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Ex-city worker charged with forging checks

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman, already on probation for embezzling in her former job with the city's housing department, was arraigned Friday along with her teenage son on charges of forging checks belonging to a neigh-

bor who was hospitalized for a car accident.

Tonya Yvonne Cramier, who dropped her former last name Oncza following a divorce, was charged with four counts of uttering and publishing four checks totaling \$3,800 that were made out either to her or a nonprofit she had formed, called the Ways To

Family Self-Sufficiency.

Cramier, 40, already was on a three-year probation sentence from April 2007 for embezzling money from a client she was supposed to help while working for a family-aid program at Westland's Dorsey Center.

Her 18-year-old son, Jason David Cramier, was arraigned Friday after-

noon on one count of uttering and publishing amid allegations he cashed a \$150 check belonging to the 55-year-old neighbor while she was in a hospital. He was on probation for a marijuana charge.

The alleged victim told police that the checks were taken in January and that she noticed they were missing

when she returned home, police Sgt. David Heater said Friday afternoon in Westland 18th District Court. The woman had given a key to Cramier's other son, who isn't charged, to watch her house and feed her dog, Heater said.

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Sandi Meyerhoff hugs her daughter Katie, a fifth-grader at Schwietzer Elementary, as she's presented with a dictionary and plaque from Earle Chorbagan and Superintendent Greg Baracy after winning the Earle Chorbagan 2007/2008 Elementary School Spelling Bee.

How well do you spell?

Students' way
with words wins
them top honors

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing superstitious about the number 13 for Marshall Middle School student Matthew Karpiuk.

The sixth-grader brought home the Earle Chorbagan Middle School Spelling Bee crown in the 13th round by correctly spelling the word ominous.

"I was kind of nervous when I was spelling diorama," said Matthew. "I spelled it wrong, but, of course, it didn't count."

This is the 28th year the district has held the spelling bee, named for Earle Chorbagan, a retired school administrator who with schools media specialist Earle Truesdell Smith proposed it after a regionwide spelling bee was discontinued in the 1970s. The spelling bees are held at Adams Middle School where Chorbagan was an assistant principal.

Chorbagan was on hand to present Matthew and elementary spelling bee winner Katie

Please see **SPELLING, A3**



Marshall Middle School sixth-grader Matthew Karpiuk smiles before he spells the word ominous to win Wayne-Westland's Earle Chorbagan 2007/2008 Middle School Spelling Bee.

Study session looks at latest park tests

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

As Westland officials gear up for the first public meeting in over a year exclusively dedicated to Central City Park, questions are being raised again about how to pay for an eventual remediation plan for the contaminated site.

Officials have scheduled a study session for 6 p.m. Monday at City Hall to discuss new soil-test results that found elevated levels of methane near the Bailey Recreation Center and Westland 18th District Court. An investigation by fire officials found none of the gas inside the buildings, easing concerns of a potential explosion.

The park has been fenced off since last January after it was publicly revealed that the 100-acre park, a former landfill, was contaminated — mostly with lead.

Just last Monday, Westland City Councilman Charles Pickering renewed questions about whether certain dollars can be used to clean up the park and make it safe for use. The county owns the park and leases it to the city.

Pickering said city leaders need an answer from City Attorney Angelo Plakas' office on whether officials can dip into the sanitation fund — tax dollars typically used for garbage disposal — to address the park situation. He also questioned whether money could be used from the potential sale of property once

used for an incinerator that burned trash from Westland and four other communities.

Plakas responded that those issues are being examined.

Even so, Pickering said he believes the county, as the park's owner, should be responsible for paying the tab. He indicated that officials should look into possibly using dollars collected from a special Wayne County parks tax for remediation efforts.

Council President James Godbout and others have voiced frustration that the testing phase at the park is taking longer than some officials had expected. The finding of elevated methane levels has prompted the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to call for more testing.

Pickering has suggested that the county has taken "baby steps" to address the problem, although county officials have said they have to answer the MDEQ's call for more testing.

Godbout said the process could be further along if all city officials had been informed as early as 2002 of the contamination problem. County officials and then-Mayor Sandra Cicirelli came under fire in late 2006 after documents surfaced indicating they had known for years about the situation.

On Monday, Godbout indicated the silence is "why we're dealing with it now."

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Deadline nears to file in school election

Timing is running out for residents interested in a seat on the Wayne-Westland school board.

Two four-year terms — those currently held by board Vice President Cindy Schofield and Trustee Terrance McClain — will be filled in the Tuesday, May 6, election.

Residents have until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, to file nominating petitions or pay a \$100 fee to be included in the annual school election.

So far six residents, including the two incumbents, have pulled petitions, however, as of Friday afternoon, none had been turned in, according to Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart who is handling the election for the school district.

In addition to McClain and Schofield, Shawna Walker of Wayne, Brian Mulligan of Westland, and Robert Robinson of Westland have pulled petitions while petitions also have been requested on behalf of Christopher Szabo.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old, a qualified voter in the school district and a resident of the state for at least 30 days.

Nominating petitions are available at the Westland City Clerk's Office in Westland City Hall, 36001 Ford, west of Wayne Road. A minimum of 40 up to a maximum of 100 signatures of registered voters in the school district are needed.

— By Sue Mason

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Super Bowl pick wins her a trip to Las Vegas

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The New York Giants may have won the Super Bowl by three points, but the margin of victory looks like a chasm when you consider Cheryl Edwards won the Internet-based Pick the Pros by just one point.

"I was waiting until tomorrow (Friday) to tell my friends I won," said Edwards, a lunch room mother at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City.

"We didn't know for sure we'd won, we knew we were close," said her husband, Bill. "We weren't 100 percent sure, not until we got the e-mail."

Edwards, a Garden City resident, received a \$818 voucher toward a trip for two to Las Vegas after finishing first in the online contest, beating out more than 700 players, according to Marty Carry, director of advertising for the *Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers*.

More than 120,000 people nationwide played the game in which players pick the winners of each week's NFL games. Edwards found herself in the middle of the pack during the season, and was four-five points out going into Super Bowl weekend.

"It was a little bit of gut feeling and looking at the standings," said Edwards about her picks.



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Marty Carry, director of advertising for The *Observer and Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers*, presents the grand prize to Pick the Pros winner Cheryl Edwards of Garden City.

"I also got help from my son (Kevin, 14)."

Edwards stayed with the Giants and the Packers during the season and was hoping Green Bay would defeat New England in the regular season and waited until the day before the Super Bowl to make her pick, discarding the hype that the game was going to be a blowout. She picked the Giants with a score of 21-14. According to Carry, Edwards' low score moved her into top spot and the grand prize.

"Everyone ahead of you picked the Pats with a high score," he said. "That's why you came from behind to win."

Sports is a family thing for the Edwardses. Bill Edwards and his wife have been playing Pick the Pros for four years. While Cheryl Edwards did well in the contest, her husband admits he

didn't look at his score.

"I wasn't even close," he said.

The family, which also includes daughter Nicole, was to Las Vegas seven-eight years ago and, according to Bill Edwards, this trip will most likely be a family affair again. The good news, according to Carry, is that Bill Neugebauer Travel will work with them in customizing their trip.

"It all depends on what they want," he said.

The Edwardses like paying Pick the Pros, saying that it's easy to play. Bill Edwards also likes the fact that the game provided reminders on Wednesday to make picks.

"She didn't miss a pick during the season," he said about his wife. "It's awesome, the format and everything."

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Plan to clip comments creates stir

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

At times, Westland City Council business meetings have become a public forum where a small group claiming freedom of speech has drawn criticism from other residents and officials who accuse them of being mean-spirited and downright slanderous.

Differences between this small but vocal group of residents and their critics have long simmered, becoming heated on occasion. Now, the two sides are at odds over proposed policy revisions that would slightly curb — but by no means eliminate — public remarks at council sessions.

"This is one more step of ousting the citizens," council watcher Judy McKinney said, "and I don't like it."

Council President James Godbout, saying Westland has one of the area's most liberal policies for public comment, has said he wants to make council meetings more business-like and to foster an atmosphere of professionalism.

With that, the council is pondering reducing the amount of time that people can speak from five minutes to four, and reserving one time slot — instead of the current two — for general citizens comments.

No one would be denied a

chance to speak. If people still haven't spoken when a 30-minute public comment portion ends early in a meeting, the council would conduct its business and then return to citizens' remarks near the close of the session.

Some residents believe the city should continue to reserve a spot for public comment near the end of the meeting — regardless. Some said they prefer to address the council after they see how certain votes have gone. They also said some residents can't get to City Hall in time to speak early in the meeting.

Council business meetings typically start at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Some council members are questioning certain proposed policy changes, which could be voted on as early as Feb. 18. Council members Cheryl Graunstadt and Charles Pickering have voiced concerns about trimming a resident's speaking time from five minutes to four and allowing citizens only one opportunity to speak during an entire meeting.

Graunstadt noted that council members don't have any time limits, and "we sure take enough time to blab."

During talks Monday evening on the issue, resident Bob Johnson suggested the council

adopt a provision against what he called slanderous statements made by some residents.

Another resident, Shauna Jaynes, said that if she had to choose, she would rather have public comments near the end of meetings than at the beginning so that business representatives who come before the council won't have to sit through the "negativity" that often characterizes citizens comments.

Resident John McGuire chastised the council for considering measures to reduce public comment.

"You people are trying to take away our powers," he said, "and it doesn't make sense to me."

The council had added time for public comment to its agenda in the wake of an uproar over the firing of then-City Clerk Patricia Gibbons in 2000 by a council majority. The upheaval led to a recall of two council members and prompted two others to resign. It also fueled a ballot measure that led to the clerk becoming an elected position.

Those tensions have long subsided, however, and some council members want to return to a simpler, more business-like way of conducting meetings. They said Westland's policy for public speaking still would be liberal compared to most communities.

7 vie for Westland ATHENA Award

It's a chocolate lover's dream come true when the Women of Westland, First Step and Mayor William R. Wild sponsor the fourth annual Chocolate ATHENA Award, which will be presented by WOW and First Step. Seven women have been nominated for the honor:

- Heather Brenke, principal of the Michigan region of UHY Advisors Inc.
- Catherine Buchanan, manager and owner of Independent Carpet One in Westland.
- Pamela Connoles, a "return again" student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus.
- Sue Mason, Community Editor for the *Westland and Garden City Observer Newspapers*.
- Wendy Lyon, a Wayne-Westland Community Schools

social worker assigned to Lincoln and Jefferson-Barnes Elementaries.

■ Kelly Salingue, an accounts receivable accounting clerk employed by Westland Lock and Key.

■ Susan Szurek, a board certified advanced practice registered nurse and family nurse practitioner, is manager of Oakwood Healthcare System's Lincoln School Clinic.

The ATHENA Award recognizes a man or woman who has attained and personifies the highest level of professional excellence in her/his business or profession, has devoted time and energy to the community in a meaningful way and has opened the door of leadership opportunity for women.

The ATHENA Award was first presented in 1982 in Lansing and has grown to include presentations to more than 5,000 individuals in hundreds of cities in the United States as well as in Canada,

China, Russia and the United Kingdom.

The winner of the award will be announced at the Chocolate Fantasy Ball. Doors will open at 6 p.m. There will be a strolling dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the presentation of the ATHENA Award at 7:30 p.m. There also will be dancing and more than 80 feet of chocolate delights.

Tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 per couple. For ticket information or to purchase tickets, call Mary Denning (734) 261-3680 or WOW at (734) 467-9113 or visit the WOW Web site at www.womenofwestland.com.

Previous Westland ATHENA honorees include 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli, Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, Charlotte Sherman, deputy superintendent of educational services for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, and Joan Carr, founder of the Red Wagon literacy program.

AROUND WESTLAND

Nursery School Olympics

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department, Westland Civitan Club, Westland Junior Civitan, Dads' Athletic Club of Westland and Westland Jaycees are again sponsoring the Nursery School Olympics, a chance for toddlers and preschoolers to go for the gold in games designed especially for them. Some of the activities include the Big Wheel Grande Prix, the Marshmallow Shot Put and the I-Di-D-A-Rod Hurdles. The event, open to youngsters ages 18 months to 5 years, will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 1, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford. Every child will receive a certificate of participation. The course takes about 30-45 minutes, so children can register and join in the fun right up to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$4 per child/athlete; parents/spectators are free. For more information, call the Bailey Center, at (734) 722-7620.

WYAA celebration

Westland Youth Athletic Association is actively working on its 50th anniversary celebration with a retinue of events to commemorate this occasion. Participation in the Westland Festival Parade on July 2, a special baseball Opening Day, featuring Karen Newman singing the National Anthem and John Glenn High School's JROTC Color Guard, and a year-end dinner reception are on the calendar.

The WYAA would like to hear from any Little Nankin Football or Nankin Youth Athletic Association founding board members so that they may be included in the celebrations. Contact Keith DeMolay at (734) 722-1251 or the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

Baseball registration

The Wayne Ford Civic League is holding baseball registrations for children ages 4-10 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at the league hall at 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Registration fees are \$65 for T-Ball and Coach Pitch

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leagues and \$80 for Mustang League. Registrations will continue each Saturday until all the teams are full. For additional information, contact the hall at (734) 728-5010 or by e-mail at vbarra@comcast.net.

Pancake breakfast

It'll be pancakes and roses on Valentine's Day, Thursday, Feb. 14, when Westland's Senior Resources Department hosts its monthly pancake breakfast from 8:30-11 a.m. The community is invited to enjoy all-you-can-eat flap jacks with a choice of buttermilk or multi-grain pancakes and regular or sugar free syrup. Breakfast also includes bacon, sausage and choice of beverage, all for \$4. The breakfast is open to all ages. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, just south of Ford.

Surplus food distribution dates set

The City of Westland has established the day, times, and locations that residents may obtain surplus federal food for the month of February. All residents living north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer. The pickup time and location for Westland residents living south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737 for information. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at the apartment building. Contact the building manager

for the distribution day. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa. For the month of February, the distribution will include mixed vegetables, sweet potatoes, tomato soup and tuna. This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites, and dates of distribution are determined by that agency. Questions can be answered by calling the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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SPELLING BEE PARTICIPANTS

Students participating in the 28th annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bees were:

- Adams Middle School - Jeremiah Palmer, sixth-grade; Stephen Callahan, seventh-grade; Aarti Sajani, eighth-grade. The runners-up were Rachel Hymas, sixth-grade; Savannah Walker, seventh-grade; Adam Kay, eighth-grade.
- Franklin Middle School - Gurpreet Takhar, sixth-grade; Sage Parker, seventh-grade; Ashley Schaefer, eighth-grade. The runners-up were Samantha Ayres, sixth-grade; Hayley Davis, seventh-grade; Jennifer McCaffery, eighth-grade.
- Marshall Middle School - Matthew Karpiuk, sixth-grade; Shakim Harris, seventh-grade; Michael Morgan, eighth-grade. The runners-up were Sabrina Feraru, sixth-grade; Laura Simons, seventh-grade; Olivia Scaif, eighth-grade.
- Stevenson Middle School - Alexandra Henderson, sixth-grade; Victoria Spencer, seventh-grade; Austin Smarsh, eighth-grade. The runners-up were James Hartman, sixth-grade; Jalyn Bulls, seventh-grade; Emma Karson, eighth-grade.
- Edison Elementary - DeAndre Barthwell, runner-up Jane Awoh.
- Elliott Elementary - Asha Smith, runner-up Freeman Ogburn II.
- Graham Elementary - Chelsea Wilk, runner-up Avery Woody.

- Hamilton Elementary - Leanna Carreon, runner-up Jessica Pate.
- Hicks Elementary - Rachael Champagne, runner-up Kaleb McCloud.
- Hoover Elementary - David Gaedke, runner-up Brandon Sigler.
- Jefferson-Barns Elementary - Joel Burke, runner-up Kyle Pickens.
- Kettering Elementary - Jordan Khalaf, runner-up Francisco Herrera.
- Lincoln Elementary - Cody Johnson, runner-up James Hickok.
- Madison Elementary - Luke Vasher, runner-up Nicholas Kallabat.
- Patchin Elementary - Coty Diaz, runner-up McKenzie Bury.
- Roosevelt Elementary - Katie Kuder, runner-up Matthew Kryska.
- Schweitzer Elementary - Katie Meyerhoff, runner-up Chelsea Willis.
- Taft Elementary - Miguel Calvario, runner-up Brendan Rembowski.
- Vandenburg Elementary - Rachel Cherian, runner-up Stosh Szostek.
- Walker-Winter Elementary - Shelby Fielding, runner-up Collin Malcolm.
- Wildwood Elementary - Sara Hornbuckle, runner-up Justin Paul.

BEE

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Meyerhoff of Schweitzer Elementary with American Heritage dictionaries. He used the presentation to urge the students continue "to use their special gifts with words."

"Read books, read newspapers, don't waste it," he said. "Read and write. If you want to make your grandparents happy, write them a letter."

The students tested their spelling skills on words like virtuoso, liverwurst, spherical, obsequious and pumpernickel.



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Jefferson-Barns fifth-grader Joel Burke attempts to spell virtuoso. Looking on Elliot fifth-grader Asha Smith and Walker-Winter fifth-grader Shelby Fielding.



Ron Henderson takes a photo of his daughter Alexandra Henderson, a sixth-grader at Stevenson Middle School, with her mother Maria Protopapas after taking runner-up honors in the spelling bee.

"I have to be absolutely honest with you, I couldn't spell half of those words," Superintendent Greg Baracy told the elementary contestants.

For Matthew, it looked like he was out when he misspelled diorama, but the word was tossed out after the judges determined that second-place finisher Alexandra Henderson, a Stevenson Middle School sixth-grader, had correctly spelled chimichanga and restarted the spelling bee at round nine.

Winning is nothing new to Matthew who captured the elementary spelling bee last year as a fifth-grader at Edison Elementary School.

His secret to winning? His mother, Rebecca, says he studies a lot. Matthew, however, admits he loves to play video games more than studying. She also says he gets his gift for spelling from his grandmother, Eva Garcia, who was there to see him win.

"She's an expert in crossword puzzles," she said.

Rebecca Karpiuk added that she was nervous, especially when judges "kept talking" during the eighth round.

"I'm proud of him, he's a good kid," she said. The elementary spelling bee ended at round 10 with Katie correctly spelling enchilada. She gained the edge when runner-up Katie Kuder of Roosevelt Elementary misspelled the word protagonist.

"It feels good, it's an honor," said Katie, adding that her hardest word had to be filibuster.

Unlike Matthew, she studied with her mother

and father, Sandi and Jeff Meyerhoff, "every single night."

"She's naturally good in English and language arts," said her mother. "She worked hard, running through the words for weeks and weeks. 'I'm so proud of her, she worked so hard.'"

Both students' names will be added to spelling bee plaques that will hang in their respective schools. In the case of the middle school plaque, this will be the third straight year it will hang at Marshall Middle School.

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'Great police work' leads to arrests in crime spree

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man, accused of a crime spree involving armed robbery, home invasion, attempted kidnapping, identity theft and several other felonies, was arraigned Friday afternoon along with his live-in girlfriend, who faces fewer charges.

Deidre Carroll Scott, 21, could face life in prison if he's convicted of crimes that police Sgt. Brian Miller said happened in January at three separate Westland apartment complexes. Scott's girlfriend, 19-year-old Tyesha Tarnay Thomas, could face five years behind bars, if found guilty of identity theft.

The pair lived at Warris Farms Apartments, on Newburgh south of Joy, when Miller said the crime spree started on Jan. 8. On that day, Scott is accused of second-degree home invasion and receiving/concealing stolen property, amid accusations he broke into a neighbor's residence and stole a computer, a camera, a bed and other items.

On Jan. 28, Scott is accused of approaching a woman outside of Parkcrest Apartments, on Warren east of Newburgh, and holding what she thought could be a gun to her head. The woman told police that her attacker indicated he was going to force her to drive to an automated teller machine to get money, but she managed to drive off when he started walking around the car to get in, Miller said.

On Jan. 30, Scott is charged with rob-

bing a woman at gunpoint as she was going into her residence at Scotsdale Apartments on Newburgh south of Joy. The victim told police her assailant took her purse and fled on foot, trailed by a car that had been idling in the parking lot.

In the latter case, Miller said in court that he was able to trace credit cards used at a Detroit gas station. He then obtained a store video that helped lead him to defendants Scott and Thomas, both of whom are charged with nine counts of identity theft for using the credit cards.

Miller "did some great police work on that case," said police Sgt. Steve Borisch, who was in court on a case Friday afternoon.

Scott already was on probation for an earlier carjacking incident. Thomas told Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli that she was attending Wayne County Community College.

In court Friday, Cicirelli entered not-guilty pleas for both defendants and ordered them to appear in court Feb. 21 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Cicirelli set a \$750,000 cash or surety bond for Scott and a \$50,000 cash or surety bond for Thomas.

In setting a high bond for Scott, Cicirelli told him that it appeared he had been "busy" in Westland.

"What I have before me are some very, very serious offenses in this city," she said.

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Tonya Cramier also faces a charge of having less than 25 grams of cocaine, which Heater said was found in a bedroom of her home along with a straw when police executed a search warrant.

Additional charges may be forthcoming against the mother, Heater said, because the alleged victim also has noticed

fraudulent credit card activity.

The Cramiers appeared Friday in front of 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli, who entered not-guilty pleas for them and scheduled a Feb. 21 preliminary hearing that will determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. The charges are punishable by up to 14 years in prison.

Cicirelli ordered Tonya Cramier jailed in lieu of a \$500,000 cash or surety bond, saying the cocaine charge

"might explain some of these other charges." Cramier told the judge that she has a heart condition and that she was supposed to be having surgery for a pacemaker with dead batteries. Her statements couldn't be confirmed Friday afternoon.

Cicirelli ordered Jason Cramier held on a \$5,000/10 percent bond. His father, who was in court, indicated that he would post the \$500 for his son's release.

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Garden City Hospital programs focus on wellness

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

Monday, Feb. 11

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 (fourth 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.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

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 compliment 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.

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.

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 (second 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. 13

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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.

Alzheimer's Support at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join this free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the lower level classrooms of the Allen Breakie Medical Office Building (attached to the main hospital), 6255 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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.

Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH) at 7 p.m. Are you or someone you know hard of hearing? You're not alone. A free support group for people who are hard of hearing is held every third Wednesday of the month. Call (734) 458-3381 for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 14

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.

Look Good... Feel Better at 2 p.m. This is a free, non-medical, brand-neutral, national public service program supported by corporate donors to help women offset appearance-related changes from cancer treatment. Each two-hour, hands-on workshop includes a 12-step skin care/make-up application lesson, demonstration of options for dealing with hair loss, and nail-care techniques. Local group programs are organized by the American Cancer Society, facilitated by Look Good... Feel Better-certified cosmetologists, and aided by general volunteers. Patients in various stages of treatment receive makeover tips and personal attention from professionals trained to meet their needs. They also use and take home complementary cosmetic kits in their appropriate skin tones with helpful instruction booklets. Professional advice is provided on wigs, scarves and accessories. Sessions are held in small groups of 5-10, offering each patient a supportive circle, as well. Look Good...Feel Better is sponsored by the Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association (CTFA) Foundation, the American Cancer Society, and the National Cosmetology Association (NCA).

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Yoga (second of four classes) at 6:30 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.

"Focus on Living" Cancer Support at 7 p.m. A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. This meeting is free of charge. Call 734-458-3311 for further information.

Friday, Feb. 15

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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.

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Step It Up at 6 p.m. Step It Up is an intermediate aerobic exercise and strength training program geared to help you move to the next fitness level.

First Aid at 6 p.m. This American Red Cross class teaches how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. Content includes bandage and splinting, bleeding, burns, poison, shock, wounds, seizures, fractures, diabetes, stroke, heart attack and heat/cold emergencies. This class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health & Education Center at 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Participants will receive a three-year certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

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michiganhumane.org.
Baseball registrations
The Wayne Ford Civic League will hold baseball registrations for children ages 4-10 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at the leagues hall at 1645 N. Wayne Road. Registration fees are \$65 for T-Ball and Coach Pitch leagues and \$80 for Mustang League. Registrations will continue each Saturday until all the teams are full. For additional information, call the hall at (734) 728-5010 or by e-mail at vbarra@comcast.net.

Love of Lace XV
The Great Lakes Lace Group Inc. will present Love of Lace XV 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile,

east of Farmington, in Livonia. The event is a day of lace making, with demonstrations, try-it tables, vendors and displays. Admission is free, public is welcome. For more information, go online to www.GLLGI.org.

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 envelop to Suesanna Towne, 622 N. Brandon, Westland, MI

48185 or visit the Jaycees Web page at www.westlandjaycees.org.

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

Higher Rock Cafe
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy,

south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 8 p.m. Check it out on the Web at www.lsa.higgherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

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.

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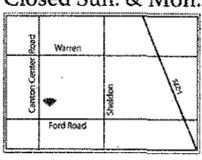
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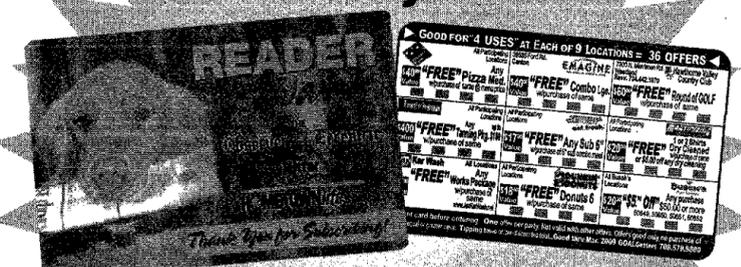
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Dow is not the best indicator of stock market activity

Dear Rick: I have a bet with my friend. We were talking about indexes and I told him that the Dow is the most important index to look at when it comes to investments. Do you agree?

I do not agree. Even though the Dow is the most recognized and the oldest U.S. stock market index, I do not believe it is the most important.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average only consists of 30 companies. These are some of the largest and most widely held public companies in the world. The problem I have with the index is it does not give you a broad view of even American companies. There are literally thousands and thousands of U.S. publicly held companies not represented by the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

In addition, the Dow does



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

for investors to look at one index.

It is important to understand how the Dow is calculated. It is a price weighted average which means that higher priced stocks will influence the average more than lower priced ones. Other indexes are done differently. In addition, other indexes will contain a broader range of stocks. For example, the Standard & Poor's 500 (S&P 500) contains 500 companies and will give a

broader picture of the overall health of the U.S. economy as opposed to the Dow.

One mistake many investors make is that they think their portfolio will perform the same way that the Dow does. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Because the Dow is only 30 stocks and is priced weighted it is possible that a few stocks can have a big influence on the entire index. In other words, you can find that the majority of stocks in the Dow 30 went up but that the index on the whole went down because of the way it is weighted. Investors who have well-balanced and diversified portfolios that contain a variety of asset classes such as small companies, midsize companies, international investments and bonds will find that their portfolio acts quite a bit different than the Dow.

I believe for investors to

know the direction of the stock market they need to look at a variety of different indexes and not just on a day-to-day basis. The markets over the short term are very irrational and rarely make any sense. It is the long-term trends that are important to an investor. Dear Rick: I just turned 62 and am eligible for Social Security. I get competing answers as to whether I should take Social Security or not. What do you think?

There is no right answer. The key is based upon your individual situation. To help make the decision, there are issues to consider.

The first is that people who collect Social Security at 62 get approximately 75 percent of full benefit. The other important factor to consider is the give-back rules. If you are working, and collecting Social Security at age 62,

there is an earning cap. If you earn more than this cap, (\$13,560 for 2008) then for every dollar you earn over that amount you refund 50 cents of your benefits back to the government. The earning cap is not applicable after 66 years of age.

Another factor to consider is income tax. Most people don't recognize that a portion of your Social Security benefits can be subject to income tax. Depending on your adjusted gross income, up to 85 percent of Social Security can be subject to ordinary income tax.

Examine your situation. If

you are working and earning over the cap, then I would not accept Social Security. The one exception is if you need the extra money to cover your living expenses. If you are retired and do not need Social Security to cover living expenses, I recommend deferring the benefits for as long as possible.

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

Frog listeners sought to survey wetlands

Friends of the Rouge are looking for thousands of volunteers to listen to frogs and toads in local wetlands.

"If you are willing to spend a few evenings a month listening in a nearby wetland, we need your help," said Sally Petrella, Volunteer Monitoring Program manager for Friends of the Rouge and manager of the annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey. "It is easy, fun and a satisfying way to get your whole family outdoors learning something new."

No experience in necessary to participate in the survey, just the ability to learn eight frog and toad calls and the willingness to go listen near a pond or marsh after dark a few damp evenings a month. Volunteers must attend one two hour training session where they are provided all the information and materials needed, including a cd with the calls.

Volunteers who have participated in the survey say that hearing frogs or "actually meeting frogs and toads in my own neighborhood" is what they enjoy most about the survey.

Interested volunteers need to choose one of the below workshops and register by calling 313-792-9621 or e-mailing monitoring@therouge.org. Survey blocks are quarter square mile areas with wetlands that drain to the Rouge River which includes the west side of Detroit and its west and northern suburbs.

Workshops are:

7-9 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 12 Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

7-9 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 26, Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, March 1, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia,

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, Canton Summit on the Park, Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

The Rouge Frog & Toad Survey has been coordinated by Friends of the Rouge since 1998. For more info, visit Friends of the Rouge's Web site at www.therouge.org

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Police chiefs pick LeBlanc as Legislator of Year

A Westland lawmaker has been named the 2007 Michigan Legislator of the Year by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) during its 2008 Mid-Winter Training Conference held in Grand Rapids.



LeBlanc

"This is a tremendous honor for me and I am privileged to be recognized by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police," said State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State Police and Military and Veterans Affairs. "Enhanced public safety for all of Michigan's residents, and providing for our military and veterans are top priorities of my committee."

Founded in 1924, the MACP

is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors, along with 14 district representatives from different geographical areas across Michigan.

The purpose of the MACP is to advance the science and art of police administration and crime prevention; to develop and disseminate approved administrative and technical practices and promote their use in police work; to foster police cooperation, unity of action, and the exchange of information and experience among police officers of this state; to bring about the recruitment and training in the police profession of qualified persons; to seek legislation of benefit to the citizens of the state or law enforcement in general; and, to encourage adherence of all police officers to high professional standards of conduct.

LeBlanc introduced several

pieces of legislation during 2007, including the indefinite extension of the state tax check-off option that protects financial assistance to Michigan's military families, creating and early firearms deer season for disabled veterans, preserving the resources that are necessary for local 911 response centers, and offering public safety grants to local public safety departments.

"This year I have introduced - and the House has passed - multiple pieces of legislation aimed at affording our police officers and public safety officials the tools they need to make their jobs easier while keeping our communities safer," LeBlanc said. "I have also worked diligently to ensure that our military families and the living conditions of our veterans, those that have sacrificed so much for us, are second to none in their home state of Michigan."

Angela, Community hospices join forces

A long-time Westland-based hospice organization has transferred its assets to Angela Hospice of Livonia.

The cooperative agreement between Community Hospice of Westland and Angela Hospice was effective Feb. 1.

The decision came after careful review by the Community Hospice board. "Community Hospice has always been committed to providing the highest quality hospice care to individuals and families," said Tom Lesondak, Community Hospice CEO. "Angela Hospice is also a highly-regarded provider of premium hospice care in our service area. We believe this recent agreement will provide the greatest opportunity and best outcome for our patients, employees and volunteers."

Seven Community Hospice employees have been hired on by Angela Hospice, including Lesondak, who will take over as Angela Hospice's CFO. Volunteers are being encouraged to continue their service and have been welcomed by Angela Hospice as well.

The organization has already begun caring for all Community Hospice patients who elected to transfer services.

"We at Angela Hospice are both honored and humbled by Community Hospice's decision to entrust the care of their patients to us," said Mary Beth Moning, executive director of Angela Hospice. "Their decision represents a high level of professional trust and respect, and we are grateful that they have chosen us to perpetuate their mission."

Community Hospice has been serving the metropoli-



Mary Beth Moning of Angela Hospice welcomes Community Hospice CEO Tom Lesondak at a luncheon honoring the work of Community Hospice. Angela Hospice took over the care of Community's patients on Feb. 1.

tan Detroit area since 1981. Angela Hospice opened the first free-standing hospice care center of its kind in Michigan in 1994. This facility, located at 14100 Newburgh Road in Livonia, houses 16 private patient rooms. Angela Hospice was awarded the Governor's Quality Care Award in 2000.

Both Community Hospice and Angela Hospice are non-

profit charities.

"In 1985, when Angela Hospice began its mission to serve terminally ill patients, we were pleased to be welcomed into the company of pioneers such as Community Hospice," said Sister Mary Giovanni, Angela Hospice president and CEO.

For more about hospice care, visit www.angelahospice.org.

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Fiddlers ReStrung presents annual Hometown Concert

Fiddlers ReStrung may be unknown to many people, but not to students at the Burger Center for Students with Autism. They are the beloved friends of Burger staff and students alike.

Fiddlers ReStrung has performed at the school every year for the last five years, for no more than a small donation.

"We were told they would come for nothing if we wanted them to, they love it that much," said Sharon Hegwood, teaching assistant at Burger School.

The Saline High School students take the time on a non-school day to go to Burger Center in Garden City to bring a little excitement into the lives of its staff and students. Their enthusiasm and pure joy of music is infectious and the students catch it. They cannot stay in their seats when the music begins to play. They're up dancing, spinning and jumping.

At any other concert, some-

one would be telling them to go back to their seats and just listen, but not with Fiddlers ReStrung. The group encourages the dancing because they enjoy seeing it.

If you're wondering what Fiddlers ReStrung is all about, now's the chance to find out. They group will present its annual Hometown Spring Concert Saturday, March 1, at Saline Middle School. Appearing with Fiddlers ReStrung is the Grant Gordy Quartet from Denver, Colo.

The Grant Gordy Quartet features Gordy on guitar, Adam Galblum on fiddle, Ian Hutchison on bass, and Dominick Leslie on mandolin. The group plays "new acoustic music" or progressive string-band music and performs mostly original tunes written by Gordy.

Opening the program will be Saline's seventh-eighth-grade Fiddle Clubs, some of whom are the newest members of

Fiddlers ReStrung next season. Saline Area Schools sponsors and supports Fiddlers ReStrung, a talented group of high school students who play and dance to traditional folk, Celtic and bluegrass music.

The Fiddlers ReStrung mission is to preserve and perform American fiddle music. The concert series not only fulfills this goal, but also exposes students and community to a wide variety of talented professional musicians.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. at the Saline Middle School, 7190 Maple Road, Saline. Reserved seating tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. To purchase tickets in advance, call (734) 429-7210. After Feb. 10, also can be purchased in-person at the Saline Community Education Office, 200 N. Ann Arbor St., Saline.

For more information, visit the Fiddlers ReStrung Web site at www.fiddlersrestrung.com.

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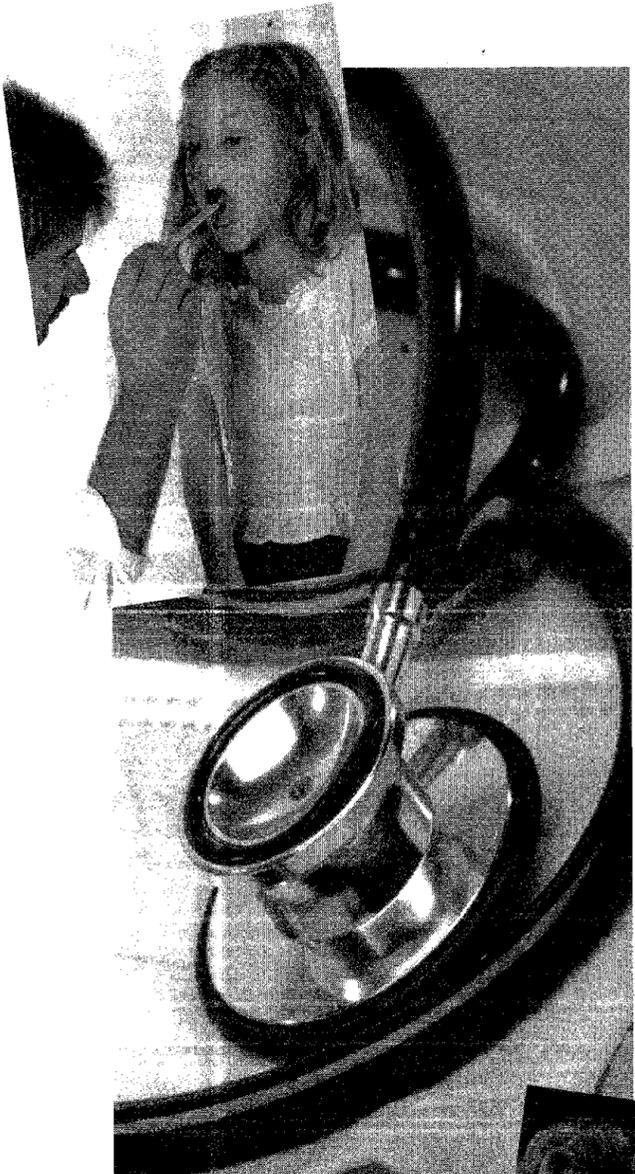
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Faust Library joins in Everyone's Reading

If you like a good mystery, pick up Laurie R. King's *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* and join mystery buffs around metropolitan Detroit who are participating in the Everyone's Reading program.

In its seventh year, the community reading program is being conducted throughout the area to promote dialogue through a shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. Twelve public libraries in southeast Michigan, including the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland, are participating this year.

Because Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and everyone loves

a mystery, the program begins Thursday, Feb. 14, and ends April 25 during National Library Week.

The Beekeeper's Apprentice is a classic mystery novel and is the first in a series of books featuring an unlikely pair of detectives. Mary Russell, 15, literally stumbles over the world's greatest detective on the moors of Sussex during the early days of World War I.

The chance meeting is the beginning of an unusual partnership between a very Victorian Sherlock Holmes, who is studying the behavior of honeybees, and a very modern teen whose intellect and tenacity rival those of the retired detective.

A wide array of programs and events tied to the book's themes will be conducted at the participating

libraries, including book discussions groups, vintage movies featuring the Sherlock Holmes character, information about beekeeping and history of the mystery genre.

Activities at the Westland library include:

■ A book discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday March 11.

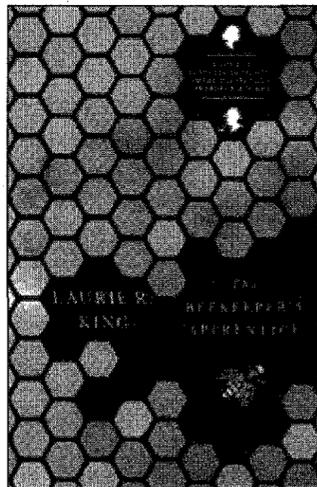
■ "The Sherlock Holmes True Hollywood Story," presented by Regina Stinson of Royal Oak's Ribston-Pippins, a scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2.

■ "The Fascinating World of Bees and Beekeeping," feature Roger Sutherland, past president of the Michigan Beekeepers Association, at 7 p.m. Monday, April 7.

King, whose first book, *A Grave*

Talent (1993), received the 1994 Edgar Award for Best First Novel, also will be making four appearances in the area during National Library Week. She will discuss *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* and other books in the series as well as sign copies of the book. Her schedule includes stops at 7 p.m. April 16 at The Community House in Birmingham, at 2 p.m. April 17 at the Gary M. Doyle Center in Bloomfield Township, at 7 p.m. April 17 at the Farmington Community Library and at 7 p.m. April 18 the Royal Oak Public Library.

A reader's guide and Everyone's Reading brochure, containing information about the events, is available at all sponsoring libraries and at the Everyone's Reading Web site at www.everyonesreading.info.



Laurie King's *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* is the book being featured in the 2008 Everyone's Reading program.

Celebrate Black History Month

February signals the start of Black History Month throughout the United States. According to Elissa Haney, editor of *Infoplease*, "Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as 'Negro History Week' and later as 'Black History Month.' We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr.

Carter G. Woodson. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history."

What better way to keep Dr. Woodson's legacy alive than to visit your library to learn about the people and events that have shaped our country? Whether your interest lies in delving into circumstances that led up to world changing events or if you prefer examining the lives of those who left an impact on our country and the world, a variety of materials are available for you.

The Harlem Renaissance and its impact on the cultural and intellectual life of African Americans during the 1920s and 1930s can be explored by reading Cheryl A. Wall's "Women of the Harlem Renaissance," Carole Marks' "The Power of Pride: Stylemakers and Rulebreakers of the Harlem Renaissance," Laban Carrick Hill's

"Harlem Stomp: A Cultural History of the Harlem Renaissance," or "Harlem Speaks: A Living History of the Harlem Renaissance."

Explore the rich history of the Tuskegee Airmen and their important contribution to our military efforts. Their strength and dedication are investigated in Lynn M. Homan's "Black Knights: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen" and Patricia McKissack's "Red-Tail Angels: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II." These brave men showed courage and perseverance during the war years and beyond.

The power of the Civil Rights Movement has enriched the world we live in today. Learn about the long history of how this movement has transformed all lives in Donnie Williams' "The Thunder of Angels: The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the People Who Broke the Back of Jim Crow," Taylor Branch's *Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-1963* and Jay A. Sigler's "Civil Rights in America: 1500 to the Present."

For a local examination of the civil rights movement, Suzanne E. Smith's "Dancing in the Street: Motown and the Cultural Politics of Detroit" and Angela D. Dillard's "Faith in the City: Preaching Radical Social Change in Detroit" should offer an interesting read.

If you prefer to learn about the individual contributions of African Americans in the field of science, industry, and the arts, look for one of the many biographies available for children and adult alike.

Relaxing with a video is always a good way to explore history in the comfort of your favorite chair and the following are just a few titles available to meet your

informational needs: "Against the Odds: The Artists of the Harlem Renaissance," "African Americans in WWII" and "Eyes on the Prize," a seven-volume set tracing events in the civil rights movements, including interviews and profiles.

But before February is just a fond memory, take time to reflect on the importance of the life of Dr. Carter Woodson, an extraordinary visionary.

You can learn more about the people and events that help shape Black History Month by visiting the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Call (734) 326-6123 or log on to www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities

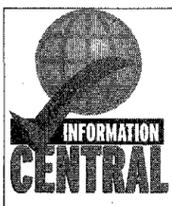
Microsoft Word for Beginners: 11 a.m. Feb. 11.

Learn the basics of word processing including creating and saving documents, formatting texts and printing. Some previous computer experience required. This is a hands-on class. Seating is limited. Sign up required. Stop by or call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Everyone's Reading: Feb. 14-April 25.

Join in the seventh annual metro Detroit Book Discussion. This year's selection, "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" by Laurie King. Pick up a copy at the library and come to discuss it at 7 p.m. March 11. For a complete list of related activities, pick up a brochure at the library or go online to www.everyonesreading.info.

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



Library to sponsor First Readers events

It may only be February, but it's not too early to prepare for March, the reading month.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is recognizing the importance of Reading Month by hosting the First Readers Program.

This is the eighth year for the program, which, for many students, this annual field trip event will be their first visit to the library. The program is for first-grade classes. Stories, songs and rhymes are used in interactive ways to introduce children to library services and resources.

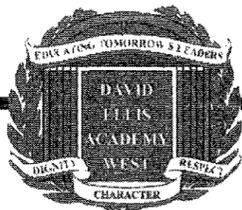
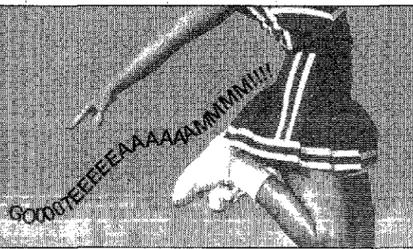
By taking a tour, children learn to locate various reading materials in

the library. They will learn to distinguish between fiction and nonfiction books and see the many resources available to them - literacy kits, foreign language resources, magazines, DVDs, computer software and music.

Children also will learn how rewarding it is to own a library card and how to treat borrowed material responsibly. After participating in the First Readers Program, many students leave with a desire to share their excitement with their families.

First Reader Program sessions are still available. Teachers can call the William P. Faust Public Library at (734) 326-6123 to schedule a visit during the month of March.

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OUR VIEWS

Take off the gloves and focus on prize

Legislators behaved in 2007 as if they were in a prize fight, but in this case, the prize of a well-run state eluded both Democrats and Republicans.

Ultimately, it was the taxpayers who were denied the payout of an economically viable state. Their reaction ranged from anger to action that has produced a recall movement.

The message to legislators was loud and clear: Cut it out or we'll cut you out.

The leaders of the Senate, Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and House, Andy Dillon, D-Redford, apparently were listening. At a forum last month hosted by the League of Women Voters, they promised to do better.

Good intentions, however, are worthless if they aren't followed up with corrective action.

It was apparent from the event that there still is a philosophical divide between the two parties: Republican Bishop called for less government; Democrat Dillon talked of taxes passed and reforms still needing approval.

The bell has rung. The two sides need to come out from their respective corners of the legislative ring and agree to end the fight. If they truly believe their jobs are to improve the state, it's not a far walk.

All along, it has been the fealty to party doctrine that has stymied progress, with neither the Senate majority leader nor the speaker of the House showing true statesmanship. The balance of the Senate and House members also remained loyal to the party hierarchy, reluctant to show any leadership of their own.

There is a better way, a bipartisan way,

for all to share in the prize. Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in her State of the State address, appeared to kick off a conciliatory mood with her call for cooperation.

Bishop responded that the goal of creating jobs is something the GOP can support.

Support must be followed by action; there is much to do.

Granholm also spoke of renewable energy resources, health care and safe places to live and work. Last week she called for increases in funding K-12 education. Those are all things to which ring-side taxpayers can relate, and they are determined to take home the prize.

True leaders will focus on that prize, making bipartisanship more than just a good intention.

LETTERS

Listen to the music

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum are thrilled to present a concert at 7 p.m. March 30, featuring the American Romanian Festival Chamber Music Quartet! The Chamber Quartet is composed of artists from the Detroit Symphony, University of Michigan School of Music, Theater and Dance, Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University.

The American Romanian Festival is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and its programs provide music and cultural exchange, which involves concerts, educational activities, and lectures. The festival was founded in 2005 by Marian Tanau, a member of the Detroit Symphony and a professor of violin at Wayne State University in Detroit. The mission of the festival is to create a bridge between the two cultures, which will help to foster mutual cultural understanding between the two countries, their musicians, and their audiences.

Since founding this organization, the String Quartet has performed at the University of Michigan, Schoolcraft College, Wayne State University, Bowling Green State University in Ohio, Eastern Michigan University, and other similar venues in Michigan and Ohio.

We urge music lovers in our area to take advantage (quickly) of this first-of-a-kind

performance in the Grande ParLOUR of the Straight Farm House, 6221 Merriman, Garden City, since only 55 tickets are available at \$20 each! Enjoy refreshments of wine, cheese, and other beverages after the concert. You can purchase your tickets at the Straight Farm House noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Don't miss this very special performance!!

Carol S. Bird
Garden City

Match up information

Tax time is right around the corner and you've received your W-2s from your employer(s) and tax information from the IRS.

Carefully check your name, Social Security number and all of the data on your W-2s and on your Social Security card. A mismatch could delay your tax refund and cause problems with your Social Security benefits in the future. Such errors are easy to fix now.

This information includes name changes. If you've legally changed your name due to marriage, divorce, court order, or for any other reason, make sure you change your name with Social Security by applying for a new Social Security card. Make sure you change your name with your employer as well. If you change with one source but not

the other, it could cause your earnings to be improperly recorded.

If you are the parent of a newborn, you want to make sure that the newest family member has a Social Security number, too. Most people apply for their baby's Social Security card while they're still in the hospital at the same time they apply for the birth certificate. But if you didn't, you'll need to apply for your child's Social Security number in order to claim the child as a dependent on your tax return. You'll also need it, if you ever need to apply for government benefits on behalf of the child or your family.

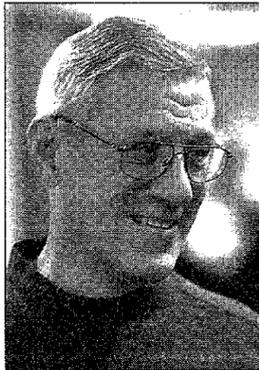
To apply for a Social Security card, all you need to do is complete a one-page application and provide proof of identity, age, and citizenship. In the case of a child's first card, you'd also need to prove that you are the parent. For a name change, you'd need to provide documentation with your old and new names.

For more information about getting a Social Security card and number for your child, or to change your name and get a replacement card for yourself with your updated information, visit Social Security's Web site at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Frances Helmes-Savickis
Public Affairs Specialist
Social Security

COMMUNITY VOICE

Should senior citizens be included in the proposed economic stimulus package? We asked this quest at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland.



"I think the bill is better than the original bill. Seniors are going to spend that money, they're going to put it where it'll do the most good."

Phil LaChance
Canton



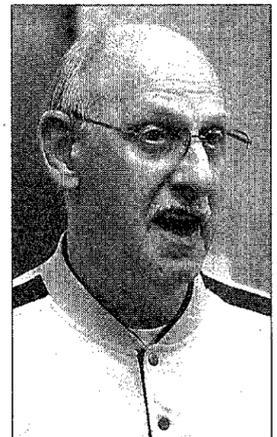
"Anything that helps the seniors I'm for it. I think seniors deserve everything they can get."

Marian Lovett
Westland



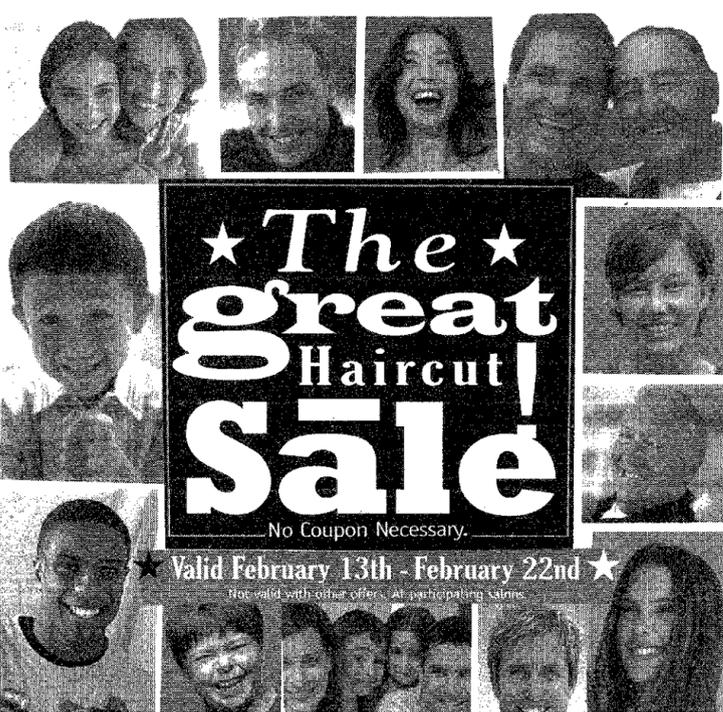
"I guess it's a good thing for seniors. Seniors can always use an extra dollar."

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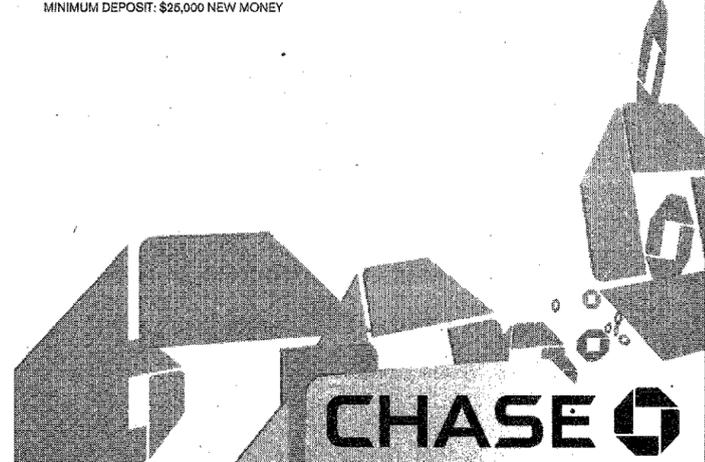
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Border agent: Drugs a problem in north crossings, too

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

You may think of drug smugglers coming from Mexico — and they do — but drug smuggling's also a problem at the Michigan-Ontario crossings.

"Every year nationwide we arrest about a million people," said Kurstan Rosberg, supervisory border patrol agent with the

U.S. Border Patrol/U.S. Customs & Border Protection. In this region, nearly 1.4 million pounds of marijuana are seized annually by border agents.

Rosberg, who spoke Jan. 31 at the Westland Rotary Club, detailed how his agency's role shifted significantly after the 9/11 attacks. "Our primary mission is terrorism, to prevent terrorism. We're still performing our mis-

sion of stopping illegal aliens and so forth."

The U.S. Border Patrol's not responsible for the long delays or new passport requirements at the Ambassador and Blue Water bridges and the Detroit-Windsor tunnel. Rosberg detailed his agency's work covering 3,800 miles between the U.S. and Canada with 170 agents.

"It's extremely easy to make the

trip across," he said. "We've seen people in Jet Skis." Some water freezes over, and people can walk, use a snowmobile or even drive over for illegal activity.

Some people have used trains at Sarnia and Windsor to try to sneak in, although the U.S. uses cameras, sensors and X-rays of trains, so that traffic is minimal. Rosberg praised the cooperation of Canadian law enforcement,

noting it far exceeds that of Mexican police.

Much North American drug activity originates in Toronto, with criminals worldwide finding it easier to get into Canada than the U.S. From Toronto, attempted crossings are made at Sault Ste. Marie, Port Huron and Detroit.

Rosberg, based at Selfridge ANG Base in Macomb County, showed a slide of a man disguised, somewhat convincingly, as a car seat: "That just shows you the lengths people go to."

Some illegal aliens in the South are hidden in car trunks, a dangerous practice particularly in great heat, he said.

All agents start their careers on the Mexican border, and Rosberg transferred to Michigan. He was surprised to learn a fair number of Mexicans make their way north for agricultural jobs and get arrested here.

He showed slides of the boats, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and even horses agents use in their work. Dogs have been very effective in finding drugs, no

matter the lengths people go to try to disguise their stash. "I've seen a car with almost a hundred air fresheners in it," said Rosberg, noting people also try laundry detergent and dryer sheets to mask the smell.

"We still have a heart," Rosberg said. "We've got search and rescue teams." He's concerned about profit-seekers who smuggle people into the U.S. and have no concern for their welfare.

Rosberg was asked about the man running drugs who was shot by two agents who ended up with lengthy prison sentences. The drug runner was wounded in the shooting, but reported it to authorities later.

"These two agents didn't report the problem," Rosberg said, adding he believes they should have been fired for failure to report the shooting but that their punishment was excessive. The drug runner continued his illegal activity and was later arrested, he noted, while one of the agents was attacked by Mexican gang members in prison.

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Voran's late goal lifts No. 1 Spartans by No. 2 CC

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Mike Voran let his stick do the talking Friday night as top-ranked Livonia Stevenson turned back No. 2-rated Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 2-1, in Division 1 showdown at the Michigan High School Hockey Showcase held at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

Voran tallied a pair of goals, including the game-winner with only 2:10 remaining in the final period from R.J. Kierdorf and Ryan Baraton to break a

1-all deadlock, as the Spartans improved to 20-0-1 overall.

Voran, a senior, opened the scoring at 3:12 of the opening period on a power-play goal from Kierdorf and John Vella.

But the Shamrocks (10-9-1) answered with just 6.6 seconds left in the same period on Brent Darnell's power-play goal.

"They kind of took it to us the first period, we were outshot 9-

5, and it took us awhile to settle in," Stevenson first-year coach David Mitchell said. "It was a good high school hockey game. It wasn't a wide-open game, but

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good end-to-end action."

The Spartans took a penalty with 26 seconds left giving CC a six-on-four advantage when the Shamrocks pulled goalie Ty Marble for the extra attacker.

But Baraton won an important face-off in his own end and Stevenson held on for the victory.

Stevenson netminder Pat McHugh made 19 saves in the win, while Marble had 17 for CC.

Stevenson, however, couldn't rest on its laurels taking on the state's top-ranked team in Division 1, host Trenton, in Saturday's final day of the three-day Michigan Showcase.

STEVENSON 6, W.L. CENTRAL 1: John Vella recorded a hat trick, including a power-play goal, and Mike Voran had four assists to propel W.L.A.-Lakes Division leader Livonia Stevenson (19-0-1, 6-0-1) to a win Wednesday night over visiting Walled Lake Central at Edgar Arena.

Sean Lerg chipped in with a goal and two assists for the

Spartans, who led 4-0 after two periods.

Ryan Baraton and Mike Gibbons also scored for Stevenson.

Brett Joseph scored for the Vikings.

Stevenson outshot Central 56-21, firing 21 shots alone in the opening period on Vikings netminder Brett Malbin, who made a total of 50 saves.

Pat McHugh played the first period in goal for Stevenson before giving way to Danny Sager as the two combined for 12 saves.

Sidelines

WMU signs pair

Livonia Stevenson's Victoria Slavin and Livonia Ladywood's Alison Szczypka both signed an NCAA letter-of-intent last week to play soccer at Western Michigan University.

As a junior, Slavin scored 12 goals and added six assists en route to All-Western Lakes Activities Association and first-team All-Observer honors.

Szczypka, a midfielder, earned second-team All-Observer accolades last year as a junior. She is also a member of Ladywood's 15-2 basketball team.

FAU diver saluted

Florida Atlantic University senior Lisa Thompson (Livonia Stevenson) recently earned Sun Belt Conference Diver of the Week honors after the Owls posted wins over the University of Miami and Florida Gulf Coast University.

On Senior Day, Thompson posted an NCAA Zone qualifying score of 280.20 points on the 1-meter board. It was also the highest posted this season in the Sun Belt.

Blazer skiers place

Shannon Corby was runner-up and teammate Amanda Waske took sixth in the slalom for Livonia Ladywood-Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart in Thursday's Alpine Division Ski Championships hosted by the South East Michigan Ski League at Alpine Valley Ski Resort.

Birmingham Marian's Katie Thibiedau placed first with combined runs of 25.66 and 24.67 seconds for a 47.33.

Corby finished in 47.56, while Waske's combined time was 48.96.

LJAL hoop sign-up

Registration for Livonia Junior Athletic League Senior Varsity basketball for boys and girls in grades 9-11 will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Frost Middle School cafeteria.

Registration is open to residents of the City of Livonia or those who reside within the Livonia Public Schools District.

The cost is \$115 per player. Registration forms will be available on Feb. 9 and online at www.ljal.com. For more information, e-mail basketball@ljal.com.

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.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michigan State-bound gridders Keshawn Martin (center) from Westland John Glenn is flanked by twin brothers Myles (left) and Mitchell (right) White from Livonia Stevenson.

Glenn staves off upset bid by Mustangs

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball playoffs start this Tuesday, but Thursday's crossover matchup between Lakes Division champion Westland John Glenn and host Northville may not be topped for pure drama.

The Mustangs, playing inspired on Senior Night, battled back from 16-point third-quarter deficit and missed a putback just before the buzzer as 16-1 Glenn escaped with a 56-55 victory.

Stefan Marken's rebound hoop off his own miss with 39.1 seconds remaining gave the Rockets 56-53 advantage and what proved to be the winning cushion.

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But two free throws by 6-foot-7 senior Dan Kirkpatrick, who finished with a game-high 20 points, pulled Northville to within two, 56-55, with 28.2 seconds to go.

After Glenn hoisted a quick shot and the Mustangs rebounded, Northville played for a last shot and the win.

Following a miss by 6-8 senior center Mike Rogers in the waning seconds, Kirkpatrick snagged the ball in the lane and tried to lay it over the rim, but the shot glanced off as time expired.

"Northville has a tough group of kids... wow," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "They really went after the offensive boards. They're so big in that zone (defense). They played their tails off. We just made enough plays to win."

Northville, which fell to 10-7 overall, could meet the state-ranked Rockets in the second round of the upcoming WLAA playoffs.

And despite falling behind 12-0 at the start, the Mustangs proved to be resilient, cutting the deficit to 14-7 after one quarter and 25-24 at the half.

"We've been doing that a lot lately," Young said in reference to the quick start. "I'd rather do that than try and come from behind, but then they (Northville) got into a nice rhythm."

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Foes plan to team up for MSU

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Rivals on the high school gridiron the past few years, twins Myles and Mitchell White of Livonia Stevenson will now join forces with Westland John Glenn's Keshawn Martin this fall at Michigan State.

Myles, a wide receiver and part-time defensive back, signed an NCAA football letter-of-intent Wednesday as did Martin, who played quarterback and DB at Glenn.

Mitchell White, Stevenson's starting quarterback, who helped the Spartans to the Division 1 state championship game against Macomb Dakota, will be a scholarship walk-on in track and field and preferred walk-on in football.

Since their days playing grade school football for St. Edith's in

Livonia, Myles and Mitchell White always had it in the back of their minds they would stay Spartans and wear the green and white.

Mike White, their father and principal of Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, ran track at MSU. Their mother Karen also attended MSU, while uncle Tony White was a wrestler for the Spartans and aunt Carol White competed as a sprinter.

The 6-foot-1, 170-pound Mitchell, who threw for 1,433 yards and 18 touchdowns with only three interceptions as the Spartans finished 13-1, entertained a track and football offer from Central Michigan, but wanted to be near the banks of the Red Cedar as well.

A high jumper, long jumper and sprinter, Mitchell will certainly be busy when he gets to East Lansing

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WHERE THEY'RE HEADED

Michigan State: Keshawn Martin, 6-0, 176 Athlete, Westland John Glenn; Myles White, 6-1, 165, WR, Livonia Stevenson; Mitchell White, 6-1, 170 QB, Stevenson.

Grand Valley State: Israel Woolfork, 6-3, 175, WR, Livonia Franklin.

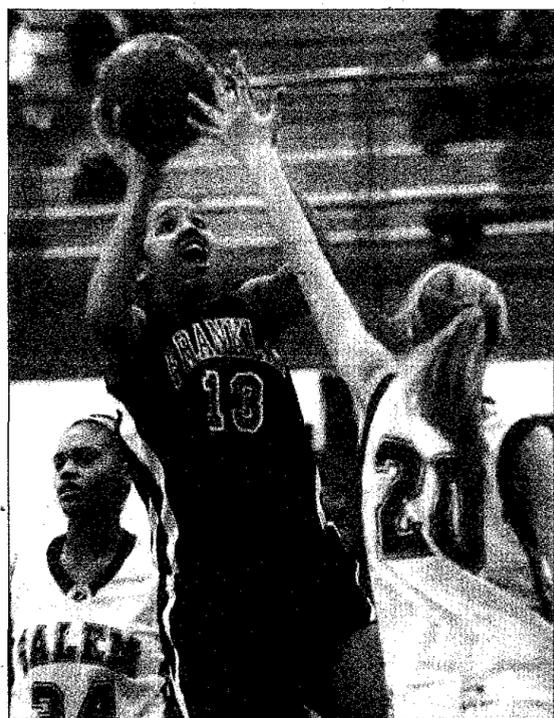
Hillsdale College: Kevin Tabone, 6-3, 241, TE, Livonia Churchill.

Northwood University: Matt Broome, 6-3, 235 DE, Livonia Stevenson; Ryan Whittum, 6-2, 195 DB, Churchill; Daran Carey, 5-8, 160 DB, Churchill.

Ferris State: D.J. Freeman, 5-9, 190 QB, Wayne Memorial.

Northern Michigan: Mike Davis, 6-3, 260 OL, Wayne.

Wayne State: Pat Cecile, 6-3, 240 DE, Franklin; Mike Hinkle, 6-2, 270 OL, Livonia (Dearborn Divine Child).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin's Brittany Taylor, who scored 20 points, slips in between Salem defenders Victoria Brotz (20) and Chelsea Davis (34) in Friday's WLAA semifinal.

Franklin girls denied

Comeback bid dashed by Rocks in WLAA tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Chairman of the Boards, Secretary of Defense, Free Throw Shooter Extraordinaire - pick a role and Salem's Chelsea Davis filled it during the fourth quarter of Friday night's WLAA tournament semifinal showdown against Livonia Franklin.

The Davis-led Rocks scored the game's final 14 points to pull out a 58-44 triumph that vaulted them into Thursday night's WLAA final against Walled Lake Western at Walled Lake Northern High School.

Both finalists will take 17-2 marks into the title tilt.

The Patriots, who hadn't lost since Jan. 4, slipped to 15-4.

Davis had a huge fourth quarter, netting nine of her game-high 18 rebounds, 10 of her 14 points and three steals.

She also helped ice the triumph by sinking all six of her free throw attempts - a feat that didn't surprise Salem coach Fred

Thomann.

"When we had our free throw shoot-a-thon, Chelsea was our leading shooter with 84 out of 100, so I know she can make 'em," said Thomann. "She's such a good rebounder because she anticipates so well and gets to the ball. And she's so strong that when she locks it up, she locks it up."

Early on, it appeared as if Salem was going to roll to a victory reminiscent of Tuesday night's 28-point rout of Plymouth.

Brett deBear's fast-break layup padded the Rocks' lead to 26-10 with five minutes left in the first half.

Sparked by junior twins Brianna and Brittany Taylor, the Patriots put together a "Taylor-made" comeback, battling all the way back to knot the game at 44-all on Brittany Taylor's steal and layup with 5:16 to go.

However, the Rocks countered with a game-ending 14-0 to

earn a Thursday night trip to Northern.

"Salem has earned such a reputation for being such a good team - such a strong team - that it took a while for the girls to get past the intimidation factor tonight," said Franklin coach Dave McCall. "They had to realize that they could play with the Salem girls and once they realized that, they started to step up and play the way they're capable of playing."

"Once they got over the nerves and the jitters, they got after it."

The Rocks led 17-8 after one quarter thanks to the pin-point shooting of junior forward Victoria Brotz, who buried a 15-foot jumper and a triple in the quarter's final 52 seconds.

The Patriots cut their once-ominous deficit to 31-22 at the half behind Brianna Taylor, who reeled off eight straight points in one 90-second span in the

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Falcons triumph over No. 3 Churchill in hockey showcase

Farmington's Tophier Gendron was a one-man wrecking crew Thursday in the Michigan High School Hockey Showcase at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

The senior captain scored a hat trick and added two assists as the Falcons, rated No. 6 in Division 2, improved to 16-1-1 overall with a 5-3 triumph over Livonia Churchill, ranked No. 3 in Division 1.

D.J. Vandercook added a goal and four assists for Farmington. Chris Costello tallied the other goal for the Falcons, who outscored Churchill 3-1 in the second period and 2-1 over the final 15 minutes.

Garrett Miencier's goal from Kody Strong and Kyle Burke with 2:10 left in the opening period gave Churchill a 1-0 lead.

Nate Milam added his 38th and 39th goals of the season. Mitch Carpenter contributed an assist.

Chris Newton made 20 saves in goal for Farmington, while Greg Wirick had 15 stops for Churchill.

"We shot ourselves in the foot

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too many times and against a good Farmington team and that is tough to come back from," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team slipped to 17-4 overall.

PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN 2: Colin Rolfe scored a pair of goals on Friday to give the host Wildcats (11-9-1, 3-3-1) a WLA Western Division triumph over Livonia Franklin (5-13-2, 0-6-1).

Kyle Rockov's unassisted short-handed goal in the final period proved to be the game-winner. Connor Dresser also scored for the Wildcats.

Senior Erik Volk scored two goals for the Patriots, who were tied 1-1 after one period and 2-2 after 30 minutes. Tyler Barnes assisted on the first Volk goal, while Ronald Perian drew an assist on the second.

Franklin netminder Austin Mesler made 30 saves in the loss, while Plymouth's Ryan Schultz stopped 28 shots.

CHURCHILL 8, W.L. NORTHERN 1: On Wednesday, host Livonia Churchill (17-3, 6-1) stayed in the WLA Lakes Division title hunt with a win over Walled Lake Northern (8-8-2, 2-3-1) at Edgar Arena.

Churchill's Keith Yackley had two goals and two assists, while team-

mate Nate Milam tallied his 36th and 37th goals of the season to go along with one assist.

Josh Proben, Tyler Cotter and Mike Woynick also chipped in with one goal and two assists each. Kody Strong also scored for the Chargers, who went 2-for-5 on the power play.

Greg Smith tallied a power-play goal for the Knights, who were outshot 31-9.

"We accomplished our goal of making it a meaningful game," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team led 3-0 after one period and 6-1 after two periods.

Greg Wirick was in goal for the Chargers, while Conner Hellebuyck went all the way in net for Northern.

W.L. NORTHERN 5, FRANKLIN 4: In a WLA crossover Feb. 2 at the Lakeland Ice Arena, host Walled Lake Northern (8-7-2) got a pair of goals each from Jon Walton and Greg Smith to edge Livonia Franklin (4-12-2).

Mitch Musto also scored for the Knights, who outshot Franklin 35-28.

Thomas Ropek added two assists. David Muller had a goal and two assists for the Patriots, while Jordan Chisholm also recorded a goal and one assist.

Brandon Pump scored on a penalty shot and Derek Davis tallied the other Franklin goal.

Other assists went to Jordan Short and Tyler Barnes.

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Once again Wednesday night, as has been the case all season, Redford Unified couldn't buy a goal.

This time, it was Livonia Franklin senior netminder Austin Mesler who denied the Redford varsity hockey team when the non-conference contest at Redford Arena remained close.

Mesler, a big, mobile goalie with cat-like reflexes, made 30 saves — including a number of them during frantic scrambles around his net in the second period — to spark the Patriots to a 7-1 pasting of the home team.

"They were out-goaled tonight," said Franklin head coach Scott Wirgau, whose squad improved to 5-12-2 overall. "We had the better goalie... he (Mesler) keeps us in games and gives us a chance to win."

Wirgau's counterpart, Bob Murray, put it another way.

"Our problems this year have been getting to the net and shooting the puck," said the Unified coach. "We had shots tonight. But they buried theirs and we didn't bury ours."

Murray did not blame his goalies, but said the final score did not show how close the

match actually was — at least until Franklin scored three third period goals.

The lone bright spot for Unified (4-12-1) was the second-period tally by senior forward Bryan Syjud (RU) to make it 2-1 Franklin with about nine minutes to play in the stanza.

Syjud drove to the crease and batted in the rebound of a hard blast off the stick of junior defenseman Bobby Trotter (RU), whose shot from the left circle glanced off Mesler's chest protector. Drawing the second assist was senior forward Sean Philippart (Thurston).

But soon thereafter, Mesler made sure Unified did not score again.

During a 10-second flurry, Mesler stopped the initial shot as well as three rapid-fire rebounds on his doorstep before he was able to smother the puck.

About two minutes later, a backhander by Tyler Barnes opened up a 3-1 lead and Mesler did his thing again with several big stops in the final seconds of the period to protect that margin entering the final frame.

In the third, it was all Franklin.

With about 12 minutes to

go, junior captain Jordan Chisholm (two goals, two assists) skated up the left wing into the Unified zone and dished the puck over to Erik Volk (two goals, one assist) for a one-timer past Unified starting goalie Nick Smith (Thurston), who had no chance on any of the six goals he gave up.

It was the second productive rush of the game for Chisholm. Early in the middle stanza he made it 2-0 when he broke in and deked Smith before slipping the puck inside the far post.

"He's really coming into his own this year," said Wirgau about Chisholm. "He plays our special teams on the point and he's a quarterback on the power play."

Franklin capped the big offensive night with two late tallies.

Jordan Short scored an unassisted goal with 6:34 left, putting a shot high over Smith's blocker.

At 12:54 of the third, against Unified freshman goalie Josh Marlow (who made four saves in a relief stint), Robert Beattie (one goal, one assist) scored on helpers from Volk and David Muller (two assists).

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DUAL MEET RESULTS
CANTON 37
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 24
Feb. 6 at John Glenn
140 pounds: Steve Cox (C) d. Dan McCahill (W) 11-7; 145: Brent Winekoff (C) won by major dec. over Zaid Amari (W) 16-7; 152: Braden Price (C) d. Jeff Adkins (W) 11-10; 160: Keith Tech (C) d. Zach Redden, 11-7; 171: Gary Lawrence (WJG) d. Rodger Kropp, 10-5; 189: Adam Powers (C) pinned Jon Meyer, 0-55; 215: Dan Wanshon (C) d. James Kelly, 11-3; 285: Luke Konsitzke (C) p. Justin Parker, 0-47; 103: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) p. Waleed Faraj, 0-53; 112: Josh Austin (WJG) won by technical fall over Conner Johnson, 26-9; 119: Carl Lucke (C) d. Mark Thompson, 11-7; 125: Jeremiah Austin (WJG) p. Mitch Wolski, 1-32; 130: Jared Stephens (JG) won by major dec. over Donny Watkins, 13-5; 135: Jeremy Filippelli (C) won by tech. fall over Mikkel Tipton, 19-2.
John Glenn's dual meet record: 21-7 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 50
PLYMOUTH 12
Feb. 6 at Stevenson
145 pounds: Jonny Myshock (LS) won by major decision over Nick Winslow, 13-1; 152: Rob Barackman (P) d. Dan McCarthy, 3-2; 160: Vince Rizzo (P) d. Andrew Schramm, 8-6; 171: Ziad Kharbush (LS) pinned Derek Davey, 4-29; 189: Emanuel Onwuemene (LS) d. Vince Baroffi, 8-4; 215: Matt Greenman (LS) d. Anthony Pomerson, 5-2; 285: Austin Micallef (LS) p. Brian Chandler, 1-49; 103: Jim Ahearn (P) p. Adam Moyer, 1-19; 112: Michael Fobar (LS) p. Nick Rizzo, 1-45; 119: Colin Chimento (LS) p. Omar Odetelela, 2-27; 125: Tommy Myshock (LS) d. Bryan Spicher, 7-13; 130: Mitch Gonzales (LS) d. Steve D'Annunzio, 5-4; 135: Anthony Mainella (LS) won by major dec. over Matt Traitses, 12-2; 140: Charlie Kokenekes (LS) p. Brandon Crowther, 3-26.
Stevenson's dual-meet record: 19-9 overall.

TRI-MEET RESULTS
Feb. 7 at Rochester Hills Lutheran N'west
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 41
MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH 36
119 pounds: Jake Ruth (C'ville) won by major decision over Adam Siekmann, 8-0; 125: Matt Styner (LN) won by void; 130: John Sanders (LN) pinned Scott Convery, 4-45; 135: Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville) d. Drew Hudson, 12-7; 140: Tony Brandt (C'ville) won by void; 145: Scott Wiegand (LN) p. Patrick Walker, 0-25; 152: Ryan Schwark (LN) p. Derek Robbins, 1-25; 160: Nick Redash (LN) won by void; 171: Tim Siciński (C'ville) p. Jake Hoard, 1-07; 189: Andrew Jasmer

(C'ville) p. Tyler Sherik, 4-25; 215: Muamer Mesinovic (C'ville) won by major dec. over Steve Heines, 15-4; 285: Matthew Neal (C'ville) p. Aaron Dumar, 3-15; 103: Brent Gilman (C'ville) p. Kyle Hudson, 1-10; 112: Eric Hecker (LN) p. Coy Sillanpaa, 0-58.
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 57
LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 10
125 pounds: double void; 130: Scott Convery (C'ville) won by void; 135: Coy Sillanpaa (C'ville) won by void; 140: John Ouligly (LNW) d. Tony Brandt, 9-2; 145: Patrick Walker (C'ville) won by void; 152: Derek Robbins (C'ville) won by void; 160: double void; 171: Nate Meyers (LNW) won by major dec. over Tim Siciński, 9-1; 189: Andrew Jasmer (C'ville) pinned Josh Friedel, 3-54; 215: Muamer Mesinovic (C'ville) won by void; 285: Anthony Giordano (C'ville) won by void; 103: Brent Gilman (C'ville) won by void; 112: Coy Sillanpaa (C'ville) won by void; 119: Jake Ruth (C'ville) won by void.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 18-8 overall; 6-0 Metro Conference.
Feb. 5 at Barkley H.S.

BERKLEY 42
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 34
285 pounds: Matthew Neal (C'ville) won by void; 103: Cody Shornak (B) d. Brent Gilman, 10-6; 112: Jimmy Pawloski (B) pinned Coy Sillanpaa, 9-5; 119: Matt Leudere (B) d. Jake Ruth, 9-5; 125: Ryan Shimshock (B) won by void; 130: Patrick Boyce (B) won by void; 135: Asher Parr-Besemer (B) p. Cody Sillanpaa, 1-51; 140: Patrick Walker (C'ville) p. Mason Smith, 2-18; 145: Mike Nadierer (B) p. Tony Brandt, 3-19; 152: Derek Robbins (C'ville) won by major dec. over Rocco Tenaglia, 12-0; 160: Nathan Sliuzas (B) won by void; 171: Tim Siciński (C'ville) won by void; 189: Andrew Jasmer (C'ville) won by void; 215: Muamer Mesinovic (C'ville) won by void.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 38
DETROIT CESAR CHAVEZ 27
215: Muamer Mesinovic (C'ville) pinned Luis Pablo, 0-40; 285: Javier Guerra (Chavez) p. Matthew Neal, 5-40; 103: Daniel Garza (Chavez) p. Brent Gilman, 3-50; 112: Ringo Barba (Chavez) p. Coy Sillanpaa, 1-12; 119: Jake Ruth (C'ville) p. Juan Ayala, 1-48; 125: Adien Lucero (Chavez) won by void; 130: double void; 135: Cody Sillanpaa (C'ville) won by technical fall over George Fajardo, 23-8; 140: Tony Brandt (C'ville) d. Allonte Little, 8-2; 145: Patrick Walker (C'ville) won by void; 152: double void; 160: Derek Robbins (C'ville) p. Luis Guerra, 1-23; 171: Tim Siciński (C'ville) won by void; 189: Andrew Jasmer (C'ville) d. Andrew Jasmer, 15-13 (overtime).
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 16-8 overall.

Lady Ocelots slip by St. Clair

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team remained in first place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with Wednesday's 64-54 win at St. Clair County CC.

The No. 7-ranked Lady Ocelots (18-3, 11-1) snapped a 32-all tie with 16 minutes left in the contest and went on a 16-2 run that for all intents and purposes put the victory away.

Leading Schoolcraft with 15 points was Brittney Ivey, while others in double figures included Antoinette Brown (14), Janelle Harris and Sheray

Brown (each with 11).

Adding five and four points, respectively, were Heidi Warczynsky and Salem alum Taylor Langham.

Kelly Burton tallied 16 for the Skippers (10-13, 7-6).

MADONNA 67, UN-DEARBORN 60: Caryn Inman scored 19 points and pulled down 15 rebounds Wednesday as the Madonna University (11-13, 6-4) got past visiting University of Michigan-Dearborn (12-14, 1-9) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

Junior forward Christie Carrico added 18 points and 10 boards, while forward Alyssa Guerin (Salem) scored 17 for the Crusaders.

Chanel Bridges scored a game-high 23 points for the Wolves.

Battle spurs 72-63 Crusader win

John Battle scored 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds Wednesday as host Madonna University held off the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 72-63, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball game.

Madonna (15-11, 7-3 in the WHAC) scooted out to a 38-23 halftime lead, shooting nearly 50 percent (16-of-34) from the floor in the opening 20 minutes.

Canton's D.J. Bridges (17 points) and Charlie Henry (16 points) also helped the

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Crusaders' attack.
Matt Fonik and Anthony Aho tallied 19 and 18 points, respectively, for UMD (10-16, 2-8).

ST. CLAIR CC 73, SCHOOLCRAFT 49: Antonio Lewis and James Scott each finished with 16 points Wednesday to lead host St. Clair Community College (15-8, 7-6) to the MCCA Eastern Conference triumph over Schoolcraft College (2-19, 2-10).

Ryan Matthews and Anthony Wafer each tallied 15 for the Ocelots, who couldn't overcome a 36-17 half-time deficit.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 11 (Metro Conference Playoffs)
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 12
W.L. Northern at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
(Western Lakes Playoffs-1st Round)
Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Wayne, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14
Wayne Mt. Carmel at Huron Valley, 6 p.m.
WLA Championship Consolation at W.L. Northern, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 15
Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 11
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 12
Huron Valley at Franklin, Road, 7 p.m.
Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14
Wayne Mt. Carmel at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.
(WLA Playoffs at W.L. Northern)
Franklin vs. W.L. Northern, 5:30 p.m.
Salem vs. W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 10
(Catholic League Central Division Finals)
Ladywood vs. Birm. Marian at UD-Mercy's Caliban Hall, 4 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Feb. 13
Franklin vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 6 p.m.
Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 15
Saturday, Feb. 16
Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 6 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Feb. 13
(Team District Tournaments)
Division 4 at Luth. Westland, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 14
(Team District Tournaments)
DIVISION 1

at WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Semifinals: John Glenn vs. Wayne Memorial, 5 p.m.; Romulus vs. Belleville, 5 p.m.; championship final: 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Temperance Bedford vs. Southgate district champion.)

at LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Semifinals: Franklin vs. Redford Union, 4:30 p.m.; Oak Park vs. Livonia Churchill, 4:30 p.m.; championship final: 10 minutes following 2nd semifinal. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Thursday, Feb. 14 at Novi vs. Salem district champion.)

at NORTHVILLE
Semifinals: Livonia Stevenson vs. Northville, 5:30 p.m.; North Farmington vs. Novi, 5:30 p.m.; championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Thursday, Feb. 14 at Novi vs. Birmingham Groves district champion.)

DIVISION 3
at MADISON HEIGHTS LAMPHERE
Semifinals: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Madison Heights Lamphere, TBA; Inkster vs. Madison Heights Madison, TBA. Championship final: TBA. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Thursday, Feb. 14 at Lamphere.)

Saturday, Feb. 16
(Individual District Tournaments)
Division 1 at Birm. Groves, 10 a.m.
Division 1 at Wyandotte, 10 a.m.
Division 3 at Lake Fonten, 10 a.m.
Division 4 at Luthran N'west, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Feb. 14
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16
MISCA Meet at EMI's Jones Pool, TBA.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Feb. 11
Livonia Blaney vs. Plymouth at Churchill H.S., 7 p.m.

PREP BOWLING
Sunday, Feb. 10
Eisenhower Doubles Tournament at Sterling Lanes, 8 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 12
(Country Lanes)
John Glenn vs. N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Wayne vs. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 14
(at Westland Bowl)
John Glenn vs. Novi-Detroit CC, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16
Catholic League Championship at Imperial Lanes, 9 a.m.

PREP SKIING
Monday, Feb. 11
CHSL Championship at Alpine Valley, TBA.

Thursday, Feb. 14
MHSAA Regional at Alpine Valley, TBA.

GIRLS FIGURE SKATING
Competitive Cheer
Thursday, Feb. 14
Crestwood at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16
Berkley Invitational, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 11
Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 13
Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16
Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Wayne County CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 11
Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 13
Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 5:30 p.m.
Siena Heights at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16
Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.
Wayne County CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Monday, Feb. 10
Whalers at Kingston Frontenacs, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 13
Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 7:11 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16
Whalers vs. Kitchener Rangers at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Feb. 15
Ignition vs. Philadelphia KIXX at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.
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Hawks repeat in MIAC-Red

Kipfmiller's board work propels Huron Valley

When Kris Ruth stepped aside prior to the season as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls basketball coach to deliver her first child, she passed the torch to her husband Eric.

On Friday, senior forward Katie Kipfmiller pulled down 18 rebounds the Hawks garnered their second straight Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division championship with a 34-20 win at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy.

"I guess I didn't screw things up too badly," Eric joked.

Nicole Schaffer's nine points lifted the Hawks, who outscored Calvary 28-14 over the final three quarters after a 6-all first-period deadlock. Kipfmiller chipped in with six points as the Hawks improved to 12-6 overall and 8-1 in the

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MIAC-Red.

Aldar Burk led the Cougars and all scorers with 12 points.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 64, HAMTRAMCK 24:

Allyson Yankee poured in 18 points and Rachel Storck chipped in with 11 Friday as host Lutheran High Westland (12-6) rolled to a Metro Conference consolation playoff win over the Cosmos (1-15).

Junior center Becca Refenes added nine points for the victorious Warriors, who led 23-4 after one quarter and 35-9 at halftime.

Marlena Gudel led Hamtramck with 11 points.

The Warriors were 10-of-17 from the foul line, while Hamtramck was 1-of-4.

HARPER WOODS 39, CLARENCEVILLE 19: In a Metro Conference consolation game Friday, Keyra Morris scored 15 points to lead the Pioneers (4-11) past host Livonia Clarenceville (7-11).

Chenay Kemp scored eight for

the Trojans, who trailed 19-10 at halftime.

NORTHVILLE 50, CHURCHILL 30: On Friday, Chelsea Atsinger's 18 points carried the host Mustangs (11-8) to the WLLA consolation round win over Livonia Churchill (6-13).

Kia Griffin tallied nine for the Chargers, who trailed 22-11 at halftime before being outscored 18-8 in the final period.

Churchill was 9-of-16 from the foul line, while Northville was 10-of-15.

JOHN GLENN 59, STEVENSON 44: On Friday, Brittany Holbrook and Shantinique Baker tallied 15 and 14, respectively, to power Westland John Glenn (8-11) past Livonia Stevenson (4-15) for the third time this season.

Brittany Brown added 12 for the Rockets, who got off to a 17-7 first-quarter start.

Senior guard Becca Bartek tallied 16 for the Spartans, who made 12-of-22 free throws. Kaylee McGrath added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Glenn was 13-of-24 from the foul stripe.



Cage champions

The Livonia St. Genevieve Varsity 1 girls basketball team, coached by Tim Jeter and Mike Trosell, won three straight games to capture the Royal Oak Shrine Thanksgiving Tournament. Team members include: Christine Bonanno, Christina Briden, Chelsea Bridgewater, Grace Elliott, Katie Gubachy, Racheal Kapchus, Molly Knoph, Tiffany Lambie, Jashia Mitchell, Jessica Smith and Jordan York.

Stewart's 33 gives Trojans Metro title

Playing in front of coaches from Penn State and Western Michigan University, junior swingman Jamie Stewart tallied a game-high 33 points to lead Livonia Clarenceville to the Metro Conference regular season boys basketball title with a 67-57 win at Harper Woods.

The Trojans, 14-1 overall and 8-0 in the Metro, pulled away with an 18-9 third-quarter run after leading by only two at halftime, 32-30.

"It took us awhile to adjust, but it was good for us to play a physical game," Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said.

Senior point-guard Lonnie Fairfax added 12 points and 11 assists, while junior center Jeremy Gainer contributed 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Trojans, who face Lutheran High Westland in a first-round playoff game Monday at home.

Quintin Lewis and Vincent Bright scored 20 and 18

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points, respectively, for the Pioneers (9-8, 3-5).

LUTH. WESTLAND 52, LIGHT & LIFE 48: Rob Seltz scored 18 points and Josh Kruger contributed 17 as Lutheran High Westland (4-12) captured its third straight game with a non-conference triumph Friday night at Taylor Light & Life Christian (12-5).

The Warriors made 16-of-31 free throws on the night, while Life & Light hit 12-of-18.

Jeremy Anderson (15) and Kyle Whitehouse (14) scored in double figures for the Crusaders.

LUTH. WESTLAND 60, CLAWSON 57: Junior forward Sam Ahlersmeyer played much taller than his listed 6-foot height Thursday as Lutheran High Westland (3-12) captured the Metro Conference play-in game with a victory over the host Trojans (5-11).

Ahlersmeyer scored a game- and career-high 28 points, hitting 11-of-13 shots from the floor, including one three-pointer.

"Sam was aggressive, he went to the hoop and played well," Lutheran Westland first-year coach Brandon Bekius said. "We needed him."

Junior guard Josh Kruger added

14 points for the Warriors, who made a 31-20 halftime lead hold up.

Rob Feeman scored 15 for Clawson, which outscored the Warriors 37-29 over the final two periods.

Clawson won the first meeting between the two teams on Jan. 29 by a 57-54 count.

CLAWSON 58, HURON VALLEY 43: Sam Apple notched 13 points Friday to propel Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (9-5, 6-2) to a MIAC-Red Division triumph over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-12, 1-7).

Sophomore Bryan Gruenewald scored 15 in a losing cause, while junior Kyle Tacia added 11.

Calvary was 11-of-16 from the foul line, while HVL hit 6-of-10.

AGAPE 54, HURON VALLEY 36: In a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division game Thursday, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-11, 1-6) fell to visiting Canton Agape Christian (10-4, 5-1).

Joel Ruffin and Ty Majeski tallied 15 and 14, respectively, for the Wolverines.

Kyle Tacia scored 13 points in a losing cause. Teammate Bryan Gruenewald added 10.

FRANKLIN

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second quarter.

Franklin scored the first nine points of the third quarter to deadlock the game at 31-all with 5:16 to go on a pair of Samantha Floyd free throws.

The contest remained tight until the early stages of the fourth quarter when Salem went on its game-winning run, outscoring the Patriots 16-2.

Davis, Alaya Mitchell and Brotz shared Salem's scoring honors with 14 points a piece. The Rocks' other two starters - sophomores Sara Stone and Brett deBear - both twined eight.

Salem's starting five played the entire game.

Brittany Taylor paced Franklin with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Brianna Taylor added 11 points and five boards, while reserve forward Jessica Staley contributed seven points and six caroms.

"We beat a very good team tonight," said Thomann.

"They were 15-3 coming in, so we knew it wasn't going to be easy. They put together a heck of a run against us, but we were able to hold it off and figure out a way to stretch it out again.

"You're only as good as your competition and tonight our competition was excellent."

Salem went 20-for-53 (37.7 percent) from the field and 15-of-18 (83.3) from the free throw line. The Patriots hit 15-of-51 field goals (29.4) and 11-of-19 (57.8) from the charity stripe.

The Rocks turned the ball over 16 times; Franklin had 13 miscues.

Thursday night's WLLA championship game is set to tip off shortly after 7 p.m. Franklin plays host Northern for third place at 5:30 p.m.

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Glenn went on a 9-0 run to start the third quarter and opened up a 48-32 advantage with 1:55 to go in the same period on a basket by Jeremy Langford.

The Mustangs, however, refused to fold and chipped away at the double-digit deficit in the final quarter. Things really got interesting when Steve Anderson (11 points) grabbed a miss and scored with 1:20 to go to cut the deficit to 54-53.

Glenn turned the ball over on the next possession, but the Mustangs couldn't convert the go-ahead basket when a charge was called with 1:04 remaining.

"I keep telling our guys that on any given night, we can get beat," Young said. "That's the bottom line. Look at the Giants and the Patriots. The Patriots were not unbeatable. You've got to be tough."

Senior forward Earl Hardison finished with a game-high 14 points for Glenn.

Senior guard Keshawn Martin added 12, while junior Austin Anderson and senior Daris Smith finished with 10 and nine, respectively. Marken chipped in with seven, but none was bigger than his putback hoop with 39.1 seconds to go in the game.

Stevenson earns crossover win

Junior Brian Rowe tallied 12 points and sophomore Bobby Naubert chipped in with 10 Friday as Livonia Stevenson held off visiting Canton, 43-41, in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball crossover.

Stevenson, now 6-11 overall, hit 15-of-25 free throws on the night.

Canton, which missed a free throw line jumper at the buzzer in an effort to tie the game, falls to 5-12 overall.

Four Chiefs scored six points apiece - Ryan Seely, Kyle Beiga, Chris Bailey and George Murasan.

PLYMOUTH 57, CHURCHILL 51: Senior forward Navraj Sandhu scored 22 points, added six rebounds and had four assists Friday as the Wildcats (6-11) upended host Livonia Churchill (10-7) in a WLLA crossover.

Mike Hanchett added a career-high 20 points for Plymouth, while Brandon Roberts added 11.

Senior center Ryan Rosenick had

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12 points and eight rebounds for the Chargers, who couldn't overcome a 29-22 halftime deficit.

Junior guard Ryan Woods and senior guard Andrew Vagnetti added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Churchill was outrebounded 35-23 and shot only 21-of-57 from the field (36.8 percent), including 4-of-18 from three-point range.

"We did not do anything well," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We had bad turnovers and struggled to score. The rebounding was inexcusable. We gave up 14 points the first half on putbacks."

WAYNE 45, STEVENSON 33: Wayne Memorial (15-2) continued its winning ways in boys basketball Thursday with a WLLA crossover victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson (5-11).

Mike Lee's 15 points paced the Zebras, who outscored Stevenson 17-10 in the decisive final quarter. Matt Lewis added nine, while Martez Abney chipped in with seven.

Mark Grisa and Brian Rowe tallied eight and seven, respectively, for the Spartans.

Wayne was 13-of-18 from the foul line, while Stevenson was 1-of-2.

CHURCHILL 71, FRANKLIN 54: Senior center Ryan Rosenick scored 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds Thursday as Livonia Churchill (10-6) downed host Livonia Franklin (4-12) in a WLLA crossover.

Rosenick had 14 points and eight rebounds in the second half as the Chargers outscored Franklin 36-24.

Senior guard Andrew Vagnetti added 22 points, while senior forward Nick Seger turned in his best effort of the year with eight points and seven boards.

Ryan Matthey, who nailed four triples, led Franklin with 21 points. Jeff Poole added 12.

Churchill was 12-of-22 from the foul line, while Franklin was 5-of-14.

WAYNE 51, W.L. CENTRAL 34: In a WLLA playoff preview Wednesday, Mike Lee scored 13 points and Martez Abney added 10 as host Wayne Memorial (14-2) turned back Walled Lake Central (6-10) in a crossover.

Cody Rzeznik scored a game-high 15 points for the Vikings, who were outscored 32-18 over the final two quarters.

PREP BOYS SWIM RESULTS

WALLED CENTRAL 139 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 43 Feb. 6 at W.L. Central

200-yard medley relay: 1. Central (Ryan Miceli, Jon Molnar, Tyler James, Garrett Liedlich), 1:57.39; 2. Central, 2:00.6; 3. John Glenn, 2:22.2.

200 freestyle: 1. Ben Baumgarten (WLC), 2:00.3; 2. Sean Riley (WLC), 2:01.1; 3. Tory Tederington (WLC), 2:11.6.

200 individual medley: 1. Miceli (WLC), 2:17.9; 2. Cory Casagrande (WLC), 2:20.17; 3. Matt Jannette (WLC), 2:28.94.

50 freestyle: 1. Arthur Stepanov (WLC), 25.82; 2. Dan Montgomery (WLC), 25.94; 3. John Burgess (WJC), 26.31.

1-meter diving: 1. Cody Roe (WJC), 183.35 points; 2. Tyler Easmecher (WLC), 173.40; 3. Matt Funtz (WLC), 139.65.

100 butterfly: 1. Miceli (WLC), 1:00.57; 2. James (WLC), 1:07.04; 3. Craig Casagrande (WLC), 1:38.53.

100 freestyle: 1. Baumgarten (WLC), 52.59; 2. Riley (WLC), 53.44; 3. Billy Lyons (WJC), 59.94.

500 freestyle: 1. Tederington (WLC), 5:38.29; 2. Cory Casagrande (WLC), 5:44.55; 3. Mac Drees (WLC), 6:09.53.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Central (Riley, Jannette, Leidich, Baumgarten), 1:41.61; 2. John Glenn

(Lyons, Burgess, Paul Gutu, Roe), 1:46.06; 3. Central, 1:46.57.

100 backstroke: 1. George Smokin (WLC), 1:08.83; 2. Jannette (WLC), 1:10.0; 3. Drees (WLC), 1:12.15.

100 breaststroke: 1. Molnar (WLC), 1:15.99; 2. Denis Knight (WJC), 1:16.19; 3. Stepanov (WLC), 1:16.34.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Central (Riley, Miceli, Leidich, Baumgarten), 3:53.34; 2. Central, 4:07.92; 3. John Glenn (Burgess, Ryan Boes, Aaron Sabal, Lyons), 4:27.0.

Glenn's dual meet: 1-7 overall, 0-4 WLLA-Lakes Division.

SALEM 131 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 55 Feb. 7 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Nick Hoffmeyer, Kory Dondzilia, Adam Seroka, Casey Olson), 1:56.2; 2. Salem (Alex Corlano, Eric Schendel, Cameron Dunn, Joe DeTassany), 2:01.43; 3. Churchill (Matt Castell, Joey Liberali, Steve Jones, Matt Hope), 2:02.27.

200 freestyle: 1. Matt Collingwood (S), 1:56.93; 2. Paul Cherewick (S), 2:11.69; 3. Dunn (S), 2:11.87.

200 individual medley: 1. Seroka (S), 2:09.98; 2. Chad Newton (S), 2:33.1; 3. Greg Van Gorp (LC), 2:34.6.

50 freestyle: 1. Side Chen (S), 23.92; 2. Nathan Spala (S), 24.65; 3. Castell (LC), 26.31.

1-meter diving: 1. Hope (LC), 216.90 points; 2. Andrew Richards (LC), 190.80; 3. Keyin Smith (S), 177.25.

100 butterfly: 1. Jones (LC), 1:01.9; 2. Dunn (S), 1:02.28; 3. Max Mills (S), 1:05.41.

100 freestyle: 1. Collingwood (S), 56.19; 2. DeTassany (S), 57.07; 3. Nathan Larsen (LC), 58.61.

500 freestyle: 1. Seroka (S), 4:53.43; 2. Chen (S), 5:37.53; 3. Spala (S), 5:49.93.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Smith, Chen, Spala, Collingwood), 1:40.69; 2. Salem (Paul Krutty, Tom Patterson, Dunn, Cherewick), 1:45.66; 3. Churchill (Ricky Scully, Larsen, Hope, Van Gorp), 1:48.26.

100 backstroke: 1. Jones (LC), 1:03.66; 2. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 1:04.6; 3. Soriano (S), 1:06.19.

100 breaststroke: 1. Eric Schendel (S), 1:13.83; 2. Dondzilia (S), 1:15.18; 3. Liberali (LC), 1:18.42.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Spala, Chen, Collingwood, Seroka), 3:38.17; 2. Salem (Mills, DeTassany, Cherewick, Casey Olson), 3:55.49; 3. Churchill (Van Gorp, Castell, Liberali, Jones), 4:03.3.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-6 overall, 1-3 WLLA-Western Division.

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Everyone loves chocolate

Now there's a good reason to have an ounce a day

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Now you can feel guilt-free about giving chocolate to your loved one this Valentine's Day. George Rapisis' new book cites several studies that show the dark delight contains flavonoids, a plant compound which may promote heart health by lowering blood pressure, improving circulation in the arteries, and reducing the risk of blood clots.

Of course, as with any food, moderation is key. Rapisis recommends one ounce a day in *The Lighter Side of Dark Chocolate: Take It to Heart*, published by AuthorHouse.

Rapisis started researching the heart health benefits of chocolate in December 2006

and found so much information he decided to write a book. Rapisis is also the author of *The Healthy Pregnancy Cookbook* (2001) and co-authored *Ask the Nutritionists* (2005).

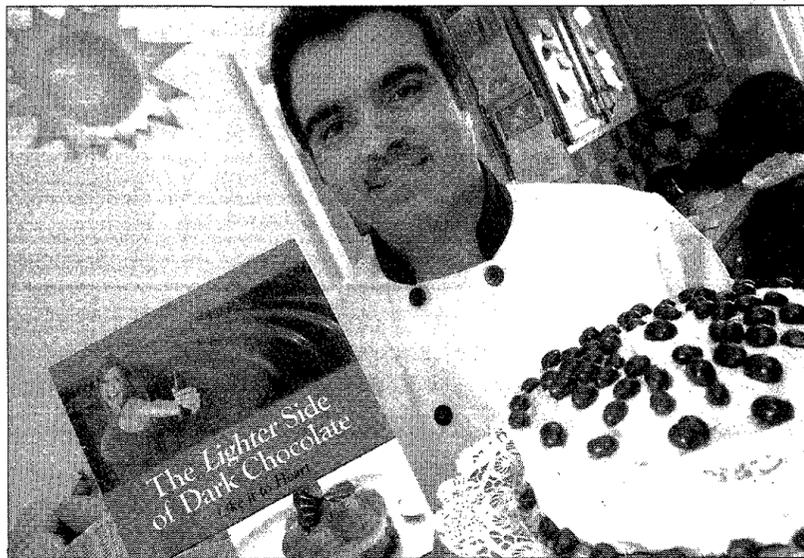
"Everyone loves chocolate but people think it's not healthy but full of unsaturated and saturated fat. Cocoa butter does not raise cholesterol levels. It keeps them neutral," said Rapisis, a 35-year-old nutritionist who earned a bachelor's degree in dietetics from Madonna University and a culinary arts certificate from Schoolcraft College.

Rapisis credits his late mother, Carol (Koula), for instilling a love of culinary arts in him. She owned a catering business and later

worked in food services at Ladywood High School and Schoolcraft College. Rapisis shares his cooking skills in recipes at the back of the book. He recently served the Dark Chocolate Cake during a book signing at Barnes & Noble in West Bloomfield. Rapisis teaches nutrition and healthy cooking at Garden City's Cambridge Center, an alternative high school. He gives a class on the Lighter Side of Dark Chocolate through Schoolcraft College Continuing Education on Monday, May 12.

"Chocolate has vitamins, minerals like potassium. Magnesium controls your blood pressure and it contains stress reducing phytochemicals. People when depressed tend to eat chocolate because it increases serotonin and dopamine associated with the pleasure system of the brain. Most people think chocolate is bad for them, but dark chocolate is so concentrated with flavonoids and antioxidants it's good for you," said Rapisis, who does nutritional counseling at Ford-Tel Medical Center in Dearborn Heights.

Antioxidants such as flavonoids prevent unstable molecules known as free radicals from damaging cells in the body. Some antioxidants belong to the phytochemical category such as flavonoids, said Rapisis. The amount in 40 grams of dark chocolate is about the same as a 5-ounce



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Nutritionist George Rapisis stands with a dark chocolate mocha cake and a copy of his new book, 'The Lighter Side of Dark Chocolate: Take It to Heart.'

glass of red wine, two cups of green tea, or 2/3 cup of blueberries which have been touted as antioxidant powerhouses. To reap their benefits Rapisis drinks a cup of hot cocoa in the morning, a cup of green tea in the afternoon and a glass of red wine in the evening.

"Flavonoids are part of a group of antioxidants found in fruits, vegetables, tea, red wine, and cocoa," said Rapisis. "Cocoa in dark chocolate is considered one of the most concentrated sources of flavonoids because it contains polyphenols, catechins and

epicatechins (subclasses of flavonoids)."

Rapisis emphasizes that dark, bittersweet chocolate contains more beneficial compounds and heart health benefits than milk chocolate which is overly processed.

"With regular milk chocolate, you do not get enough flavonoids. It's too much sugar," said Rapisis of Livonia. "You're going to get cavities."

Rapisis eats about three squares of dark chocolate with a tuna fish and whole wheat sandwich at lunch. While he believes chocolate is beneficial to the heart, it is only part of

a healthy diet rich in antioxidants. Rapisis begins each day with oatmeal, nuts and honey, or yogurt with blueberries and flaxseed if he doesn't have time to make oatmeal. His mid-morning snack consists of a handful of almonds. His Greek heritage flavors the rest of the day. It's hummus in mid-afternoon and grilled chicken, Greek style with olive oil, oregano and lemon juice on top for dinner along with a baked potato and steamed broccoli. His evening snack is fruit.

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Three squares of dark chocolate can have the same health benefits as a serving of blueberries, a glass of red wine, or two cups of green tea.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. This is an opportunity for sharing information on coping skills and adaptive technologies. Speakers cover a range of topics. Library staff provide assistance with library equipment and services. For more information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Free asthma care

As a way of celebrating its 24th anniversary in March, Hicks Chiropractic is offering a free six-week program of care for children under age 15 with asthma. For information or to enroll your child, call (734) 525-7855. Hicks Chiropractic is at 27537 Warren, west of Inkster Road, Garden City.

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. For a schedule and fees, call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, west of Middlebelt, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago. For information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. There is no charge for attendance, though voluntary contributions are collected.

Fund-raiser

Livonia Back To Health Chiropractic will be raising money in aid of Seedlings Braille Books for Children Feb. 11-16 with Dr. Jason Lawlor performing all first day services for new patients including a consultation, thorough exam, any necessary x-rays and a report of findings for a minimum donation of \$20. Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to increasing the opportunity for literacy by providing high quality, low cost children's literature in braille. To make an appointment, call (734) 432-7071.

Health classes

Heartsaver AED 6-9 p.m. Feb. 11, at Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia. Cost \$55. Course is for non-health care providers and individuals who need to learn basic CPR and AED for non-healthcare work requirements. Call (888) 440-7325 to register or visit www.stjohn.org. CPR Family and Friends: for Infants-Part 1 is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 (\$25), for non-healthcare providers ages 12 and older who want to learn basic CPR and

choking techniques for infants. CPR Family and Friends for Adults/Children-Part 2, 7:45-9:15 p.m. Feb. 14 (\$25) for non-healthcare providers ages 12 and older. Baby Care Basics. Call for class schedule. Cost is \$20 per couple. This class provides information about bathing, feeding, safety, health care and more. New this year a baby doctor joins the class to give more information about your infant and infant/baby care.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

10th anniversary celebration

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit hosts an open house 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak. Gilda's club is a free, cancer support community. For information, call (248) 577-0800 or visit www.gildasclubdetroit.org.

Fibromyalgia support

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

Building mental muscle

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presentation by the Diabetes Support Group 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the

auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For information, call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is Audra Frye, Arden Courts who will provide participants with exercises designed to stimulate brain cells, ideas to use the brain more effectively and an increased awareness to keep the brain healthier. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. No charge, pre-registration not required.

Asperger's lecture series

Nick Dubin, a national speaker and author who was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome in 2004, conducts workshops on topics related to Asperger's syndrome 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 (Asperger's syndrome and Sexuality) and Feb. 21 (Teaching to the Asperger's Spectrum: One Size Does Not Fit All) at the Judson Center, 4410 W. 13 Mile and Greenfield, Royal Oak. Each workshop costs \$39. This program is approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative for Continuing Education Clock Hours. For information, visit www.judsoncenter.org or call (248) 837-2047.

Heart smart cooking clinics

In recognition of National Heart Month and the launch of its trans fat-free menu, Entrée Vous of Canton, Northville and Troy are raising money for the local American Heart Association throughout February. The locations are hosting Heart Smart Cooking Clinics and dark chocolate tastings noon Friday, Feb. 15, and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Entrée Vous of Northville, 43223

Seven Mile, Highland Lakes Plaza; 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Entrée Vous of Canton, 43347 Joy at Morton Taylor, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 (includes a couple's date night and costs \$48) and 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Entrée Vous of Troy, 1969 W. Maple, Cambridge Crossings Shops. For \$30, each participant receives chocolate sampling and a lunch or dinner, your choice of one entrée (\$25 value) to assemble and take home and a demonstration of alternate low-fat cooking ingredients and recipes. The American Heart Association is presenting information, activity kits and checking blood pressure. Donations to the AHA can be made in the local kitchen or online at <http://honor.americanheart.org/goto/entreevous-cares>. To register for a clinic, contact your local Entrée Vous location.

St. Valentine's Day Gala

Presented by the DMC (Detroit Medical Center) Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (RIM) 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. Proceeds benefit rehabilitation research and medicine at the RIM. In addition to honoring Courage Awards recipients Andy Zimmer of Birmingham, Lawrence Campbell and Wilma Scott for overcoming enormous physical obstacles, the evening includes dinner, dancing and a live auction. Former Detroit Lion, Mike Utley, receives the President's Award for Excellence. Through the Mike Utley Foundation, Utley has made significant contributions to RIM and has been a champion for persons with disabilities. Tickets are \$250. For information, call (313) 745-9817.

Heavy kids face risk of heart disease

Nancy from Bellevue e-mails that her grandson is very overweight. She wants to know if she should be concerned.

Nancy, you have a good reason to be concerned. Researchers followed more than 270,000 children as they grew up. They found the more overweight a child was

between ages 7 and 13, the greater the risk of heart disease in adulthood. Many of these children don't lose weight as they grow older and end up being overweight adults. Obesity puts children and adults

at risk of type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol, all of which are risk factors for heart disease. It is time to get our children up off the couch and out exercising!

Stephanie from Troy e-mails that she had a baby a couple months ago. She has been working out and eating right, but is there anything else that she can do to lose that extra baby weight?

Stephanie, I know this may be hard to do with a new baby, but get some sleep! Researchers studied almost 1,000 mothers with new babies. They found the moms who slept five hours or less a day when their babies were 6 months old were three times more likely to keep on an extra 11 pounds one year after giving birth. The women who slept seven hours a night or more lost more weight. So the more sleep the better!

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.

In the know: Heed all the warning signs of ovarian cancer

The founder of WomenEtcetera.com, a new online community for women over 50, is trying to raise awareness about ovarian cancer.

"With ovarian cancer being such a primary, although little discussed danger, we are partnering with a high level professional group to work on this issue," said Suzanne Caplan, founder and CEO of www.WomenEtcetera.com. "If ovarian cancer is diagnosed in time the cure rate is high, and that is our goal."

Vivian Heard, spokesperson for The Ovarian Cancer Institute, agrees.

"Perhaps the good news about ovarian cancer is that if it's detected early, it has a 90-percent cure rate," said Vivian Heard. "The bad news is that over 70 percent of women aren't diagnosed until an advanced stage. One in 35 women in the

United States will be diagnosed this year and more than 15,000 will die from the disease. Mortality rates from ovarian cancer are the highest among all gynecologic cancers."

With ovarian cancer becoming an increasingly serious issue, it is heartening to see that the medical industry is keeping pace. Dr. Benedict Benigno is a world-renowned surgeon and gynecologic oncologist specializing in ovarian cancer. He has treated women from ages 16 to 60-plus and has made it his priority to discover an early detection tool for ovarian cancer. Besides being Founder and Executive Director of Southeastern Gynecologic Oncology at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, he is founder and CEO of the Ovarian Cancer Institute (OCI) housed at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Together with John McDonald, PhD, Chief Research Scientist at OCI, and their team of scientists, their ongoing behind-the-scenes work aims to change the face of ovarian cancer once and for all.

In the meantime, women of all ages can take the following actions in protecting themselves and better understanding their personal risks when it comes to ovarian cancer.

All women are strongly advised to know their bodies well and pay attention to any changes including abdominal weight gain and bloating, abdominal pain, difficulty eating or swallowing, indigestion, frequent or urgent urination, and unusual post-menopausal bleeding. And don't wait to have these symptoms checked out by a physician, preferably a gynecologist.

Understand that many cancers do not

discriminate when it comes to age including ovarian cancer. You can never be too old or too young to be diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Be aware of their family history to better ascertain if they are at a greater risk from ovarian or breast cancer. For example Jewish women of Ashkenazi descent, those who started their periods at a young age, and women who have a history of breast cancer are in a higher risk category than other women.

"Genetic screening might be in order for higher risk women as approximately 10-percent of ovarian cancer is caused by a mutation in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes," said Dr. Benedict Benigno. "Any female who takes a proactive step in getting screened could very well be taking a lifesaving measure."

MSU

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attempting to do both sports.

"I won't get into a lot of trouble," Mitchell cracked.

The 6-1, 165-pound Myles, who caught 26 passes for 651 yards and 10 TDs, received football interest from Mid-American Conference schools such as CMU, Bowling Green and Eastern Michigan, as well as track interest from Clemson and Georgia.

But when MSU coach Mark Dantonio made the football offer the day before Halloween, Myles was already on board. He attended a practice along with attending the Michigan-Michigan State game.

His early impression of Dantonio? "He's really kind of laid-back," Myles said. "Everybody says he looks mean, but I haven't seen it - at least right now."

In a Lakes Division game Sept. 14, both Mitchell and Myles got a taste of the athletic prowess of Martin.

On the first play from scrimmage, Keshawn picked off Mitchell's pass intended for Myles and ran it back 42 yards for a touchdown.

"I didn't know it was coming, I just saw it and jumped it (the route) a little bit," said the usually soft-spoken Martin.

Stevenson went on to win the game 45-15, but Myles took the blame for the play.

"My fault, I read it wrong," he said. "Keshawn - he's fast, athletic, explosive."

Martin, who started playing organized football with the Inkster Raiders as a seventh- and eighth-grader, attended Academy and Business Tech in Dearborn Heights before going to Glenn.

Martin, who started only one game at quarterback as a junior, blossomed during his senior year under the off-season tutelage of Glenn's coaching staff.

The 6-foot, 176-pound senior rushed for 866 yards in 111 attempts and 13 TDs, while hitting 28-of-62 passes for 685 yards and

Rivals on the high school gridiron the past few years, twins Myles and Mitchell White of Livonia Stevenson will now join forces with Westland John Glenn's Keshawn Martin this fall at Michigan State.

seven TDs. His longest run was 90 yards. He also had a pair of interceptions returned for TDs.

Martin, however, was off the recruiting radar screens simply because he did not attend any summer showcase camps.

But once a highlight tape put together by Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart got out to a couple of MAC and Big Ten schools, the rush was on by MSU to sign Martin, who counts Allen Iverson, Vince Young and Reggie Bush as his favorite pro athletes.

When MSU announced its recruiting class Wednesday, Martin was listed as "Athlete" with the idea making him a wide receiver, kick and punt returner.

"Actually, I thought I'd be playing basketball," said Martin, who is averaging 12 points and five assists for the 16-1 Glenn boys hoop squad. "When they called (with the football offer) I was surprised. I waited a couple of days. I liked the coaches. I committed before I made an official visit. My mom (Tracy) likes MSU and they were pretty straight forward. I went to the Michigan-Ohio State game, but I really wasn't interested (in Michigan)."

Martin, called "a sleeper" by the recruiting experts, has some academic work still left to do before he enrolls at MSU. He took the ACT test on Saturday and is catching up on his NCAA required core curriculum classes. Antonio, meanwhile, envisions that this year's recruiting class could lead to a Rose Bowl berth down the road.

It will be interesting to see how it all unfolds as White brothers and Martin take their game to the next level.

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Spartans runner-up

The Livonia Stevenson varsity competitive cheer squad, coached by Eric Kaitz, finished second in its division Jan. 26 at the Northville Invitational. Team members include: Lauren Zuhlke, Amanda Shalfis, Shelly Zientarski, Nikki Yon, Melissa Roskelly, Chrissy Tappen, Mary O'Donohue, Hannah Smith, Tiffany Moyles, Chelsea Nedo, Rachel Buttigieg, Lauren Myres, Lauren Murray, Sarah Pappalardo, Whitney Cabbie, Carly Abrams, Chelsea Davis, Adrienne Coutts, Cassie Zeni, Laura Robinson, Kandice Hernandez, Dara Mahoney and Lauren Drum.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

St. Edith football

Registration for Livonia St. Edith football (grades 3-8) for the 2008 season will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 at the parish gym entrance.

All parish members or students of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Gerald, St. Fabian and St. Maurice are invited to sign up.

For more information, e-mail football coordinator Doug Lippert at matjonben@wideopenwest.com.

LJAL needs umpires

The Livonia Junior Athletic League needs experience and non-experienced umpires for the upcoming baseball and softball season.

Games begin Monday, April 28 and run through mid-July.

The LJAL will also stage a mandatory umpires clinic from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 9 at Frost Middle School.

Those interested should contact Dave Carlson at eaglesbbal@sbglobal.net; or Bill Rowlett at lj_al_baseball@yahoo.com

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.

T-Ball, Coach-Pitch

Mail-in, fax-in and walk-in registration for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation 2008 Coed Instructional T-Ball (ages 5-6) and Coach-Pitch (7-8) will be through Feb. 15, with registration forms available at local schools and the Livonia Community Recreation

Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The season will be June and July with T-Ball scrimmages played Monday evenings and Coach-Pitch scrimmages on Thursday evenings.

Registration is open to boys and girls residing in the Livonia or Clarenceville public school districts. The registration fee is \$35. Call (734) 466-2410.

Hoops Challenge

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its 2008 Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Hoops Challenge beginning at noon Friday, Feb. 15 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). Registration for the basketball shooting skills contest will be from 11:30 a.m. until noon. There is no fee.

Separate age divisions for boys and girls includes: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15. Winners of each division will advance to one of five area levels with the state championship scheduled for Sunday, April 13 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Call (734) 466-2410.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

**BOYS BOWLING RESULTS
BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING
NORTH FARMINGTON 19
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 11
Feb. 7 at Novi Lanes**

North scorers: Sam Shreeman-Sean Miller, 169-154-323; Alex Novak, 182-158-340; Steve LaPierre, 182-203-385; Ryan Turner, 188-178-366; Marshal Vortriede, 215-196-411.

Regular games: 936-889-1,825 (13 points); Baker games: 170-181-351 (16 points); Glenn scorers: Kyle Hamlin, 165-200-365; Josh DuPrie, 165-179-344; Ryan Herzig, 218-192-410; Gordie German, 160-167-327; Justin O'Hara, 184-190-374.

Regular games totals: 892-928-1,820 (7 points); Baker game totals: 181-164-345 (4 points); Dual match records: North, 2-6-1; Glenn 4-5 overall.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 19
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 11
Feb. 5 at Town 'N Country Lanes**

Wayne scorers: Nate Mosley, 235-207-442; Cory

Harden, 199-226-425; Zac Kyle-Mike Solarz, 225-164-389; Eric Robertson, 370; Lonnie Lawrence-Tommy Pattenau, 178-157-335.

Regular game totals: 1,015-946-1,961 (9 points); Baker game totals: 202-193-395 (10 points); Glenn scorers: Justin O'Hara, 247-256-503; Derrick Ammons, 259-183-442; Gordie German, 228-173-401; Kyle Hamlin, 148-222-370; Eric Tomasson, 182-170-352.

Regular game totals: 964-1,004-1,968 (9 points); Baker game totals: 172-184-356 (0 points); Dual match records: Glenn, 4-4 overall.

**GIRLS BOWLING RESULTS
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 26
NORTH FARMINGTON 4
Feb. 7 at Novi Lanes**

Glenn scorers: Amanda Mirabatur, 207-158-365; Katy Harris, 150-163-313; Amber Krzyzaniak, 171-153-324; Alysson Kassab, 181-223-404; Victoria Eisey, 174-163-337.

Regular game totals: 874-860-1,734 (16 points); Baker games: 141-210-351 (10 points); North scorers: Danielle Labadie, 138-134-

272; Amanda Golsky, 179-134-313; Ali Kadler-Eryn Hong, 187-173; Caryn Roberts-Alli Kadler, 126-110; Jennifer Maples, 161-225-386.

Regular games: 791-776-1,567 (4 points); Baker game totals: 114-103-217 (0 points); Dual match records: Glenn, 3-6 overall; North, 4-5 overall.

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 20
WAYNE MEMORIAL 10
Feb. 5 at Town 'N Country Lanes**

Glenn scorers: Victoria Eisey, 200-183-383; Amanda Mirabatur, 170-163-333; Alysson Kassab, 137-176-313; Derika Hinkle, 133-133-266; Katie Harris-Amber Krzyzaniak, 102-150-252.

Regular game totals: 742-805-1,545 (10 points); Baker game totals: 181-135-316 (10 points); Wayne scorers: Sara Clevenger, 151-182-33; Amanda Hill, 164-167-331; Samantha Bawcum, 131-169-300; Ashley Odom, 161-115-276; Rebecca Miller, 147-119-265.

Regular game totals: 754-752-1,506 (10 points); Baker game totals: 128-132-260 (0 points); Dual meet records: Glenn 2-6 overall.

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Spanking ineffective behavior management

I know that spanking used to be the standard punishment and has since fallen out of favor, but what is your opinion on this subject? Is spanking child abuse or an effective behavior management tool?

Before I can answer this question I need to address the issue of discipline and effective behavior management. I believe that the purpose of discipline is to teach children to make good choices and to engage in appropriate behaviors.



On Parenting

Terry Wilamowski

The behavior management techniques used in this process should maximize the educational opportunity of the situation and provide the best method of teaching the lesson that needs to be learned. And, the use of pain and shame should be avoided. Spanking can be defined as a behavior modification device but it hardly seems to meet the above criteria. Even if one believes that a spanking is instructive, the nature of the lesson needs to be questioned; is there anything that a child can learn from a spanking that cannot be more successfully, and kindly, conveyed by other actions?

By its very nature, the act of spanking sends a message of disapproval and is delivered through the medium of pain and shame. And while the spanked child may indeed learn to associate the spanking as the result of some misbehavior on their part, additional, and largely unintended, lessons are taught as well.

For example, they learn to associate aggression with problem solution and it is well-documented that children that are spanked engage in more aggressive actions than their peers who are not subjected to physical punishment.

In addition, in my experience, children that are spanked tend to feel more helpless and hopeless and more fearful than non-spanked peers. Finally, the nature of the parent-child relationship is based in fear rather than respect, which severely limits its stability and duration. After all, what happens when the child no longer feels smaller or weaker than the parent?

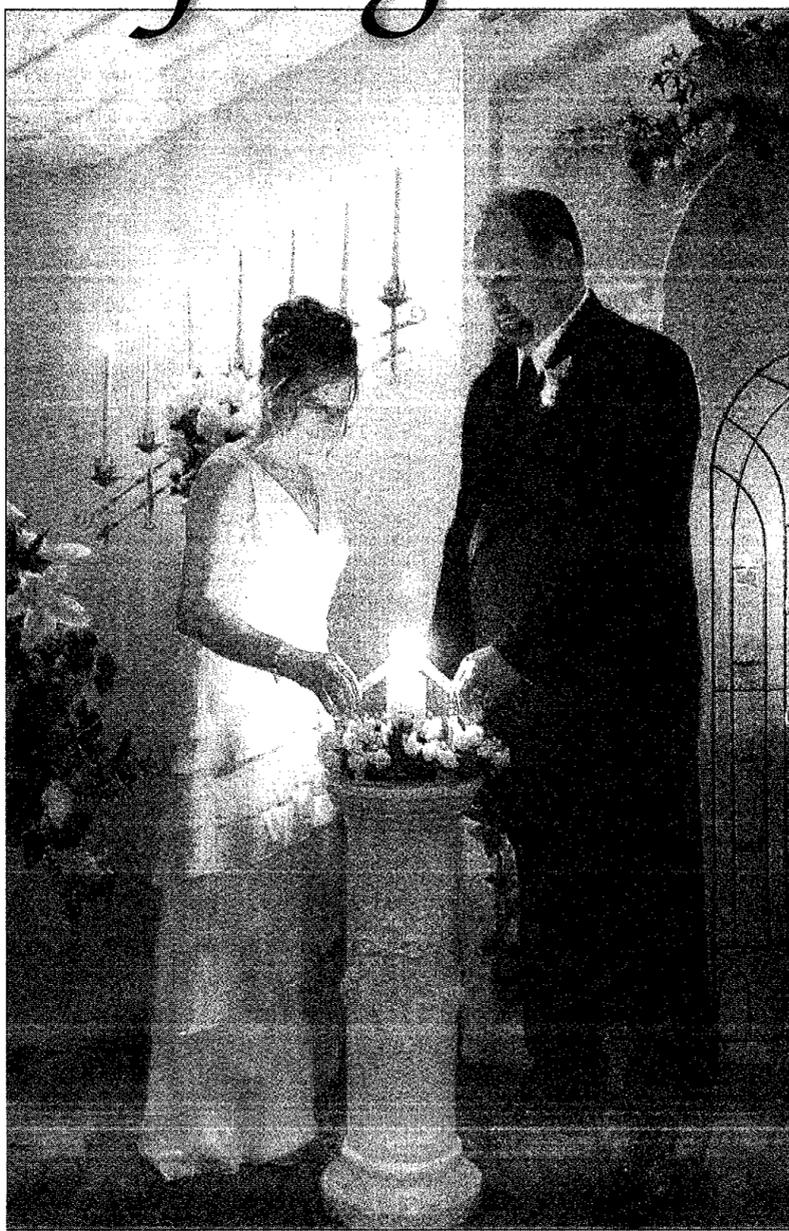
Taking all of this information into consideration, I feel compelled to state that I cannot and do not endorse the practice of spanking. This is not because it is necessarily an act of child abuse in the literal sense but because it is the least effective behavior management technique and has the greatest potential to result in significant problems for all involved. And because, as a parent, the time that we have with our children is limited, I believe that we should not waste our time and effort in ineffective pursuits when there are far more successful options available.

In conclusion, I would like to endorse any and all disciplinary actions that seek to teach through positive means and are not predicated on pain or shame. Techniques such as positive reinforcements, behavior charts, un-doing, redirection, talking to one another, etc. are far more beneficial not only to the immediate incident, but to the child's sense of self and the parent-child relationship as well.

Does that answer your question?

Terry Wilamowski is a clinical therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.

Tying the knot



Christina and Tim Luch light a Unity candle during their marriage ceremony at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.

Couples continue to favor traditional weddings with a few personal touches

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

George Haddad has seen it all during his 22 years as a videographer — brides wearing tennis shoes, a Halloween wedding where everyone changed into costumes for the reception, but offbeat personal touches remain the exception. Since purchasing Laurel Chapel in Livonia nearly one year ago Haddad's provided ceremonies and a variety of services for dozens of brides dressed in traditional wear. Haddad works with a number of vendor partners to offer one-stop shopping for invitations, tuxedos, cakes, photography and video, and limousines at The Wedding Plaza located alongside the chapel.

"They want the white dress," said George Haddad of Livonia. "I don't think that will ever change."

While brides like Christi Yettaw of Canton continue to favor customs from past generations, they personalize their dream weddings. On Aug. 15, Yettaw marries Jeff Zilke in her bare feet on a beach in Mexico. She'll wear a long white gown but it's designed with layers of fabric to reflect the Spanish-Mexican theme. On Sept. 13, the couple returns for a reception in Jackson near their hometowns.

"We've never been to Puerto Vallarta but like the fun, festive culture," said Christi Yettaw, a nurse at Providence Hospital in Southfield. "We wanted to get married on a beach. In Michigan, Lake Michigan is

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Kelly and Matthew Grodzicki share a dance as a married couple during their reception at a friend's home in Ann Arbor.

Kelly Grodzicki changed into a princess T-shirt after being married in a floor length white wedding gown.



Visitors leave event with stars in their eyes

ASTRONOMY EXPO & SWAP

What: Presented by Ford Amateur Astronomy Club and Rider's Hobby Shop, the event features speakers on a variety of star-related topics, planetarium lectures at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and vendors (tables still available)

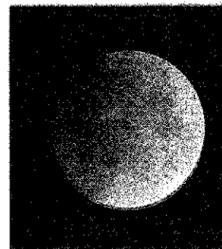
When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16
Where: Holy Cross Church Gymnasium, 30650 Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia
Admission: \$5 adults, free for children age 15 and younger. For information, call (734) 425-9720.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

John Kirchoff has had stars in his eyes since the mid-1960s when he received a telescope for Christmas at age 13.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, Kirchoff shares his love of the universe at the fifth annual Astronomy Expo & Swap in the Holy

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John Kirchoff took this photograph of the last total lunar eclipse Aug. 28, 2007, in Hudson.



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WEDDINGS

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the only beach but you can't predict the weather."

DESTINATION

Destination weddings are the latest trend according to Beth Conway, owner of Beth's Vacation & Event Planning in Livonia. Conway is coordinating Yettaw's big day as well as several events at The Wedding Plaza (weddplaza.com) where she is one of the partners. It's not unusual for Conway to arrange for dove releases or a violinist or harpist to celebrate the occasion. Conway's hoping it won't rain like it did on one of the beach weddings she coordinated. The ground was so mushy she had to run to the store to buy flip-flops for guests.

"Destination weddings are popular today as long as key people can come. It's still a big expense for them," said Beth Conway. "I will go if 25 or more people are going. I'm more or less a personal assistant for these brides. I coordinate it all together so they don't worry on the day of the event."

While fall weddings in September and October continue to be popular, Conway says she expects Valentine's Day 2009 to be hot. "People still like those weekend weddings. Next year it (Valentine's Day) will fall on a Friday," said Conway.

Mary Anderson wanted to be married on Feb. 14 this year but instead ties the knot at Laurel Chapel Valentine's weekend. On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Farmington Hills woman



Kelly and Matthew Grodzicki cut their wedding cake.

wears a white floor-length dress with a long train for her marriage to David Robinson who proposed two Christmases ago on a horse and carriage ride in the Lapeer/Metamora area.

'CHAOTIC'

"So far it's been chaotic. We've had a month to plan this," said Mary Anderson. "We have a total of six in the bridal party. It's pretty traditional with a unity candle and vows. My mom is going to do the cake."

Kelly Karalis chose a floor-length gown to wed Matthew Grodzicki, but later changed into a princess T-shirt to dance away the evening. The couple were married at St. Gerald Church in Farmington and

held the reception at a friend's home in Ann Arbor in August 2006. While Conway coordinated the event, Kelly and Matthew called on family and friends to provide the cake and photography. It took a lot of pressure off Grodzicki who had to plan the wedding in six months. She and Matthew work full time as Livonia Public Schools teachers, Kelly at Riley Upper Elementary, Matthew at Churchill High School.

"I still remember when we all arrived at the reception," said Kelly Grodzicki. "My sister, my maid of honor did the toast. We could see all the relatives and close friends were there with us. Everything was beautiful. The sun was out."

Tim and Christina Luch

were married during a candle-light ceremony at Laurel Chapel where four video cameras record every wedding. Eric Haddad, George's nephew and partner, photographed the event.

"We're both very traditional people. I knew that was the route I wanted to take regardless of being married before," said Christina Luch.

"We chose music from our past, love songs and some Christian songs," added Tim Luch, who grew up in Livonia. "We lit the candle and stopped to listen to the musicians from our family. My mom sang. Christina has three children. I have one and they were all ushers. The next day we picked all of our photos online. They were all digital."

STREAMING VIDEO

When Haddad renovated Laurel Chapel in April 2007 he added technology like streaming video so out-of-town or infirm relatives could view the ceremony. George's Video Productions was voted best videographer by Channel 4 in 2007.

"We see high-end weddings where the bride and groom spend \$150,000 and those who have a private wedding and then go out to dinner," said Haddad. "People come in Tuesday and want to get married on Friday or want a large wedding with 300 guests, or to renew their vows."

"Lots of brides are not affiliated with a church or the groom isn't," added Chris Haddad, George's wife. "We have five ministers or you can book your own. It's nice in the summer with the gazebo, water fountain, pond and bridge for an outdoors wedding or to take photos."

Kathy Boggs is finally able to wear a white gown when she weds Dennis Weise at Laurel Chapel on Feb. 16. Her first dress was off-white. The second time she got married in Las Vegas in a pair of jeans.

"It's a traditional wedding with two maids of honor, two flower girls, two bridesmaids with my soon-to-be stepson giving me away," said Kathy Boggs of Belleville. "The kids are in the wedding. This is his second and my third. I can't wait 'cause I get to wear my white dress."

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World War II book illuminates dark time in history

Just after the holidays, I started a new book for my reading group at the Plymouth District Library, *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky.

I knew it was about World War II, originally written in French by the author who was well known and regarded in that country prior to her death at Auschwitz in 1942. "Storm in June," the first novella, tells of a number of fictional characters fleeing Paris as the Germans arrive in June 1940.

"Dolce," the second novella, tells of German occupation in a town in France, and shows surprising humanity as the German soldiers are described. Indeed, a review I read in one newspaper, while admiring Némirovsky's work, wonders at this and the near-absence of hostility in descriptions of the Germans.

As in journalism, much of the interest is in the story behind the story. The appendices to the book tell of the author's being arrested "as a stateless person of Jewish descent" and sent to Auschwitz. Her husband, Michel, also died in a concentration camp, but the couple's two young daughters survived.

The author had intended to write a five-part book on what became known as World War II, but died after the first two were written. Her daughter, Denise, had the work for many years but found it too painful to read. It was only a few years ago she realized her mother had written fiction and not a diary or journal. The book was published in 2004 in France, and later translated and published here.

My favorite characters in "Storm in June" were the Michauds, Jeanne and Maurice, who work in a Paris bank. They're left behind by their unscrupulous employer as he flees Paris with his mistress. Indeed, a lot of the characters were not likable, to say the least, but that didn't make them less interesting.

Jeanne and Maurice worry about their son, a soldier, searching for him in crowds. I don't want to give away too much, but would recommend you read the book.

We'll meet at Contemporary Books 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, if you'd like to join the discussion on *Suite Française*. Coincidentally, a related invitation showed up in the mail as I was reading *Suite Française*, about an exhibit at the University of Michigan's Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library in Ann Arbor.

Letters to Sala: A Young Woman's Life in Nazi Labor Camps, a collection of rare Holocaust-era letters and photographs that are part of the collections of The New York Public Library's Dorot Jewish Division, is just a short drive away in Ann Arbor. The items — from handwritten postcards to photographs to official documents — were saved at great risk by Sala Garnarcz from the time she entered a Nazi labor camp in 1940 until her liberation in 1945, according to the library's Web site.

The collection provides a firsthand view of the Jewish victims forced to work as slave laborers. Curated by Jill Vexler, the exhibition reproducing the letters, postcards, photographs, and documents will be on view at U-M's Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library North (first floor off of the North Lobby) through March 27. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-9 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit will be open 1-4 p.m. only Saturday, Feb. 23, and will be closed on Sunday, Feb. 24. It will reopen on Monday, Feb. 25, through Thursday, March 27.

A special program, "Whose Story Is It: How an Archive Was Transformed into an Exhibition, a Book, a Play, and a Documentary Film," featuring curator Jill Vexler and Ann Kirschner (Sala's daughter and author of *Sala's Gift*), will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Gallery of the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library, Room 100 North.

My husband remarked recently that the films *Sophie's Choice* and *Schindler's List* were two great ones that he never wanted to see again. It's true the Holocaust has generated an impressive body of literature, and I'd certainly add *Suite Française* to that list.

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Kidney donors and recipients celebrate life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When Karen Gaffney proposed giving one of her kidneys to a complete stranger, the sociologist for a local hospital looked at her like she was crazy. Lucky for Guy Latondress Gaffney is just a generous woman who wanted to help someone in need. On Nov. 1, 2006 the Garden City woman gave the New Boston man the greatest gift of all - life.

"It was a big birthday. I was turning 50 and was going to do something besides go to Disney World or join the Red Hat Society. I started with the Secretary of State Web site. I even contacted Tom Ryan, a disc jockey who donated a kidney to his wife to find out more then I went to the Ford plant nurse who is a friend of mine and she knew Guy needed a kidney," said Gaffney who works for Ford as a business analyst in information technology in Allen Park. "None of his family could donate. They thought he'd be on the waiting list 7 years because that's the average wait."

Gaffney and Latondress's wife Renelda began e-mailing back and forth and got the process started.

By the time Gaffney,

her husband Rob and the Latondresses met for dinner on April 29, 2006 they knew Guy and Karen were a match. By coincidence Renelda had donated one of her kidneys to her brother Julien DeBacker, Jr. at University Hospital in Ann Arbor in 1983.

"It's one thing to give to my brother but for a total stranger it had to be an act of God," said Renelda Latondress who works at Eastern Michigan in the accounting department.

"It was a surprise," added Guy Latondress, 65. "My sister was diabetic. Her kids were rejected. My niece was rejected. My brother-in-law could, but he was taking heart medicine."

Guy wasn't nervous about the transplant because he saw Renelda and Julien go through the procedure 25 years before. Rob on the other hand worries till this day.

"Karen had mentioned it a few times that she'd like to donate a kidney if not a lung," said Rob. "I'm in a panic state all the time."

Rob has only to look at the success of Renelda's and Julien DeBacker's transplant surgeries 25-years ago. On this first meeting between the Gaffneys, Latondresses



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Renelda Latondress (left seated), Julien DeBacker Jr., Guy Latondress, and Karen Gaffney gathered recently at Gaffney's Garden City home to discuss their living donor kidney transplants.

and DeBacker, Renelda and Julien looked the picture of health.

The 51-year old DeBacker even joked about his brother telling him he'd give him a kidney but if he ever needed a heart DeBacker would have to give him a heart.

Today, Gaffney continues working full time in the ITT Strategy and Organizational Development at Ford in addition to serving as vice president of the Ford Chorus which sings at Race for the Cure.

The Gaffneys and Latondresses recently met for dinner to celebrate the transplants and the good

health of Karen and Guy. Before the transplant Guy had been on dialysis three days a week since July 2005.

"I have more energy," said Guy. "I'm able to do more."

"I think it's an amazing thing," said Leah Blair, a friend of Julien DeBacker. "More people need to know about organ donation. You don't necessarily need to be a dead person (to donate)."

Gaffney says anyone interested in learning more about becoming a living donor, can send e-mail to kgaffne1@ford.com.

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Wine tasting benefit a smashing success

Community Opportunity Center (COC) of Livonia far exceeded its expectations by raising more than \$21,000 at its first Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction held Oct. 19, at St. Mary's Cultural & Banquet Center in Livonia.

The event featured more than 100 wines from around the world supplied by vendors invited by the major sponsor, The Fine Wine Source in Livonia.

"We appreciate the excellent support of Jim Lufty, owner of The Fine Wine Source and of the staff of St. Mary's Cultural & Banquet Center for the wonderful food they pre-

sented," said Denise King, COC executive director. "The items donated by business and volunteers for Silent Auction and Live Auction also were very important contributors to our success."

COC is a nonprofit corporation that provides leadership and oversight to nearly 100 people with developmental disabilities who live among 23 home and apartment settings in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland, and Redford. The COC fund-raising committee has started planning for the 2008 wine tasting event expected to be held in November.



Guests enjoyed bidding on the silent auction items at the Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction to benefit the Community Opportunity Center.

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ASTRONOMY

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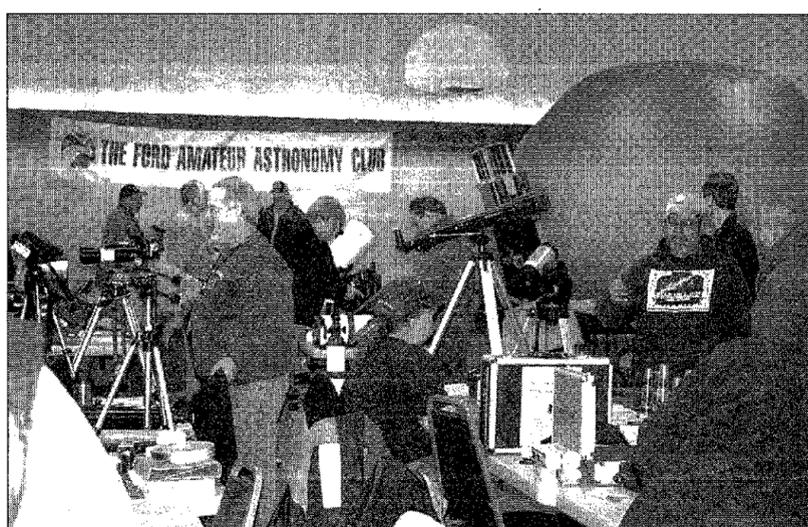
Cross Church Gymnasium in Livonia.

Presented by the Ford Amateur Astronomy Club and Rider's Hobby Shop in Livonia, the event features planetarium lectures and speakers on star-related topics as well as the opportunity to buy and sell telescopes, cameras, software, and astronomy related equipment and accessories.

"There's always this interest in knowing what's in our physical universe. You gaze at the nighttime sky and can't help but ask what's out there," said Kirchhoff, who manages Rider's Hobby Shop in Livonia. "The thing I find fascinating is no matter how much you study you're never going to know everything."

That's why Kirchhoff is especially excited about the educational sessions at this year's Astronomy Expo & Swap. At 1 p.m. he shows visitors how to clean telescopes and lenses in time for the total eclipse of the moon on Feb. 20. This is the last total lunar eclipse until Dec. 20/21, 2010.

"This event is open to everyone, kids, Scout groups. We'll have a blow-up planetarium, a plastic affair like a mini golf dome with a projector to project the stars up on the dome," said Kirchhoff. "At



The 2007 Expo and Swap drew astronomy buffs of all ages. Pictured in the background on the right is the blow-up planetarium that returns for this year's event on Feb. 16.

noon John Schroer of the New Detroit Science Center is going to talk about how to get into the hobby without spending thousands of dollars. At 2 p.m. it's Jim Frisbie on binocular observing. If you have a pair of 7-by-35 binoculars in your closet get them out. In a reasonably dark sky you can see nebulas, galaxies, star clusters."

Kirchhoff says astronomy is a nice blend of technology and the great outdoors.

"There have been a number

of advances in taking pictures and doing photography," said Kirchhoff. "It's a digital age. Another part of the hobby is the computerized telescope. Before you had to take star charts out and maps. Nowadays you click a button and it goes directly to the target, and it's not terribly expensive. That technology starts under \$300."

Kirchhoff lives in Hudson near Jackson and on a good night can see the Milky Way. That's not always possible in

the city. At 10:30 a.m. Frank Ancona talks about preserving the night sky in our neighborhoods.

"What can have a big effect is mercury lighting. Be intelligent about how you use that lighting. Direct it downward, residents, businesses," said Kirchhoff. "In many places they are starting to enact lighting ordinances to not light up the sky."

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The problem of trigger finger is worse in the morning on awakening because during sleep the body and hand cool and hand movement diminishes. These effects worsen a trigger finger tendon.

Putting the hand under warm water in the morning may suffice to reverse the contracture. In time, the trigger finger may need further therapy such as injection at the site of tissue thickening. Injecting fluid such as lidocaine or normal saline separates the tissue fibers that wrap around the tendon. If injection fails, surgery is the next step. The hand surgeon will free up the tendon by dissection of the tissue that surrounds it.

A trigger finger often causes the affected tendon to foreshorten. After either injection or surgery, it is important to extend and flex the hands repeatedly through the day to reverse that foreshortening.

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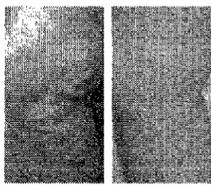
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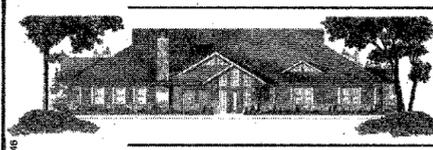
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WEDDING



Luke-Ayotte

April Marie Ayotte and Keith Alan Luke were married October 2007 at Westland Free Methodist Church with Pastor Davie Luke, uncle of the groom, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mark and Sue Ann Ayotte of Royal Oak. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Wayne Westland Schools and as a parapro in the preschool department. She was attended by Rachael Ayotte, matron of honor, and Jennifer Mulder, Stacy Luke and Tera Graves, bridesmaids. The groom is the son of Don and Annette Luke of Canton. He is a graduate of Spring Arbor University. He is associate and youth pastor at Westland Free Methodist Church. He was attended by Brian Luke, best man, Silas Mulder, Adam Davidson and Matt Kelsey, groomsmen. A reception was held at Joy Manor. The couple honeymooned at Long Boat Key in Florida. They are making their home in Westland.



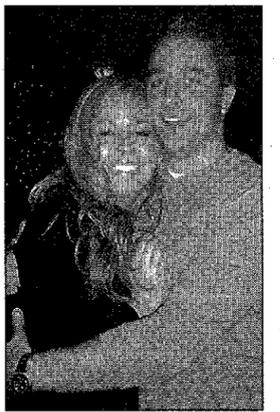
Pryor-Zanon

Harold Pryor of Livonia announces the engagement of his daughter, Shannon Pryor, to Jared Zanon of Denver, Colo. Shannon graduated from Western Michigan University in 2003 with a degree in business administration. She works in the office at Southpaw Electrical Corp. in Lafayette, Colo. Jared is the son of Randy and Sally Zanon of Arvada, Colo. He graduated from Metropolitan State College in Denver in 2000 with a degree in exercise science and adult fitness. He is a firefighter for the West Metro Fire Rescue in the Denver area. The couple are planning a spring 2009 wedding in Acapulco, Mexico, where they met four years ago.

ENGAGEMENTS

McBain-Skillman

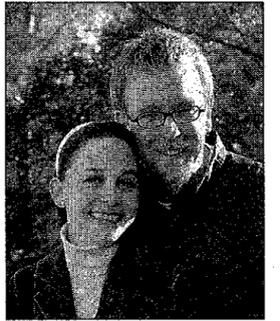
Natalie Galeana McBain of Plymouth and Brent Allen Skillman of Canton are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Roseann and Russell McBain of Plymouth. A 2003 graduate of Canton High School, she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University in 2006 and master's degree in human resources and industrial relations from the University of Illinois in 2007. The future groom is the son of Debra and Jack Skillman of Canton. A 2002 graduate of Canton High School, he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University in 2006 and is pursuing a master's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed as Yazaki North America in Canton. The wedding will take place on April 12, 2008, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.



administration from Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed as Yazaki North America in Canton. The wedding will take place on April 12, 2008, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

Cook-Colling

David and Ilene Cook of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Brianne Marie Cook, to Arthur William Colling III of Redford, son of Arthur and Catherine Colling of Roscommon. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and is employed by Amerisure Insurance Co. The future groom is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and is employed as a teacher at Emerson Middle School.



A June 7, 2008, wedding is planned in Troy.

Bryan-Silver

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Michael Bryan of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Kathryn Bryan, to Jonathan Merrill Silver, son of Mrs. Barbara Beech-Nugent of Howell and the late Timothy Silver. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2007 graduate of Alma College. She has a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education and music. She is employed as a substitute teacher. The prospective groom is a 2002 graduate of Howell High School and a 2006 graduate of Alma College. He has a bachelor of arts degree in history and computer science. He is employed by UPS and attend-



ing seminary. A June 22, 2008, wedding is planned for First Baptist Church of Plymouth, followed by a reception at Northville Hills Golf Club in Northville.

WEDDINGS

Crowe-Reinke

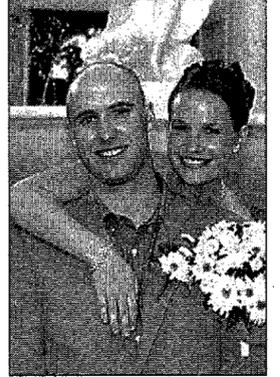
Dana Lynn Crowe of Livonia and Christopher Richard Reinke of Huntington Woods were married Nov. 20, 2007, at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia with the Rev. William H. Tindall officiating. The bride is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School. She received a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting and management in 2002 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. In 2005 she received a master of science in taxation from Walsh College. Dana is a certified public accountant in the tax department at Plante & Moran in Southfield. The groom is a 1998 graduate of Berkley High School. He received a bachelor science degree in mechanical engineering in 2002 and a master of science in mechanical engineering in 2004 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Chris is an engineer in product development at Chrysler in Auburn Hills.



Attending the bride were Matron of Honor Stacy Crowe, her sister-in-law, and bridesmaids were Tanya Lundberg, Patti Hoffman and Sarah Lehman. Attending the groom were Best Man Patrick Reinke, brother of the groom, and groomsmen Jeff DeVoy, Jeff Lundberg and Derek Crowe. A reception was held at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They are making their home in West Bloomfield.

Donahue-Mroz

Erica K. Donahue and Gary M. Mroz Jr. were married Dec. 22, 2007, at the Royal Bahamian Resort in Nassau, Bahamas. The bride is the daughter of Larry Donahue of Toledo. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan. The groom is the son of Gary and Carolyn Mroz of Las Vegas, Nevada. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. He lived in Westland and has family in Canton. The bride was attended by her sister Stephanie Donahue. The groom was attended by his brother Nicholas Mroz. A reception was held at Sandals Grand Bahamian Resort. The couple are making their home in Westerville, Ohio.



Sandals Grand Bahamian Resort. The couple are making their home in Westerville, Ohio.

Walker-Lenz

Neil and Beth Walker of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Karlye Renee Walker, to Allen Matthew Lenz, son of Lori Lenz of Westland. The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of John Glenn High School and is employed by Varsity Lincoln-Mercury. The future groom is a 2004 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by CVS Pharmacy. A June 7, 2008, wedding is planned for Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.



DAVID EUGENE SAYLER

Of Novi. Passed Feb. 5, 2008. Services Tuesday, Feb. 12th at Hunt Funeral Home, Crawfordsville, IN. 765-362-0440.

EDWARD A. SMITH

Age 86, Feb. 5, 2008, of Livonia. Loving father of Pamela (James) Voskopi, Jeffery (Marilyn), the late Neil (Jeanie), Lisa Filar and Don Duncan. Dear brother of Margaret Gooding. Loving grandfather of Tami, Jamie, Maxwell, Mackenzie, Tom, Jessica & Bradley. Great-grandfather of Alex, Alyssa, Olivia, Edward II and Brendan. Preceded in death by his wife Norma. Funeral Service Friday 11am at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Thursday 1-9pm. Please sign Edward's online guestbook at: www.rgrharris.com

RONALD K. SMITH

Age 60, Novi, MI, passed away February 4, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

BETTY FRANCES TROST

Passed away February 4, 2008 in Rochester Hills, Michigan at the age of 87. Betty was born in Roanoke, Virginia on August 15, 1920 to Anna and Frank H. Todd. She was an active member of the First church of Christ Scientists, Birmingham, Michigan and volunteered at the Christian Science Reading Room for many years. An ardent gardener, she enjoyed many years as a volunteer in the House and Gardens Auxiliary at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She was also an accomplished tennis player winning many tournaments in Ohio, California and Michigan. Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Norman F. Trost, her son, Fred Trost, her parents, and sister, Annette Fleming. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Trost Corrado of Sweeny, Texas. Her grandchildren, Cody Corrado of Sweeny, Texas; Zachary Trost and wife Kim of E. Lansing, Michigan; and Tara Trost Wilson and husband Matt of Okemos, Michigan. Also, her great-grandchildren, Allyson, Findlay, Dylan, and Emma Wilson; and Brytani, Tyler and Samantha Trost. Services will be held for Betty at Poplar Hill Cemetery in Vandalia, Ohio at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations could be sent to a church or charity of one's choice. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.cremationmichigan.com

SHIRLEY JEAN WATSON

Age 86 passed away on February 6, 2008 surrounded by her three children, following a short illness. Shirley was predeceased by her husband, D. James Watson, Jr. in 2002. Devoted mother of Susan Watson-Brodie (Ronn), Sally Watson-Menkel (Allan) and David Watson. Very proud grandmother of Susan Watson, Allyson (nee Brodie) Lawrence (Jared), Ian Brodie, and Zachary and Seth Menkel. A private memorial celebration will be held at a later date. Memorial tributes may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Volunteers or Michigan Humane Society, A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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REBECCA (BECKY) BATTY

Of Fairfield Glade passed away February 3, 2008. Born July 9, 1926, the daughter of Verne & Fern Busick of Orleans, Indiana. Rebecca graduated from Purdue University in 1949 the same year she married Donald Batty of Etne, New York who preceded her in death March 13, 1999. Rebecca is survived by her brother Larry & his wife Harriet Busick; children Tom & wife Janace Batty, Lynn & husband Don Polulak, Jill & husband Toby Beattie; her grandchildren Jessica Beattie, Rob Beattie, Jackie Polulak and Richard Batty; her great-granddaughter Jaden Batty and her loving companion and special dancing partner, Ben Powers. We need not forget the energy in her day to day life, Heidi (her dog). From Orleans, Indiana to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan to living on board their Cruising Trawler in Florida and the Bahamas to Fairfield Glades, Tennessee. She will be most remembered by the interest and love she placed in her friends she met in her 81 years. The family request memorials should be made to the American Lung Association.

PRICY BROWNING

February 4, 2008 age 80. Burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne, MI. UHT Funeral Home, Westland, MI

JAMES D. MEADOWS

Age 87 passed away in South Lyon. James was a worldwide traveler and life-long pinacle player. He was also very active in all sports. In his later years, he was a senior weight lifter and won several awards. He is survived by Doris, his loving wife of 67 years, and his children: June (Donald) Gregory, Roy (Karen), Rick, and Darryl. He is also survived by six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and his brother J. T. Meadows. He was preceded in death by his sister Myrtle. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home 122 West Lake (10 Mile and Pontiac Trail) South Lyon, MI 48178. Funeral service will be held Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions in loving memory of James are requested to the Salvation Army 16130 Northland Drive Southfield, MI 48075.

IMRE F. NYILAS

Age 69, of Farmington, MI, passed away Feb. 6, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



PAUL E. PROKOPY

Age 79, February 6, 2008. Beloved husband of Mary. Loving father of Mary (Debbie), Lydia Mary, and Ann (Michael) Gardner. Grandfather of Kyle and Matthew. Brother of Lois (Rev. Arthur) Doring. Services were held Saturday, February 9th at Grace Lutheran Church in Redford. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

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RUTH FRANCIS ROLLINS

Graduate in Concert Piano Brings Harmony to Family and Community

Ruth Francis Rollins, age 97, died peacefully on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at the Heritage of Southfield, Michigan, after a long illness. Beloved wife of Clark T. Rollins, MD, who preceded her in death on December 5, 1985 in Natrona Heights, PA, she is survived by her children, Clark T. Rollins and his wife, Frances, of Tarpon Springs, FL, and Carol Rollins Lynch and her husband, G. Michael Lynch, of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Also mourning her loss are her grandchildren: Clark Leland Rollins and D'Arcy Rollins Molloy, both of Sylvan Lake, MI; Kristin Lynch Ficery of Atlanta, GA; and Michael Scott Lynch of Darien, CT. A devoted mother, homemaker and community leader, Ruth is also survived by her sister, Vivian Gaddess of Upper St. Clair, PA, and six great-grandchildren: Devin Molloy of Sylvan Lake, MI; Charles Preston, Scott Cameron, and James Braydon Lynch all of Darien, CT; and Meredith Francis and Anna Charlotte Ficery both of Atlanta, GA. Born March 5, 1910, in Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, Virginia Ruth Francis was the daughter of Charles Blaine Francis and Molly Hays Francis. C. B. Francis is well known in the Pittsburgh area as the co-author of the Making, Shaping and Treating of Steel, a definitive book on steelmaking still used today. Ruth was raised in Brookline and graduated 2nd in her class at South Hills High School in Pittsburgh. In recognition of her academic achievement Ruth won a scholarship to Carnegie Institute of Technology. In an era when women rarely went to college, Ruth Francis studied concert piano in Carnegie Tech's School of Fine Arts and played a two hour piano concert from memory to earn her degree on June 8, 1932. What a tragedy that the disease which eventually took her life ravaged her fine memory for many years prior to her death! After college graduation, Ruth worked briefly as a pianist in a small combo providing chamber music for dinner parties and weddings. But the Great Depression was in full swing so the demand for musical entertainment at elegant parties was small. She switched to social work and did home visits for the Relief Board-a career she found very fulfilling. She and Clark Rollins eloped on July 31, 1934 after his graduation from Pitt Medical School. In lieu of a college placement service, they got in their car and drove up route 28 along the Allegheny River stopping in each small town to ask if they needed a doctor. When they arrived in Natrona Heights, PA, they heard the answer they wanted to hear, and they took up residence at 1522 Broadview Blvd. where they remained until Dr. Rollins' death in 1985. Both Ruth and Clark made significant contributions to the community. Clark was a much loved general practitioner who delivered babies to women he had delivered. He also served as chief of staff at Allegheny Valley Hospital. He was most proud of his contribution to the educational system in Natrona Heights. While on the Harrison Township School Board he made improvements in the high school-a library, science laboratories, and advanced placement classes-which enabled the high school to earn its much needed accreditation. Ruth, in addition to being a wonderful homemaker and mother, served as President of the Women's Civic Club, member of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary and pro-bono buyer for the Hospital Gift Shop. A loyal member of Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church, Ruth sang in the church choir. She was also a fine bridge player with master points to her credit. As a couple, Ruth and Clark enjoyed their membership at Brackenridge Heights Country Club. Ruth remained in the family home until she moved to Florida in 1992, a total of 58 years of residence in Natrona Heights. On March 5th of 2008, Ruth would have been 98 years old. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Friday 4pm until time of service at 7pm. Additional visitation at Krynicki Funeral Home, 1007 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, PA, Monday 7-9pm. Funeral Tuesday, 11am at Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church, 1428 Broadview, Natrona Heights, PA. Interment in Mt. Airy Cemetery, Natrona Heights, PA.

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WORKWISE
by
Mildred L. Culp

You might be 21. You might be 61. You might be the 82-year-old man who e-mailed, asking about what he should do for a living. Look for roots in childhood.

Psychiatrist Gabriela Cora, president of The Executive Health & Wealth Institute Inc., in Miami, Fla., says that it's essential to "rediscover the source of pleasure as experienced during childhood activities, and use this feeling to compare it with pleasurable adult activities. For example, the enjoyment from resolving puzzles might transfer to the adult ability to resolve problems. Creating a drawing might relate to coming up with a unique plan."

ENJOYMENT
Dallas architect Betsy del Monte, sustainability consultant at The Beck Group, began working full-time in architecture when she was 21. Growing up, she'd enjoyed summer camp in the mountains of western North Carolina, but she was also drawn to the vitality of cities.

"I'd always thought I'd be an engineer," she says, "because my dad was. But I applied to the School of Architecture at the University of Virginia -- "at the last minute, engineering, the only alternative, seemed very cut and dried." She found a childhood connection that led to speaking in front of the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

One attendee would be Joe Mason. "He'd designed our house when I was in the third grade," she recalls. "I'd thought that the whole process was magical... seeing an area of the woods where a hole was being dug and concrete blocks were set, and then it became our home. I'd thought Joe Mason was pretty cool, too. Then it dawned on me that he was the reason I'd gone into architecture."

At age 19, Sharon Livingston, now an industrial psychologist and president of The Livingston Group for Marketing Inc., in Londonderry, N.H., studied motivational research. She interviewed hundreds of college students "to figure out whether symbols or musical slogans (in commercials) were more memorable. For me at the time, it was fascinating and it felt like play." She finished college with a job using her interviewing skill.

"By 24," she says, "I decided that I wanted to use play in a business environment." She developed the "Snow White Theory of Group Process" for

meetings, focus groups and leadership training, which uses the name her doctor had given her at birth and skills she developed in a large family of diminutive people.

For Michael Webb, vice president of the San Francisco Bay-area staffing company CFO2GO, the light bulb went on in the fifth grade. He disliked writing; so when he had a choice, he'd give a speech. "It came easy to me," he remarks. "I started a speech and debate club in high school and did stand-up comedy at 17."

Then he used his passion for speaking as a Mormon missionary, where he found he was "touching" people. He kept looking for other avenues to touch more people and had his epiphany when called out of an audience of several thousand to speak. "This is what I'm supposed to be doing," he realized, but he had to work on it.

METHOD
Del Monte advises you to study what's meaningful to you. Livingston says, "Figure out what's fun." Webb maintains that through exploration, you'll find a way: "I didn't wake up and say, 'I want to be a recruiter.' I fell into it."

If you draw a blank when you look at your childhood or you're having difficulty exploring, Cora, the psychiatrist, advises you to "find your center. I



Credit: Courtney Kearney
Architect Betsy del Monte of The Beck Group in Dallas specializes in sustainability-structures that are environmentally friendly. She works here with AgriBoard, a structural insulated panel (SIP) made of rapidly renewable plant and wood fibers.

know that this sounds simple, "but it is complex. Some people may be able to do many things but enjoy doing only a few things. Others may enjoy doing many things but they may find it difficult to 'transform' these into high-paying jobs."

It's never too late to center your work around what brings you joy.
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RECEPTIONIST/ FRONT DESK ASSISTANT
Needed for busy Plymouth salon. Friendly, outgoing personality w/ good people skills. Must be able to multi-task. P/T, some days & evenings. Pay negotiable. Call (734) 455-6833, Mon. or Wed., 9am-1pm.

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ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR
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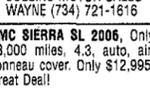
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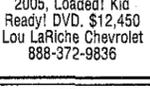
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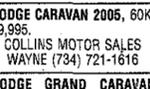
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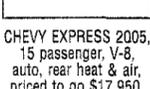
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Santa Fe fills crossover niche nicely

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Hyundai is one of those manufacturers that may not be top-of-mind when you're deciding what kind of vehicle to purchase next, but the Korean carmaker is actually competitive in just about every segment.

Known first for its 10-year, 100,000 mile warranty (which is still the standard warranty), Hyundai can make a case that it should be known by its vehicles, and that includes its crossover SUV, the 2008 Santa Fe Limited.

Redesigned for the 2007 model year to be longer and wider than the previous version, changes for the 2008 model are limited to equipment packages. The Limited is actually the top-of-the-line version of the Santa Fe (in addition to the base GLS and the SE) and it's a nice package. It comes with 18-inch alloy wheels, fog lamps, heated outside mirrors, roof rack side rails, and a body-color rear spoiler. The front grille and headlights are actually shared with Hyundai's HCD9 Talus concept car, and they look sharp and aggressive.

Inside, the Limited is easy to get comfortable with. The standard leather power seats are comfortable, provide good support and can be heated. A power seat for the passenger's side is optional. There's plenty of leg and head room in the front cabin and there's plenty of storage, too. The center console provides two-level storage, and there's a small storage compartment in the top of the dash. There are map pockets in each of the front doors and there are four 12-volt power outlets.

The rear seats, as you would expect in any SUV, fold down for more cargo space - 78.2 cubic feet total. You can order a third row seat for the Santa Fe. The test vehicle didn't have it, so I can't tell you how much room you'd have with it, but Hyundai claims you'll get more legroom with their third-row seat than with comparable third-row seats in the Acura MDX, Honda Pilot or Volvo XC90. If you're thinking about that third row, find one at a dealer and test it for yourself.

The interior is well done. The woodgrain touches in the center stalk and around the interior



The 2008 Hyundai Santa Fe. Built in Alabama, the Santa Fe Limited has lots of nice standard features.

are nice, and the instrument panel is well laid out. The cluster includes a tachometer and a coolant temperature gauge. The blue backlighting adds a nice touch, and the controls for the audio system and climate control system are logically laid out on the center stalk. There's a trip computer, and an auto-dimming rear-view mirror that includes a compass and a HomeLink garage door opener.

Dual-zone air-conditioning is standard on the Limited, as are a leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, power windows, doors and locks, power, heated outside mirrors, keyless entry with alarm, and cruise control. In a change from last year, a power sunroof is now included as standard equipment on the Limited.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD/mp3 system by Infinity that includes ten premium speakers, a six-disc CD changer and is rated at a whopping 605 watts. An XM satellite radio is included and it comes with three months of service. A rear-seat DVD entertainment system is also available as an option.

Also available as an option (\$1,750) is a navigation system. It looks nice and is easy to use; it's integrated into the audio system.

The Santa Fe Limited is powered by a 3.3-liter V6 engine, and it's pretty good. It's rated at 242 horsepower and 226 lb.-ft. of torque, enough to get you moving fairly quickly, and merging and passing are no problem. Gas mileage isn't bad for an SUV, either - 17/24 mpg - and it takes regular fuel.

The engine is mated with a standard five-speed automatic transmission with a lock-up torque converter and manual shift control. The Santa Fe comes as a front-wheel drive vehicle; you can get an all-wheel drive system as an option.

The Santa Fe Limited provides a good ride, not too harsh while still allowing you road feel. The

front suspension is a MacPherson strut system with coil springs gas shocks and anti-roll bar. In the rear, it's a multi-link system, with coil springs gas shocks and an anti-roll bar. The power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering system makes the Santa Fe easy to handle and maneuver. The ride is pretty quiet, too.

Traction control and electronic stability control - which reduces engine power in certain situations to correct under- or oversteer - are standard. The Limited is full of other safety features, as well, including anti-whiplash head restraints, six airbags, including side curtains, anti-lock brakes with brake assist and electronic brake distribution, which determines which axle needs the most stopping power and applies the correct amount of force to the brakes. The Santa Fe also features a tire pressure monitoring system.

The 2008 Santa Fe Limited starts at about \$28,000, and includes just about everything you might need. Add the carpeted floor mats and the navigation system and you're at a shade under \$30,000.

Hyundai first became famous for its excellent warranties, and the warranty on the 2008 Santa Fe Limited is no exception - a five-year, 60,000 mile bumper-to-bumper warranty, and a 10-year, 100,000 powertrain warranty. Five years of roadside assistance is also included.

If Hyundai wasn't on your SUV radar before, the Santa Fe Limited shows that it probably should be now. The Santa Fe Limited is a darn nice mid-size SUV.

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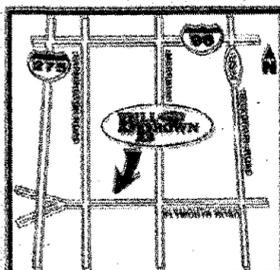
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