# Birthday

# Baby lives up to name

By JOE MARTUCCI

Stuart and Janice Kirschenbaum of Franklin couldn't come up with a suitable name for the baby they were expecting. 
So, the baby sort of named himself.

Mrs. Kirschenbaum and her husband, a podiatrist, bad no trouble thinking of girl's names. They came up with Nicole and Sabrina—among others. 
But since they have a four-year-old girl at home, the Kirschenbaums tigmed they were due for a boy. They figured right, At 2:59 am. Startrday, in 
the middle of the worst blizzard of the century. Mrs. Kirschenbaum gave 
birth to a six-pound-4-bounce boy. 
But the Franklin couple still hadn't come up with a boy's name that 
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HIE WAY Mrs. Kirschenbaum sees it. boys names don't have any originality. There are bits of catchy names for girls, but boys' names are, well, kind of dull.

"People think they have to have a macho name for their sons. Well, Storm is pretty macho.

"Just don't like boys' names. We were sure it would be a boy and I had three books of baby's names and I still couldn't find one I liked. Nothing at all."

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To hear Mrs. Kirshenbaum tell it, her son's birth was a rather stormy ordeal.

She was a month overdue: her husband was a nervous wreck. And the roads between Franklin and Beaumont Hospital couldn't have been in worse condition.

WHEN THE blizzard started. Mrs. Kirschenbaum suspected her son puldn't be far behind. wouldn't be far behind.

Their first trip to the hospital was a false alarm. That was at 2 p.m.
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A few hours later, at 6 p.m., she thought it was time. Her hoads and out of the ditches. She called her doctor. He told the couple to go back to the bospital.

"By then the roads were just a sheet of ice and we couldn't see anything the ther husband was nervous as hell." she related.

Mrs. Kirschenbaum was having contractions, but the docort said she was still hours away from giving birth.

"He said we couldn't stay unless I was really, truly in labor. They only have four labor rooms and they were all full."

They headed back to Franklin. The expectant father was "ready to die." said Mrs. Kirschenbaum.

The third—and final—trip was made at 1:30 a.m. This time, Mrs. Kir-schenbaum really was in labor. Storm was born a little more than an hour

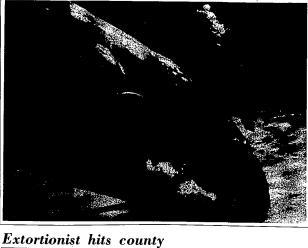
Mother and son were doing fine Tuesday as Mrs. Kirshenbaum was get-ting ready to bring Storm home.

### Northwood lists area students

dean's list for the winter term

Northwood Institute in Midland has named three area students to the learn's list for the winter term.

They are Michael F. McCamy and John A. Sarvacki, both of Lathrup Village, and Paul G. Churches, Sonthfield.



### Meet Gigi

A gray whale named Gigi and Sea World employee Sue Bailey star in "The Great Whales," a National Geographic special set for 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, on Chamel Sc. Captured in 1971, Gigi spent a year at he marine park. She was then released with a tracking device attached to her back to monitor her migratory patterns.

# Caller's tactics baffle police

who has added a new twist to his tactics.

For more than a year, police say one man has been calling women in Oak-land County saying he has kidnapped heir husbands. Now, he is also threatening mothers with the adduction of their children.

He instructs the woman to deliver 5,000 to a Southfield motel or hotel and tells her that he and several of his friends. all supposedly recently released from prison, will force various sexual acts upon her, police say. To date, police said the man has not kidnapped anyone.

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Troy Ptl. William Tullock, who has

been assigned to investigate more than 80 such extortion calls to Troy house-wifes, said no women have been "duped" by the caller but many have

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panicked, especially if their husbands or children were not at home.

"THE GUV has got a new angle—somehow he's coming up with the first names of kids." Tullock said. "We don't know how he's getting the first names. Before, it appeared the victims were being randomly selected from the north Woodward telephone directory. The caller would say "Mrs. Smith we've kidnapped your husband." using his first name as it is listed in the phone book."

Victims have described the caller as as a white, middle- aged, educated nale with a calm, unaccented voice, said Tullock. He added that on a few occasions, a female voice has come on the line identifying herself as an operator or police dispatcher.

"Many women get excited when the

extortionist calls and call their hus-bands work or the police right after they hang up." said Tullock. " But the telephone system has a time lag where if you hang up your phone and pick it up immediately, you're on the same line you were before.

"On the occasions when it has hap pened, a woman who is apparently working with the man comes on the line and impersonates an operator or police dispatcher."

In addition to Troy calls. Tullock said he has been investigating more than 300 reported Oakland County calls which police believe have been made by the same man. He said he is investigating similarities between victims and is trying to detect a pattern of selection from the north Woodward telephone directory.

THE EXTORTIONIST has called women in Troy, Birmingham, Bloomfield Twp., Southfield, Madison Heights and Oak Park, said Tullock.

In Troy, the first report of an extor-tionist using these tactics was made to police on April 22, 1976. Most of the calls have been made between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on normal working days.

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"The guy tells the women to go the
bank and get the money and even tells
them if they have no transportation
that he'll be by to pick them up in a
green and white van." Tullock said.

If the extortionist calls, Tullock
advises women not to panic, hang up
the phone, wait several seconds and
call police.

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