan. 29, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

**NANCY LEWIS KOCHENDERFER**

Passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2008, in Bethesda, Maryland. She was a long-time resident of her native Royal Oak, Michigan. Mrs. Kochenderfer was the wife of music educator L. Vincent Kochenderfer, and the mother of seven children (Lee, Sandra, Kristen, Karil, Marc, Kent and Kurt), and the grandmother of twelve grandchildren (Katharine, Leah, Eric, Drew, Ryan, Nathaniel, Karly, Kory, Kerry, Toby, Connor and Jenna). Mrs. Kochenderfer was a professional organist for over thirty years. After graduating from Royal Oak High School, she attended the University of Detroit and graduated in music performance from the University of Michigan School of Music; she was a member of the Sigma Alpha Iota professional music sorority. While studying music in Ann Arbor, she met and dated her future husband, Vincent, and married following their graduation. Nancy and Vincent would work together later as an organist and choral director in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, and at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham, Michigan. She believed in gospel ministry through music and received many opportunities to serve, including traveling with Vincent to Europe and South America with the Youth for Understanding Chorale (1969-1971) and the Southeastern Michigan Youth Chorale (1974-75). Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak. Interment at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

JAMES EDWARD MYERS

January 26, 2008, age 81, of Clinton, formerly of Westland. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Ann. Dear father of Daniel J. (Maureen), James A. (Sunny), Brian H. & Katherine A. (Michael) Bowles. Brother of William (Nancy), Irene (the late Robert) Arnold, the late Glen (late Ruth), Kenneth (Geraldine), Clarence (late Ellen), Lawrence. Loving grandfather of 13 & great-grandfather of seven. Funeral Services were held through Uht Funeral Home. Family requests memorials to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Saline. Please visit and post a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com

**MARJORIE CANEVER OLSEN**

Passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at age 94. She was born on March 14, 1913 to John William and Elsie Emma (Berry) Canever originally of Wellington and Taunton, England. She married Merritt W. Olsen in 1938. Together they owned Olsen's Market, a 50 year family business and Birmingham institution. Wife of the late Merritt W. Dear mother of Nancy Cook (David) of East Grand Rapids, M. Carol Yeomans-Phelan (Paul) of Albion and William F. Olsen (Carol) of Birmingham. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her brother, Victor W. Canever (Betty) and son-in-law, James H. Yeomans. Marge is remembered for her devotion to family and faith, her keenness of mind, sense of humor and gentle manner. She was a lifelong Birmingham resident, oldest and longest standing member of Birmingham First Baptist Church, active in American Baptist Women, Judson Center (previously Detroit Baptist Children's Home), Birmingham Area Senior Citizen Coordinating Council, Birmingham Historical Society and 30 year parent in Birmingham Public Schools. Memorial service Saturday, February 9 11am at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits. Family will receive friends 9:30 - 10:30am preceding the service. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to the Merritt W. Olsen Major Maintenance Endowment Fund of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JANET L. MAYBERRY

Of Auburn Hills, age 79, January 24, 2008. Beloved wife of Gilbert. Loving mother of Karen S. (Jeff) Swarbrick. Dearest grandma of Justin and Kendall. Loving sister of the late Jean Tull. Born in Ferndale; raised in Lapeer, graduating from Lapeer High School. Mrs. Mayberry worked for J.L. Hudson Co. and Himelhoch's in Birmingham, where she was part of management, buying and retail sales. She enjoyed golfing at her residence in the Seven Springs Golf Community in New Port Richie, Florida. While in Florida she worked at Dillard's and retired just a few years ago prior to return to Michigan. In honoring her wishes a private service will be held. Memorials in Mrs. Mayberry's name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Michigan, 20300 Civic Center, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to Pixley Funeral Home in Rochester (248) 651-9641.

JAMES REID

Of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed Jan. 27, 2008. No service will be held.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Free workshops
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, will present "Balancing Hormones Naturally" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. This workshop will educate the audience about natural alternatives to address problems related to hormone imbalances and menopause. Seating is limited to 15 guests. She also will present "Eat Your Way Thin" 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Noble Library,

32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Learn why diets do not work, ways to avoid weight gain and how to lose weight with diet, nutrition and exercise. Seating is limited to 30 guests. Her third workshop will be "How Hormones Effect Weight Loss" 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, also at the Noble Library. Learn how hormones control food cravings, body temperature and the ability to gain or lose weight. Discover how the pancreas, thyroid and adrenals influence the size and shape of the body. Seating is limited to 30 guests. Reservations required for the workshops, call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLCHolisticWellness.com.

Spring craft show
Space is available for vendors and crafters for the Westland Jaycees' spring craft show at the senior Friendship Center on Newburgh south of Ford 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday,

March 8. Admission will be \$1 or two dry good items. Children age 12 and under will be admitted free. For more information, call the Jaycee hotline at (734) 226-0400, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Suesanna Towne, 622 N. Brandon, Westland, MI 48185 or visit the Jaycees Web page at www.westlandjaycees.org.

Apply for scholarships
The 41st annual Court of St. Brigid Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, 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.

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 www.vna.org.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
A new volunteer organization, F.I.S.H. Dial-A-Ride, provides assistance for Westland residents in need of rides to locations beyond the Westland's local

Nankin Transit service area. Free rides to medical and social service appointments are available to both seniors and disabled Westland residents by calling (888) 660-2007. The free transportation is available Monday through Friday, except holidays. Those interested in volunteering may call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group
The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support
A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE

is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More
A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Fibromyalgia
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. Call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

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Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.
By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same

telescopic devices surgeons use during operations," says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are. Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the vision requirement for driving" Dr. Smith explained. Michigan is one of the 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Charles Willim, age 81, of Taylor came to get his driver license restored after macular degeneration reduced his vision to 20/70. Dr. Smith fit him with special driving telescopes that improved his vision to 20/40. A few weeks later Charles passed his road test and is now a licensed driver again. "Those telescopic glasses are pretty darn good" he said.

Buddy Standafer, age 70, of Westland had diabetic eye problems. He came to reinstate his driver license and read better. His regular vision as 20/200 but with special driving telescopes he saw 20/50. Prismatic reading glasses got him reading newsprint. Two months later his license was restored. "Now I see the traffic lights much better. I am happy to be on the road again. I tell a lot of people about Dr. Smith" Buddy said.

Buddy Standafer wearing driving telescopes

Dr. Smith also advises patients on using sun filters and nutritional supplements to prevent further vision loss. Special glasses and telescopes range in price from \$600 to \$2,500. "Every patient is unique, with different amounts of vision and individual goals," says Dr. Smith. "I strive to help patients resume doing what matters most to them. Meeting patient goals with suitable solutions ultimately improves independence and quality of life."

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it. You can reach Dr. Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan at

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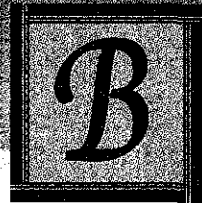
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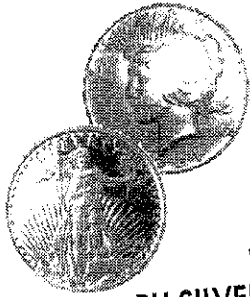
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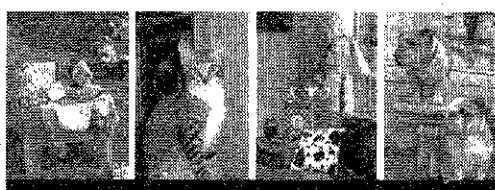


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416 hp Lexus IS F roars from 0-60 in 4.2

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By Kevin Koloian
Avanti News Features



The all-new 2008 Lexus IS F is a machine made for a driver who wants the complete sports-car experience. With a zero to 60 mph time of 4.2 seconds and a top speed of 168 mph, the IS F is by far the fastest car Lexus has ever made, and it looks the part.

The IS F has a bold, athletic stance and has wide, menacing vents located below the front headlamps that are more than just eye candy. They help direct cooling airflow and push through the fender wells and exit behind the wheels.

Pricing will be around \$59,000 when it goes on sale in March.

Standard amenities include 10-way power front seats; dual-zone automatic climate control; a pollen filter and smog detector; power moonroof with one-touch open/close and seven open-position settings; power tilt-and-telescoping steering wheel; three-position memory function for front seats, steering wheel and mirrors; all power windows with automatic up/down operation with jam protection; an auto-dimming rear-view mirror with HomeLink programmable garage door opener; automated rain-sensing wipers; and heated auto-dimming outside mirrors with integrated puddle lamps. Whew!

To keep up with the competition, buyers are rewarded with the convenience of a standard SmartAccess keyless entry and push-button start, which allows the driver to keep the access fob in a pocket or purse.

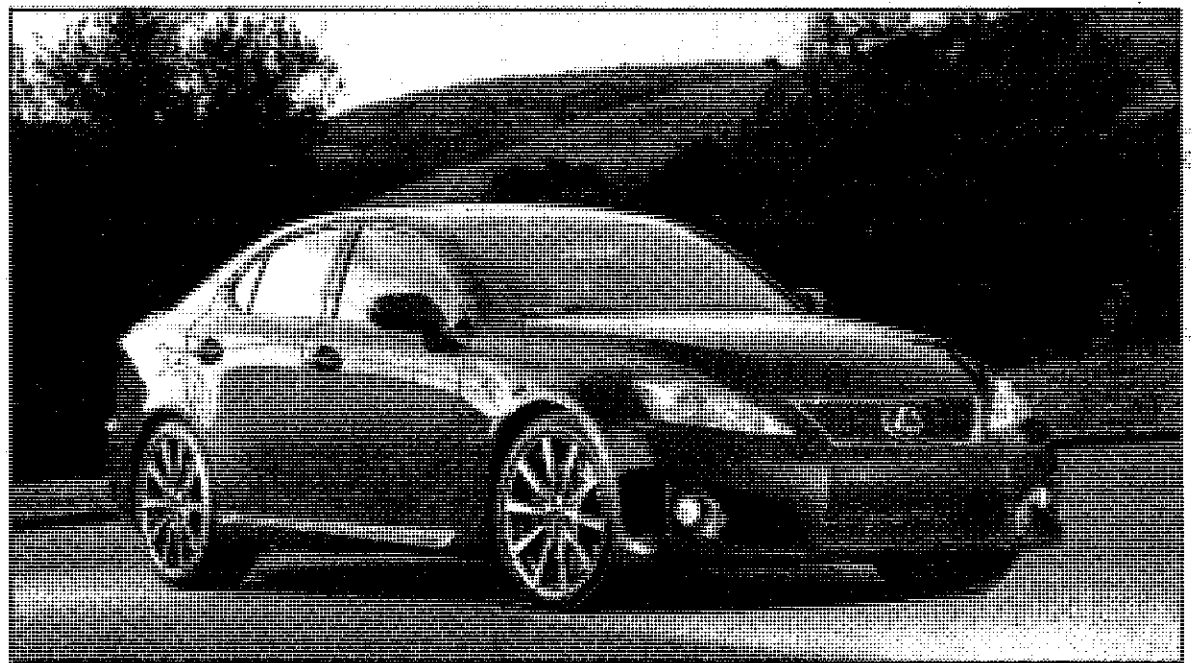
The IS F is equipped so well that there are few options. The most notable option, though, is the premium Mark Levinson Surround Sound system. Truthfully, I preferred to leave the radio off so I could listen to the empowering purr of the V8 when I drove this car on a trip I took to Alabama. You probably won't cross paths with another IS F on the road, as Lexus only expects to sell 300 to 400 a month, but if you want to stand out from the pack the IS F is available in six colors. There are four variations of pearlcast and metallic tones. Among them: Obsidian Black, Starfire Pearl and a bright red called Matador Red Mica. Unique to the IS F is the color Ultrasonic Blue Mica, which is a deep blue.

The 5.0-liter V8 engine produces 416 horsepower and is mated to the world's first 8-Speed Sport Direct-Shift automatic transmission. Because this trans has both manual and automatic modes, there is no manual transmission available despite the diehard racing fans Lexus is targeting. Most will find that its 8-speed automatic offers performance characteristics comparable to race cars anyway. Fuel economy ratings for the IS F are an incredible 16 miles per gallon in the city and 23 mpg on the highway.

On the road, the Lexus IS F is as quick as a hiccup, with precise and responsive steering and a ride that soaks up bumps and potholes. The low growl of the V8 made me look forward to the few straight-aways found on the back roads of Mobile, Ala.

Once the car climbed to 80 mph, this motorcycle-like sound provided the feeling of true power within my grasp. It's still a good day-to-day driver, though you sometimes may long for the raceway instead of the roadway if you're the one behind the wheel.

The uniquely Lexus interior perfectly complements the vehicle's performance. Featuring an exclusive design



The 2008 Lexus IS F promises a zero to 60 mph time of 4.2 seconds. Harnessing all of that speed will be the world's first eight-Speed Direct-Shift automatic transmission.

treatment highlighted by aluminized composite trim, aluminum-rimmed main gauges, unique steering-wheel treatment and other special surface treatments, the IS F has a visually stunning cabin.

The "F" logo is discretely showcased on the steering wheel, rear-center console and outer seat cushions. For comfort, UV-reducing, heat-absorbing glass is used throughout the car.

A comprehensive multi-information display located in the speedometer integrates a trip computer that provides outside temperature, driving range, average fuel consumption, average fuel consumption since refueling, current fuel consumption and average speed. The display also includes an oil-maintenance reminder and system warnings.

And for comfort, the IS F has four specially shaped and trimmed bucket seats, rather than a rear benchseats, that hold drivers like us securely in place while whipping around corners. The special leather-trimmed sport seats are available in black with blue stitching or a unique high-contrast Alpine and black trim.

The involved driver will find a small switch located to the right of the steering wheel that controls the Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management system. This switch operates the three different settings of the electronic stability control system.

In the normal mode, the vehicle dynamics provides cooperative control based on feedback from throttle, steering and transmission. With VDIM in control, there will be no wheel-spin on launches and the driver has unbelievable control without losing speed even through tight corners.

For the more performance-driven enthusiast there's the Sport mode that allows shifting at higher speeds and also makes the throttle more sensitive, adds weight to the steering and expands the range of acceleration.

By holding the switch down for three seconds, you can completely turn off the electronic traction and vehicle stability control. In this mode, only ABS remains active. At this point, the driver is in full command and can easily drift or fishtail around corners without interference from electronic traction systems.

Passive-safety technology in the IS F begins with a reinforced passenger compartment that helps protect the occupants with front-and-rear crush structures.

In addition to the driver and front-passenger front airbags and front seat-mounted side airbags, the Lexus Supplemental Restraint System includes side-curtain airbags and a knee airbag for both the driver and the front passenger. Advanced dual-stage front airbags are designed to deploy based on impact force. The driver's front airbag also includes an extra low stage designed to deploy based on the seat's position on its track to ensure the best protection.

For added safety, the available Pre-Collision System can help reduce collision damage. The package includes Dynamic Radar Cruise Control, which uses millimeter-wave radar to measure and maintain a set distance from a vehicle traveling ahead. PCS relies on the radar sensor to detect obstacles in front of the car. The PCS computer, taking sensor inputs from vehicle speed, steering angle and yaw rate, is designed to determine whether a collision is unavoidable. In such a situation, PCS preemptively retracts front seat belts and pre-initializes brake assist so increased braking will be applied the instant the driver depresses the pedal.

There's also a rear back-up camera, included with the available navigation system, that automatically projects an image of what's behind the car onto the navigation screen as soon as you put your Lexus in reverse.

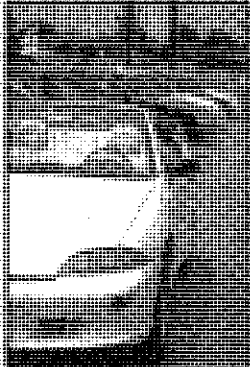
Added parking technology comes in the form of Lexus' Intuitive Park Assist system, which uses ultrasonic sensors to detect objects close to the car's bumpers, alerting the driver and showing distance to objects in the multi-information display within the speedometer.

The performance-orientated IS F is not for everybody, but after a zippy test drive it may take a while to get over the power and the passion under this beast's hood. Write him at kevinkoloian@excite.com. Distributed by Fracassa News Group. ©2008, Fracassa Communications LLC.

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- 15 Intimidate (2 wds.)
- 17 Director — Kazan
- 18 Yes, to Rob Roy
- 19 More peculiar
- 20 Jetties
- 23 Macho sort
- 26 Footed vases
- 27 Ja, to Jacques
- 28 Current meas.
- 31 Devotee
- 32 Bilko's nickname
- 34 — Paulo, Brazil
- 35 Mai — (rum drink)
- 36 Hobby shop buy

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- 1 Friendly advice
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COUNTERING LIES IN DIRTY POLITICS



WORKWISE
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Lies supporting dirty politics roam throughout the workplace, in the community and in families, and you need to know how to handle them. Psychologist David Gruder, author of "The New IQ: How Integrity Intelligence Serves You, Your Relationships and Our World" (Elite Books, \$17.95), states that "lies and dirty politics are not only the norm today, but they are in some senses expected." Elaine Englehardt, distinguished professor of Ethics and special assistant to the president at Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah, points out that a habitual liar or one focused solely on personal gain "gives us a picture of reality that's different from what exists. A habitual liar could be a sociopath who cares only about himself, sabotaging others by deliberately and maliciously lying merely to advance his career and himself."

DEGREE
Some people laugh a lie off, assuming that it's not worth confronting. Others uncritically accept a lie,

Englehardt maintains, particularly "if it's provocative, even when facts are placed in front of them." Gruder mentions that repetition becomes particularly damaging as a lie circulates, prompting others to repeat what they've heard. "It's that repetition more than a lie by itself (that damages)," he says. Your first instinct might be to ignore a lie about you, but as it swells into a crescendo, you might want to rethink your strategy. In the workplace, this is particularly important, because a lie can rapidly contaminate the environment. This is also particularly important if you work among people who don't think critically. But be hopeful. "There is always a minority, but often times, a powerful minority," reports Amie Devero, management consultant at The Devero Group in Tampa, "with the flexibility and fairness to revise their points of view, or to resist adopting a negative point of view in the first place, even when others try to convince them to do so." **'CONTAINMENT'**
How do you know when to begin to confront the lies? Devero reminds you that you needn't respond instantly, because "reputations are built over time, and it takes a very big lie or a real transgression to destroy them overnight. If someone has lied about you and

damaged your reputation, clarify the issue, confront the exact thing that was said and the person who said it, and correct the information." Gruder maintains that each case is different, but, that you might hold back until you begin to hear the propaganda machine at work, such as when three people are telling a lie. If an individual lies with impunity, Gruder recommends, "React with righteous indignation, indicating that this is *really* intolerable." Prepare for what he calls "containment in degrees of intensity." He suggests beginning with the mildest form, because if it isn't effective, you can increase it later. Using the most intensive could well backfire, compelling you to correct two instances of damage, new and old. Consider his escalating steps:
- "Talk to that person privately, or with a neutral third party, where he doesn't have to put on a face for the public. Explain that his statements of fact are not that, and that you need to clear this up in order to continue to collaborate."
- "Identify key people in the system to tell that a lie is circulating. Ask these key influencers for advice about how to respond. Make this a sincere attempt to serve the collective highest good."
- "Organize an intervention if the previous methods prove ineffective."



David Gruder, psychologist and author, has a three-step method for correcting lies spread in dirty politics. They vary in intensity.

- "Gather people who understand what the truth really is to collaborate on a procedure for publicly confronting the liar" - but only if you're desperate, because of the humiliation it causes. This could mean a note in a personnel file. Finally, you might take comfort in knowing, as Englehardt contends, that "sooner or later the lies will catch up with the liar, making him a victim of his own ill will."
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CLINICAL EVENING MANAGER & RNs/LPNs
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