

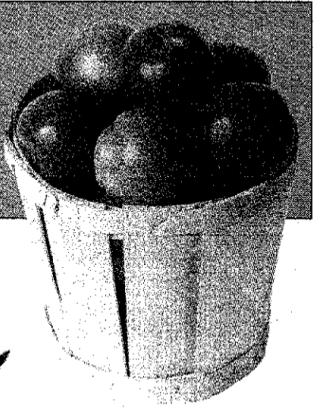


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Agnes Kubrak talks about her new job as senior executive director of instruction for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

## 'Work isn't done yet' for new director

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Agnes Kubrak knew in the fifth grade that she wanted to become an educator.

Attending the former St. Gabriel Catholic School in Detroit, she was influenced by her teacher.

"It was the first time I had a teacher who was not a nun," she said. "It wasn't that she didn't like the nuns. I always loved what the sisters did."

But her calling was in public education — so much so that she eventually turned down a scholarship to Siena Heights College to attend Western Michigan University, where she received her bachelor of arts degree in English and history. She then earned her master's degree in secondary education/reading at Wayne State University, where years later she received her education specialist degree in administrative supervision.

Four decades into her career, Kubrak has never regretted her decisions, and she has never chosen to retire even though she could.

### AGNES KUBRAK

**What:** Senior executive director of instruction for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

**Experience:** Former teacher in the Wyandotte Public Schools, adjunct professor at Northwood University's Detroit Outreach program, English language consultant for Wayne County RESA and assistant superintendent for the Hamtramck Public Schools.

**Inspiration:** Her fifth-grade teacher at St. Gabriel Catholic School in Detroit.

"I have a passion for wanting things to be better for kids and teachers," she said.

She has brought that passion to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, where she has started her new job as senior executive director of instruction.

"I'm thrilled to be here," she told the *Observer*. Kubrak began her career as

a teacher for Wyandotte Public Schools. She has worked as an adjunct professor for Northwood University's Detroit Outreach program; as an English language arts consultant for Wayne County RESA, a regional agency that assists 34 school districts; and most recently as an assistant superintendent for Hamtramck Public Schools. She has accumulated numerous awards. This year, she became the Michigan Reading Association's administrator of the year and earned Wayne RESA's Leadership Award, to name just two. She reached another milestone May 16, her birthday, when her first grandchild, Conner, was born. She just happened to have a picture of him in her new office, along with other treasures.

Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said Kubrak brings "a wealth of knowledge" to her new job.

"I think this will help us get to the next level we need to get to in student achievement," he said. "She has a unique blend of characteristics

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## Trash hauler says bankruptcy won't affect service

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

The long-troubled company that disposes of Westland's trash has filed a Chapter 11 plan to reorganize in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Detroit.

Despite the latest problem for Midwestern Sanitation, company president Paul Ruthenberg has indicated to Mayor William Wild that residents shouldn't be worried about trash pickup.

"He gave me every assurance that there would be no interruption of service to the city of Westland," Wild confirmed Wednesday morning.

Still, Wild pledged that city officials will continue to monitor the company "to make sure there's no drop-off in service."

Ruthenberg told Wild that it was "with regret" that Midwestern filed for Chapter 11, but the mayor said the company hopes to emerge in a better financial position within months.

"He told me the intent was to come out of this by the end of the calendar year," Wild said.

Ruthenberg couldn't be immediately reached for comment Wednesday morning.

This week, *Crain's Detroit Business* reported that Midwestern Sanitation had filed for voluntary Chapter 11, citing assets of \$131,664 and liabilities of

\$1,265,029.

The company also does business at its Inkster location under the name of Painter & Ruthenberg Inc., which filed for voluntary Chapter 11 with assets of \$1,032,748 and liabilities of \$2,358,271, according to *Crain's*.

Companies filing Chapter 11 typically try to stay in business while a bankruptcy court oversees the reorganization of contractual and debt obligations.

Midwestern was the lowest bidder among three companies that last year made a pitch for Westland's trash-hauling business. In the budget year that started July 1, the city's one-year cost is \$2.1 million.

Two other companies, Republic Services and Waste Management, would have cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars more.

City officials chose to remain with Midwestern — Westland's longtime trash hauler — after Ruthenberg pledged to buy newer equipment and improve services.

Earlier, some residents had publicly complained about late trash pickup and garbage trucks leaking fluids on streets. City leaders, in choosing to remain with Midwestern, acknowledged that complaints had dropped off.

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## Attorney: Teen may have wanted police to kill him

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland teenager was suffering from schizophrenia and may have been trying to get police to kill him when he was shot for allegations he went toward a police officer with a knife, a defense attorney said Tuesday.

Phillip Jay Taylor shouldn't be held criminally responsible because of his mental condition at the time of the June 8 incident outside an apartment complex on the city's northwest side, attorney James L. Galen, Jr., told the *Observer*.

"We're hoping to have charges dismissed due to his mental state at the time," Galen said, adding that Taylor may have been trying to commit suicide with the help of police.

Taylor, 17, faces a Sept. 20 preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court after forensic officials ruled that he is competent for court proceedings. However, he will be further evaluated on the issue of criminal responsibility, Galen said.

In another development, Galen contended that a police officer overreacted by shooting and wounding Taylor outside of

Westwood Village Apartments at Joy and Hix, even though authorities said Taylor tried to attack the officer with a knife.

"I think the police overreacted given the circumstances," Galen said. "My client didn't pose a threat deadly enough to warrant being shot through the stomach with a 40-caliber weapon. It's also very fortunate that my client survived this shooting and was not paralyzed or permanently damaged because of the incident."

Taylor is accused of calling police on the afternoon of June 8 and telling them that a man had a gun at Westwood Village, where he lived with his father. Taylor was found talking on a cordless phone near a swimming pool, and he is accused of going toward an officer with a large kitchen knife.

"The officer was faced with a deadly threat against his life with that knife," Westland Police Chief James Ridener said. "That being said, he acted appropriately by policy and within the law. The facts of the case were reviewed not only by an internal investigation, but also externally by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and the

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## Purse snatching lands man in prison

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man will spend two to 15 years in prison for seizing a woman's purse inside a local Kroger store and fleeing as witnesses tried to catch him.

Hassan Asaad Alwaily, 20, learned his fate last week after pleading guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to a charge of unarmed robbery.

Alwaily's plea averted a trial amid allegations he robbed the victim around 10:30 p.m. June 29 inside

the Kroger store on the northwest corner of Ford Road and Central City Parkway, just east of the Westland police station.

Police Sgt. Debra Mathews has said the woman had placed her purse in a shopping cart when Alwaily grabbed it, ran down an aisle and fled the store as another shopper and employees tried unsuccessfully to stop him.

Alwaily ran across Ford Road and tried to hide amid some trees near City Hall, but Mathews said he was spotted by alert police officers who captured him. The victim's purse

was returned to her with nothing missing, Mathews said.

The incident resulted in Alwaily being charged as a second-degree habitual offender due to earlier charges against him. He was sentenced Sept. 5 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton.

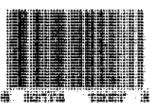
According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Alwaily already was on probation for three years for breaking into a building and for writing an illegal check in August of last year.

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# Westland woman crowned Miss Wayne County



An excited Ashlee Baracy waves to the crowd after being crowned Miss Wayne County Saturday.

A 22-year-old Westland woman is on her way to competing in the Miss Michigan competition after winning the Miss Wayne County pageant.

"I am already looking forward to my duties this year - traveling, meeting new people and getting the word out about my platform, which is breast cancer awareness and education," said Ashlee Baracy just moments after being selected.

As Miss Wayne County, Baracy receives a \$750 scholarship and the opportunity to compete for the Miss Michigan title in Muskegon on June 14, 2008. A graduate of the University of Michigan, where she majored in general studies, Baracy works as a dance teacher and competitive instructor for Encore Dance Academy in Westland. She is pursuing a master's degree in integrated marketing communications at Eastern Michigan University and hopes to pursue a career as an anchor/health reporter in the television industry.

During her year as Miss Wayne County, Baracy will travel throughout Wayne County and the state of Michigan advocating her platform issue. As a co-survivor of breast cancer and



All smiles after the pageant were Julianne Kobylasz of Flat Rock (from left), Nicole Blaszczyk of Novi, Miss Wayne County Ashlee Baracy, Christina Hastie of Dearborn, Joy Jano of Westland and Jessica Wells of Belleville.

former caregiver, she is committed to being an advocate for breast cancer awareness and education.

She will talk to various government representatives, business leaders, community groups and citizens-at-large, urging them to get involved in the fight against breast cancer.

"Ashlee Baracy embodies the qualities a role model for young women and girls should

have," said Sheila Sigro, executive director of the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program. "She's talented, ambitious and accomplished. We are excited about working with her this year."

First runner-up in the pageant, held at Livonia Churchill High School Sept. 8, was Nicole Blaszczyk of Novi; second runner-up was Christina Hastie of Dearborn. There was three-way

tie for Overall Talent (three-way tie) - Blaszczyk, Baracy and Christina Hastie of Dearborn. The Physical Fitness in Swimsuit award went to Baracy.

The Non-Finalist Talent award was given to Julianne Kobylasz of Flat Rock, while the People's Choice Award went to Joy Jano of Westland.

There also was a tie for Miss Congeniality, with Blaszczyk and Hastie receiving the honor.

Established in 1991, the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program provides opportunities for young women to achieve their personal and professional ambitions. Contestants also participate in community service activities and develop leadership skills that help them excel in their chosen career and life goals.

Winners of the annual Miss Wayne County Competition are eligible to compete in the Miss Michigan Competition, held every year in Muskegon in June. Four Miss Wayne Counties have captured the title of Miss Michigan and have gone on to compete at Miss America.

The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Each year, the Miss America Organization makes available more than \$40 million in cash and tuition scholarship assistance.

For more information about the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program, visit the Web site at [www.misswayneco.com](http://www.misswayneco.com) or call Sheila Sigro at (734) 367-0560.

# 600 youngsters meet summer reading program's goal

Some 600 youngsters have been recognized for completing the summer reading program at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

A record 1,161 children participated in the library's annual reading program, with 600 of them reading 500 minutes during the seven-week program.

"We congratulate community children who completed the Summer Reading Program goal," said Lisa Hausman, children's librarian.

The reading challenge not only enriched literacy skills for all age levels, it also offered incentive prizes, free books, craft sessions, raffles and entertainment.

The Friends of the Library provided the prizes for the finishers' raffle and several community business provided reading incentive coupons.

The sponsors for the program were Target Stores, Seven-11, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Red Robin Restaurant, Skatin Station II, Frito Lay, Texas Roadhouse Restaurant, Zap Zone/Glo Golf, McDonald's and Culver's Frozen Custard.

Among youngsters meeting the 500-minute goal were:

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# Wayne-Westland hires 3 administrators

Agnes Kubrak wasn't the only administrator hired by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools during the summer hiatus.

At its meeting last month, the school board also approved the hiring of Aaron Baughman as an assistant principal at Marshall Middle School, Jennifer Curry as principal of Hoover Elementary School and Sandra Hofman-Kingston as principal of Madison Elementary School.

Baughman has a bachelor of arts degree in elementary curriculum and English from William Tyndale College as well as a master of science degree in administration and elementary leadership from Madonna University. He has taught at Hoover Elementary and Marshall and served on numer-

ous educational committees. "I want to thank you for the opportunity, I'm very excited about this year," said Baughman who has been with the district for six years. "I'm excited about the future of Marshall Middle School and Wayne-Westland, I appreciate terrific opportunity I have."

Curry has a bachelor of arts degree in literacy and is in the educational leadership program at Madonna. She has taught in elementary and middle school and has served as a consultant to Wayne-Westland's instructional department and the district as a whole.

"She has earned the distinction of an educational leader," said Superintendent Greg Baracy in recommending her hiring.

"Thank you for the opportunity," Curry told the board. "The

last couple of weeks I have been at Hoover getting to know the staff and school. It is a great place to be and I look forward to a great year."

Hofman-Kingston has a bachelor of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University in criminal justice and sociology and a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and curriculum design and instruction. She is working on her education specialist degree at EMU.

She has been an elementary school teacher and has been involved in related activities.

Trustee Steve Becher, who taught at Madison for 23 years, told Hofman-Kingston, "You definitely don't need your undergraduate degree to be a principal at Madison, it's a great school."

Hofman-Kingston echoed the

comments of Baughman and Curry in thanking the board for the opportunity to lead the staff at Madison.

"Madison has been an excellent school, and I look forward to working there very much," she said. "It's already beginning to be a great year."

Trustee Frederick Weaver praised the selections, telling the trio that Wayne-Westland "is a great district."

"You're sure great folks and will fit fine with the school district," he said. "You're all great additions to this school district."

Becher also told the new administrators that he thinks they will "do a fantastic job."

"I know it's going to be a challenge, nothing is easy anymore," he said. "Even Madison won't be an easy job."

By Sue Mason

# Stabbing suspect on the run; cops offer reward

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

A \$2,000 reward is being offered by Farmington Hills police for information leading to the arrest of Girard Allen Stevenson, in connection with a stabbing at a home on W. Brandon Street in the area of Nine Mile and Inkster.

Farmington Hills police obtained a warrant from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office on Monday for assault with intent to commit murder.

Stevenson, who lives in Westland, is suspected of stabbing his ex-wife, a 33-year-old Farmington Hills woman, in her home and also stabbing her 14-year-old son, who reportedly tried to stop the assault.

Police were called to the home at about 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9 on a domestic dispute. Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said the victim told police she was pushed into a room and stabbed by the suspect.

According to the police report, the suspect chased the victim outside of the house, slashing at her with the knife.

She sustained cuts on her hands and her shoulder.

The couple had been married for about four years, said Dwyer, and had recently divorced.



Stevenson

Stevenson reportedly lodged violent threats against the woman the day before he dropped off their 2-year-old child from visitation on Sunday.

The woman and the 14-year-old boy sustained injuries that were nonthreatening, said Dwyer.

Stevenson fled the scene, leaving his ex-wife bleeding on the curb as neighbors called police for help, according to the police report.

Police said Stevenson works as a pit boss at the Greektown Casino in Detroit and he has relatives in Gary, Ind. A "be on the lookout" bulletin has been posted and information was entered in the Law Enforcement Information Network.

Stevenson, 35, is black, about 5-foot-10, weighing about 220 pounds. He drives a dark green or blue Ford Explorer, with a Michigan license plate of BDA5629.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Farmington Hills Police Department Command Desk at (248) 871-2610.

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## DIRECTOR

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for building collaboration, building teamwork and bringing people on board for innovative changes. We're excited about having her on our team."

Kubrak was born in Detroit, the youngest of six children born to James and Hattie McLenaghan. Her father worked as a Detroit police officer; her mother was a homemaker. Kubrak mostly grew up in Allen Park, but she attended kindergarten through 12th grade at St. Gabriel.

As a teacher, she taught English and social studies, mostly at the middle and high school levels. She often called her students her little cherubs.

Even though she is an administrator, she always keeps student needs in the forefront. To that end, her duties will include improving schools, developing curriculum, helping teachers succeed, assessing state test scores and overseeing such programs as the state's



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Agnes Kubrak is settling into her new job, which will include improving Wayne-Westland's instructional program.

Education YES! and the federal government's No Child Left Behind.

Kubrak will bring skills from the county and state level to her new job. Moreover, she has connections all the way to the office of state Supt. Mike Flanagan. She worked with him

when he held a similar position at the county level.

Kubrak seems to have a simple yet profound understanding of what it takes to help children succeed in school.

"You never have any two kids that are just alike, but it's your responsibility to reach all of these kids," she said.

In her spare time, Kubrak likes to relax by sewing, and she cherishes time with her family. Her husband, Al, is a retired teacher who now retrains adults at Eastern Michigan University. Her son James works in airport homeland security, while her daughter-in-law Kelli is a teacher for Joy Preparatory Academy in Detroit.

Kubrak is excited about her new job of helping to move Wayne-Westland forward. Some educators can't wait to retire; she has shunned it.

Why? It's simple, really.

"I don't think my work is done yet," Kubrak said.

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## SHOOTING

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officer was cleared."

Taylor, jailed in lieu of a \$250,000 cash bond, was charged with felonious assault; carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, and assaulting, resisting and

obstructing a police officer. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison.

"My client's mental health is definitely going to be an issue," Galen said Tuesday, adding later, "I don't feel that my client was criminally responsible because at the time of the inci-

dent he was unable to comport his behavior with the request of the law due to schizophrenia."

Taylor is being treated for mental issues while he is jailed, the attorney said.

"His mental state is back to normal," Galen said. "It's pretty clear that my client did have some issues mentally speaking,

and he was not looking to harm the police at all.

"It's a very unfortunate incident that my client deeply regrets," Galen said, "and I feel bad for the police officer who was involved for being placed in the position he was placed in."

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## Plan aims to save of fuel consumption

In response to rising fuel prices, Westland Mayor William Wild has initiated a plan to limit idling of municipal and administrative vehicles and equipment.

The new regulation, started through the city's Department of Public Service, has taken effect immediately.

The policy mandates that non-emergency response vehicles and equipment shouldn't idle more than five minutes. It also applies to start-ups and warm-ups when visiting job sites and material suppliers.

"With fuel costs soaring as they are, practicing responsible fuel consumption can trans-

late into considerable savings," Wild said. "These methods can also help prolong the life of our city vehicles' engines."

In another move, drivers of municipal and administrative vehicles also are practicing additional ways to reduce fuel use, including slow and gentle acceleration and shifting to higher gears at the lowest practical speed when driving vehicles with a standard transmission, the mayor said.

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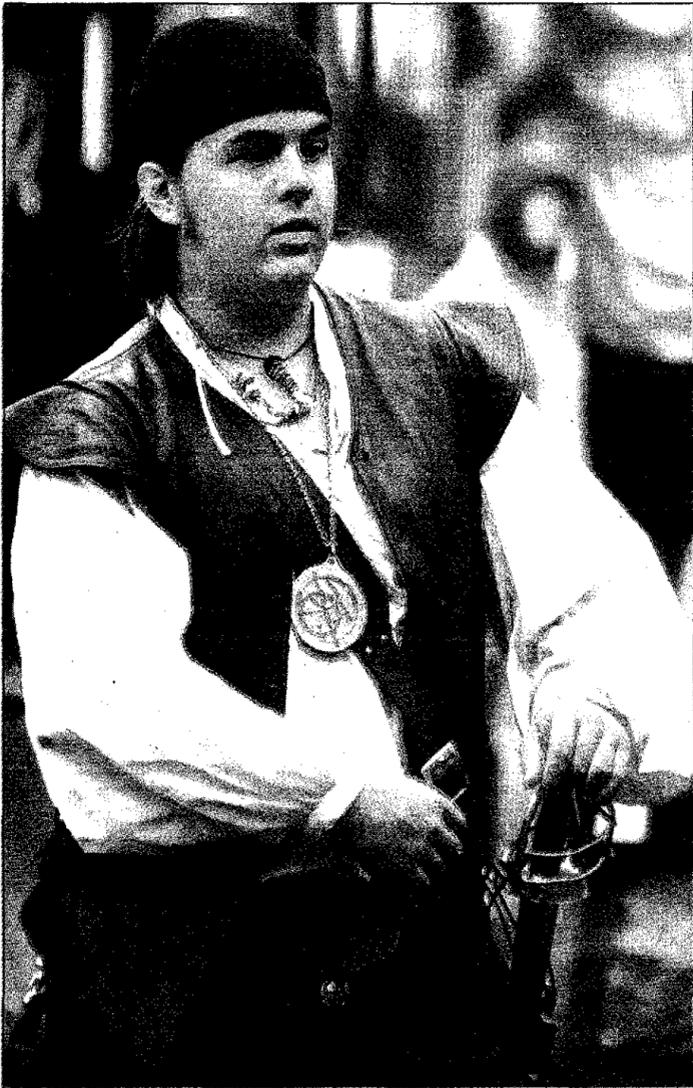
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Alex Blugerman, as pirate Brian Fox, is ready for anything at the Renaissance Festival.

## Teen actor revels in raucous festival

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Romping through the tree-canopied, dusty paths behind the turreted gates of Hollygrove, sword at his hip, Brian Fox expects high adventure to come his way at least a few times a day.

This spirited and delightfully clumsy pirate is ready for sword-to-sword combat with any poor bloke who dare. He'll do what it takes to protect his 17th Century ship, *The Queen's Bane*.

He's likely better at combat than his role as the ship's navigator, since he has no sense of direction and he cannot read.

"He's a typical bumbling henchman," said Alex Blugerman, 16, of Farmington Hills, who plays pirate Brian Fox at the Renaissance Festival in Holly.

Sporting an uncanny Old English accent with classic pirate dialect, Blugerman immerses himself in Renaissance raucous and rivalry each weekend, as one of the festival's youngest paid actors.

"He was always interested in the Medieval times — he should have been born then," said Denise Blugerman, Alex's mom.

The Harrison High School senior is one of more than a dozen stage fighters and one of five pirates who roam the festival grounds, entertaining the masses.

Blugerman does four stage performances each day at the Renaissance Festival, which is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends through Sept. 30 in Holly. His performances include two major shows per day — a morning pirate fight between England and

Spain and an evening "mass melee" fight for treasure.

In between, Blugerman performs two other pirate fights and plays the role of a "street performer" on the grounds.

While it's his first paid gig, Blugerman is no stranger to the festival, or to the performing arts. He volunteered at the festival for four years, working game booths.

He's a member of the Theatrical Combat Network, based in Ann Arbor, where he was encouraged to audition for the pirate role.

"Alex has always been interested in unique or theatrical sports," said Denise Blugerman.

Stage combat is choreographed fighting with real swords, explains Alex.

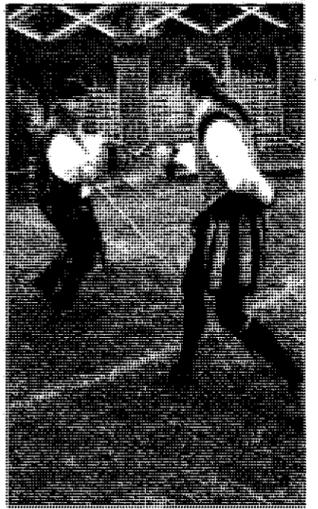
"It takes hours and hours of rehearsal," he said. "There is a big element of theatrical; everything is choreographed and planned out, so nothing is left to chance."

He rehearsed every Saturday for more than two months leading up to the opening weekend of the Renaissance Festival.

"I love acting and this is an extension of that," he said. "I love entertaining. Some people have a fear of public speaking, but I thrive on public performance."

Alex first took the stage when he was 11 years old. He has participated in Sky's the Limit Productions, Second City improv theatre, Shakespeare camp in Stratford, Ontario, and he's played numerous roles in middle school and high school plays and musicals.

Some of Blugerman's roles have



Alex Blugerman, as pirate Brian Fox, on left, clangs swords with Aaron Egan, who plays Captain of the Guard at the Renaissance Festival in Holly.

included Benny Southstreet in *Guys and Dolls*, Robin in *Robin Hood* and Harold Hill in *The Music Man*.

At Harrison High School, Blugerman is in the top choir as the bass section leader and he's in the school's theatre group. He equally enjoys singing and acting.

"I can't really pick one over the other," he said.

At the Renaissance Festival, he has enjoyed meeting other actors and making the guests feel as if they've stepped back in time.

"Anything to make their experience more enjoyable," he smiled.

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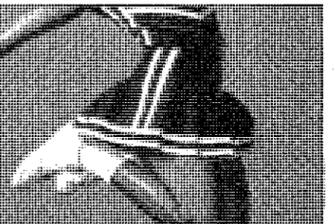
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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**Case #1751C, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Metro Storage Mini-Storage Warehouse Facility, Parcels #058-03-0001-000, -0002-000 and -0003-000, East Side of Manufacturer's Drive, South Side of Cherry Hill Road, Joseph Guido.**

**Case #2149D, Proposed Land Division, Parcel #0062-99-0008-703, East Side of Wayne Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, Joseph Paluzzi**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., October 2, 2007.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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### LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154

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Bid forms and specifications are available at the Livonia Public Schools, Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 for a \$20.00 non-refundable bidder's fee (per set) in the form of a check made payable to Livonia Public Schools.

Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 24th day of September, 2007 at the Livonia Public Schools, Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Sandra Pollack. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified, and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

No pre-bid walk through is scheduled, but contractors may visit each site by checking in with the front desk of the school.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidder.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner of any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board, Wayne RESA Board or the Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision.

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Joseph R. Jinnett, [jinnett@livonia.k12.mi.us](mailto:jinnett@livonia.k12.mi.us) or Mark Schultz, [mschultz@livonia.k12.mi.us](mailto:mschultz@livonia.k12.mi.us) or James McMuldloch, [jmldloch@livonia.k12.mi.us](mailto:jmldloch@livonia.k12.mi.us).

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# One session at a time

## Local seminary helps clients to heal, change, grow

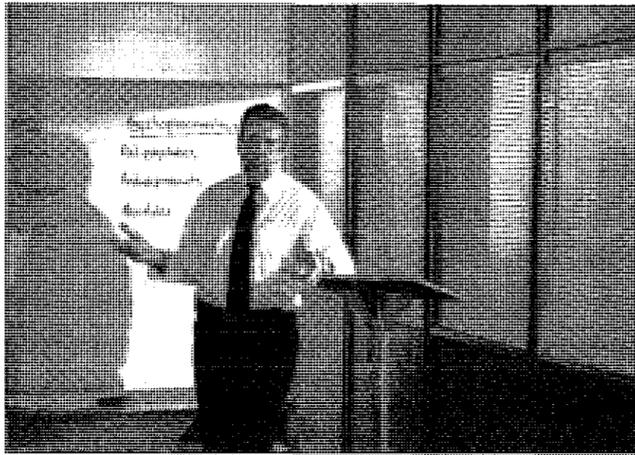
Where can one go for help when stress is high, finances are low, and change is difficult?

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Enter Michigan Theological Seminary of Plymouth. Through its newly opened Psychological Services Clinic, help is now available for as low as \$20 per session.

"Our purpose is to be part of the solution which helps people move forward in their lives", said Dr. John Restum, Psy.D. clinic director and mental health administrator with the Wayne County Jail. "We are offering the chance to obtain high quality professional help, psychological testing, and participation in healing-based groups without the worry of how much it costs."

Located at 41550 E. Ann Arbor Trail, between Lilley and Haggerty Roads in Plymouth, the clinic is



Dr. John Restum is the director of the new Psychological Services Clinic at the Michigan Theological Seminary.

staffed by graduates and graduate students of the Counseling and Psychology program (MACP) at MTS. The clinic's clients may be seen by graduate student interns or professional licensed clinicians. Restum said the prospective

client's needs are a top consideration before the first therapy session is scheduled.

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old who needs to be screened for ADD or ADHD ... or is someone who just lost their job after 29 years of service ... we are here to assist in the healing, change, and growth process."

"Opening this clinic represents a true labor of love", said Kathryn Bailey, partner at Bailey & Shamoun Interiors of Northville. "We believe in this cause and know it's a great one for people who need help and didn't believe they could afford it."

Bailey and her partner, Besma Shamoun, have coordinated the donations of furniture and accessories for the clinic site over the past several months.

"It's amazing to see how everything came together from so many different donors ... as if we just walked into a furniture showroom and selected everything on the same day," said Bailey.

"You know it's a special cause when one day you realize the clinic needs a refrigerator for the kitchen and that same week a refrigerator becomes available", added Shamoun.

The clinic is open by appointment six days a week and is housed in a separate building from the

main MTS campus. Individuals from age 4 and up are eligible for treatment as well as couples and families. Psychological testing involves a battery of tests which assess intelligence, personality, cognitive abilities and/or deficits and other specific mental health issues (depression, anxiety disorders, ADD/ADHD, etc.).

Handicap access is also available for individuals and/or group therapy on the ground level.

"Our groups generally involve between six to eight participants with one or two facilitators", explained Lavern Kimbrough, M.A. and MACP program graduate. Kimbrough will be facilitating "Growing Through Grief" beginning the week of Sept. 17 for six weeks 6:30-8:30 p.m. Additional groups include "From Panic to Peace," and "Past Hurts and Present Problems."

For more information about these groups, readers may call the clinic at (734)207-9581, ext. 328 or 329.

"Every journey begins with a single step," said Restum, "and we hope people will recognize us as representing that first step in our community."

## Redford-based foundation hosts walk to battle cancer

Runners and walkers can get their exercise and have fun at Kensington Metropark next weekend — while helping people who are battling lung cancer.

The fourth annual walk to benefit the Redford-based Gianni Ferrarotti Lung Cancer Foundation is Sunday, Sept. 16, at Kensington. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., the walk at 9:30 a.m.

This year, a new five-kilometer (3.1-mile) run joins the lineup of activities. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in different ages categories.

Other activities include a speaker (9:15 a.m.) and, for children, an inflatable moon-walk, face-painting, a crafts table and a race. Lunch will be provided.

Walkers can pick their own distance.

The money raised will be used to help needy families in which someone is fighting lung cancer.

In the past, the foundation has provided rent money, gift certificates, and prescription copays. Proceeds also go to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The foundation is named for Gianni Ferrarotti, who died of lung cancer in 2003 at age 58.

Those interested in participating can visit the Web site [www.gianniscause.org](http://www.gianniscause.org) and donate on line, or register on line for the walk.

Donations can also be mailed to GFLCF, 17345 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240.

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# Community garage sale benefits city programs

It is *THE* garage sale in Westland. And, it raises money for good causes.

The twice-a-year community garage sale will be unveiled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot just west of Westland City Hall on Ford west of Wayne Road.

The event will proceed rain or shine, said Margaret Martin, the city's therapeutic and program supervisor.

The garage sale will offer everything from kitchen supplies to children's toys to clothing to small furniture.

Vendors pay \$20 to \$25 for a spot in the garage sale. That money will support the city's therapeutic program for the disabled; the Kicks 4 Kids soccer fund-raiser; and the Youth Assistance Program, which helps get troubled children on a more promising path.

Reservations also will start Saturday for the next community garage sale, planned for May 10. Anyone who wants to sign up may go to the Bailey Recreation Center.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

# Russian pastor, sister find Americans 'friendly'

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

When Oleg Batanogov and his sister, Irina Batanogova, arrived Labor Day from their church in Divnogorsk, in central Siberia, they got a warm welcome at Geneva Presbyterian Church.

"Very quiet, very nice," said Batanogova, 48, who's the church secretary in Divnogorsk, working with her pastor brother at the Russian congregation. The brother and sister are spending three weeks at Geneva in Canton, staying with pastor the Rev. Bryan Smith and his family.

"Very friendly, very open," she said of those she's met. "I could describe better in Russian." They've been keeping busy. "Today, they're taking a Rouge factory tour," Smith said Thursday. "I have not had a chance to show them Meijer yet, or the library." IKEA's also on their agenda.

The brother and sister traveled from their Forgiveness Church, which was helped with founding in 1996 by their father and Oleg, 45. "I lead Bible study for elderly ladies," said Batanogova, who helps her brother with translation. (In Russian, women's last names have an "a" added.)

The ministry in Divnogorsk focuses on alcoholism and getting people off drugs. "We have rehabilitation ministry for drug addicts and alcoholics," she said. What they call the Center of Social Help addresses many needs, including helping homeless people and single mothers.

One woman had been abused by her husband; she traveled from another region and got help at Forgiveness Church. Also, their ministry reaches out to those with HIV, including such preventative measures as lectures against AIDS "to change their attitude on people with HIV," she said.

His training as a pastor wasn't at a special school. "We don't have special education to be a pastor, special colleges," she said in



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Oleg Batanogov, Irina Batanogova and Reverend Bryan Smith, the Geneva Presbyterian pastor who is hosting the Russian visitors.

excellent English. Pastors are often appointed and attend college later. Batanogov was ordained in 1998 as assistant pastor.

"Oleg did pastoral work before appointment," she said. Bible colleges are starting now, with the nearest one about a 40-minute drive away.

Oleg's married to Marina with four daughters, Dascha, 18, Aleena, 16, Zoya, 14, and Sasha, 8. Irina's single, but has lots of family.

"She helps me," her brother said in English.

The church partnership came about almost 10 years ago when Geneva pledged 10 percent of church fund-raising efforts from a campaign, giving about \$50,000 for the church in Divnogorsk. In 2000, seven church members traveled to Russia to build the church; Smith and his family went over in 2004 for the church dedication and stayed with the Batanogov family.

"Wonderful hospitality," said Smith, who's glad to have a visiting pastor and his sibling here. "Their mom was always cooking."

Oleg Batanogov will give the sermon Sept. 16 at the Canton church, and speak and share slides at other times.

"He really wants to see how we do ministry," Smith said.

They'll likely take in a Detroit Tigers game, perhaps offering prayers for divine intervention. The brother and sister toured downtown Detroit, including Cobo Center and Joe Louis Arena.

They'll visit church members as well. This is his seventh time in the U.S. (much of it mission work), her first.

"My impression that people are very friendly," she said, "even at the airport." They didn't want to get into international politics at length, but agreed the younger George Bush is "strict" or hardline.

"It's good when we can gain somebody's experience," she said of the ministry sharing, which included a visit to the SEND International mission office in Farmington Hills. "It helps to look at our ministry from the different perspectives. We have some things that are common. He (Smith) understands very well my problems," she added for her brother.

"I like Bryan's family very much," she said. "They are really committed Christians." Batanogova also loves her friends and home and will be glad to return in a few weeks.

"I like here, but I'm glad to get home." Her brother added he likes American "coffee and doughnut, amazing."

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**CAVALIER PROPERTIES NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
Pursuant to State Law, a sale will be held at Secured Self Storage, 2460 Gully Road, Dearborn Heights, MI on September 29, 2007 at 1:00 P.M.  
#444 Sean Hanchett  
#446 Sean Hanchett  
#737 Andrea M. Ford-Johnson  
#849 Shavette Barnes  
Unites contain misc Household items.  
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**CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 17 9/4/07**  
Presiding: President Pickering  
Present: Godbout, Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves, Stottlemeyer  
226-Approved minutes of 8/20/07.  
-Approved req. Texas Roadhouse to rec. Toys for Tots pkg. lot 11/23/07 to 1/1/08.  
-Approved bid Skate Park sign, Cal Signs, total amt. \$10,575.00.  
-Introduced Budget Amend. 2008-02, Gen. Fund, \$5,768.00.  
227-Postpones indefinitely req. National Amusements, Inc. Class C transfer and req. entertainment permit.  
231-Approved Checklist Activity: \$527,621.29 and Prepaid: \$1,382,360.86.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.  
Minutes available at the Clerk's office.  
Charles W. Pickering Council President  
Eileen DeHart City Clerk  
Publish: September 13, 2007

**CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**  
On Thursday, September 20, 2007, various items of the City Westland Police Department will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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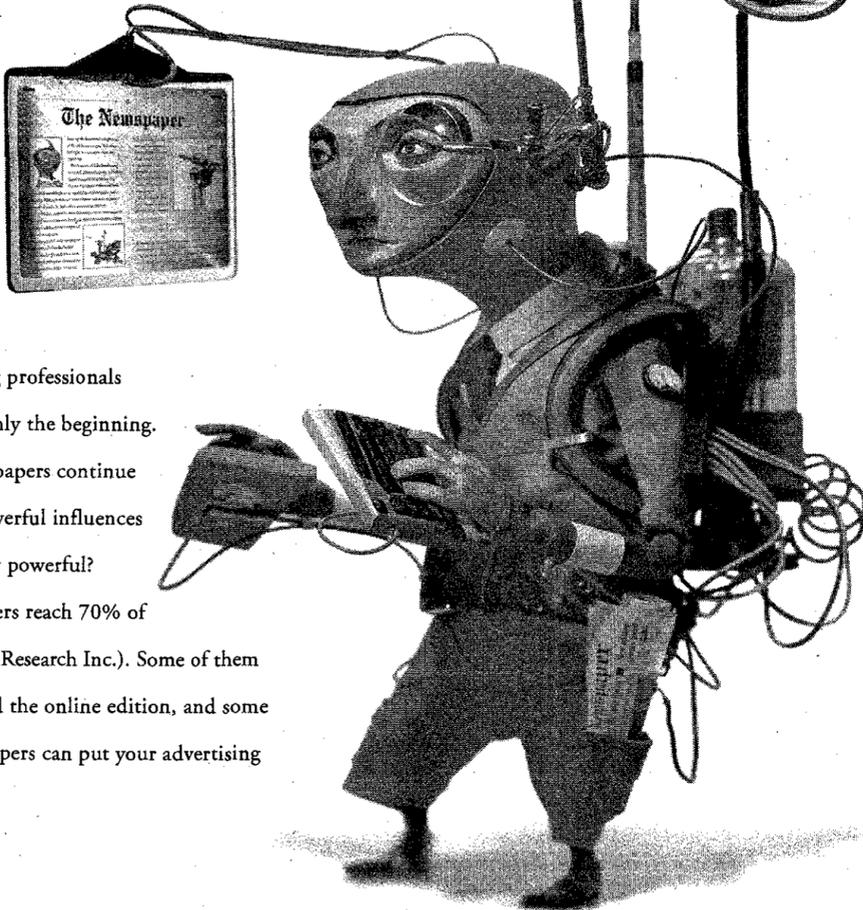
All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.  
Publish: September 13, 2007

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 36001 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185-6591 (734)729-7096 on 9/28/07 at 10:30 am.** Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.  
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5032 - Jennifer Harnos - Desk, Microwave, Vacuum  
4148 - James Tuttle Jr. - 4 TV's, Bed, Misc Items  
4118 - Shelia Walker - Microwave, 10 Boxes, Mattress  
4044 - Edward Buchanan - 100 Boxes, 10 Totes, Misc Items  
4016 - Christina Hughes - TV, DVD player, 10 Totes  
1132 - Quartesia Fields - Couch, TV, Aquarium  
1086 - Yolanda Charleston - Speaker, 5 Totes, Office Chair  
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# Firms partner to promote recycling ink cartridges

Cartridge World - Canton, part of the world's largest printer ink cartridge refilling and remanufacturing retailer, is partnering with the Go Green Initiative, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a culture of environmental responsibility, for its "Students & Teachers Unite" September promotion.

The "Students & Teachers Unite" promotion will give students, teachers and PTA

members who present valid K-12 identifications a 20 percent discount on refilled or remanufactured printer cartridges, when they exchange an empty cartridge.

Cartridge World North America also announced it is donating \$10,000 to the Go Green Initiative, and will distribute its educational materials to schools around the nation.

"We are really looking forward to getting started on this green

partnership," said Dhara Patel of Cartridge World - Canton. "Our local team is glad to join in on the company's continuous efforts to help people become more eco-friendly aware."

Cartridge World is no stranger to helping local environmental support initiatives. The company has an established recycling fund-raising program with community groups, schools and businesses throughout the nation. The fund-raising programs

invite participants to collect empty ink and toner cartridges, and Cartridge World will offer to buy back those cartridges to ensure each one is recycled properly.

"Cartridge World's program provides our client schools with an ideal opportunity to put the principles of the Go Green Initiative into action," said GGI founder Jill Buck. "By recycling ink cartridges, and purchasing replacement cartridges that are

reusable, the parents, teachers and administrators on campus are role modeling environmentally responsible behavior for the students."

Since January 2006, schools participating in the GGI have removed 39.6 million pounds of recyclable material from the U.S. waste stream, resulting in, among other environmental benefits, the avoidance of 31 million metric pounds of greenhouse gas emissions and 208 bil-

lion BTU's of energy use.

"This is a great way for Cartridge World to help give back to schools in communities around the nation," said Cartridge World CEO Burt Yarkin. "The schools can use the money they save on cartridges for needed supplies and fund-raising efforts."

Groups interested in starting a program, can call Dhara Patel of Cartridge World - Canton at (734) 254-0544.

## Moorman named vice-president and chief medical officer at GCH

Garden City Hospital has named Dr. Gary L. Moorman vice-president and

chief medical officer. "I am very excited to be a part of this great hospital and the management team. I hope

to use the knowledge and experience I have acquired over the years to contribute to the continued success of Garden City Hospital," said Moorman.

Most recently, Moorman served as vice-president and chief medical officer and director of medical education at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital - Warren Campus, a 203-bed facility in Warren.

In his two years as vice-president and five years as director of medical education, he was a liaison between administration and the medical staff, focusing on medical staff quality and managing medical staff issues, roles similar to the ones he will be undertaking at Garden City Hospital.

Moorman is currently a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American Medical Association, Michigan Osteopathic Association, American College of Emergency Physicians, Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators, and the American College of Physician Executives.

He is also an attending physician at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center Emergency Department in Toledo, Ohio.

He received his bachelor of arts degree in biology pre-med from Ohio Northern University and his doctor of osteopathy degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Mo.

Moorman currently lives in Toledo, Ohio, with his wife. He has two adult step-daughters who live out of state. In his free time he enjoys boating, gardening and outdoor activities.

Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information about Garden City Hospital, call (734) 458-3300 or visit its Web site at www.gchosp.org.

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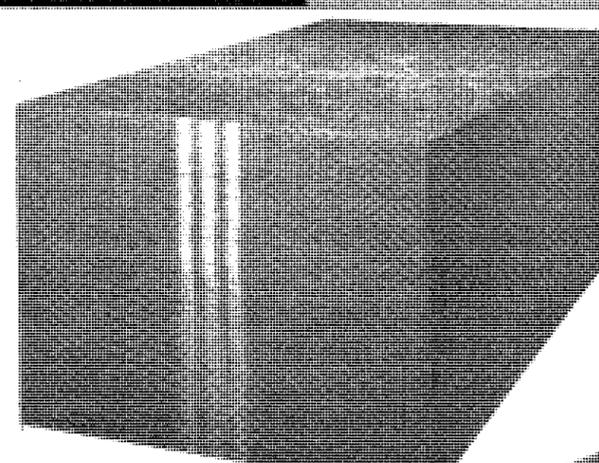
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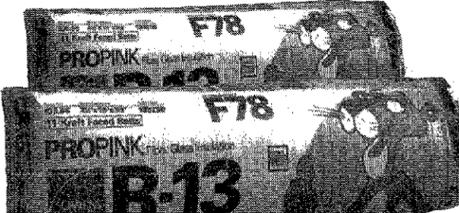
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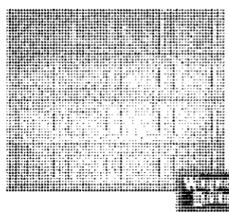
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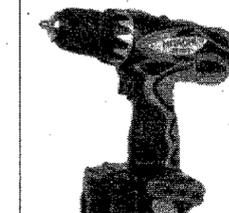
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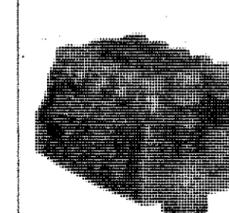
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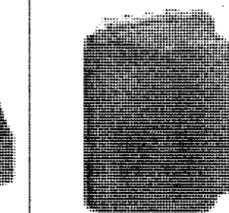
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at [sma-son@hometownlife.com](mailto:sma-son@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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**5K Run**  
The Kirby 5K run will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, in Willow Metropark in Belleville. For more information, call (313) 292-5922.

**Health classes**  
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, holistic physician and clinical nutritionist will present "Is It Really Your Thyroid?" 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Are you suffering with cold

hands/feet, stubborn weight gain, unwanted pain, mood swings? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. There is help the natural way. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. The workshop is free of charge. Seating is limited seating, so reservations required. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

**Fund-raiser**  
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool will present THE READ CARPET annual dinner auction 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Livonia Marriott at the Laurel Park Mall. Enjoy cocktails and a gourmet strolling dinner, catered by Sweet Lorraine's Chef, while pursuing the silent auction

tables. Stay late for live entertainment and dancing. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan Dyslexia Institute. For more information, call (734) 261-540, by e-mail at [candksdad@earthlink.net](mailto:candksdad@earthlink.net) or on the Web at [www.academicpathwayspreschool.com](http://www.academicpathwayspreschool.com).

**Girl Scouts**  
Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit welcomes girls ages 5-17 to discover fun and friendship, while enjoying opportunities to develop leadership skills. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit also is looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in girls' lives. To learn more, call (313) 972-GIRL (4475) or visit [www.gsdfmd.org](http://www.gsdfmd.org).

**Explore Girl Scouting**

Girls ages 5-17 can discover how much Girl Scouts has to offer all. Scouting isn't just about camping and cookies anymore. Girls learn a lot about themselves and the world around them, form lasting friendships, become more confident, independent, helpful and resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community service and challenge themselves and develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. Call the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council at (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2688.)

CRAFT SHOWS

**Knights of Columbus**  
Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call

Linda at (734) 422-0373.

**St. Theodore**

Tables are available for the fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-8357.

**Ss. Simon and Jude**

Crafters are needed for a fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, On Palmer east of Venoy, Westland. Rentals are \$25 for an 8-foot table and \$40 for two 8-foot tables by Aug. 31, and \$30 and \$50 respectively after that date. Electricity also is available on a first come- first served basis. For applications or more information, call (734) 516-7520 or (734) 721-4867.

**Sts. Peter & Paul**

Crafters are needed for the 19th annual arts and crafts show that will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, in the hall of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia t (734) 522-9653.

**Franklin High**

Those who make hand-made crafts or fine art are invited to participate in the juried Franklin High School Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. Money raised goes to the athletic department at FHS. For information, contact Julie Culp, (734) 522-0039.

**St. Michael's**

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church, on Hubbard at Plymouth in Livonia, invites all area crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. In the cafeteria of St. Michael's School. Tables are available for rent at \$25 per each 8-foot tables (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

**St. Edith**

Crafters are needed for the St. Edith Fall Craft Show, set for Saturday, Nov. 10, at the St. Edith School. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To apply, call Dawn at (734) 420-6959 or Michelle at (734) 591-7773.

**CC Mothers Club**

The Mother's Club at Catholic Central High School in Novi is sponsoring a Holiday Craft Show and Marketplace 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the school on Wixom Road in Novi. The show is open to artists, craftspersons and businesses which sell items suitable for holiday gift giving. For more information, call (810) 231-3235 or (248) 705-9519.

EDUCATION

**St. Damian**

St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, is accepting enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year. St. Damian offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

**Academic Pathways**

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, is enrolling youngsters for its for 3- and 4-year-old programs. Toilet training is not required. Call (734) 459-6689 or visit the Web site at [www.academicpathwayspreschool.com](http://www.academicpathwayspreschool.com) for more information.

**YWCA preschool**

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department is accepting registration for preschool programs. The YWCA offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2+ to 5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. For more information on these programs, or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

ORGANIZATIONS

**Friends of Eloise**

The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Films shown for benefit

Madonna University and the Citizens for Peace will continue their series of films highlighting peace and nonviolent themes with a three-theater movie festival Saturday.

The movies, all centering around the themes of peace and nonviolence, will be shown from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, in Kresge Hall and the Science Hall at Madonna University.

Theater one will show "Living Luminaries," "The Secret" and "Humanity Ascending." Theater two will show "The Peace DVD," "Howard Zinn: You Can't be Neutral on a Moving Train" and "Peace One Day." Theater three will show "Critical Mass" and a series of highlights from the Department of Peace conferences held earlier this year and two years ago.

Admission to all three viewing sites, all day, is \$15. Admission to one site is \$10. All proceeds benefit the Peace Alliance in its push to create a cabinet-level department of peace. The 11th District Citizens for Peace is based in Livonia.

For more information about this event, call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

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## Voters will be asked for photo IDs beginning Nov. 6

Beginning with the Nov. 6 election, voters will be asked to show a photo ID, or sign a form stating that they don't have one, before receiving a ballot. The requirements are the result of a 1996 law recently determined to be enforceable by the Michigan Supreme Court.

On Sept. 5, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land released instructional materials to Michigan's elected officials designed to aid them with implementation of the requirement.

"We are working closely with local election officials to ensure they have the tools and information they need to effectively communicate the requirements to their election day workers so they can properly serve the voters," said Land, Michigan's chief election officer.

"The law recognizes that people have different circumstances. Those who have no ID, or simply forgot to bring it to the polls, can still vote. By working together to understand the voter ID law, we can look forward to a smooth, orderly experience on election day."

Election workers will ask voters to show a photo ID as part of the usual ballot application process at the polls. Voters can satisfy the requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license of Michigan personal identification card.

Voters who do not possess either document can show any of the following forms of picture ID as long as the documents are current.

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state

**Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID can still vote. They merely sign a brief form stating they are not in possession of identification. Their ballots are included with all others and are counted on Election Day.**

- Federal or state government-issued photo identification

- U.S. passport

- Military ID with photo

- Student identification with photo from high school or accredited institution of higher learning

- Tribal identification card with photo

The ID must include the person's photo and name. It does not have to include a residential address.

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID can still vote.

They merely sign a brief form stating they are not in possession of identification. Their ballots are included with all others and are counted on Election Day.

Land emphasized that voters can not be challenged by an election inspector or poll challenger just because they sign the form. Any challenge to a voter who signs the form, as is the case with all voters, must be because the inspector or challenger has "good reason to believe" that the person is not qualified to vote in the precinct.

The state Bureau of Elections is conducting comprehensive training on the voter ID law for local election officials statewide.

"We must not only exercise our sacred right to vote but protect it as well," said Land. "Michigan's voter ID law adds another layer of security that ensures the integrity of our elections."

## Think before becoming a landlord

After a seminar on investing last week at the Baldwin Library in Birmingham, I was asked if it makes sense to buy homes as rental properties. The other question was whether I thought real estate prices have bottomed out and was it a good time to buy.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

Unfortunately, I don't believe we've hit bottom in the Detroit metropolitan real estate market. I believe the market will continue to weaken until the Michigan economy has stabilized.

This doesn't mean people should not buy homes. After all, people buy homes for many different reasons, not all of them financial. In fact, the best reason to buy a home is for quality-of-life issues and not financial issues.

That being said, I do believe residential home prices in this area will continue to decline in the near future.

When you decide to purchase property and to become a landlord, you are not making an investment, but rather starting a business.

In most situations when you become a landlord, you can't

take a passive view like you do with a stock or mutual fund investment. There is much more involvement.

As a landlord, you have the responsibility to make sure you select the right home to purchase.

As a landlord, your work is not over when you find a tenant — it just begins. You have ongoing responsibilities to monitor the property as well as the tenants. Many people are under the mistaken belief that being a landlord is an easy job — it's not.

Ask anyone who is a landlord and I think they will agree that entering the real estate rental business, although it can be profitable, is hard work and mistakes can be costly.

Even though foreclosures in Michigan are increasing dramatically, people should not rush out and buy rental real estate. Just like the stock market, it is hard to make a quick buck when it comes to real estate.

Do your homework before purchasing rental real estate. Prior to purchasing a piece of property, you should look at rents for similar pieces of property. If, after factoring in costs such as repairs, maintenance, insurance and taxes, you have a positive cash flow, then it may be a viable invest-

ment. My view is that there has to be a positive cash flow. Do not invest because you think you will get great tax benefits, because you won't.

Despite the recent downturns in the real estate market, real estate has been and will continue to provide opportunities for many individuals. The key is to determine if you're the type of individual that can succeed.

One question I always ask an individual thinking about becoming a landlord is would you evict your tenant for non-payment of rent. If you can't say yes, it's probably a signal that becoming a landlord is not something you should pursue.

I asked this question to the individual I was talking with at the Baldwin Library in Birmingham. When he said he could never evict a tenant, I told him he should not consider purchasing rental real estate.

Being honest with yourself and understanding the type of investor you are makes you a better investor.

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## WSU law professors discuss Supreme Court

Wayne State University Law School will host a discussion titled *The Supreme Court's Term in Review 12:15-1:20 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17*, in Room 1545 of the Law School Classroom Building.

Wayne State University Law School faculty will discuss some of the most controversial cases from the U.S. Supreme Court's 2006-2007 term, including decisions on: school integration; campaign finance reform; student free speech; and search and seizure.

The discussion will be presented by Assistant Professor Jocelyn Benson, Professor Stephen Calkins, Professor Peter Henning, Visiting Professor Margaret Leibowitz, Associate Dean David Moran, Associate Professor C.J. Peters, Distinguished Professor Robert Sedler, Professor Jonathan Weinberg, and Professor and Chair in Constitutional Law Steven Winter. A question and answer session will follow discussion.

This event will be held as a brown bag lunch, the Law School will provide beverages. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Robin Dortenzio, Special Events coordinator, at [robind@wayne.edu](mailto:robind@wayne.edu) or at (313) 577-3934.

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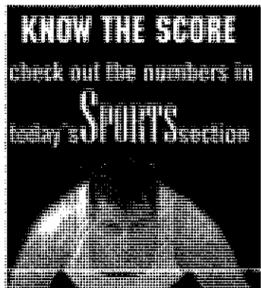
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## License request isn't bad thing

National Amusements Inc. wants to serve dinner and drinks with a movie like its competitors do, but City Council President Charles Pickering is worried that approving the request could open the door to more than food and adult beverages at the Showcase Cinema and at other establishments in the city.

Pickering is concerned about the potential for "topless and nude activity," if National Amusements gets the requested entertainment license. He also believes approving the request is taking the city in the wrong direction.

City Attorney Angelo Plakas has tried to draft an agreement that would keep the movie giant on the straight and narrow, but has admitted that it's been difficult to dot the I's and cross the T's.

And now that National Amusements has pulled its request, some officials are fretting that the company could shutter the city's only movie house and take the business elsewhere.

It's a thorny issue. As Pickering pointed out, the city has consistently refused to grant entertainment licenses because businesses could, indeed, turn their establishments into strip joints. But that is no longer the case. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has finally come to its senses and changed the requirements, setting up a special permit for topless activity.

Pickering also maintains that the change will mean the loss of a family-oriented business. By serving alcohol, the theater would become an adult entertainment center. Apparently, the administration has a similar concern which is why the city attorney is trying to draft an iron-clad agreement that will keep National on the straight and narrow.

We can understand Pickering's concerns, we can understand the reason for the agreement. But in both instances, we think it's making a mountain out of a mole hill. National Amusements isn't a strip club on Eight Mile. Its bread and butter is filling its theaters with people. It won't accomplish that by promoting sleaze. But it could fill the Showcase by bringing it into the 21st century.

Today's theaters have stadium seating, many serve alcoholic beverages and all have some kind of food, not necessarily the sit-down dinners National envisions. They draw big crowds, even those that offer just the stadium seating. In today's world, it's about destination, like shopping at IKEA in Canton and Cabella's in Dundee. People want to do it all under one roof.

What the company wants isn't anything new. The closed Quo Vadis offered alcoholic beverages that were served in the lobby and could be carried into the theaters. It also had its Over 21 Club for dining. National wants to do that, but instead of serving in the lobby, serve it in the theater.

We think the city should reconsider their actions. Yes, city officials are there to protect residents and should keep a close eye on what goes on, but not legislate morality. If parents want *Shrek III* with a martini on the side, that should be their decision, not city officials.

The MLCC has made it perfectly clear as to what the entertainment license encompasses. To borrow a phrase from Councilman Michael Kehrer, "it is pretty plain what they can and can't do."

## Parties need to reform presidential primaries

Michigan has taken a prominent role in the presidential primary leap-frog game. Last week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill moving Michigan's primary to Jan. 15, in defiance of Republican and Democratic party threats to not seat delegates selected before Feb. 5 and a pledge by leading Democratic candidates to not campaign in the state.

For many years, the presidential chase for delegates has begun with caucuses in Iowa and a primary in New Hampshire. Leaders in big, industrial, urban states like Michigan have long complained that small, rural Iowa and New Hampshire do not reflect the majority of American voters. They have argued that by the time more representative states actually vote, a decision has already been made.

The Democrats tried a mild reform by adding Nevada and South Carolina into the mix. But New Hampshire was miffed that the Nevada caucus was scheduled to precede the New Hampshire primary and vowed to move its date back to retain its traditional role.

Michigan U.S. Sen. Carl Levin sent a letter last week to Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean criticizing the party for punishing Florida for scheduling a primary Jan. 29 while letting New Hampshire do what it pleased.

Levin says New Hampshire has been holding a "gun" to the heads of candidates and "someone has to take on New Hampshire's transparent effort to violate DNC rules and to maintain its privileged position."

Two plans have been making the rounds. One, the American Plan, would begin with small but diverse states and roll out slowly. The other, the Rotating Primary Plan, would divide the nation into four sections and rotate which section votes first every four years. Both plans deserve a serious consideration. We definitely need to move past this Iowa-New Hampshire fixation.



### Funding cut is wrong

As a nephrologist in Westland, I have the privilege to serve a multitude of dialysis patients in my community.

As your readers may know, dialysis is a blood-cleansing process necessary for those who have lost kidney function. The care we provide is not optional — short of a kidney transplant, dialysis treatments are (simply put) life saving.

There is a debate in Washington, D.C., that will cut Medicare payments for these life-saving treatments. I find it alarming as a caregiver and citizen that our elected officials are threatening to cut this Medicare benefit for the most vulnerable of our community, especially when many policy makers know that this program is already underfunded as it stands.

Clearly, our elected officials in Washington must ensure that this cut is reversed. It is necessary to ensure quality care for the citizens in our community and our country who rely on dialysis for quality of care and quality of life.

**Dr. K. Thavarajah**  
medical director  
Da Vita Garden West

### Program is for parents

The Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force would like to invite all who are interested to "Drugs of Abuse - What's Out There," a special presentation that will focus on current national and regional drug use trends and drug prevention topics. Specific emphasis will be placed on issues associated with prescription and over the counter (OTC) drugs; gateway substances, heroin, marijuana and MDMA (ecstasy).

This program will be presented by Rick Issacson, US Drug Enforcement Agent. Special Agent Issacson was appointed as Detroit's DEA Demand Reduction Coordinator in 2000. He is responsible for overseeing all drug prevention activities conducted by the DEA in Michigan and Ohio.

In 2005, Agent Issacson was awarded the PRIDE Youth Programs National Drug Enforcement Agent of the Year award in Cincinnati, Ohio. His presentation is extremely informative, and will provide the most up-to-date information available on substance abuse issues affecting our area's young people.

This presentation is sponsored by the Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force. It will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium at 36475 W. Five Mile, Livonia. It is free and open to all, and no registration is required.

This program should be heard by parents, other family members, and anyone who works with or cares about young people. Please contact (734) 655-2944, e-mail info@saveouryouthtaskforce.com, or visit saveouryouthtaskforce.com for more information.

**Jason Schwartz**  
secretary  
Save Our Youth Task Force

### Still time to stop mine

Kurt Kuban's Aug. 19 editorial condemning the DEQ for approving the mining of nickel in the Upper Peninsula

would have made Henry David Thoreau and John Muir proud in its eloquent defense of protecting the magnificent resources we possess here in Michigan. Not only should we be limiting sulfide mining here in the state, but we should severely curtail oil and gas drilling and clear-cut lumbering practices on our state's public lands. We need to be preserving the beauty and wildness that exists within these peninsulas.

Instead of working to attract dirty manufacturing plants and extractive industries that pollute and despoil our state, the governor and the legislature need to more aggressively promote Michigan as a tourist destination. Let's say no to mining and drilling and say yes to camping, fishing, hunting, boating and hiking. Michigan can and should be the wildest and most undeveloped state east of the Mississippi.

Michigan is truly a water and winter wonderland. Although global warming may bring an abrupt end to our snowy winters, the waters will still be here to enjoy. As Mr. Kuban said, there is still time for citizens to voice their opposition to this mining project, which may destroy the trout fishery on two of the U.P.'s cleanest rivers, by e-mailing the DEQ at DEQ-Kennecott-comments@michigan.gov before Oct. 17.

**Thaddeus J. Hejka**  
Canton

### Choice is issue

As one of the groups named in the editorial ("Michigan should join those going smoke-free") that has successfully fought against this legislation, we must respond to shed more light on the issue.

The Michigan Restaurant Association continues to support the freedom that restaurant and tavern operators — and their guests — currently enjoy, which is to make decisions on dining choices for themselves. There is no doubt that more and more Michigan citizens have become non-smokers, and that more and more diners indicate they prefer a dining environment free of smoke.

And Michigan's restaurant and tavern operators — who are in the business of providing their guests with what they want — have responded. Since 1998, the number of restaurants and taverns in Michigan that offer 100 percent smoke-free dining has more than doubled — 103 percent — all without a government-knows-best mandate. It should be noted that these are not our numbers. Rather, these statistics come from the Michigan Citizens for Smoke-free Air, a group supporting a prohibition on choice.

This figure does not include those establishments that choose to take significant steps to alter the physical structure of their establishments to successfully accommodate smoking and non-smoking guests.

This issue has always been about choice for our industry. And according to the respected Lansing-based public polling firm EPIC-MRA, Michigan diners clearly feel there are enough choices available to them when asked about whether there are enough restaurant options in their communities that meet their smoking preference needs. In fact, 64 percent feel they have enough options

available to them, according to their poll conducted in March of this year.

Despite those who insist that they know what is best for Michigan restaurant owners and for their guests, the people of Michigan continue to be able to make this decision for themselves.

**Andy Deloney**  
director, Public Affairs  
Michigan Restaurant Association

### Look closely at candidates

We are in for a lot of rhetoric from those desiring to be the next in charge of our country.

Expect promises, promises and more promises. It will all depend on who has hired the best speech writers and how convincing their implementation of those speeches will be.

Will we vote for the typical Protestant male or be daring and vote for a woman or an Afro-American?

In 2002 we were duped in thinking that an incumbent, having past experience would be our best choice. However, in June of 2007 it seems that 70 percent of the American public feel that our leader has moved us in the wrong direction ... to say the least.

We can expect guarantees in tax code revisions, health-care system improvements, education reform, and energy independence. However these must be considered as suggestions ... government is vastly different from campaigning. Any big new program has to be negotiated with Congress. We have learned that there is no guarantee that a new president won't change his or her priorities or be forced to adopt a whole new way of looking at issues.

In the months to come, the political candidates will make foreign policy speeches.

No matter what the candidates say, the U.S. doesn't have the power or credibility to design and enforce rules for how other nations should handle their affairs. The next president will have to be far more knowledgeable about the rest of the world than the current one was when he took office. It would be ideal to have a president that has traveled the world, be familiar with foreign leaders and at the very least knows the name of the president of Pakistan.

**Elaine J. Chalom**  
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"We truly don't have a downtown area, and the dream of the DDA is to have a walkable downtown area."

- Lori Fodale, Downtown Development Authority board chair, about a plan that will be developed for the Ford Road corridor from Central City Parkway to Wayne Road

## Graphic novels often tell good story, and keep kids reading

finished a good book the other night — complete with pictures.

The book was *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi, her story of growing up in Iran during the time of the shah's being forced to flee and the Islamic revolution that followed. The book was notable for me in that it was the first graphic novel I'd read.

Sue Patterson, the adult services librarian who leads our Contemporary Books discussion group at the Plymouth District Library, urged us to give it a try. We'd read Thomas Friedman's *The World Is Flat* for the August discussion, so this seemed like a good change of pace from that weighty tome focused on globalization.

I was skeptical about a graphic novel, which she assured us has nothing to do with spicy content despite the name. The illustrated books are particularly popular with teens and younger readers, filling library and bookstore shelves.

I gave it a go, and was glad I did. The distant news story from the 1970s and '80s came to life under Satrapi's excellent work, giving the perspective of a girl from ages 6 to 14 growing up in that country and time. It's certainly timely for today's news as well.

It got me to thinking about my own preteen days, when Nancy Drew's spunky girl detective, and later the mysteries of Agatha Christie, kept me reading into the night. The Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys books at that time were criticized by some educators as lacking literary merit, but they kept many a young person reading on during a time when other distractions, notably television, called.

Cathy Lichtman, teen services librarian for the Plymouth library, noted, "Graphic novels are extremely popular." Plymouth's collection had superhero-type books to start, and librarians bought more of the Japanese-type in recent years. Within the last five years, the collection has grown. Manga is the term for Japanese graphic novels or those of that style. "They're translated into English," Lichtman said. "That's a huge, huge market."

Those titles are often tied into television and movie series, known as anime.

Manga titles appeal mostly to those age 12 and up, although the Plymouth library has some for younger children. Writer Mark Crilly from Michigan has a series that's popular, Lichtman said. "It's a very broad field. You really can't say it's one kind of thing."

The books are often in series, she said, so young readers get hooked: "You can't wait for the next one to come out." There's the graphic element, too, with kids growing up on mixed media.

"I think because their friends are reading them," Lichtman said of the books' popularity, noting not all choose graphic novels. "There's some really good literature in graphic novel format, and some that's just more fun."

*Blankets*, a coming-of-age story by Michigan author Craig Thompson, is 600 pages and is suitable for older kids. "The graphics are beautiful," she said. "Actually, that one reads really fast."

Lichtman finds the books can be hard to read for her,

with older readers used to the printed word: "I think it's those of us who didn't grow up reading comic books that have a harder time." Kids have had graphics from *Sesame Street* on.

"I don't think it matters as much what they're reading, especially for leisure," Lichtman said. Adults don't read *War and Peace* all the time. "I think that helps them develop as readers when they're engaged by the story." Young people can read what they like.

Almost 2,000 per month of the graphic novels circulate in Plymouth. "And it goes up every month. I try to have a mix so everybody can have something," Lichtman said.

Westland's William P. Faust Public Library has an Anime and Manga book discussion group for teens eighth grade through high school, meeting 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month, alternating between the two. Andrea Perez, reference librarian, said, "I think it's because it's grown, as far as respect as a genre." The books have a more legitimate storyline in many cases, she's found.

Younger kids find Manga popular, Perez said, "even though they read backward, kids seem to pick up on that easily." Older kids and adults find deeper insights in books, with some libraries looking to have separate adult sections down the road, while others already do. "I think as it grows in popularity, more libraries will do that," Perez said, noting having a separate section for adults is appropriate as some content is questionable for teens.

Perez, who also subs as a librarian in Plymouth, agreed the books benefit readers: "Definitely, because I think it's going to reach out to the reluctant readers." Some series go up to 20 volumes, and keep readers hooked.

"It's been around for a while," Perez said of the genre. "In the '90s, it was pretty new. I think it's starting to turn because they are being taught in college courses. Some of the stories have just gotten so much better. They're not just simple comic books." There are the movies that also draw people in.

*American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang won the Printz Award for top teen book in 2007. "It was the first graphic novel to win it, so it was pretty notable," Perez said. "It was pretty big at the time."

It seems to me that these books, and leisure reading in general, have a lot to contribute to today's busy young people. A colleague of mine chimed in that *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns* got things going in 1986, and that some titles are meant for adults — and clearly described as such. The stories are often well-told, and leisure reading helps kids become better students.

School has started, so there's less time for leisure reading among kids now. Still, it seems the popularity of graphic novels tells us young people enjoy reading, and good stories.

The hope is that they'll carry the reading habit with them into adulthood, as books are still thriving and have so much to offer. Predictions of the demise of the book were premature, and people still read with enthusiasm. Graphic novels are but another form of literature that can keep young people reading for now and their futures.

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## Take a break, it's good for our state

Vacations aren't just a means to play away summer days — in Michigan they're big business.

Tourism ranks among our state's top industries. So it was with some measure of alarm that I noted the vacancy signs in hotels and inns along Grand Traverse Bay, one of Michigan's top vacation destinations, in the run-up to this year's Labor Day holiday.

Privately, inn and resort keepers will tell you this summer wasn't one of their best.

There are reasons for this. For starters, Clinch Beach, one of Traverse City's most widely used beaches, was closed for a good portion of this summer due to an e coli outbreak. The locals papers were filled with letters from residents wondering just why the outbreak occurred — they wondered whether it was caused by lawn run-off from new developments, from too lax restrictions on boaters jettisoning their waste, by industrial users, or by the area's low rainfall, which hindered waterways from cleaning themselves.

Decreases in vacation days and vacation travel show us that manufacturing isn't the only segment of the economy under pressure from changing economic and cultural conditions.

Even without the pollution problem, this was a tourism season under siege. And you don't have to live in northern Michigan or even travel there to realize that's another blow to Michigan's already staggering economy.

Tourism is our third biggest industry, according to some estimates, and no one needs reminding of what is happening to number one — manufacturing.

Several factors are keeping folks at home — chief among them is Michigan's

high unemployment rate. This year's dizzying rise in the price of gasoline didn't help.

But the biggest culprit could be the lack of vacation time that even those with jobs, and in other states, now take.

Some surveys indicate that American workers now use less than two weeks of vacation time annually, compared with the full month many European workers enjoy.

That may be good for business, but it's bad for Michigan.

Slumping vacation rentals mean slumping tax revenue in a state already struggling to make ends meet.

It might not be a crisis, at least not yet. But any threat to our nation's tourism industry is certainly a major challenge.

The e coli outbreak shows us that the environment is important, not just for our health, but for our state's economic health.

Decreases in vacation days and vacation travel show us that manufacturing isn't the only segment of the economy under pressure from changing economic and cultural conditions.

With that in mind, taking a week away from work could be one of the best things you could do to boost Michigan business.

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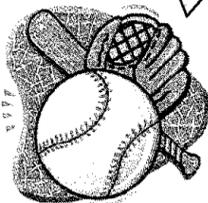
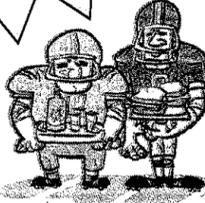
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# Large or small, puffballs filled with flavor

There is nothing like a rib-eye steak sizzling on the barbecue on a breezy autumn day to the music of cicadas still buzzing away. But nature is preparing treats too — filling the woods, fields and meadows with early September edibles. And some of these go well with rib-eye. Well done, of course.



Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

taken back a bit back when I went to the meadow to get the rest of our menu to go with the feta cheese tomato and garlic omelet. (Garlic was wild, tomatoes from garden. Could not use eggs from

my chickens. Mr. Coyote ate my chickens last winter.) But what's a good omelet without mushrooms and why go to the store when Mother Nature's fungi pantry is having a special on fall fungi?

Now a word of caution before I type another word. Never eat fungi based on some nature's guy's ramblings or a picture or a guidebook alone — never. Eat the wrong fungi and it can make you sick, or kill you. And you are just wrong if you think poisonous mushrooms are not found in this area. One of the most beautiful and deadly mushrooms I ever found was along the fire-spawned environment of the Wet Prairie section of Oakland Township's Paint Creek Trail.

This little diversion of common sense is necessary, for to the untrained, inexperienced eye, the Amanita — also known as Death Angel — when it first emerges from the earth bears



A giant puffball is headed for the frying pan.

a resemblance to young tasty puffballs, which according to mycologists in the know is rich in selenium, iron, riboflavin and, surprisingly, Vitamin C. I guess I expect Vitamin C from orange and green things — not white mushrooms.

The puffball we harvested was small — just about the size of a large grapefruit. Some are basketball big and bigger. I did the quick "gotta be safe and sure test" and sliced a knife through the middle. The marshmallow-like texture and lack of gills (Amanitas have gills) told me it was a puffball, but the test was mostly to reassure my niece. Then it was time

to slice and sprinkle with lemon-pepper, and sautéed in olive oil. Another way is to first dip into a batter of whipped egg and bread crumbs then sauté.

And the day after she left, I sliced up another puffball and soaked the slices for about 20 minutes in a secret barbecue sauce — partial sauce ingredients included cherry salsa — and threw them on the grill next to the rib-eye for a palate pleasing dinner. Juicy wild grapes and healthful autumn olive berries for dessert. Living is good in nature's way.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way.

# Here's your chance to dine with Chuck Gaidica

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

Gaidica, director of meteorology at Channel 4, is a familiar face in the metro area. As part of the Local4Casters, he's on Channel 4 weekdays at 5, 6 and 11 p.m.

A two-time Emmy Award winner, Gaidica recently helped launch a professional theatre — Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of Chuck Gaidica and would like to have lunch or dinner with him at Buddy's Pizza.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the contest is Saturday, Sept. 15.

A photograph of you and Chuck will be published in the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers and online at www.hometownlife.com.

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars



Gaidica

and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy

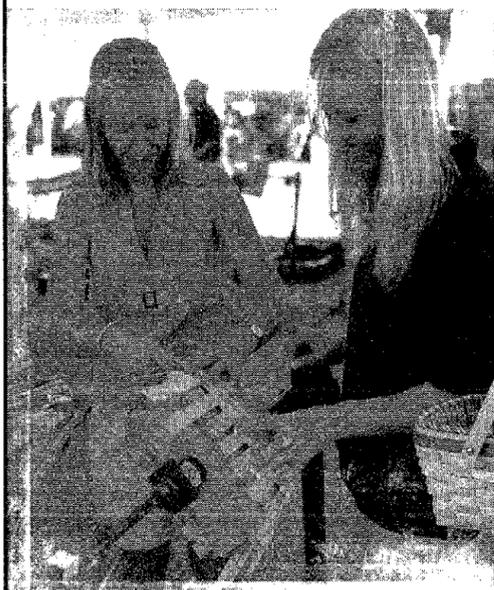
of All Class Transportation and Limousine Services; a makeover from Beauty Salon by J.Lyle Ltd. featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick; a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield; and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" will feature attorney Geoffrey Fieger (October), Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and O&E columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

The stars featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

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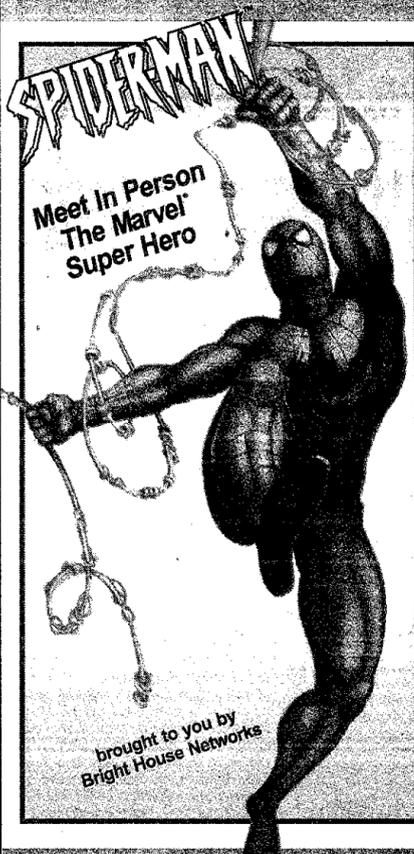
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER

**Reformed Protestant service**  
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio, will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170. Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org.

**Taste of Greece**  
Festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and

noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Festival grounds open one hour earlier. Stroll the Agora (Greek marketplace). Indulge in delicious homemade Greek food and pastries. Try the Loukoumathes (Greek doughnuts). Inflatables fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one price to play all day). Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family (two adults, up to three children). Bring your festival program back for free admission all weekend. Festival proceeds to benefit church mortgage reduction. Handicap parking available in church parking lot. No exceptions. Guest parking is available at the Bosch Corp. parking lot adjacent to church. Please use Bosch Corp. Haggerty Road entrance across from St. Kenneth's Church.

**Neighborhood picnic**  
Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Everyone is invited. Food, games and live music. Call (313) 255-6330.

**Victorian fashion show/tea**  
Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30 minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many guests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit www.firstpresville.org. Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission.

**Pancake breakfasts**  
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue

their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month beginning Sunday, Sept. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

**Lay caregiver series**  
Workshop is designed to talk about chronic physical illnesses and how they can lead to depression 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. Register by Sept. 13, at (248) 474-4701.

Sept. 24-26. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call (734) 427-1533.

**Allens sing**  
Riverside Park Church of God is pleased to present The Allens 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the church, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information. The Allens sing breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices. Listen to their music, hear the message. Their music is their mirror.

**ENDOW**  
Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching, series of sessions explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women while enjoying a prayerful, relaxed atmosphere of faith, friendship and fellowship, runs Thursdays, Sept. 27 to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

**Mom to Mom sale**  
Tri-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3855 Sheldon in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission.

**Mom to Mom sale**  
Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

**Felician Sisters Marian Rally**  
Join the Felician Sisters of Livonia as they honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally Sunday, Sept. 30. The rally begins at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) in the Motherhouse Chapel, followed by praying of the rosary at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima shrine and crowning of Mary by students from Ladywood High School. Refreshments will be available after Mass. Wheelchair participants are welcome. Parking is available at the Montessori Center of Our Lady at the Newburgh entrance. The Felician Sisters Motherhouse is at 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 591-1730.

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**FLORENCE P. BURKE**  
Age 90, September 9, 2007. Devoted wife of the late Wallace Sloan and the late Bernard Burke. Caring mother of Patricia Tinney and the late Warren Sloan. Stepmother of Charles (Jane) Burke, Barbara Harrison, and the late Valerie Trudell. Survived by grandchildren Marlo Tinney, Janelle Grimes, Joanne Gutowsky, Tamara Rittner, Tom Trudell, Tracy Simons, Taryn Trudell, Lisa Handyside, David Harrison and Michael Harrison and great-grandchildren Savannah, Colby, Delaney, Bianca, Danielle, Charlie, Mike, Janie, John, Joshua, Matthew, Katherine, Madison, Jacob, and Claire. Florence led the campaign that established a tornado siren alert program for the Township of Redford as she served as a dedicated member of the Kenwood Women's Club. Visitation Thursday 1-8 pm Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Btw. 6-7 Mile) 313-531-1888. Funeral Mass Friday 10 am at Our Savior Polish National Catholic Church 610 N. Beech Daly with visitation beginning at 9:30 am. Memorial may be made to The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation or Meals on Wheels.

**HARRY E. YUSCHAK**  
Age 75, of Farmington Hills, MI. Loving father of Harry Jr., Betty Ann (Paul) Bolyard, Judith (David) Shaw, Michele Yuschak, Katherine Yuschak & the late Mark. Dear brother of Helen (Don) Meyers & Al (Evelyn) Yuschak. Ten grandchildren & two great-grandchildren. Visitation Thursday, 6-9pm, Friday 1-9pm at the Buhay Funeral Chapel, 3103 Comnor, Hamtramck. Parish Prayers Friday 7pm. Funeral Saturday 9am from the Chapel to the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church for 9:30 Mass.

**ISABELL NEUSIUS**  
Age 86, Garden City, passed 9-9-2007. Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

**IZIDORS LEITANS**  
Age 91, September 11, 2007. Beloved husband of Zenija. Loving father of Valda (Donald) Vandersloot, Edvins (Bonnie) Kaulens and the late Andris Leitans. Dear grandfather of Caitlin, Clover, Garth, Irene, Charlene and Andris. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday from 5 PM until Funeral Service at 7 PM. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48033.

**JANE EVELYN DUTCHER**  
Age 85, September 6, 2007. Beloved wife of Eugene W. Dutcher for 61 years. Loving mother of Cary A. Dutcher, Rebecca L. Sleeper, Julie A. Dutcher, Steven F. Dutcher. Loving and Proud Grandmother of Terri, Michael, Thomas, Erin, Robert, Patrick, Trevor, Emily, Roger, Barbara, Steven. Great-grandmother of Jeffrey, Michael, Grace, Derek. Memorial services will be held at 11:00am September 17, 2007 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., at Gotfredson.

**PHYLLIS C. CARNOCHAN**  
September 4, 2007. Age 93, longtime resident of Birmingham. Mrs. Carnochan resided for the past few years at the Baldwin House in Birmingham where she made many new friends and will be missed. She attended the Arts and Crafts Center in Detroit and had a profound interest in Fiber Weaving. Her beloved husband William preceded her in death in 2000. She is survived by her sister-in-law Daphne Carnochan of Medford, OR. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.

**WALTER J. SMITH**  
Loving husband of the late Pauline M. Smith of Livonia, MI. Father of Abbey-Jo (Michael) Rehling and Dorothy J. (Henry) Avendt. Grandfather to Joseph (Sarah) Rehling, Paul Avendt, Benjamin (Kelli) Rehling, Scott (Sarah) Avendt and John (Kim) Avendt. Loving Great-grandfather to Rachel Rehling, Alexa Avendt, Jacob Avendt, Sierra Avendt, Anna Bell Avendt and Christopher Avendt. Retired LT. From the United States Navy and veteran of World War II. Retired from Wayne State University as Director of Parking Authority. Private Memorial Service. Memorials to be sent to Christ Lutheran School, 620 GM Road, Milford, Michigan in memory of Pauline and Walter Smith. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734) 422-6720 in charge of the arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rghharris.com

**JAMES MACK TENNEY**  
Died on Friday, September 7, 2007 at the age of 89 in Knoxville. He was born on January 27, 1918 in Tallmansville, West Virginia, the son of the late Fred and Julia Bell Tenney. He graduated from Buckhannon Upshur High School, attended Glenville State Teachers College and taught elementary school in Upshur County and Vocational Education at Buckhannon Upshur High School. He served as scout master of troop 138 in Buckhannon West Virginia. After service in the Marine Corp in World War II he joined the Ford Motor Company in Detroit Michigan as an instructor in their training school and a marketing division analyst. He graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit with a Bachelors of Science in 1946, a Masters in Education in 1946, and a Masters of Business Administration in 1948. He joined American Motors in Detroit Michigan rising to General Sales Manager of the Kelvinator Appliance Division. While General Sales Manager of Kelvinator they won the National Product Design of the Year for new appliance design. In addition, he was a board member of the National Association of Appliance Manufacturers, National Association of Furniture Manufacturers and National Retail Furniture Association. Following the sale of Kelvinator he moved to Knoxville, Tennessee in 1967 as President and Chief Executive Officer of Sterchi Brothers, Inc. a New York Exchange Company of fifty-five (55) furniture stores in the Southeast. Following the sale of Sterchi Brothers, he purchased eight (8) furniture manufacturing companies and in 1970 formed Dorset Corporation of Louisville, Kentucky where he was President and Chairman of the Board. He sold Dorset in 1986 and retired. In Knoxville, he had been a director of The Church Street Methodist Church and the Webb School and was a member of Cherokee Country Club. He was preceded in death by wives, Lalah Shockey Tenney and Patricia Fleming Tenney; sons, Burr Tanton Tenney of Detroit, MI and Terry F. Tenney of Warren, OH; and daughter, Sally Tenney of Buckhannon, WV; and four sisters, Eva Grace Campbell of Knoxville; son and daughter-in-law, James and Debbie Tenney of Atlanta GA; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Donnie DiBacco of Warren, OH; sister, Verma Campbell of Buckhannon, WV; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral service 7:00 P.M. Sunday at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel with Rev. William J. Fowler and Rev. Cabel W. Trent officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Wayne County, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 4708 Papermill Rd., Knoxville, TN 37909. The family will receive friends 6-7:00 P.M. Sunday at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. The Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Funeral Directors, 226 Crocker Blvd., Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043

**OTTO C. PODLAHA**  
Passed away September 10, 2007 at Munice Health and Rehabilitation Center following a brief illness. He was born January 13, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois. He was formerly of West Bloomfield, MI. Otto was a former WWII Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Glenna; four children, Dana Meuret (Jim), Fulton, MO; Mark Podlaha, Boise, ID. Glenn Podlaha (Colleen), Plymouth, MI. Gail Sandlin (Tony), Fishers, IN; and five grandsons, Taylor, Mitchell, Nicholas, Bailey and William. Memorial services will be held at the Meeks Mortuary and Crematory at 6:00pm on Friday, September 14, 2007. Friends can call Meeks Mortuary on Friday before 6:00 at: 765-288-6669. Memorials may be directed to the Cruetzfeld-Jakob Disease (CJD) Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 5312 Akron, OH 44334. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

**WILLARD D. DEN HOUTER, MD**  
Age 76 of Plymouth, September 7, 2007. Dear husband of the late Katherine. Beloved father of Bill (Elizabeth) of Dixboro MI and John (Marlene) of Edwardsville IL. Proud grandfather of Kate, Claire, Gwen, Greer, Ben and Jack. Dear brother of David, Daniel (Elaine) and Mary (Duane) Clark. Family practice physician in the Plymouth area for 35 years. Bill received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Michigan. As an "M" man in baseball, he maintained a lifelong passion for the "Maize and Blue" and all things Michigan. He was a naturalist and sportsman at heart pursuing fishing, swimming, gardening, and bird watching. He also was an avid reader enjoying a wide variety of subjects ranging from history to horticulture. Bill's love of family and friends, humble and gentle nature, and zest and appreciation for life will be forever remembered by all the lives he touched. Memorial service to be held at a later date. For more information and/or to leave a message of condolence for the family, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Dialysis Unit, 5305 East Huron River Drive, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor MI 48106-9736.

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**Catholic marriage**  
The facts - things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but did, and a couple of new things to ponder 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter is Deacon William Meahan, no need to register. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

**LOGOS Youth Club**  
Registration days are 10:30 a.m. and noon Sunday, Sept. 16, at Northville First United Methodist Church. Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at the church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 26. For more information or registration forms, visit www.funorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

**Ladies Bible study**  
Women of the Word Ladies Bible Study began focusing on the Book of James Tuesday, Sept. 11, and continues 9:30-11:0 a.m. Tuesdays to Nov. 13, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. The \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study material. Child care will be available for children through age 5 in the morning. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

**MOPS meetings**  
The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group begins meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. The first session is 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.ternan@gmail.com.

**Global village night**  
Liberia, West Africa, Global Village Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, near Lahser, Southfield. Speaker is the Rev. Charles Boyaye Jr., senior pastor, Second Grace United Methodist Church, Detroit. Liberia history, culture, customs, folk storytelling, Liberia art and dancing, music, thoughts about PEACE, sign up for Liberia Pen Pals (ages 12-17). Bring donated items for 2008 February, Liberia Mission Trip. Open to the public. Refreshments. For more information, call (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137.

**Alpha - Questions of Life**  
Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, nonthreatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhardt@ward-church.org.

**St. Michael's parish picnic**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia will hold its second annual Parish Picnic 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Rotary Park. The order of the day will be great food, fellowship, and fun for everyone, with food being served from 1-4 p.m. Highlights include softball, volleyball, games, horseshoes, moonwalks, face painting, tattoos, and much more all at affordable family pricing. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, for advance ticket sales. All food, beverages and paper goods are once again being provided courtesy of Larry Lokuta of Larry's Foodland on Plymouth Road.

**Heart to heart mission**  
St. Raphael's Catholic Church of Garden City holds the Parish Renewal Mission, Heart to Heart, Sunday-Wednesday, Sept. 23-26, with the Rev. Hugh Burns, a well-known Dominican preacher not only in this area but throughout the country. Burns speaks at 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Sept. 22, and at the 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon Masses Sunday, Sept. 23. The evening missions take place at 7 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Sept. 23-26. Burns will also be speaking 8:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday,

**Smart Discipline seminar**  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$12 per person, \$20 per couple. To register, visit www.christsaviors.org. For more information, call (734) 522-6830. If unable to attend the seminar, the DVD and 4 workbooks are available for \$89. Call (800) 208-0807 or purchase online at www.smartdiscipline.com.

**Islam: A primer**  
Join us for an introductory exploration of Islam: a 14-century old religious, geo-political, and social system 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Presenter is David J. Conrad. Please register as this will allow for the accurate preparation of handouts, seating and hospitality. Call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

**Rummage sale**  
Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia, will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 (admission \$2 per adult). Big Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6 (admission free). Saturday everything is half price.

**Men's breakfast**  
Ham & eggs, hashbrowns, pancakes, and more ... when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the

**First Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant.** Located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Next breakfast is Saturday, Oct. 6. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

**Church Women United**  
Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring one salad for every three persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Avenue, Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

**Mom to mom sale**  
9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6, at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. Admission is \$1. Rental cost is \$25 for 6-foot table, \$27 for 8-foot table, \$3 for a rack with table rental. Call (734) 532-7818 for information.

**CROP walk**  
To raise awareness and funds for international relief and developments as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Township. There will be two-mile and four-mile routes. For CROP Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9667.

**Singers wanted**  
Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. Choir practice meets once a month on Saturday and sings the following Sunday at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth road, Livonia. Upcoming practices are scheduled 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

**Fall craft show**  
Get a jump start on holiday shopping at the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia. A few spaces are still available for any handmade craft items. Call (734) 464-0990 for an application.

**Crafters needed**  
For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

**Catholic women's conference**  
Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Convenient registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

**Cruise**  
St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space limited.

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

**Explore the Catholic faith**  
We are constantly confronted with competing faith claims. What to make of them? Indeed, is truth even knowable? Explore the Catholic option and see if curiosity leads to conversion. Tuesdays, started Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall (church building), at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

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

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**Higher Rock Cafe**

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Veno, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com).

**Uplifting church services**

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to the open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as participants examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

**Worship service**

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

**Youth wanted**

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of the regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

**A healthy you**

Join with others as you discover ways to keep minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

**Sunday worship**

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

**Preschool registration**

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-08 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville Township. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org). For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to [carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org](mailto:carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org).

**Sunday services**

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

**Worship services**

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org).

**Bible study**

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

**Farmington Women Aglow**

Meets 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053 or (248) 890-5494.

**Worship services**

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and

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**Classes**

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. Choose from a self-defense class, scrapbooking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

**Tiny Tots Preschool**

Now enrolling for 2007-08 for 3- and 4-year olds, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

**Recovery program**

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m.

small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org/celebrate](http://www.wardchurch.org/celebrate).

**Bible study**

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by the Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

**Sunday service**

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

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I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **2228205**

**LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE**  
SWF, 66, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a W/M, 65-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. **22207161**

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SWF, 44, petite, attractive, nature girl, looking for a partner, who's life is as together as mine. Someone who's 40-50, and looking for a great girl for LTR. **22113552**

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I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. **2212790**

**HELLO GENTLEMAN**  
SBF, 42, 5'3", 138lbs, medium complexion, easy on the eyes, curvaceous, intelligent, classy and educated, with a beautiful heart, seeking compatible man to share my life. **22118906**

**SEARCHING FOR A MAN...**  
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DWCF, 70, 5'2", looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives and holding hands. **2225229**

**LET'S TALK SOMETIME**  
SBFC, 38, 5'8", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies, for friendship, possible romance. **22153399**

**ITALIAN/SICILIAN MAN...**  
Wanted, 40-year-old SBF, 5'8" looking for handsome, fun, older Italian or Sicilian Male, 40-55 years old, I like shopping, movies, and cooking. **2218623**

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SBF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with grown son likes walks, movies, dinners, park, music. Seeking SM, 36-55, for friendship, possible romance. **2225229**

**UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE...**  
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DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Visiting to meet N/S W/M, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **22263098**

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SWM, 27-57, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. **2220861**

**CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE**  
SBF, 40, curvy, seeking a SWM, 40-50, masculine, who likes walks, movies and having fun. No head games. **2217813**

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SBF, 46, 5'6", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. **2216297**

**BUSY GIRL**  
Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5'11, brown wavy long hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. **22201116**

**HI THERE**  
SBFF, 35, 5'8", 135lbs, sexy curly, golden-brown complexion, long hair, beautiful smile, seeks SWM, 45+, to share life and all of it. I enjoy water sports, travel, fine dining, art. **2218966**

**MAYBE US**  
SBF, 42, 5'8", brown, N/S, enjoys weekend get-aways, seeking a SWM, 37-48, N/S, to share interests and companionship. **2214333**

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
W/MF, 66, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, counting, hiking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. **2219719**

**MAYBE US?**  
Sociable, employed SWF, 59, enjoys family, friends, sailing, boating, water travel, reading, quiet times, live music and more. Looking for family-oriented gentleman with a zest for life. **2219838**

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
Energetic SBF, 52, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentleman, N/S, to share these. **2219267**

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**GOOD TIMES**  
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**OLD SCHOOL GIRL...**  
Looking for old school guy. SBF, 41, has a good sense of humor, N/S, seeks nice guy, for dating and possibly more. **2218652**

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SWM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. **2220260**

**SEEKS NEW FRIENDS**  
Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, bookstores, coffeehouses, biking, sports, searching for a SWM, 18-45, who can enjoy the same. **2219785**

**WORTH YOUR CALL**  
SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. **22101967**

**A GOOD WOMAN 4 U**  
Laid-back, nice SBF, 42, N/S, N/D, loves music, movies, bowling, relaxing by the water, quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving, to share friendship and possibly more. **22208055**

**SINCERE ONLY**  
SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possibly more. **2210970**

**HELLO GENTLEMAN**  
SBF, 36, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? **2213418**

**LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER**  
SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. **2226494**

**LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE**  
Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SWM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, caring, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. **22290301**

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
SWF, 50, 5'7", easy on the eyes, full-figured, nice personality, D/D-free, enjoys camping, music, football, casinos, cooking and much more. ISO god-natured SWM, 55-71, with same interests. **2220857**

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?**  
Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, friends-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share my life. **2221226**

**READ THIS!**  
SWF, 61, N/S, hombody, enjoys outdilling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. **22184114**

**LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE**  
SBF, 56, Gen. Enjoys sometimes, sexy and cute, loves travel, cooking, movies, gardening, candle-lit dinners, theater, good people. Seeking companionship with interesting, open-minded lady, who can intrigue me. **2218275**

**WHY NOT CALL?**  
SBF full-figured, seeks a SWM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2217234**

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
DWF, 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining outdoors. ISO tall, SDWM, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. **2220852**

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
W/MF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. **2211330**

**POSSIBLE LTR**  
SWFF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **2293381**

**DO YOU EXIST?**  
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced W/M, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. **2220296**

**SOUND LIKE YOU?**  
SF, 26, fun-loving, enjoys sports, romance and trying new things. Seeking honest, easygoing man to share talks, good times, friendship and fun. **2207859**

**CALL ME SOMETIME**  
Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day time, good talks, togetherness, casual, time with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good things in life. **2209752**

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-68, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2207254**

**I NEED A LOVE...**  
charming W/F, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving. **22299359**

**NO DRAMA**  
SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. **2217226**

**HOW ARE YOU?**  
Attractive, caring SBF, 32, 5'2", likes comedy/suspense movies, dining and having fun, seeking a woman, 25-35, athletic, soft-stud, for friendship first, possible LTR. **2221919**

**LET'S TALK**  
SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SWM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. **2219072**

**GIRL NEXT DOOR**  
SWF, 22, 5'5", brown/hazel, seeking a SM, 22-36, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. **2212872**

**SENT FROM HEAVEN**  
SBF, 21, loving, caring, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SM, 25-72, with similar qualities, to spend time with, go out to dinner or the movies. **22201386**

**THE GOOD LIFE**  
SBF, 25, 5'7", seeking a SBF, 20-36, who enjoys the simple life, hanging out in the park, watching the movies, shopping or walks in the park. **2219864**

**LET'S MEET**  
SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SWM, 48-60, who likes concerts, cooking and dining. Let's get together and talk. **2220587**

**OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN**  
SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SWM, 19+, with various interests. Let's get together and talk. **2220977**

**LET'S SEARCH FOR KING**  
SWF, 23, searching for a SWM, 25-35, outgoing, sensitive, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. **2208814**

**LADY IN THE WOODS**  
SWF, 50, blond, young, nice smile, blond/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. **2210247**

**NURSE**  
Attractive SWF, 64, 5'10", 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2210979**

**TRY TO CONTACT**  
SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, brunet complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times. **2213013**

**ILL MAKE U SMILE**  
Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/M, to share friendship, fun times, talks laughs a little romance and see what happens next. **2212804**

**LET'S TALK**  
SF, 31, 5'9", brown, N/S, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. **2213820**

**FUN AND SIMPLE**  
SBF, 19, dark complexion, N/S, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. **2222283**

**GET TO KNOW ME**  
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **22263760**

**READY FOR A FRESH START?**  
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 220lbs, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **22292459**

**SEEKING MR. RIGHT**  
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SWM, 45-60, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **22285794**

**VERY CUTE**  
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, air-cori, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **22113198**

**WIDOW**  
Blonde hair, green eyes, 120lbs, 65-year-old SWF, N/S, enjoy the theater, travel, music, museums, dining, art, etc. Seeking SWM, 63-68, with similar interests. **2224933**

**ARE YOU MY LADY?**  
SEM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. **22178497**

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!**  
Handsome, mature part SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. **22178497**

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
SWF, 59, handsome, N/S, blond/blue, 5'9", 165lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing, seeks WF, 42-65, N/S, physically fit, with classy and style. **22134098**

**LOOKING FOR LOVE**  
26-year-old, marriage-minded male, seeks foreign female. Must be sweet, caring, and attractive. **22192333**

**WHAT'S UP LADIES?**  
Fun-loving, genuine SEM, 30, 5'5", brown complexion, good-looking cool, fun, looking for a lovely, sexy lady to kick with. I like cooking, board games, nights out, more. Call me. **2222957**

**HI LADIES**  
SEM, 30, no kids, employed, independent, 5'7", medium complexion, bradys, looking to meet a sweet, cool lady level-headed and real to share all the good things in life. **2225791**

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **22282418**

**ANOTHER STATE OF MIND**  
SWM, 35, enjoys action/adventure films, day trips, weekend getaways, music/funk/dance. Seeking sociable, fun-loving, creative SF, with interested in art, India music, exploring life and new adventures. **2223363**

**MAYBE?**  
SWM, 47, 6'1", 165lbs, looking for fun-loving, easygoing, cool lady, slender and beautiful, who knows how to have a good time in life and knows what she wants. **2220880**

**TAKE A LOOK**  
SM, 47, muscular build, attractive, employed, outgoing, 6'2", 230lbs, dark hair/eyes, olive complexion, ISO outgoing, loving SWF, 50-62, fit, active and fun to share life and it's simple pleasures. **2221496**

**VERY NICE GENT**  
SWM, 40, personable and sincere, a good listener, has a gentleman's touch and a strong shoulder to lean on. Seeking friendly, lively lady, friend/companion. **2222611**

**HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?**  
SM, 52, enjoys BBQs, time spent by the water, sunsets, jazz, cooking, travel, long walks and much more. Looking for a kind-hearted, affectionate woman to treat like a queen. **2224287**

**WORTH IT**  
SM, 63, blond, 6'1", 220lbs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keeping active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, energetic, attractive lady who's spontaneous, who enjoys the same. **2219535**

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**SINGER SINGS SINGER**  
SWM, 52, in shape, sober, enjoys singing karaoke, playing guitar, animals, the simple things, seeking SF, 30-45, in shape, no kids, and a good country singing voice for friendship, more. **2216897**

**READY FOR FUN?**  
SWM, 37, true gentleman, N/S, if you like to laugh, be silly, play around then you should get in touch with me. **223147**

**I'M A BIG MAN**  
SBM, 43, taddy build, can do a very romantic, likes quiet times at home, enjoys going out for walks, family time. Seeking similar female, for dating and more. **2232670**

**TRY THIS ONE**  
Loving, young-looking SM, 36, 5'9", 200lbs, well-groomed, health-conscious, likes action and horror films, seeking a nice, cool, honest lady who knows what she wants in life, for friendships and fun. **2219704**

**ASIAN PRINCESS**  
WM, 37, enjoys travel, clubbing, walks, video-games, and concerts. Seeking 18-45 AF for LTR. **2220854**

**LOOKING FOR SOME FUN**  
Hardworking, friendly, easygoing SWPM, 32, enjoys evenings of drinking, socializing, music, more. Seeking sexually expressive lady, 18-45, with similar interests, for serious relationship. **2228074**

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SWM, 36, 6', 240lbs, brown/brown, muscular, attractive, well-built, likes movies, dining out, travel, trying new things. ISO attractive, fit, honest, fun SF, to share the good times in life. **2221121**

**ELECTRICIAN**  
SBM, 48, N/S, 6'2", 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, sport bikes, movies, tofu. Seeking a SF, 30-45, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with a sense of humor. **2221121**

# McCotter defends his record in D.C. on Iraq, economy

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER



McCotter

The lunch crowd at Westland Rotary wasn't hostile to Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, but they had some tough questions about the war in Iraq.

"If they cannot win, then we bring them home," the Livonia Republican lawmaker said Thursday, Aug. 30, in response to a question from club President Lou Toarmina of Westland.

"They tried to create Washington in Baghdad," McCotter said of the Bush administration's Iraq plan. "Our democracy evolved from the grassroots up."

McCotter defended his record on the war, urging the listeners to be patient "and let it (democracy) take its own native form. Unless the people you represent want something, it's not going to happen."

McCotter, speaking at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army to Rotarians and guests, believes the Iraqis are feeling the effects of Saddam Hussein being deposed. Kim Shunkwiler of Wayne, a Westland chiropractor and Vietnam vet-

eran, asked about troops leaving Iraq.

McCotter replied by urging listeners to heed broadcasts on the CBC from Canada. In that country, you hear anti-war arguments about Afghanistan like those heard here on Iraq.

The congressman believes if the U.S. leaves Iraq now, Taliban-type extremists in Pakistan who have nuclear capabilities will dominate. He foresees two nuclear fault lines, Pakistan/India and Iran/Israel, and an ideological struggle like the Cold War. He envisions further problems in the Middle East.

"Now what you're going to see in Washington is this new 'blame the victim,'" McCotter said. Former servicemen from the U.S. who return to North Vietnam receive a warmer welcome than those in the South, he said, who believe they were lied to about American support.

McCotter gave credit to former U.S.

President Bill Clinton for his criticism of Chinese who killed students in Tiananmen Square in that country. He praised the U.S. tradition of respect among those who disagree: "There's a certain commonality of agreement on the system of government we have."

Toarmina, who owns a pizza business, welcomed the congressman, noting "With us we have one of the most influential men in the country. We're happy and proud to have him."

McCotter also faced tough questioning on the home front, with Michigan's economy the major concern and small business needs specifically. The congressman cited our state's population loss, including young college graduates leaving.

"This is at a time when the rest of the country isn't going through this," McCotter said. Either Michigan will catch up to the U.S. — or the national economy will come down.

"If the national economy lands on us, it's going to be a very long time," he said and his colleagues work to bring more tax dollars back to Michigan: "We've

been very good on a bipartisan basis on doing that."

He said both the GOP and Democratic parties have members who don't understand the needs of manufacturers, including auto companies. He'd like to see alternative energy sources which equate to less reliance on foreign oil.

"We have great community colleges, we have great universities," Michigan's skilled workforce is another asset, McCotter said.

"The state has to be competitive with other states," Massachusetts adjusted to loss of the textile industry, a good analogy for our state, he said. "How did they make change?"

Michigan's representation in the U.S. House of Representatives is dropping, he said. "That means fewer people there to fight to bring our money back."

"My No. 1 job is to make sure the national economy doesn't crash down on us," McCotter said. "The greatest thing Michigan can do for itself is to start generating wealth."

## SINGLES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

The American Singles' Golf Association will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Maples Club at 31260 Wakefield Road in Novi (off of 14 Mile Road between M-5 and Novi Road.)

Cocktails and mingling will be at 6 p.m. with announcements at 7 p.m. Dinner is optional and is off the menu. To preview our upcoming events, visit the Web site at [www.southeastmichigan.singlesgolf.com](http://www.southeastmichigan.singlesgolf.com). This is a great way to meet single golfers in our area and golf some of Michigan's nicest courses both locally and statewide. Since the association is a national club, you also have the option of golfing with other ASGA (American Singles' Golf Association) groups around the country.

For more information about the club, contact Diane at (248) 347-0379.

# Attorney General Cox launches cyber safety program for children

Attorney General Mike Cox last week unveiled an Internet predator education program for school children. The program, titled the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (Michigan CSI), proactively combats the problem of Internet predators by educating students, teachers, and parents about how to avoid dangers on the Internet.

"Our Criminal Division is a national leader in the arrest of Internet predators," Cox said. "Now, with Michigan CSI, we will be a national leader in proactively protecting children through education and prevention."

The program is being offered to all Michigan schools, public and private, as well as the home school community.

Demand for the program is so high that already more than 70 school districts from 44 counties, representing more than 210,000 kindergarten through eighth-grade students, have already registered. Additional seminars are also available to provide parents and community leaders with practical tools for keeping children safe online.

The President of the Internet Keep Safe Coalition, Marsali Hancock, said, "Attorney General Cox's outstanding S@fetyNet campaign makes it easy to report Internet crimes against children and will help families better understand how they can provide the safest possible Web experience for their children."

The Attorney General's office is also partnering with the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association and the Michigan

Association of Broadcasters to promote Michigan CSI.

"Cable television companies are committed to keeping kids safe in a wired world, so we are proud to join Attorney General Cox in the Cyber-Safety Initiative," said Colleen McNamara, executive director of the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association. "The programming we will televise throughout Michigan during this campaign will help educate parents and teachers about the risks our kids face online and how to protect them from the dangers that exist on the Internet."

"The Michigan Association of Broadcasters and its 389 member stations, both radio and television, are pleased to be working with Attorney General Cox on the important issue of Internet predators," said Karole White, President and CEO of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. "Our members have already been active with this issue and welcome the opportunity to localize the message to benefit the families and young people of Michigan."

The Michigan CSI program was developed drawing on resources from nationally recognized Internet safety programs and in consultation with Michigan teachers and parents. The program was piloted to more than 8,500 students in three school districts and is recommended by all three pilot district superintendents. Michigan CSI consists of four different age-appropriate seminars: K-third grades; fourth-fifth grades; sixth-eighth grades; and a community seminar. A portion of the program

also deals with the nation's fastest growing form of bullying — cyberbullying.

"Michigan CSI is more powerful than the strongest software filter, because this program will arm children and parents with the knowledge they need to protect themselves," Cox said. "For the past 18 months, our office has been designing this project to provide an intersection between law enforcement and education to protect our children."

Area school districts already participating in Michigan CSI include Detroit Public Schools, Royal Oak, Warren Consolidated, Wyandotte, Monroe, Clarkston, Chelsea, Dexter, Redford Union, Oakland ISD, Wayne RESA, St. Mary's of Redford, and St. Edith of Livonia.

Material from the Michigan CSI presentations can be accessed on the Attorney General's Web site, [www.michigan.gov/ag](http://www.michigan.gov/ag), under the Key Initiatives heading. The Michigan CSI home page provides a wealth of material, including a summary explanation of the program, handouts from the presentations, and an online registration form. Portions of the presentation to sixth- through eighth-grade students may also be viewed on You Tube via a link at this site.

Parents and community members can also report suspicious or dangerous contact on the Internet by accessing the Attorney General's Web site, clicking on the Michigan CSI homepage, then clicking on the button marked, "Report Internet Abuses Against A Child."

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## Repeat of the feet: Churchill girls, Calka reign

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

There were no real surprises in Tuesday's Livonia Public Schools Invitational girls cross country meet.

Everything went pretty much according to script as Churchill, last year's Division 1 state runner-up, repeated and earned its fifth LPS title since 2000 with 23 points on the Cass Benton Park course.

Stevenson, led by three-time winner Courtney Calka, placed second with 35, while Franklin took a distant third with 82.

Calka, a junior, held off Churchill senior Rachel



Calka



McFarlane

McFarlane for individual honors with a first-place time of 19 minutes, 13 seconds over the 5,000-meter course.

McFarlane's time was 19:27. Churchill teammates Sara Kroll, a sophomore, and Alyssa Mira, a junior, were next with clockings of 20:06 and 20:16, respectively.

Also in the top 10 for the Chargers were sophomore Amanda Southwell, sixth (20:59); Michelle Verellen, eighth (21:19); and Kim Verellen, ninth (21:19).

"I thought we looked good today," said Churchill coach Sue Tatro, whose team defeated defending state champion Rochester Adams on Saturday by 11 points for the West Bloomfield-Brother Rice Invitational title. "This was only our second meet and I'm very pleased with the times."

Stevenson, meanwhile, got a fifth-place finish from Denee Meier (20:53); a seventh from newcomer Julia Schroeder

(21:06); and a 10th from Samantha Kay (21:24.01).

"Churchill looks good," Stevenson first-year coach Nancy Gavoar said. "Their top three girls are the best top three in the state."

"Overall I'm happy how my kids performed. My kids did great. Schroeder is a first-year cross country runner who came out as a senior. She's strong. She's a soccer and basketball player who picked up a third sport with the (MHSAA) change of seasons."

Calka, meanwhile, was coming off a fifth-place finish in Saturday's Bath Invitational. She knows the Cass Benton course well.

"You have to power up the hills," the junior said. "Only on the back stretch does it flatten out. I felt good, but after two miles my feet were pounding and there was not a spring in my step. But this race is the only race where I didn't feel like I had to throw up."

Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund was also encouraged by his team's showing.

"It was our third meet in seven days," Bjorklund said. "We had all ninth- and 10th-graders except one senior, and our top five were all under 23 minutes. That bodes well for the future."

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## Sidelines

### Blazers blank EGR

Goals by junior Leah Malm, senior Kristen Selasky and sophomore Shea McParlane carried Livonia Ladywood to a 3-0 victory Saturday over visiting East Grand Rapids in a Michigan High School Girls Field Hockey League cross-over match.

Selasky's goal came off a drive into the circle from Jenna Sheahan.

Sophomore goalkeeper Sara Burnosky didn't have to make a save en route to the shutout as the Blazers improved to 2-2-1 overall.

### Titan harrier meet

Salem grad and Wayne State University alum Nick Allen became the first three-time winner in the annual Tommy Titan Invitational cross country meet held Saturday at Cass Benton Park.

Allen covered the 4-mile course in 19:57 as the WSU Alumni team edged the Warriors' collegiate squad for the team title, 41-45.

Madonna University, led by Livonia Stevenson's Keith Hearn's 32nd-place finish in 22:43, took eighth out of nine teams with 222 points.

Other MU finishers included Joe Horka (Livonia Churchill), 46th (23:26); Jacob Burman, 53rd (23:52); Max Guy (Stevenson), 66th (24:39); and Charles Wolfe, 73rd (26:01).

Joe Verellen (Stevenson) of the WSU alumni team took 12th in 21:24.

In the women's race, WSU defeated Eastern Michigan University for the title, 26-49, as Rachelle Malette clocked the fourth fastest 5-kilometer time in Titan history (17:57).

MU, fifth place with 140 points, was led by Kirstian Tyler (Livonia Franklin), who was 18th in 21:04 followed by Kari Saarela (Franklin), 30th (22:13); Devan Walley (Franklin), 34th (22:24); Amanda Weaver, 48th (25:06); Jessika Friend, 49th (25:06).

Schoolcraft College, sixth in the team standings with 164 points, was led by 21st-place finisher Rebecca Rehberg (Stevenson), who clocked a 21:27.

## Chargers, Sirena rule Livonia race

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Evan Sirena had more than a little bit of motivation going into Tuesday's Livonia City boys cross country meet at Cass Benton Park.

The image of an *Observer* photo from last year and run recently again of the Franklin runner finishing third behind Churchill's Brandon Grysko and Joe Varilone remained etched in his mind.

"I needed to get revenge for that," said the senior, who overhauled Varilone with a last-ditch sprint to win the 5,000-meter race in 16 minutes, 59 seconds. "I was thinking about that picture all year. I was thinking about it when I made my move. I did not want to be shown up again because Franklin is usually looked down upon. It's always nice to beat your rivals."

Varilone, a senior, who was clocked in 17:00, stayed behind Sirena on the first lap, but pulled ahead just before the three-mile mark.

Sirena then put on a burst of speed just before the finish to become Franklin's first city boys champion since Josh Burt did it in 1998.

"He (Sirena) has another gear," Franklin coach Walt Reasor said. "He gutted it out at the end. He timed it just right, but I thought it was too late. He's a good guy and he's worked so hard. We just need others with him, but it's coming."

Sirena's first-place finish, however, couldn't keep Churchill from winning its fifth straight city championship with 27 points. The Chargers easily outdistanced Stevenson and Franklin with 48 and 49, respectively.

The Chargers placed five in the top 10 as junior Mark Waterbury added a third (17:14), while senior Paul Folk placed sixth (17:41). Grysko, a senior and

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## MU pulls rank on Cornerstone



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Junior outside hitter Whitney Fuelling provided plenty of front-row power during the Julie Martin Memorial Tournament last weekend and in Tuesday's WHAC win at home over Cornerstone.

Madonna University may be out of the top 25 in the NAIA women's volleyball rankings, but the Crusaders remain the team to beat in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference following a 30-24, 30-28, 31-29 triumph Tuesday at home over 14th-ranked Cornerstone.

Three players recorded double figures in kills for the defending WHAC champions, who improved to 9-5 overall and 1-0 in the WHAC.

Lubovj Tihomirova led the way for MU with 17 kills, while Whitney Fuelling and Mary McGinnis added 15 each.

Setter Inta Grinvalds finished with 50 assists, while Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill) contributed 15 digs.

Rebecca Baker paced Cornerstone (11-2, 0-1) with 22 kills, while Holy Cousins added 11. Tori Egerer collected 16 digs, while Marcie Blacquire had 44 assists.

After taking both matches on the first day of the eighth annual Julie Martin Memorial Tournament, host MU wound up splitting a pair of Saturday matches.

Against 17th-ranked Georgetown (Ky.), the Tigers swept past the Crusaders, 32-30, 30-27, 30-18, to improve to 9-1 on the season.

Grinvalds (43 assists), Tihomirova (15 kills), Fuelling and McGinnis (12 kills each) and Gatt (18 defensive digs) were the bright spots for MU.

In MU's tournament finale, the Crusaders came away with a 31-29, 30-26, 30-24 victory over 24th-ranked Cedarville (Ohio), which slipped to 5-3 overall.

Once again, Madonna received a boost from Grinvalds (41 assists) and Tihomirova (19 kills), while Gatt chipped in with 19 digs. Fuelling added nine kills.

## Madonna's Jono aces field at Bay Pointe Invitational



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna University's Jono McMahon drives the ball during Sunday Bay Pointe Invitational in West Bloomfield. McMahon scored a hole-in-one during the quad meet, the first time that's been done in school history.

Sunday didn't bring victory to Madonna University's men's golf team at the Bay Pointe Invitational in West Bloomfield.

But it brought history. That's because Madonna's Jono McMahon became the first-ever Crusader to score a hole-in-one.

McMahon turned the trick on the par-3, 171-yard seventh hole at Bay Pointe Golf Club. He went on to win medalist honors at the quad meet, hosted by Oakland Community College, with a 2-under-par 69.

McMahon's outstanding day, unfortunately, couldn't lift MU to the invitational team championship.

A quartet of OCC Raiders (Tony Lis, Anthony Provenzola, David Kurtz and Jim Uelman) each

recorded either a 72 or 73 to pace their team to the championship with a total score of 290 (6-over-par).

MU placed second with a total of 304, while Rochester College (third, 320) and Holy Cross College (fourth, 327) brought up the rear.

Other Crusaders also had good showings at Bay Pointe, however.

Steve South (Livonia Franklin) finished sixth with a score of 74, while Matt Robinson (Livonia Churchill) tied for 10th with a total of 80.

Other MU golfers included Salem's Aaron Cheesman (tied 12th, 81) and Franklin's Austin Stillman and Tom Voyer (tied 16th, 83).

- By Tim Smith

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# Churchill spikers derailed by Marian

Defending state Class A girls volleyball champion Livonia Churchill opened its season Saturday at the Portage Northern Invitational by going 4-1-1 and reaching the semifinals before losing to eventual runner-up Birmingham Marian in three games, 19-25, 25-20, 15-5.

"It was a really good first day for us," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We played extremely well all day and unfortunately we beat ourselves versus Marian with 27 unforced errors. That will be something that we can correct in practice and I know we'll have a better outcome the next time we get into a semifinal match."

Churchill scored wins over Delton-Kellogg (25-16, 25-9), Kalamazoo Hackett (25-13, 25-13), Termprence Bedford (25-19, 25-20; the first in Grenier's 15 years of coaching) and Portage Central (25-11, 26-24), while splitting with eventual winner Portage Northern (25-18, 22-5).

Senior Kyndra Abron was dominate throughout the day. The 6-foot-2 middle hitter had a total of 92 kills, 12 blocks and nine aces.

Other kills leaders for the Chargers included Kristen Nalez (20), Jessica Stroud (16) and Jackie Griebek (12). Setter Kristy DeClercq had a total of 132 assist-to-kills, while Lindsay Graciak added 52 digs and served 42-of-44 balls.

Digs leaders included Katie Matz (31), Jordan Kerr (27) and Shannon Warner (15).

**Ladywood prevails**  
Livonia Ladywood, getting 13 kills from Catherine Phillips and nine from Rachael Fuller, opened Catholic League play Tuesday night with a 25-13, 14-25, 25-11, 25-17 win over visiting Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Setter Julie Rhodes added 29 assists and served three aces for the Blazers, now 2-4 overall. Ashley Hines added eight kills in the victory.

Warriors whip Inter-City Becca Refenes had 12 kills, six solo blocks and five aces in Lutheran High Westland's 25-16, 25-16, 25-14 non-conference win Tuesday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Myrian Storck added four kills and four solo blocks, while Katey Ramthun contributed four kills, eight digs and served 10 points for the Warriors, now 5-0-2 overall.

Setters Lauren Gieschen and Julie Jongsma combined for 23 assists, while Abi Gieschen had a team-high nine digs.

**Patriots reach quarters**  
Livonia Franklin, switching to a 5-1 offensive attack, finished runner-up in its pool to Salem and reached the quarterfinals in Saturday's Madonna Tournament hosted by

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**Plymouth High School.**  
In the quarterfinals, Division 2 semifinalist Gibraltar Carlson ousted the Patriots in three games, 25-14, 27-25, 15-8.

Franklin is now 3-6-1 overall.

The Patriots earned victories over Dearborn Heights Annapolis (25-14, 25-22), Taylor Kennedy (25-15, 25-19) and Wayne Memorial (25-13, 25-19).

Salem handed Franklin its lone pool play defeat, 25-19, 25-21.

Sophomore setter Liz Holloway made her debut with a total of 51 assist-to-kills, 10 kills and three service aces.

Senior Ashley Price paced the offense with 32 kills and five aces, while Brittany Taylor contributed 20 kills and nine aces. Brianna Taylor chipped in with 13 kills and five aces.

Sam Wensing finished with a team-high 12 digs, while Natalie Sanborn finished with eight aces.

**Lutheran Westland 3rd**  
Although going unbeaten on the day, Lutheran High Westland had to settle for the Silver Bracket championship and a third-place finish in Saturday's Auburn Hills Oakland Christian Tournament.

The Warriors, now 4-0-2 on the year, split two pool play matches with Royal Oak Shrine (25-21, 14-25) and Macomb Lutheran North (11-25, 25-17), while defeating Romulus Summit Academy North (25-12, 25-4).

Relegated to the Silver Bracket based on tiebreaker criteria, the Warriors responded with wins over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (25-17, 23-25, 15-5) and Shrine (25-15, 25-18).

Becca Refenes, a 6-foot-1 junior, finished the day with 42 kills, seven solo blocks and 36 digs.

Setters Lauren Gieschen and Julie Jongsma combined for 80 kills with 49 and 31, respectively.

Other kills leaders included Allison Yankee (18), Katey Ramthun (17) and Myrian Storck (17).

Ramthun led the defense with 39 kills, while Yankee added 36. Storck finished with 26.

Abi Gieschen chipped in with 17 digs and was 13-of-14 passing. Lauren Gieschen had a team-high seven aces.

**C'ville clips Ferndale**  
Setter Katie Blacker had 27 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Moody finished with 10 kills and four aces serves to propel Livonia Clarenceville (3-0) to a 25-22, 24-26, 25-18, 25-14 non-conference win Monday over visiting Ferndale.

Other standouts for the Trojans included Chelsea Lawler (six aces), Jordan Fyffe (five kills, two solo blocks) and Katherine Hall (four digs, four kills).

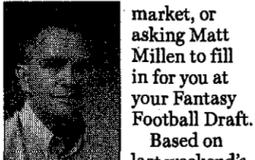
# Slurp of grid advice at your local 7-Eleven

The most bizarre thing happened to me while I was standing in line at 7-Eleven the other day. Some guy came up to me, said he recognized me from the Observer's "Grid Picks" column and asked if I'd give him some prognosticating advice for the pro football pool he was in at work.

The fact that a perfect stranger would approach me at 7-Eleven wasn't the bizarre part. To tell you the truth, I was kind of flattered that he recognized me.

No, the strangest part of the encounter was that a perfectly sane person would seek football game-picking advice from someone with the incredibly horrible record I've compiled in 2007 - 19-16 through last weekend's games.

That's like asking a homeless person for tips on the stock



**Grid Picks**  
Ed Wright

Sports Editor Brad Emons' cellphone number. Emons, the defending "Grid Picks" champion, went 10-2 to earn a first-place tie with Redford-Garden City Sports Editor Tim Smith, who went 9-3 to improve to 24-11 overall. I'm five games back and sinking faster than the Tigers.

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
(CALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)  
HIGHLAND PARK (2-1, 0-2) AT GARDEN CITY (1-2, 1-1): The Polar Bears have a way of making their opponents feel cold. The Cougars will

be looking to snap a two-game losing streak following an opening-week victory. PICKS: Wright (Highland Park); Smith (Garden City); Emons (Highland Park).

**DEARBORN FORDSON (3-0, 2-0) AT REDFORD UNION (1-2, 3-2) AT KRAFT FIELD:** Fordson has resembled the dominating teams of its past early in '07 as the Tractors have outscored their first three foes by a combined score of 109-29. This is not good news for RU, which is trying to recover from a 27-13 setback to Woodhaven. PICKS: Wright (Fordson); Smith (RU); Emons (Fordson).

**REDFORD THURSTON (0-3, 0-2) AT DEARBORN EDEL FORD (1-2, 0-2):** The Eagles are struggling, having been outscored 103-18 in their first three contests. Edsel Ford will be looking to improve its record to 500. PICKS: Wright (Edsel Ford); Smith (Edsel Ford); Emons (Edsel Ford).

**HARPER WOODS (3-0, 2-0) AT LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (0-3, 0-3):** This game probably won't change the momentum for either of these teams that are heading in opposite directions. Harper Woods has yet to yield a point this season while the Trojans are averaging just 14.0 points per game. PICKS: Wright (Harper Woods); Smith (Harper Woods); Emons (Harper Woods).

**REDFORD COVENANT (2-1, 1-0) AT ROMULUS SUMMIT (2-1, 0-0):** This is a pivotal showdown in the early race for supremacy in the Southeast Michigan Football Conference. A victory would go a long way toward the Spartans' bid for a league title just two years after reviving its football program. PICKS: Wright (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Emons (Summit).

**PLYMOUTH (2-1, 0-1) AT CANTON (2-1, 1-0):** PCEP campus bragging rights will be at stake when this two teams clash Friday night. The Chiefs' offensive line consists of all first-year starters, but you wouldn't know it by the positive results they've generated. The Wildcats will rely on a strong running game led by junior Terrance Guthridge. PICKS: Wright (Canton); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Canton).

**SALEM (0-3, 0-2) AT LIVONIA CHURCHILL (3-0, 2-0):** The Rocks showed spurts of brilliance during their first two games before getting whitewashed by Stevenson last week. Churchill has been consistently strong from the opening kickoff. PICKS: Wright (Churchill); Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill).

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (2-1, 1-0) AT LIVONIA STEVENSON (3-0, 1-0):** It's still early, but the winner of this game will probably end up in the WLA championship game later next month. The opportunity to watch both quarterbacks - Glenn's Keyshawn Martin and Stevenson's Mitchell White - in one game is worth the price of admission. PICKS: Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Glenn); Emons (Stevenson).

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN (0-3, 0-1) AT WAYNE MEMORIAL (2-1, 1-0):** The injury-ravaged Patriots may be winless, but they've been in all three games they lost. The Zebras' offensive line is big and mobile. PICKS: Wright (Wayne); Smith (Wayne); Emons (Wayne).

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND (1-2, 1-1) AT RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD (0-1, 0-3):** Gabriel Richard has yet to score a point in its first three games. Enough said. PICKS: Wright (LW); Smith (LW); Emons (Gabriel Richard).

# Chargers climb over .500 mark in win over Central

Sophomore Ian Guerin notched his first varsity goal on an assist from Drew Sieber late in the first half to give Livonia Churchill a 1-0 boys soccer victory Tuesday at Walled Lake Central.

Goalkeeper Adrian Motta earned the shutout as the Chargers improved to 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The loss drops Central to 5-5 overall and 1-3 in the Lakes.

**FRANKLIN 7, WAYNE 1:** Noel Romo and Zain Qureshi each tallied a pair of goals, while Steve Trapp contributed a goal and three assists Monday as Livonia Franklin (2-4, 1-2) rolled past host Wayne Memorial (0-6-1, 0-3) in a WLA-Western Division game.

Mike Geraci and Ryan Matthey also tallied goals for the Patriots, who led 2-0 at halftime. Chad Dorton also contributed an assist in the win.

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Stephen Maynor scored on a penalty kick for the Zebras to cut the deficit to 2-1 early in the second half, but Franklin goalkeeper Brad Mangane kept Wayne off the board the rest of the way.

**CLARENCEVILLE 4, HAZEL PARK 2:** Livonia Clarenceville (2-6) tallied three unanswered goals in the final 19 minutes to erase a 2-1 deficit Tuesday to beat the visiting Vikings (2-3) in a non-conference matchup.

Matt Parent scored a hat trick for the victorious Trojans, while Daniel Pepaj added a goal.

Chad Helberg scored both goals for Hazel Park.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Garrett Gregg made a total of nine saves.

**CHURCHILL 8, JOHN GLENN 1:** Eight different players scored Monday as Livonia Churchill (4-4, 1-2) romped to a WLA-Western Division triumph at Westland John Glenn (1-6-1, 0-4).

Max Wascko finished the game with a goal and two assists. Chris DeNapoli also had a goal and one assist.

Both Vinny Carozza and Etienne Lussiez (his first of the year) scored on penalty kicks for the Chargers, who led 4-1 at intermission.

Other assists went to Carozza, Adam Bedell and Josh Andaloro.

Khalid Suleiman's goal from John Vickery tied it at 1-all for the Rockets.

Adrian Motta (first half) and Christian Adams (second half) split time in goal for the Chargers.

**STEVENSON 2, W.L. CENTRAL 0:** Brian Klemczak scored a pair of goals, both assisted by Dylan Green, to give WLA-Western Division leader Livonia Stevenson (6-0, 4-0) the victory Monday at home against Walled Lake Central (5-4, 1-2).

Goalkeepers Comer Burton (first half) and Justin Collins (second half) combined on the shutout.

The Spartans' defense was able to contain Central's dangerous forward Corben Titus.

**HANTRAMCK 3, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2:** In a Metro Conference match Monday, the host Cosmos (2-0, 2-0) came

way with the victory on Abood's game-winning goal in the 71st minute to hand Lutheran High Westland (6-1, 2-1) its first setback of the year.

Saad added goals in the 39th and 61st minute for Hamtramck.

The Warriors' Austin Baglow opened the scoring from Gage Flanery in the 36th minute and Ryan Baglow gave his team a 2-1 edge with a goal from Aaron Derminer in the 54th minute.

The Warriors missed a penalty kick in the final minute to tie the game.

Block also singled out the play of goalkeeper Micah Hausch.

**LIGGETT 3, CLARENCEVILLE 1:** Curtis Fisher scored twice and Patrick Gustine added another goal Monday as host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (3-1) blanked Livonia Clarenceville (1-6, 0-3) in a Metro Conference encounter.

Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson singled out the play of Matt Parent, Matt Garant and Phil Strachan, along with goalkeeper Garrett Gregg.

## PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**  
Sept. 11 at Cass Benton Park

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Churchill, 23 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 35; 3. Livonia Franklin, 82.

**INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS:** 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 19 minutes, 13 seconds (5,000 meters); 2. Rachel McFarlane (LC), 19:27; 3. Sara Kroll, 20:06; 4. Alyssa Mira (LC), 20:16; 5. Denee Meier (LS), 20:53; 6. Amanda Southwell (LC), 20:59; 7. Julia Schroeder (LS), 21:06; 8. Michelle Verellen (LC), 21:13; 9. Kim Verellen (LC), 21:19; 10. Samantha Kay (LS), 21:24; 11. Hannah Otto (LC), 21:24; 12. Victoria Saferian (LS), 21:48; 13. Karli Kutcha (LS), 21:49; 14. Brittany Dilley (LF), 22:06; 15. Megan McPherson (LF), 22:07; 16. Victoria Church (LF), 22:15; 17. Claire LeBlanc (LS), 22:26; 18. Mallory Church (LF), 22:38; 19. Kelly Walby (LF), 22:45; 20. Kelsey Kaplan (LF), 23:47; 21. Tiffany VanOrden (LF), 23:54.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Churchill, 27 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 48; 3. Livonia Franklin, 49.

**INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS:** 1. Evan Sirena (LF), 16:59; 2. Joe Varilone (LC), 17:00; 3. Mark Waterbury (LC), 17:14; 4. Kevin Reschke (LS), 17:32; 5. Shawn Howse (LS), 17:36; 6. Brandon Grysko (LC), 17:43; 8. Mike Gibbons (LS), 17:49; 9. Nathan Wise (LC), 17:54; 10. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 17:58; 11. Dylan Taylor (LF), 18:08; 12. Mark Fryberg (LC), 18:20; 13. Robert Freed (LF), 18:23; 14. Doug Cole (LF), 18:31; 15. Mike Green (LS), 18:34; 16. Alan Stackpole (LS), 18:43; 17. Pete Walby (LF), 18:45; 18. Alex Hoelzel (LS), 18:52; 19. Jason Riffel (LF), 19:01; 20. Joe Urso (LS), 19:04; 21. Quinn Osgood (LC), 19:10.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**  
Sept. 8 at Kensington Metropark

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 2):** 1. Livonia Churchill, 106 points; 2. Rochester Adams, 118; 3. Grand Ledge, 125; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 132; 5. Rochester, 145 (19 schools).

**Overall winner:** Shannon Osika (Waterford Mott), 18 minutes, 42.70 seconds (5,000 meters).

**Churchill finishers:** 7. Rachel McFarlane, 19:59; 8. Alyssa Mira, 20:12; 9. Sara Kroll, 20:15; 10. Michelle Verellen, 21:57; 11. Hannah Otto, 22:02; 12. Lindsey Marlow, 22:21; 13. Kim Verellen, 22:27; 14. Victoria Church, 22:28; 15. Claire LeBlanc, 22:28; 16. Mallory Church, 22:38; 17. Kelly Walby, 22:45; 18. Alex Hoelzel, 18:52; 19. Jason Riffel (LF), 19:01; 20. Joe Urso (LS), 19:04; 21. Quinn Osgood (LC), 19:10.

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defending champion, finished seventh in 17:43, while junior Nathan Wise took ninth in 17:54.

"It was one for the thumb," Churchill coach John McGreevy said, signaling the fifth city title in a row. "I'm happy they ran together. Our goal is to be a good pack team. They showed a lot of potential where they'll be at the end of the year."

The Chargers were coming off a 10th-place finish out of 23 teams in Saturday's West Bloomfield-Brother Rice

**MAROON & GOLF INVITATIONAL**  
Sept. 8 at Hudson Mills Metropark

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 73 points; 2. Brighton, 84; 3. Dexter, 90; 12. Lutheran Westland, 371 (13 schools).

**Overall winner:** Lindsay Gakeheimer (Monroe), 19 minutes, 4 seconds (5,000 meters).

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 66. Hannah Mielke, 23:27; 71. Miriam Pranschke, 24:57; 75. Danielle Voetberg, 25:34; 79. Megan Fisher, 27:00; 80. Emily Meier, 27:01; 81. Amber Pniowski, 27:54; 82. Ashley Pniowski, 27:55.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Dexter, 42 points; 2. Saline, 44; 3. Northville, 100; 11. Lutheran Westland, 325 (14 schools).

**Overall winner:** Bobby April (Dexter), 15 minutes, 35 seconds (5,000 meters).

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 16. Spencer Lyle, 16:57 (medalist); 64. Josh Rice, 18:55; 75. Ross Pursitt, 19:45; 84. Cameron Banks, 21:04; 87. Alex Kemp, 21:20; 92. Paul Bealfeard, 22:16; 93. Zachariah Robinson, 22:17.

**U-D MERCY TITAN INVITATIONAL**  
Sept. 8 at Cass Benton Park

**Livonia Franklin boys finishers:** 7. Evan Sirena, 16:43; 23. Dylan Taylor, 17:26; 31. Mike Krcatovich, 18:05; 39. Doug Cole, 18:19; 53. Peter Walby, 18:39; 58. Robert Freed, 18:45; 65. Jason Riffel, 18:55.

**Wayne Memorial boys finishers:** 30. Jacob Schofield, 18:03; 51. Abraham Mendez, 18:35.

**Franklin girls finishers:** 19. Megan McPherson, 23:32; 20. Victoria Church, 21:41; 29. Brittany Dilley, 21:58; 30. Mallory Church, 22:00; 56. Tiffany VanOrden, 22:59; 65. Kelsey Kaplan, 23:09; 71. Kelly Walby, 23:15.

**DEARBORN INVITATIONAL**  
Sept. 8 at Dearborn High

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Flat Rock-Woodhaven, 25 points; 2. Dearborn, 42; 3. Westland John Glenn, 71.

**Glenn finishers:** 6. Stacey Richardson, 21:57 (medalist); 10. Megan Nikula, 22:14 (medalist); 12. Ashley Bailey, 22:37; 21. Jaimie Medel, 24:36; 22. Danielle Levy, 24:42; 28. Michelle Levy, 25:28; 37. Evi Cenolli, 26:42.

**BATH INVITATIONAL**  
Sept. 8 at Bath

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Class 1):** 1. Ann Arbor Huron, 54; 2. Rockford, 70; 3. Chelsea, 89; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 121 (10 schools).

**Overall winner:** Pat Cassidy (Flushing), 16:19.

**Stevenson finishers:** 12. Mike Gibbons, 17:18; 16. Kevin Reschke, 17:20; 18. Shawn Howse, 17:25; 34. Michael Green, 18:04; 38. Alan Stackpole, 18:09; 41. Alex Hoelzel, 18:15; 54. Jordan Burger, 18:52.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Class 1):** 1. Saline, 52; 2. Rockford, 77; 3. Clarkston, 81; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 172 (12 schools).

**Overall winner:** Katie Haines (Rockford), 18:38.

**Stevenson finishers:** 5. Courtney Calka, 19:09; 32. Denee Meier, 21:01; 72. Karli Kutcha, 21:22; 94. Samantha Kay, 22:02; 99. Victoria Saferian, 22:06; 54. Molly Serge, 22:20; 7. Rebecca Gidley, 23:22.

# Trojans lose another close one

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Clarenceville football coach Ryan Irish sounds a lot like last year's Rod Marinelli of the Detroit Lions.

"We have to find a way, we're at the hump, but not over the hump," said Irish, whose Trojans lost their third straight game of the 2007 season Saturday at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 28-20. "We've lost by six points, six points and eight points. There are times when we look great, other times we make turnovers and . . . Our young kids haven't found a way to win. We've got to find a way to finish - make one stop and be able to go forward."

The game ended with the Trojans on the Cranbrook 15 as time expired.

Cranbrook quarterback Zack Bobowski hit 14-of-26 passes for 188 yards and two touchdowns including a 9-yarder to Steven Siegel and a 10-yarder

to Dakota Sherman. Bobowski also ran for a TD, while Kajo Appiah added a 9-yard scoring run as the Cranes improved to 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the Metro.

Clarenceville junior quarterback Jeremy Gainer, who had 110 yards rushing on seven carries, threw a 16-yard TD pass to Leonard Hogan in the first quarter and Levonte Brooks added the two-point conversion run.

Cody Wolgast caught a 15-yard TD pass from Gainer to make it 14-14 at halftime. After the Cranes went back up 21-14 in the third quarter, the Trojans pulled to within one, 21-20, on a Brooks 8-yard TD run.

Brooks finished with a team-best 114 yards on 18 carries. He also finished with seven tackles for the Trojans, who slipped to 0-3 overall and 0-3 in the Metro.

Gainer hit 3-of-8 passes for 52 yards. He also had a team-high 11 tackles and interception.

# Poor offense plagues Warriors

Plain and simple, Lutheran High Westland simply had trouble moving the football in Saturday's 29-8 non-conference loss to visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

The Warriors, ironically, scored on their opening possession when Eric Shoats ran 49 yards for a touchdown. Billy Meier's two-point conversion pass to Nate Bachert made it 8-0.

Richard (2-1) rallied for 29 unanswered points, including 15 in the first half with a balanced effort.

Josh Herbeck connected on 9-of-19 passes for 207 yards, including a 23-yard TD toss to Max Hartsell. Joe Schmidt added TD runs of 1 and 7 yards, while Jeff Rowinski contributed an 8-yard scoring run.

The Fighting Irish had a total of 389 yards to the Warriors' 109 and enjoyed a wide margin in first downs, 16-4.

"What they do, they do well," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse' said of Gabriel Richard. "They run the spread option and it's tough to defend."

The Warriors fumbled six times and lost two.

"Twice we gave up the ball inside our 30 and we gave up one (TD) just before the half," Guse' said. "We have to get better at things like the quarterback-center exchange."

Shoats ran for 65 yards on 11 carries. The Warriors were only 2-of-6 passing for six yards.

"We had too many third-and-sevens and we don't have the luxury," said Guse', whose team fell to 1-2 overall. "We've got to make decent yardage on first and second down. We also have to look at some semblance of a passing game."

Defensively, Sam Ahlmsmeyer led the Warriors with 10 tackles.

## PREP GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 212**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 217**  
Sept. 10 at Iduy Wynn

**Franklin scorers:** Paige Scarpace, 45 (medalist); Natalie Polakowski, 53; Georgia Patrick and Heather deGuise, 57 each; Heather

Bacon, 59; Lauren Beahon, 65.

**Glen scorers:** Heidi Irvine and Courtney McKinney, 51 each; Jamie Young, 56; Justine Woodard, 59; Samie Baker, 61; Dakota Howell, 62.

**Dual meet records:** Franklin, 2-2 overall, 1-2 WLA; Glenn, 2-5 overall, 0-4 WLA.

# Stevenson survives scare in Western Lakes Relays

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson retained its Western Lakes Activities Association Girls Swim Relays title by a razor-thin margin Saturday at the Salem High pool.

The Spartans captured three of 10 events and overcame a disqualification in the 200-yard breaststroke relay to edge Northville for the crown, 231-230. The host Rocks placed third with 201 and Canton, minus two-even state champion Allison Schmitt, added a fourth with 162. (Schmitt was reportedly on a college recruiting visit.)

The outcome wasn't determined until the meet's final event, the 200 freestyle relay.

Walled Lake Northern and Livonia Franklin finished one-two with times of 1:49.45 and 1:49.67, respectively, while Stevenson held off Northville for third with a clocking of 1:52.57 to the Mustangs' 1:53.1.

"It's a good meet, it always is, and Chuck Olson (Salem's coach) does a good job with it," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "I'm not a huge relay meet person, but coming off our meet Thursday (with Grosse Pointe North), the kids

swam well. A loss would have been hard to take, but we're there mainly to have fun and we did."

Stevenson took the first two events, the 400-yard medley relay (4:14.16) and the 400 freestyle relay (3:51.34).

Ashley Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Megan Holycross and Blake Holtz made up the 400 medley quartet, while Laura Timson, Savannah Hatt, Emily Cauzillo and Kaylee Dolinski teamed up in the 400 freestyle relay.

Stevenson's 200 backstroke team of Holycross, Charlotte Buckley, Catherine Moeller and Ashley Montini also earned a first in 2:03.85.

"There were a couple of girls that I wasn't sure what they could do in the meet who came through for us," Phill said. "One of our freshmen jumped (in the 200 breaststroke), so we could have won by 35 instead of one. But overall I was satisfied with the result."

Stevenson doesn't return to action until Thursday, Sept. 20 at Northville in another battle for WLAA supremacy.

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# Spartans' ground game crushes Rocks

A one-hour delay couldn't stop the inevitable.

Host Salem took the opening kickoff and ran one play before the game was suspended due to lightning.

When it resumed, Livonia Stevenson put four quick first-quarter touchdowns on the scoreboard en route to a 49-0 football victory over the Rocks at P-CEP Park.

Stevenson, now 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, piled up 351 yards on the ground, 89 more via the air and had 18 first downs.

Salem, battling to break a

## PREP FOOTBALL

18-game losing streak dating back to the 2005 season, had just 49 yards rushing on 22 attempts and was 3-of-13 passing for minus-4 yards with only four first downs.

Wade Stahl, who led the Spartans with 80 yards rushing on three carries, opened the scoring when he returned a punt 52 yards for a score followed by the first of seven straight extra points by Jonny Myshock.

On the ensuing possession, Stevenson lineman Trent Judis

intercepted a Heath Parling pass leading to Austin White's 25-yard TD run.

Salem (0-3, 0-1) fumbled the ensuing kickoff - recovered by Wyatt Stahl - and capitalized on Emanuel Onwuemene's 1-yard scoring run.

After Salem went three-and-out, Stevenson quarterback Mitchell White connected with Wade Stahl on a 36-yard scoring pass to make it 28-0 with 3:30 remaining in the first period.

Salem showed some life when Al Covington recovered a Stevenson fumble at the Spartans' 40, but the Rocks

could not cash in. Stevenson then drove the ball 95 yards in six plays, capped by Onwuemene's 1-yard TD run with 9:25 left in the second quarter to make it 35-0.

Stevenson's Dan Plagany added a pair of third-quarter scores on runs on 5 and 4 yards to complete the scoring and invoke the running clock.

Quarterbacks Mitchell White and Jacob Gudeman combined for 6-of-6 passing. Myles White added three receptions for 32 yards and Steve Eideh had a fumble recovery for the Spartans.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
Friday, Sept. 14  
Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Riv. Gab. Richard, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Sept. 13  
Macomb Christian at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
Stevenson Tournament, 8 a.m.  
W.L. Central Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
UM-DeARBORN Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
Thursday, Sept. 13  
Huron Valley at Ypsilanti Calvary, 4:30 p.m.

Lutheran Westland at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.  
Churchill at Salem (P-CEP), 7 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 14  
Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 15  
Troy Athens at Stevenson, 1 p.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
Thursday, Sept. 13  
Wayne at John Glenn, 4:10 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 15  
Holly Invitational, 7:40 a.m.  
DeLaSalle Invitational, 9 a.m.  
N.B. Huron Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
W.L. Western Inv. at Willis Park, 10 a.m.  
**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
Thursday, Sept. 13

Ladywood at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS GOLF**  
Friday, Sept. 14  
Churchill vs. Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Franklin at Idyl Wild, 3 p.m.  
Wayne vs. W.L. Northern at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.  
**BOYS TENNIS**  
Friday, Sept. 14  
Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Stevenson at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 15  
Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
Friday, Sept. 14  
A.A. Greenhills at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Sept. 13  
Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m.  
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 15  
Schoolcraft at Muskegon CC, TBA.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Saturday, Sept. 15  
Kelllogg CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
Madonna at Aquinas College, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Saturday, Sept. 15  
Madonna at Aquinas College, noon.  
**COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY**  
Friday, Sept. 14  
Spartan Inv. at Michigan State, 2 p.m.  
TBA - Time to be announced.

## WESTERN LAKES GIRLS SWIM RELAYS RESULTS

### WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS SWIM RELAYS

Sept. 8 at Salem  
**FINAL STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Stevenson, 231 points; 2. Northville, 230; 3. Salem, 201; 4. Canton, 162; 5. W.L. Northern, 156; 6. Westland John Glenn, 149; 7. Plymouth, 133; 8. W.L. Western, 129; 9. W.L. Central, 120; 10. Livonia Churchill, 103; 11. Livonia Franklin, 80; 12. Wayne Memorial, 48.

**FINAL RELAY RESULTS**  
**400-yard medley:** 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Megan Holycross, Blake Holtz), 4:14.16; 2. Salem (Emily Nelson, Sara Spala, Emily Bair, Whitney Aumiller), 4:17.82; 3. W.L. Western (Lexi Fregonara, Sarah Krueger, Adina Bohr, Christine Johnson), 4:21.52; 4. John Glenn, 4:25.18; 5. W.L. Northern, 4:40.54; 6. Northville, 4:42.47; 7. Churchill, 4:54.19; 8. Canton, 4:56.21; 9. Franklin, 5:10.03; 10. Plymouth, 5:11.97; 11. W.L. Central, 6:28.61; 12. Wayne, 7:04.72.

**400 freestyle:** 1. Stevenson (Laura Timson, Savannah Hatt, Emily Cauzillo, Kaylee Dolinski), 3:51.34; 2. Northville (Michaela Keedy, Alley Davidson, Sam Curry, Jessica Weber), 3:56.38; 3. Canton (Kayla Eyster, Maddy McDuff, Jessica Bielak, Katie Kubacki), 4:10.44; 4. W.L. Central, 4:10.89; 5. Salem, 4:11.13; 6. W.L. Northern, 4:14.79; 7. Franklin, 4:03.00; 8. John Glenn, 4:26.67; 9. W.L. Western, 4:36.66; 10. Plymouth, 4:41.03; 11. Churchill, 5:13.41; 12. Wayne, 5:23.20.

**200 breaststroke:** 1. W.L. Central (Callie Zahul, Jessica Johnson, Becca Lee, Madi Sewell), 2:22.18; 2. Plymouth (Elle Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Michelle Chang, Sijia Hao), 2:23.02; 3. Northville (Adrienne Cohen, Nicole Mitts, Megan Trotter, Kelly Burford), 2:25.16; 4. Canton, 2:27.90; 5. John Glenn, 2:31.58; 6. W.L. Western, 2:44.68; 7. Salem, 2:44.81; 8. Wayne, 2:46.33; 9. W.L. Northern, 2:49.43; 10. Churchill, 2:49.95.

**200 backstroke:** 1. Stevenson (Megan Holycross, Charlotte Buckley, Catherine Moeller, Ashley Montini), 2:03.85; 2. Northville (Camellia Das, Carly Goldberg, Gina Morris, Ashley Filipowicz), 2:10.43; 3. Plymouth (Molly McKinstry, Chantal Cote, Beth McReynolds, Lauren Maslyk), 2:14.12; 4. Canton, 2:14.30; 5. Salem, 2:16.92; 6. Churchill, 2:21.63; 7. John Glenn, 2:29.50; 8. W.L. Northern, 2:30.77; 9. W.L. Western, 2:47.57; 10. Wayne, 2:53.25; 11. Franklin, 3:17.81.

**200 butterfly:** 1. Northville (Meghan Kanya,

Becca Myers, Rachel Englert, Emily Hopican), 1:53.05; 2. Stevenson (Emily Montini, Sarah Opdyke, Nadia El-Sabeh, Ashley Montini), 2:06.69; 3. Salem (Kristen Clemans, Jennifer Schwank, Devin Bromley, Sandra Nahra), 2:11.52; 4. W.L. Northern, 2:14.33; 5. John Glenn, 2:15.72; 6. Canton, 2:19.75; 7. Churchill, 2:21.83; 8. Franklin, 2:37.13; 9. Plymouth, 2:46.96; 10. W.L. Western, 2:48.50.

**1-meter diving:** 1. W.L. Northern, 325.35; 2. Salem, 301.00; 3. Northville, 282.90; 4. W.L. Western, 279.75; 5. W.L. Central, 267.50; 6. Churchill, 256.60; 7. Stevenson, 244.05; 8. John Glenn, 212.95; 9. Canton, 205.60; 10. Plymouth, 188.10.

**400 medley:** 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Laura Holtz, Charlotte Buckley, Savannah Hatt), 4:31.19; 2. Salem (Caitlin Heaney, Emily Bair, Emily Nelson, Whitney Aumiller), 4:36.52; 3. John Glenn (Jennie Humbach, Khiry Sparks, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells), 4:40.84; 4. Canton, 4:42.12; 5. Northville, 4:55.89; 6. (tie) Churchill and Wayne, 5:00.56; 8. Plymouth, 5:14.52; 9. W.L. Western, 5:19.99; 10. W.L. Northern, 5:41.04.

**500 crescendo freestyle:** 1. Northville (Meghan Kanya, Emily Hopican, Rachel Englert, Jessica Weber), 4:57.20; 2. Stevenson (Blake Holtz, Laura Timson, Emilee Montini, Kaylee Dolinski), 5:00.16; 3. Canton (Hannah Maxam, Keri Schmitt, Maddy McDuff, Monica Blaesser), 5:16.70; 4. John Glenn, 5:28.72; 5. Salem, 5:35.40; 6. W.L. Western, 5:39.52; 7. W.L. Northern, 5:44.16; 8. Churchill, 5:53.34; 9. W.L. Central, 6:08.07; 10. Plymouth, 6:14.94; 11. Franklin, 6:56.55; 12. Wayne, 7:29.68.

**200 medley:** 1. W.L. Central (Jordan Davkin, Becca Lee, Madi Sewell, Jessica Varana), 2:00.78; 2. W.L. Western (Lexi Fregonara, Sarah Krueger, Adina Bohr, Stephanie Standriff), 2:02.24; 3. Plymouth (Sijia Hao, Elle Palczynski, Alyssa Liakos, Michelle Chang), 2:04.48; 4. Salem, 2:06.67; 5. Stevenson, 2:07.18; 6. Northville, 2:10.23; 7. W.L. Northern, 2:14.87; 8. Canton, 2:22.91; 9. John Glenn, 2:24.20; 10. Churchill, 2:29.29; 11. Franklin, 2:46.78.

**200 freestyle:** 1. W.L. Northern, 1:49.45; 2. Franklin (Natalie Cote, Kayla Douglas, Jordan Haymour, Katie Kent), 1:49.67; 3. Stevenson (Kristin Trubiak, Kayla Perchall, Sarah Opdyke, Claire Massman), 1:52.57; 4. Northville, 1:53.10; 5. Plymouth, 1:55.11; 6. Salem, 1:55.75; 7. W.L. Central, 1:56.38; 8. Wayne, 1:56.71; 9. Canton, 1:57.12; 10. Churchill, 2:09.92; 11. John Glenn, 2:13.78; 12. W.L. Western, 2:23.53.

# MU coach not thrilled despite lopsided 4-0 victory vs. Cards

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

## COLLEGE SOCCER

The scoreboard had Madonna University's men's soccer team routing visiting Concordia in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference matchup Tuesday at Greenmead Field.

But Crusaders coach Tino Scicluna sounded afterward as if the winless Cardinals had pocketed the one-sided victory. He said his team didn't play with the necessary intensity.

But Scicluna, whose team scored four second-half goals to blow the contest wide open on a breezy afternoon, said the win enabled him the chance to see several younger players do their thing for more than token duty.

"One of the things I'm happy with is a lot of our guys got opportunities to step in and play a significant amount of minutes," Scicluna said. "... All younger players with limited minutes (so far) played well and they progressively got better in the game."

For example, freshman midfielder Jacob Rosiek got MU (4-2-1, 2-1 in the WHAC) on the board about 27 minutes into the tilt. Rosiek took a crossing pass from senior

defender Darrel Quinn and ripped it past Cardinals starting goalkeeper Nick Nabors.

With just under five minutes remaining in the half, junior midfielder and Livonia Stevenson alum and Schoolcraft product Keith Sied scored unassisted, drilling a 20-yard shot from the left side and sending it inside the far post.

Quinn's header off a cross from another young player - sophomore midfielder Emilio Giorgi - made it 3-0 early in the second half and freshman forward Daniel Amaya picked up his first collegiate goal at the 18:17 mark of the half.

The Crusaders tacked on two late goals after Nabors was injured and replaced by Brian Kressbach. Tallying those markers were sophomore midfielder Mark Pikula (from senior defender Pat Kolodziejczak) and Sied, cutting in up the middle and beating Kressbach after taking a nifty feed from Pikula.

MU senior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons did not need to record a save in registering the shutout against Concordia (0-4, 0-2 in the WHAC).



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## AUTOMAKERS FINALLY 'GET' ETHNIC CONSUMERS

Advertising Feature

### CAReport



By Dale Buss

The auto industry finally seems to be constructing something it can stand on as it begins a determined outreach to ethnic audiences: a three-legged stool built on culturally relevant advertising, community-oriented marketing, and an appeal to minority groups' burgeoning upper-middle classes.

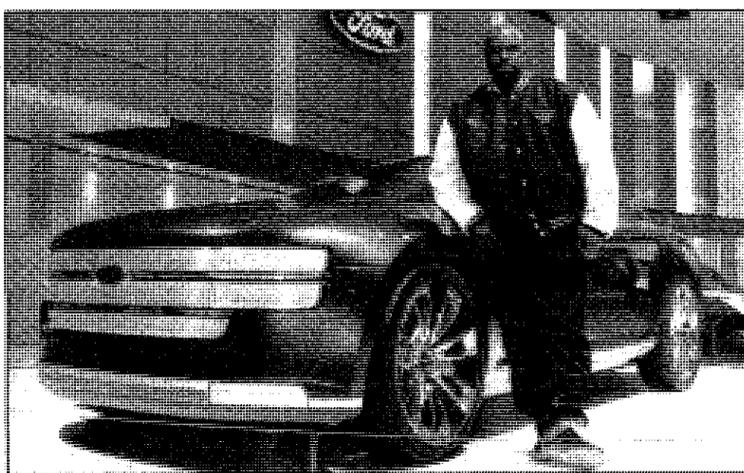
"The auto industry finally gets it and are putting things in place," said Randi Payton, an African-American entrepreneur and publisher of magazines that are tailored to Asian-Americans, Hispanics and African-Americans. A critic of automakers' ham-handed past efforts to appeal to ethnic consumers, he added: "They're beginning to understand the business side of reaching the growing multicultural market."

Industry analyst Mark Pauze agreed that the industry's "awareness is growing, and the realization that they need to do something is growing." But, added the solutions consultant for R.L. Polk, a Southfield-based automotive-research concern: "Some companies are further along than others. It's a matter of how quickly and effectively they can begin to put some attention and focus on it."

Until lately, carmakers' advertising toward ethnic minorities could come up embarrassingly short. "They would literally take a commercial that was aimed at mainstream America and simply do a voiceover in Chinese or Korean or whatever language," said George Kang, senior analyst for Edmunds.com. "But minorities identify with the racial 'uniform,' the face - and if they see a Caucasian guy driving a car with just a Chinese voiceover, it doesn't resonate."

Nowadays, attracted by growth in ethnic sales and the opportunity to create brand loyalty among young minority buyers, carmakers have leapt into action. They're hiring ad agencies that specialize in minority audiences and investing resources in very tailored campaigns that may never be seen by the mainstream market.

In marketing its new Sebring sedan last year, for example, Chrysler decided to tailor a campaign specifically for Asian-Americans, a strong market for that group - and one where Japanese and Korean brands predominate. So for the Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York markets, Chrysler produced



Ford is using a marketing relationship with FunkMaster Flex to appeal to African-American consumers

TV and print ads in both Chinese and Korean, and decided that it could rely on English to reach Asian Indians, said Christine MacKenzie, executive director of multi-brand marketing. Attempting to tie the capabilities of the car's MyGig hard drive to the importance of family to Asian communities, the three versions of the TV spot depicted new Sebring owners assembling a "photo album" with the device.

Automakers' most effective new ethnic-marketing efforts, dollar for dollar, are based on sponsorships and appearances at big-city events that focus on a few hundred or a few thousand minority consumers on whom they count to spread the good word about the brand to others.

Ford, for instance, has begun ramping up its efforts to reach African-American consumers in large part via a number of local initiatives. They have included hosting "tailgate parties" and test drives in connection with Saturday-afternoon football games at several historically African-American colleges and universities as well as "Lincoln Lounge" events in Atlanta and Chicago, in tie-ins with rhythm-and-blues artists.

Those efforts are on the tail of Ford's two-year-old partnership with FunkMaster Flex, the "evangelist" of hip hop's urban car culture, which has included Ford trucking out its F-150 truck and Fusion and incorporating them into FunkMaster's nationally touring Celebrity Car Show.

"We know that African-Americans tend to be early adopters in this market, and of course they have an impact on vernacular and fashion," said Marc Perry, multicultural marketing manager for Ford brands. "So these things help spread buzz through the grassroots and to the trendsetters in key high-density markets. We don't want to put off white consumers with these

efforts - but we find that they get the 'joke' as well."

Another factor compelling automakers' greater interest in ethnic consumers is the fact that more individuals in all three broad groups are moving into the upper middle class, where they can afford higher-margin vehicles.

"The luxury segment is the new frontier," said Cynthia McFarlane, executive vice president of Nazca, a Saatchi & Saatchi ad agency that specializes in Hispanic audiences. "It's a tremendous opportunity for growth for the entire industry."

Lexus, for instance, in 2006 worked with Nazca to target Hispanics in South Florida regarding the launch of the 2007 IS sedan. There were TV and print advertisements in Hispanic media. But more than that, Lexus wanted to pursue a particular "avant garde" subset of Hispanic consumers "who believe that experience is the defining factor of luxury," said Debra Senior, Lexus's corporate manager for advertising, brand and product strategy. "That would be consistent with our general-market approach."

So, Lexus staged events including a test drive for more than 500 "young Hispanic intenders" at the Skybar in famous Shore Club Hotel on South Miami Beach. A couple months later, there was Lexus IS again - this time, at the Sagamore Hotel down the beach, hosting an exclusive concert by Venezuelan crooner Franco De Vita for 1,200 of the brand's invitees.

Results? Lexus's overall market share increased to 21% from 12% in South Florida after these soirees, an overall level four times higher than its market share in another Hispanic stronghold, Los Angeles. "We saw that having a regional focus is key as we try to become more personal in marketing and relationships," Strong said.

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