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## 5 residents vie for Wayne-Westland board seat

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland school board will have a field of five candidates from which to select its newest member.

Shawna Walker of Westland, Lori Mirales-Smith of

Westland, Jack Garret Jr. of Wayne, Donna Chapman of Westland and Bhagwan Dashairya of Westland met the 4 p.m. Monday deadline to submit letters of interest in filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Frederick Weaver last month.

School board trustees will interview the five candidates during a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at the school board offices on Marquette, west of Wayne Road. The interviews will last 20-30 minutes, during which board members will ask candi-

dates the same set of questions as well as individual questions.

Following the interviews, board President Martha Pitsenbarger will call for nominations and conduct the vote. A minimum of four votes will be needed to select a new trustee who will be sworn in to office

on Sept. 16. A formal swearing will be conducted at the board's Sept. 22 meeting.

Walker was a candidate in the May 2008 school election, finishing third behind incumbent Cindy Schofield and newcomer William Gabriel. She is a student at the University of

Michigan-Dearborn and works as an optical technician. She has helped her children's school when needed and volunteers with Looking for My Sister, a domestic violence program, and is active in the women's

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## Quality matters for market's owners

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mark Jarbo probably makes more trips across Westland's north side than just about anybody.

If he's not managing Vintage Market, a business his family owns on Ann Arbor Trail west of Middlebelt, he's likely across town working as head chef at their other store, Maria's Italian Bakery on Newburgh south of Joy.

"I work 116 hours a week," Jarbo, 32, said, and he sure seemed serious.

It's that kind of work ethic and commitment to Westland's economy that draws praise from local leaders who embrace the Jarbo family's efforts to expand, rather than hunker down amid Michigan's tough business climate.

"It's great when you see a family that has the faith in our community to do that," Westland Chamber of Commerce President Brookellen Swope said. "It's very encouraging."

Jarbo, brothers Mario and Marvin, and father George draw customers not only from Westland, but also from Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Dearborn Heights and other communities. Jarbo said the family took over Vintage Market in June, a few years after their debut at Maria's.

They've added more fresh produce to Vintage Market, expanded the deli and meat selections, pledged competitive prices, and vowed to sell liquor at the state's minimum price.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mark Jarbo stands beside a produce display in the Vintage Market, the second business his family now owns in Westland.

### ALL IN THE FAMILY

**What:** Vintage Market at 29501 Ann Arbor Trail, and Maria's Italian Bakery at 8675 N. Newburgh, both in Westland.

**When:** The hours for both stores are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

**How:** For information, call Vintage Market at (734) 422-0160 and Maria's Italian Bakery at (734) 455-0780.

They've maintained a neighborhood atmosphere even as they increased the number of employees from eight to 27.

"It's quality, quality, quality," Jarbo said. "The community wants and deserves quality —

and that's what we give them."

Don't be fooled by the name Maria's Italian Bakery. It, too, offers a wide array of food, and Jarbo said he cooks all the fresh dishes that make it easier for local families to dine well and

skip cooking at home. The family businesses also offer catering.

It's a wonder Jarbo has time to sleep. When he's at his Farmington Hills home, he spends as much time as possible with wife Luma and their 2-year-old son, Matt. They're expecting a daughter in late October.

Jarbo said he tries to bring a similar commitment to Vintage Market and Maria's.

"We befriend many people in the community. We respect everybody," he said. "We want people to feel at home when they come in."

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## Play Planet is 1st addition to park

BY SUE MASON  
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Step into Westland's Tattan Park and you could find yourself in outer space. Thanks to the Westland Downtown Development Authority, the park which has become known for its Tot Town play area will become home to a 25,000-square-foot Play Planet.

The DDA is paying for the sprawling space-aged themed playscape which will be located in the northern end of the park.

"We're really excited to get it going," said Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski prior to Westland City Council approval of the purchase. "At 25,000 square feet it probably will be the biggest playscape in Michigan. In fact, I think it will be."

The playscape will feature slides, climbing areas, bridges, climbers and towers with space names like mission control, the "international space station" and anti-gravity training center. The DDA is covering the \$250,000 cost of the equipment and the installation will be a community build like one used to construct the wooden playscape in Central City Park in the 1990s.

Play Planet was one of several improvements planned for Tattan Park as part of the city's new five-year parks and recreation plan. According to Kosowski, the park is being sectioned off to accommodate Play Planet and a Splash Pad, a water playground for children.

The improvements, however, will impact the popu-

lar Tot Town village, which will be moved. Some structures may be placed on the edges of the park.

"We're looking at saving some of the buildings, some are in bad shape," Kosowski said. "We're looking at putting some at the historical village."

Councilman Charles Pickering pointed out that the collection of pint-sized structures was built in the 1980s with federal grant money to help train people for construction jobs.

"It was a great project at the time," he said.

Kosowski said that once the state Department of Environmental Quality comes up with a remediation plan for Central City Park, city officials will be able to see what else can be done with the buildings.

Mayor William Wild added that plans for the park after remediation include concession stands, restrooms and a walking path in the northern portion and there may be space in that area for some Tot Towns buildings.

As for the existing play structure in Central City Park, it will have to be torn down as part of the remediation.

"I don't believe it's prudent to reconstruct it," Kosowski said. "It's made of treated lumber and playscapes in parks today are made of heavier plastic."

Play Planet equipment will be delivered in four-five weeks, and according to the mayor, the community will be invited to help erect it in October.

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The proposed Play Planet for Westland's Tattan Park will cover 25,000 square feet and will have a space theme.

## Westland man charged with attacking wife

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been charged with trying to kill his wife during a domestic dispute that escalated amid allegations he grabbed a steak knife, held her to the floor and attempted to stab her as she fought him off.

The 30-year-old woman survived multiple knife wounds to her forearms and hands before defendant Jason Michael Corp, 28, fled an apartment building near Yale and Warren and inflicted non-fatal injuries to his own wrists and throat, police said.

Corp was arraigned Monday on multiple felony charges,

including assault with intent to murder, for an incident that unfolded around 6:20 p.m. last Friday at Hickory Green Apartments, a few blocks south of Westland Shopping Center, police Sgt. Michael Harhold said.

Corp and his wife, married just a few months, had been staying with a friend when they got into an argument about their relationship, Harhold said. Corp is accused of grabbing the knife, knocking the victim to the floor, getting on top of her and trying to stab her in the chest as she fought him off, Harhold said.

"She held her arms up, and she was stabbed in the forearms and hands multiple times," the detec-

tive said.

The couple's friend began yelling at Corp, who suddenly stood up and walked out, only to be seen in the neighborhood a short time later by a passerby who stopped to help him, Harhold said.

Corp, accused of cutting himself, initially told the passerby that he had been robbed, but Harhold said Corp later recanted those statements.

The victim was treated for multiple wounds and has been released from the hospital.

Corp was taken to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, where he was arraigned Monday in his hospital bed by Westland 18th District Magistrate Donald

Vandersloot on charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated domestic violence and being a second-time offender, Harhold said.

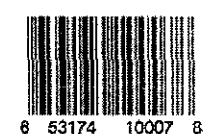
Vandersloot set a \$500,000 cash bond and ordered Corp in court for a Sept. 18 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, the defendant could face penalties ranging up to life in prison. An attempt to reach a defense attorney was unsuccessful.

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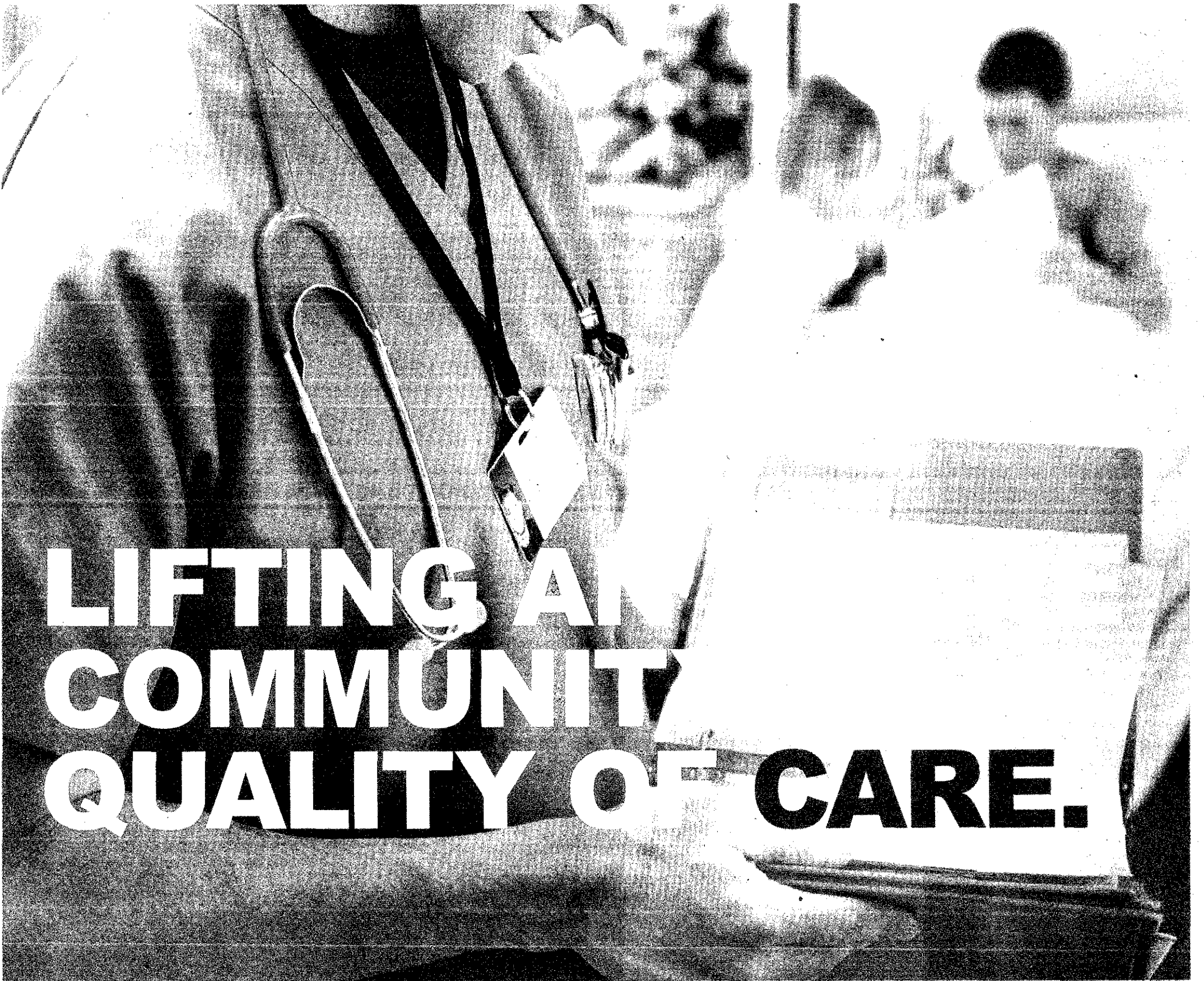
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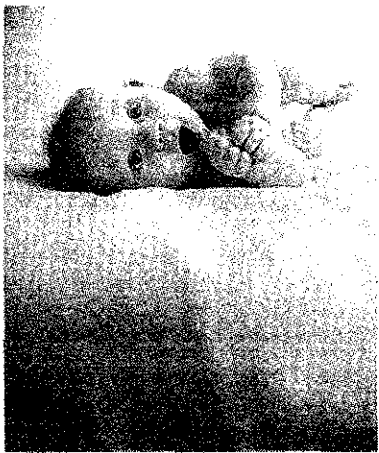


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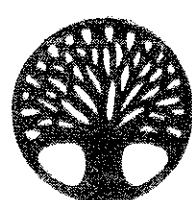
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Comedy night

The Westland Rotary will present its "Comedy for a Cause" benefit 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Proceeds will support Rotary's charitable work. Tickets for the comedy night are \$15 each and available through club members and at C&M Printing and Imaging, 5854 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford Road (east side) in Westland. Information is available from Mary at (734) 729-5401. The event is suitable for adults only.

Tent sale

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 37775 Palmer, Westland, is holding a tent sale beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday.

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Sept. 13. Tables filled with household goods, miscellaneous items and specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts will be on sale. Used clothing also will be for sale in the church for \$2 per plastic grocery bag, and there also will be a food court.

All money raised will be donated to are organizations to help people in the community. Past recipients have included the Salvation Army, Wayne County Family Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, World Hunger (CROP Walk), St. Mary's Outreach Center and the John Bolde Food Depot, the church's mission partner, Trinity Lutheran Church, and for food baskets for Adams Middle School families.

For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will have a plant exchange 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Piano performance

A group of local students of music will present a free

piano performance 2-2:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

Grand opening

Ecclesiasticus Temple Church will hold a grand opening of a Bible and religious book store 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at 2361 S. Venoy, Westland. The church also offers Life Recovery 12-step program for any type of addiction and habit 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call the Rev. Karl Childs ay (734) 722-7365.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Collins House, and the Westland Historic Society meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, also at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Golf outing

John Glenn High School's wrestling program will have its 11th annual golf outing fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Warren Valley Golf Course. Cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and dinner. Please contact Judy at judylaw1122@yahoo.com or (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations.

More information also is available at www.glennwrestling.com.

Dodson to retire as building director

Westland Building Director Sue Dodson has announced she will retire from her position on Sept. 29, ending a six-year stint as the city's top building official.

Dodson came to Westland after honing her skills in building administration in such communities as Plymouth Township, Belleville and Garden City, where she worked as the building official. "The professionalism and invaluable experience Ms. Dodson brought to our city has

not gone unnoticed," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We certainly wish her continued success as she embarks on this new chapter of her life."

Dodson will be replaced as building director by Roger Shifflett, a married father of three who has worked as the city's mechanical inspector since July 2004. Shifflett's background includes extensive knowledge in heating and cooling, commercial installation, and ventilation and duct work,

according to the mayor's office. "Roger shares my commitment of putting residents first and aims to deliver professional, courteous customer service at all times," Wild said.

Shifflett will take over the building department amid a major revamping that Wild recently announced. Wild has changed the way the department does its work in an effort to put more inspectors on city streets to address problems like blight.

CORRECTION

A story in the Sunday, Sept. 7 *Westland Observer* should have stated that the

21-year-old Livonia man charged in a fatal hit-and-run pedestrian accident had

a blood alcohol level of .03 seven hours after the accident.

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ministry at Pure Word Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit.

Mirales-Smith is an order processing manager for LMS North America. She has been active at Schweitzer Elementary School, serving as PTA secretary, vice-president and president and has been the policy board chairperson for the Stottlemeyer Head Start program and policy council chairperson for Wayne County Head Start. She also was a

parent volunteer for the district's sinking fund project.

Garret is a lieutenant with the Wayne Police Department. He also is a parent volunteer at Schweitzer Elementary as well as an Early Literacy Volunteer (ELV) for the reading program.

Chapman has an associate's degree in business management and marketing and is working on an associate's degree in accounting. She has three children who attend Wayne-Westland Schools.

Dashairya, who also campaigned in the May school election, is the owner of a consulting business in the

areas of sales, marketing, customer service, information technology and systems development and design. He has served on the Wayne-Westland Superintendent Advisory Board and Building Improvement Team.

Weaver resigned from the board after he took a job in Midland and changed the address on his driver's license. The change of address also affected his voter registration, making him no longer eligible to serve on the board. His replacement will serve until June 30, 2009.

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# Don't change portfolio based on who wins White House

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past. I hope today is one day that you do remember. It was seven years ago today that our

country was attacked by Islamic terrorists. On this anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, take a minute to remember the day, the victims and the incredible acts of heroism in Washington D.C., New York City and over the skies of Pennsylvania. Although lots of things have changed since those attacks,



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

many things remain the same. One area that remains unchanged is that every four years we have a presidential election. One question I get is: What effect will the outcome of the elections have on the stock market? People want to know how they should position their portfolios and how they should react based upon which party wins the White House. I recently had a conversation with an investor as to what sectors of the economy he thought would perform better depending on the outcome of the election.

My advice is investors should not be speculating on what sector of the economy will outperform just because of election results. In fact, don't restructure or make adjustments in your portfolio based upon the outcome of the election.

It would make things easier if the U.S. economy was controlled by the party in power. It would make it somewhat easier in selecting our leaders. Unfortunately, it is not that easy. The American economy, contrary to what many people believe, is not controlled by the White House nor by Congress. It is important to recognize that the president has more power internationally than he does domestically. After all, if the president wants to raise or lower taxes, he can't wave a magic wand and make it happen.

I have read articles and I have heard statements on TV by so-called experts who are predict-

ing that if Barack Obama wins the election "these sectors" of the economy will do well, while if John McCain wins, "these sectors" will do well. As far as I'm concerned, these issues are totally irrelevant.

When it comes to the stock market, good news is bad news and bad news is good news. What that means is it is impossible to predict what happens in the market because what logically should happen doesn't mean that it will.

Instead of worrying about who's going to win the White House, spend time reviewing your portfolio. That's time better spent.

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Police officers teach the basics on who you can trust.
- RED Fire Safety**  
Firefighters teach the basics of fire safety and prevention. Receive free Fire Safety DVD's. Quantities limited.

[www.laurelparkplace.com](http://www.laurelparkplace.com) Passport To Safety Sponsors: [www.livoniapassportsafety.com](http://www.livoniapassportsafety.com)

**Laurel Park Place**  
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Dispatchers at the Passport to Safety event at Laurel Park Place on Saturday will help participants learn to use the 911 system to report emergencies.

# Turn in electronic waste at Dell RECONNECT event

Wayne County Department of Environment and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit will bring the Dell RECONNECT electronic waste collection program to western Wayne County on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Dell RECONNECT will be held 8 a.m. to noon in the east lot of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington at Five Mile.

RECONNECT is a comprehensive electronics recovery, reuse and environmentally responsible recycling opportunity offering free drop-off

recycling and reuse options for unwanted electronics. The only items that will be accepted are computer monitors, CPUs, key-boards, mouse devices, printers, copiers, fax machines and cell phones. No boxes, manuals or software will be accepted.

Proper disposal of electronic waste is important for a number of reasons. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, nearly three million tons of consumer electronic waste was generated in 2003 alone, with only an estimated 11 percent recycled. The EPA also has identified elec-

tronic products as the largest single source of lead in municipal solid waste. Printed circuit boards in electronic devices contain toxic metals, such as chromium, nickel, and zinc. Batteries may contain nickel and cadmium while other components may contain mercury.

And according to the Web site, www.GreenerChoices.org, plastics used in many computers also contain flame retardants that are toxic and persist in the environment.

For more information about Dell RECONNECT, call (734) 326-3936.

# Give-aways, characters help spread safety message

BY REBECCA JONES  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Iron Man, the Incredible Hulk and Scooby Doo will be at Laurel Park Place on Saturday, Sept. 13, where children will learn safety tips from "the best of the best, experts in all areas of safety," said Patrick Derrig, marketing director for the mall, and one of the organizers.

The Passport to Safety stations include Bike Safety, 9-1-1 Training, Automobile Safety, Computer Safety, Choking/Poisoning, Food Safety, Got2B Safe and Fire Safety.

The free event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will get more than just a stamp in their safety passport.

"At each area of safety there are giveaways with a safety message," Derrig said.

Allstate insurance agent Cheryl Bowker, another organizer, said her company will donate 750 helmets for bike riders and skateboarders. Nurses from St. Mary Mercy Hospital will measure children's heads to ensure they get the right size.

Allstate will also donate separate fire safety DVDs and brochures for parents and children, as well as coloring books and other resources.

Passport to Safety, in its fifth year, is "the largest indoor safety event, that we know of, in the country," Bowker said. "It's a great learning event for kids."

Got2B Safe used to be known as the "stranger-danger" lesson. "That's not the case anymore," Derrig said. Strangers can cause harm, but so can people you know. This lesson will teach children the basics of whom they can trust and how to be safe.

## PASSPORT TO SAFETY EVENT

**What:** Children will learn safety lessons at eight stations staffed by local professionals.

**Where:** Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile (just east of I-275 at Newburgh) in Livonia

**When:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13

**For information:** (734) 462-1100 or www.livoniapassporttosafety.com

Online safety has its own venue. Exhibit Works designed a house to fit inside the mall, where participants will learn about chat room and computer safety.

Children will be able to dress up like firefighters, meet firefighters and see their gear and get a fire helmet. New this year, visitors will get to see a real ambulance and learn and see what is on the inside.

Food safety will focus on

healthy eating and proper food handling.

Dispatchers from Livonia and Northville Township will give a lesson on how to make a 9-1-1 call. They'll show a picture of an emergency, like a fire or car crash, and children will practice reporting it.

Livonia police will also have information and applications for adults interested in the Community Emergency Response Team. The traffic safety bureau will be at the Automobile Safety area explaining the importance of seat belts and car seats.

"This is a nonprofit event dedicated to the safety of kids," said Sgt. Mike Killingbeck of the Crime Prevention Bureau. "We're proud and honored to be a part of it."

Sponsors have contributed more than \$20,000 in cash, plus much more in in-kind donations, such as airtime to promote the event.

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# Hospital fund-raiser has military theme

It'll be a salute to the troops when the Garden City Hospital Foundation hosts its Fall Fundraiser, "6245th M\*A\*S\*H - A Salute to the Troops, Generation to Generation."

All areas of the Armed Forces - Marines, Navy, Air Force and Army - will be recognized at the annual event, planned for 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Enjoy dinner and dancing to live music by Sunset Boulevard, and come dressed in old or new military attire to keep with evening's theme. Reserved seating for tables of 10 is available; open seating is provided for smaller groups. Corporate sponsorships also are available.

Tickets are \$75 each; a table of 10 is \$800. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted. For Fall Fundraiser information or reservations, call Lynn Giovannini at (734) 458-4331 by Friday, Oct. 17. Donations to the Garden City Hospital Foundation may be made at any time by calling (734) 458-4331.

Located in Garden City, Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information about the hospital, call 877-717-WELL or visit its Web site at www.gchosp.org.

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## ORDINANCE NO. 192-C

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MICHIGAN REHABILITATION CODE FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS BY ADDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 22-35 AND 22-36 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE

**Section 1.** That Chapter 22, Article II, Sections 22-35 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide the following:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Home Rule Cities Act (Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909 (MCL 117.1 et seq., MSA 5.2071 et seq.), as amended) a certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the city clerk for the City of Westland, being marked and designated as "Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings" as promulgated and published by the Michigan Construction Code Commission, be and is hereby adopted as the rehabilitation code of the City of Westland and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said rehabilitation code, as amended, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part of hereof as if fully set out in this article. The City of Westland specifically assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing, as amended

**Section 2.** That Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-36, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide the following:

That any violation of the Rehabilitation Code as promulgated by the state construction code commission, as amended, that is designated as a misdemeanor or a municipal civil infraction shall be the same under this ordinance. Properly designated City of Westland employees may issue appearance tickets for violating this ordinance.

**Section 3.** That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 5. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 6. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Eileen DeHart, CMC  
Westland City Clerk

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## ORDINANCE NO. 192-A-4-A

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MICHIGAN RESIDENTIAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 22-37 AND 22-38 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE

**Section 1.** That Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-37 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide the following:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Home Rule Cities Act (Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909 (MCL 117.1 et seq., MSA 5.2071 et seq.), as amended) a certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the city clerk for the City of Westland, being marked and designated as "Michigan Residential Code" as promulgated and published by the Michigan Construction Code Commission, be and is hereby adopted as the Residential code of the City of Westland and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said residential code, as amended, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part of hereof as if fully set out in this article. The City of Westland specifically assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of the Michigan Residential Code, as amended.

**Section 2.** That Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-38, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide the following:

That any violation of the Residential Code as promulgated by the state construction code commission, as amended, that is designated as a misdemeanor or a municipal civil infraction shall be the same under this ordinance. Properly designated City of Westland employees may issue appearance tickets for violating this ordinance.

**Section 3.** That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 5. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 6. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

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## ORDINANCE NO. 107-A

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE II, SECTION 22-31 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY ADOPTING THE MICHIGAN BUILDING CODE

**Section 1.** That Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-31 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide the following:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Home Rule Cities Act (Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909 (MCL 117.1 et seq., MSA 5.2071 et seq.), as amended) a certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the city clerk for the City of Westland, being marked and designated as "Michigan Building Code" as promulgated and published by the Michigan Construction Code Commission, be and is hereby adopted as the building code of the City of Westland and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said building code, as amended, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part of hereof as if fully set out in this article. The City of Westland specifically assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of the Michigan Building Code, as amended.

**Section 2.** That Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide the following:

That any violation of the Building Code as promulgated by the state construction code commission, as amended, that is designated as a misdemeanor or a municipal civil infraction shall be the same under this ordinance. Properly designated City of Westland employees may issue appearance tickets for violating this ordinance.

**Section 3.** That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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**Section 6. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-61**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WESTLAND ZONING ORDINANCE 248, BY AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 3:5.1, 3:5.2, 3:5.3, 3:11.3, and 3:12.5, ARTICLE XII, SECTION 12:2.6, ARTICLE XIII, SECTIONS 13:2.6, and 13:2.8 TO COMPLY WITH LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE MICHIGAN PLANNING ENABLING ACT**

**Section 1.** That Article III, Section 3:5.1 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

**Creation**

That the City Planning Commission, as established under the provisions of Act 285, 1931, as amended, is the Planning Commission referred to in this Ordinance. The Planning Commission shall also have the powers of a Zoning Commission as set forth in Section 301 of Public Act 110 of 2006. A Zoning Commission is thereby established by this Ordinance.

**Section 2.** That Article III, Section 3:5.2 of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to provide as follows:

**Membership**

The Planning Commission shall consist of nine members who shall be representative of important segments of the community, such as the economic, governmental, educational, and social development of Westland, in accordance with the major interests as they exist in Westland, such as agriculture, natural resources, recreation, education, public health, government, transportation, industry and commerce. The membership shall also be representative of the entire geography of the local unit of government to the extent practicable. All members shall be qualified electors, except one member may not be required to be an elector. All members of the Planning Commission shall serve as such with compensation and shall hold no other municipal office except that one of such members shall be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The term of each member shall be three years. All members shall hold office until their successors are appointed. Members, upon written charges and after public hearing, may be removed by the city council for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office. Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term as set forth herein.

**Section 3.** That Article III, Section 3:5.3 of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to provide as follows:

The Commission shall elect a chairperson and secretary from its members and create and fill other offices as it considers advisable. The term of each officer shall be one year, with opportunity for reelection. The commission shall adopt bylaws for the transaction of business, and shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations.

The Commission shall make an annual written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the city council related to planning and development.

The Commission shall hold not less than four regular meetings each year, and by resolution shall determine the time and place of the meetings. Unless the bylaws provide otherwise, a special meeting of the planning commission may be called by the chairperson or by two other members, upon written request to the secretary. Unless the bylaws provide otherwise, the secretary shall send written notice of a special meeting to planning commission members not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

**Section 4.** That Article III, Section 3:11.3 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

**3:11.3 Public Hearing**

Notice of the hearing shall be published in the official city newspaper, or a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Westland. Notice shall also be sent by mail or personal delivery to the owners of property for which approval is being considered. Notice shall also be sent to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet of the property regardless of whether the property or occupant is located in the City of Westland. Notification need not be given to more than one occupant of a structure, except that if a structure contains more than one dwelling unit or spatial area owned or leased by different persons, one occupant of each unit or spatial area shall be given notice. If a single structure contains more than 4 dwelling units or other distinct spatial areas owned or leased by different persons, notice may be given to the manager or owner of the structure, who shall be requested to post the notice at the primary entrance to the structure. The notice shall be given not less than 15 days before the date the application will be considered for approval. If the name of the occupant is not known, the term occupant may be used in making notification under this subsection. The notice is considered to be given when personally delivered or when deposited during normal business hours for delivery with the United States postal service or other public or private delivery service. The notice shall do all of the following:

- i. Describe the nature of the request;
- ii. Indicate the property that is the subject of the request. The notice shall include a listing of all existing street addresses within the property. Street addresses do not need to be created and listed if no such addresses currently exist within the property. If there are not street addresses, other means of identification may be used.
- iii. State when and where the request will be considered.
- iv. Indicate when and where written comments will be received concerning the request.

**Section 5.** That Article III, Section 3:12.5 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

**3:12.5 Notice of Hearing**

a. Notice of the hearing shall be published in the official city newspaper, or a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Westland. Notice shall also be sent by mail or personal delivery to the owners of property for which approval is being considered. Notice shall also be sent to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet of the property regardless of whether the property or occupant is located in the City of Westland. Notification need not be given to more than one occupant of a structure, except that if a structure contains more than one dwelling unit or spatial area owned or leased by different persons, one occupant of each unit or spatial area shall be given notice. If a single structure contains more than 4 dwelling units or other distinct spatial areas owned or leased by different persons, notice may be given to the manager or owner of the structure, who shall be requested to post the notice at the primary entrance to the structure.

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**Section 6.** That Article XII, Section 12:2.6 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

**12:2.6 Date and Notification of Planning Commission Consideration**

a. Notice of the hearing shall be published in the official city newspaper, or a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Westland. Notice shall also be sent by mail or personal delivery to the owners of property for which approval is being considered. Notice shall also be sent to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet of the property regardless of whether the property or occupant is located in the City of Westland. Notification need not be given to more than one occupant of a structure, except that if a structure contains more than one dwelling unit or spatial area owned or leased by different persons, one occupant of each unit or spatial area shall be given notice. If a single structure contains more than 4 dwelling units or other distinct spatial areas owned or leased by different persons, notice may be given to the manager or owner of the structure, who shall be requested to post the notice at the primary entrance to the structure.

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**Section 7.** That Article XIII, Section 13:2.6 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

**13:2.6 Date and Notification of Planning Commission Public Meeting**

a. Notice of the hearing shall be published in the official city newspaper, or a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Westland. Notice shall also be sent by mail or personal delivery to the owners of property for which approval is being considered. Notice shall also be sent to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet of the property regardless of whether the property or occupant is located in the City of Westland. Notification need not be given to more than one occupant of a structure, except that if a structure contains more than one dwelling unit or spatial area owned or leased by different persons, one occupant of each unit or spatial area shall be given notice. If a single structure contains more than 4 dwelling units or other distinct spatial areas owned or leased by different persons, notice may be given to the manager or owner of the structure, who shall be requested to post the notice at the primary entrance to the structure.

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**Section 8.** That Article XIII, Section 13:2.8 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

**13:2.8 Review of Recommendations and Public Hearing**

a. The City Council shall review the application for special land use approval, together with the Planning Director's report and Planning Commission's recommendations thereon. At the initiative of the body or official responsible for approving the special land use or upon the request of the applicant, notice shall be given as set forth in subparagraph b, and a public hearing shall be held before a discretionary decision is made on the special land use request. The body or official designated to review and approve special land uses may deny, approve, or approve with conditions a request for special land use approval. The decision on a special land use shall be incorporated in a statement of findings and conclusions relative to the special land use which specifies the basis for the decision and any conditions imposed.

b. Notice of the hearing shall be published in the official city newspaper, or a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Westland. Notice shall also be sent by mail or personal delivery to the owners of property for which approval is being considered. Notice shall also be sent to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet of the property regardless of whether the property or occupant is located in the City of Westland. Notification need not be given to more than one occupant of a structure, except that if a structure contains more than one dwelling unit or spatial area owned or leased by different persons, one occupant of each unit or spatial area shall be given notice. If a single structure contains more than 4 dwelling units or other distinct spatial areas owned or leased by different persons, notice may be given to the manager or owner of the structure, who shall be requested to post the notice at the primary entrance to the structure.

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**Section 9.** That all other provisions of the Westland Zoning Ordinance #248 shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 10. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 11. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 12. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 13. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

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# Hollywood comes calling in Westland

BY REBECCA JONES  
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Stevenson High School will play the supporting role of a fictitious Seattle high school in a forthcoming movie being filmed in Livonia, Westland and Plymouth.

Scenes for *Miss January*, will be filmed Monday, Sept. 15, on the Stevenson football field, in the guidance office and in a hallway, said Principal Steve Archibald. "The color scheme and look fit what they were going for, I guess."

Producers also built a set at Livonia Mall, and Westland will be chosen to film several movie scenes starting as early as this week, including locations at a private residence, in a local parking lot and along Hines Drive.

"This truly is an exciting endeavor," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "Westland is an excellent choice to live, work and play in, and if we can be considered a 'coming attraction' as far as movie production is concerned, well, that's even better."

The title *Miss January* raised a few eyebrows at first, Archibald said. The movie starring Kim Cattrall (*Sex and the City*) and Brian Dennehy (*Rambo*), details the coming-of-age story about a young man who embarks on a cross-country trip to meet his dream woman, a former film star, played by Cattrall.

In exchange for filming at the school, Camelot Pictures (which has offices in Livonia) will make a donation to the LPS Foundation charity and will purchase some equipment for Stevenson's radio and TV class. Location manager Ernest

Belding said he began scouting scenes in mid-July and looked at local high schools.

"The school district and school itself were willing to accommodate us on a day that school is in session, which is no small thing," he said.

Archibald said filming will not interfere with instruction. The "extras" have already been cast; there are no opportunities for Stevenson students to be part of the film.

Rod Hosman, director of administrative services for LPS, said the district has received a number of calls from movie-makers since a package of bills passed earlier this year, giving tax incentives to production crews who film in Michigan.

The district is open to requests, as long as shooting is not disruptive or out of line, Hosman said. The crews would make a donation to the LPS Foundation or school and cover any costs for custodial or maintenance services.

Upon first hearing the news, Stevenson students were excited.

"If I see a camera, I'm waving to it," said freshman Nicole Yurgalite. She said Stevenson looks like "a typical high school, what you would see in any show."

Yurgalite and friends said they would go see the movie just because scenes were shot at their school.

"I think it is pretty interesting that Stevenson will get publicity," said senior Amanda Carr.

Staff Writer Darrell Clem contributed to this story.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**  
Mtg. No. 17 - 9-2-2008

Presiding: Council President Godbout  
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

187-Approved minutes of the regular meeting held 8-18-08  
- Approved req. from GSA for cookie/calender & nut sales  
- Approved prep. res. for CWW for grant appl.  
- Approved bid for Play Planet from Game Time, Inc.  
- Adopted Ord. 192-A-4-A to adopt the MI Res. Code  
- Adopted Ord. 192-C to adopt the MI Rehab. Code  
- Adopted Ord. 107-A to adopt the MI Bldg. Code  
- Adopted Ord. 192-A-3-B to adopt the Intern'l. Prop. Maint. Code  
- Adopted Ord. 248-A-61 to comply w/leg. changes to MI Zoning and MI Planning Enabling Acts  
- Adopted land div. res. s. of Palmer, betw. Hix & Hannan  
188- Adopted prep. res. for PILOT for Country Ct. Apts.  
189- Adopted prep. res. for PILOT for Country Village Apts.  
190- Adopted prep. res. for PILOT for Westland Woods Apts.  
191- Set public hearing for 9-15-08 for CDBG Yr. XXXIII Cons. Annual perf. & Eval. Rept.  
194- Designated del to MMI Conf.  
196- Designated alt. del to MMI Conf.  
197- Confirmed re-appt. of R. Millard to Brownfield Redev. Auth. term to expire 9-2-11  
198- Confirmed appt. of S. Brantley to Brownfield Redev. Auth. term to expire 9-2-11  
199- Confirmed appt. of B. Dashairya to DDA term to expire 8-16-11  
200- Confirmed re-appt. of R. Yurk to Planning Comm. term to expire 8-5-11  
201- Confirmed re-appt. of K. Sharp to Planning Comm. term to expire 8-20-11  
202- Approved Checklist Activity: \$5,032,628.30 and Prepaid \$3,885,620.53.  
Mtg. adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes available at the City Clerk's Office.

JAMES R. GODBOUT, EILEEN DEHART, CMC  
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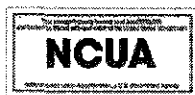
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OUR VIEWS

## Play Planet is good use of DDA money

Within walking distance of a high school named after the first U.S. astronaut to orbit the Earth, it seems appropriate that the new playscape to be erected in Tattan Park will have a space theme.

It's also nice to see that the launch is being provided by the Downtown Development Authority and that the landing will be handled by the community.

Of course, all planetary exploration will be provided by the imaginations of the youngsters who will use Tattan Park, which for years has been a mecca for tots with its small play structure and its rambling Tot Town, meant to let toddlers play house on a grander scale.

A play structure is sorely needed in the area. The once impressive wooden structure in Central City Park has fallen into disrepair and is off-limits because of the park's contamination problems. Cleaning up the park means that structures in it, like the playscape, will have to be torn down.

We believe there's two special aspects to this project. The first is the DDA providing the \$250,000 to purchase the equipment. The DDA acts as a liaison between business community and local government to create an environment conducive to attracting and retaining businesses within the district. It's responsible for the streetscape and the design charrette which will redefine the commercial corridor along Ford Road.

The park falls within the district and we think the use of the captured tax dollars to finance the improvement is a great idea. Its impact will be immediately felt by residents and will improve the appearance of the park and go a long way toward attracting people and businesses to the community.

We also like the idea that the city will invite residents to roll up their sleeves and help build the playscape, like what was done with the wooden structure. Not only is it a cost savings, it's a great way to get residents involved in the city. It's also a positive addition to an area that has been fraught with contamination fears for far too long.

Thanks to the DDA and the city, youngsters will get a chance to "explore" space with Play Planet. We can't think of better addition to the park. It has been a recreational gem for years, and this addition will make it sparkle even more.

## Consequences of 9/11 continue to affect us all

Seven years ago today, the life of every American was forever changed when two commercial jets slammed into the World Trade Center and a third set ablaze the headquarters of our nation's armed forces.

The terrorist attacks of 9/11 are this generation's defining moment in U.S. history. Just like former generations recall exactly where they were or what they were doing when news spread of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, we are frozen in time to that moment when television and computer screens across the country were filled with images of the Twin Towers ablaze.

In the days following the attacks, we were encouraged by our leaders to resume our normal lives and deny the terrorists their cowardly victory by plunging the country into a state of fear and uncertainty.

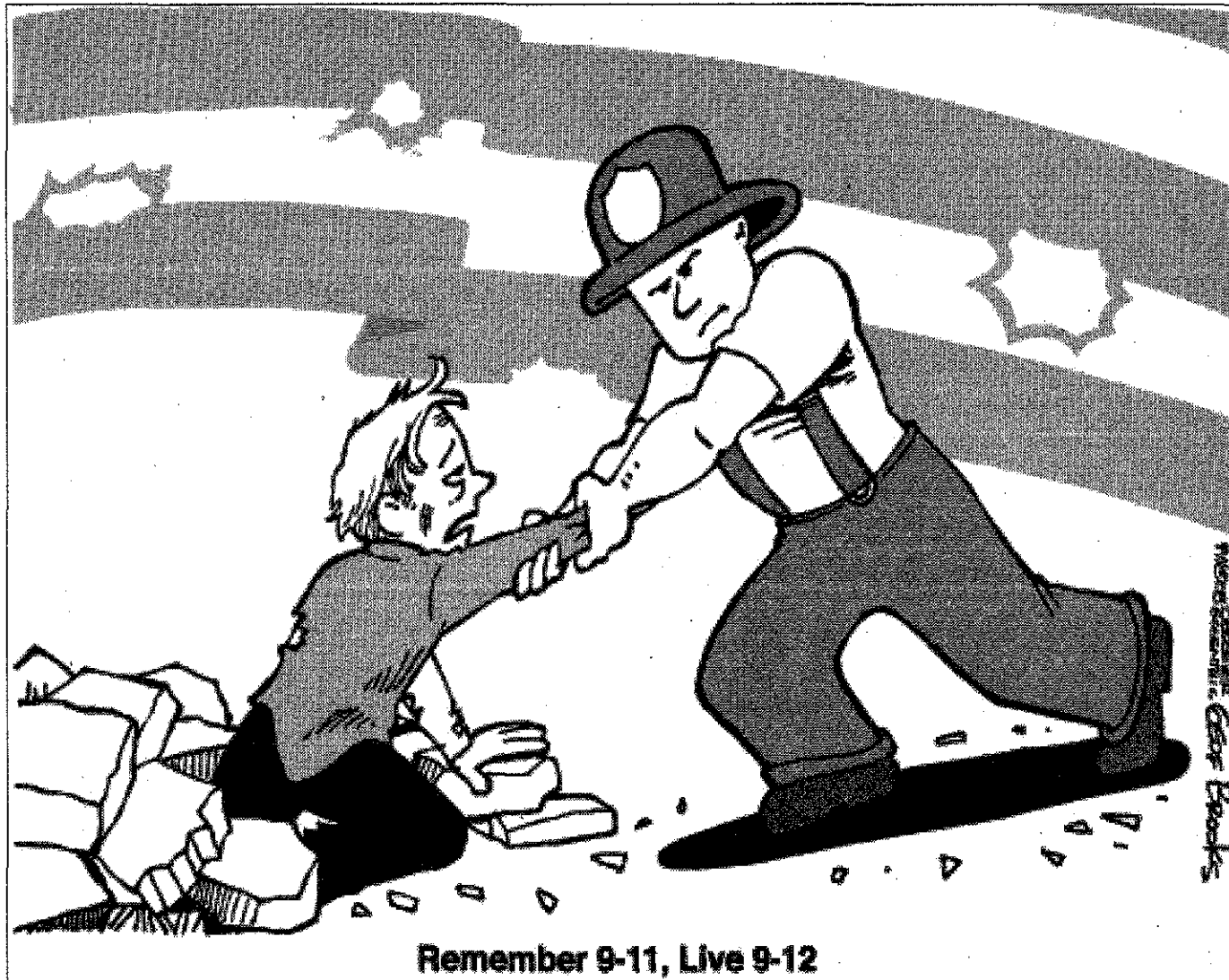
Our country remains strong and proud and free, but even today, evidence of how we have changed as a nation is readily evident both on a national and local level. The "war on terror" led to the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security and the controversial Patriot Act, and our nation's resources are being drained — and thousands of our young men and women placed in harm's way — by wars being fought in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Closer to home, we are paying higher insurance premiums, the cost of a gallon of gasoline has more than doubled, jet travel has become a nightmare and it is more difficult to cross the Canadian border.

And in our hometowns, we face greater scrutiny while visiting local municipal buildings, are subject to search when attending a local sporting event, and witnessed the demise of a very successful and popular local restaurant chain (LaShish) when its owner fled the country after being tied to funneling money to a suspected terrorist organization.

We will never be able to go back to our way of life prior to the events of Sept. 11, 2001. But we must as individuals, and as a community, continue to move forward in accepting and embracing the many challenges that we will continue to face in our daily lives.

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### Out of touch

I do agree with your article that appeared in the *Westland Observer and Eccentric* on Aug. 28 2008. You stated that you were wondering why McCain and Obama are almost in a dead heat; I think I know the answer and that is people are basically ignorant. After all, Bush was elected twice by the people and one time after he started a senseless war. I can understand why the people of Michigan are out of touch by reading the article written by Marcie Lipsitt in the column next to yours.

Robert Eberts  
Westland

### Support drug safety

When it comes to health care in Michigan, certain rights and safety measures protect most of us. For example, we all take for granted that the meds our doctor prescribes are safe.

But some people with epilepsy are not safe. Unknowingly and without their consent, the drugs that work for them are being "switched" at their local pharmacy. Switching from their current prescribed medication to another medication exposes them to unnecessary risk and an increased chance for a breakthrough seizure.

The unauthorized switching of anti-epileptic drugs can place people in real danger. The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan believes that people with epilepsy should have the same rights, safety measures and expectations that we do: that the prescription meds they take are safe for them.

Epilepsy is not like other conditions. It's a neurological disorder that alters awareness and movement. After careful clinical evaluation and diagnostic testing, patients and doctors work together, sometimes over the course of years, to find a drug or a drug combination that helps them control their seizures and allows them to live a normal life. Because every epilepsy patient's blood chemistry is unique, the best drug is the drug that works. It doesn't matter if it's a brand name drug or a generic. When anti-epileptic drugs are switched, blood levels can change and even small changes can result in seizures.

Michigan Sen. John Gleason, of Flushing, and Rep. John Espinoza, of Sanilac County, have introduced Senate Bill No. 926 and House Bill No. 5077, respectively, to prohibit the switching of anti-epilepsy drugs. Pharmacists would be prohibited from switching anti-epilepsy drugs without prior notification and the signed informed consent by the prescribing physician and the patient.

When there is doubt about the safety of switching anti-epilepsy medications, when there is unproven clinical research, it is reasonable to expect that the health care system will err on the side of patient safety. Doctors who specialize in treating epilepsy believe switching can be dangerous. According to a recent study of 15,000 epilepsy patients, previously stable patients who required emergent evaluation for seizures had an 81 percent higher chance

### LETTERS

of having been switched to a generic anti-epilepsy drug.

It's clear this patient safety bill is necessary to protect people with epilepsy and assure them that the drugs that work best and keep them seizure free are the drugs they will receive from their pharmacy.

Please contact your local legislator. Urge them to support Senate Bill No. 926 and House Bill No. 5077.

**Arlene Gorelick**  
president, Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan  
**Dr. Michael Nigro**  
Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders  
**Mel Sternfeld**  
Epilepsy Foundation Board member

to better character development.

I know that I am not the person to teach my children math or a foreign language so I rely on the schools for academics. I do take accountability in being a team with my husband to teach and model responsibility, morals, honesty and other character-building traits that will help them in their academics and their futures. Helping our children make good life decisions is one of the most important jobs we have. It is also sometimes a difficult job.

I hope many parents read this article and took it to heart. It is easy to be buddies with your kids, but that is not parenting and it does not aid in developing skills and traits that will assist them in being dependable people of character.

Katy Frederick  
Livonia

### it makes me laugh

When I read the County News section of the *Observer* dated Aug. 21, "McCotter: Bush reaction to Georgia invasion 'inexcusable,'" it really made me laugh to read that U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter would criticize his "sidekick" President George W. Bush over the fact that the Bush administration was "surprised" by Russia's invasion of Georgia. Isn't it ludicrous for Mr. McCotter to criticize President Bush over this event, while assiduously supporting our president for almost eight years of catastrophic decisions that have crippled our nation and will certainly have very long-term effects on all Americans?

Where was Mr. McCotter's criticism when the real dangerous decisions by our president and his staff were made regarding the pre-emptive strike on Iraq? The Downing Street Memo? The Preliminary Report of the Commission Investigating 9/11 that said, "We have no credible evidence that Iraq and al Qaeda cooperated on attacks against the United States? Abu Ghraib? Haliburton? Walter Reed Hospital? Blackwater? Body armor? Katrina? Guantanamo? Yellow cake? Waterboarding? Weapons of mass destruction? "Slam Dunk?" Mission Accomplished? "Bring 'Em On?" "Heck of a job, Brownie?" Tax cuts for the rich? Giving cluster bombs, tanks and all kinds of weapons to Israel to devastate Lebanese and Palestinian people? Spending \$12 billion a month on Iraq? Enron? Politicizing our Justice Department?

I could go on and on with this list, but I think most of the American public are aware of these and other pernicious events that have taken place in recent years.

Yes, it makes me laugh that Mr. McCotter would now try to distance himself from the current administration when their ship is sinking.

Frank Delewsky  
Livonia

### Parents are 'primary educators'

Thank you so much for running the editorial Aug. 28 titled "It's your job, parents, to teach life's most important lessons." I couldn't agree more with these views. I have always felt that when parents own up to the task of being the primary educator of their children, it leads



### From our Web site

The following are comments from our reader forums on stories from the *Westland Observer*.

■ Regarding the story of the Livonia man charged in a fatal hit-and-run accident:

nyvboys wrote:  
Here we go again ... letting another drunk driver let go and then on top of that. Talking on the cell phone. When are we going to make it illegal to use the cellphone and drive at the same time, but, then again. It seems the drinking and driving law isn't working either or getting enforced in Michigan either. It's a no win. Over in Europe, if you get caught talking on the cellphone and driving let me tell you. It's one heavy do fine.!!!! Michigan is a VERY messed up state!! Another sad day for a parent to bury their son because someone likes to drink, drive and talk on the cell phone. So sorry.

### SHARE YOUR OPINIONS

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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**"We need to figure out a path to follow before it's mandated. At least, the resolution gave our opinion that the formula wasn't crafted properly and puts a burden on our residents."**

City Council President James Godbout about the flood mitigation plan proposed for the Ecorse Creek which flows through Westland.

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## When will we ever learn that 'it's the economy, stupid'

Last Thursday was one of those historic, news heavy days.

On the national scene, the Republican National Convention was still feeling the euphoria of a well-received, feisty speech from Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the party's surprise nominee for vice president. Sen.

John McCain accepted the party's nomination for president and presented his case for "change," the word in this year's campaign.

Meanwhile, locally, we were transfixed by the denouement of a political tragedy. The politically gifted and impossibly arrogant Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick finally brought an end to months of turmoil and political uncertainty. In a plea deal, he pleaded guilty to two counts of obstructing justice in the scandal known by tabloid shorthand as "the text messaging scandal."

A local daily gets to gloat. A governor gets off the hook just before she might actually have to make a politically dicey decision. Some notable public officials breathe a sigh of relief and hope they finally get their pet projects (Cobo) off the ground.

And the mayor, well he vows that like the Terminator he'll be back.

Those are the stories that were riveting to most news watchers. But other stories may have more meaning. That Thursday the stock market took another dive, down more than 300 points on reports about bad job figures.

On Friday, those reports were confirmed, with August unemployment at a five-year high of 6.1 percent and job losses for the month at 84,000 (including 39,000 auto vehicle and parts manufacturing jobs). That followed on news from last week of stagnant economic growth.

As Bill Clinton learned when he was running for president at a time of recession, "it's the economy, stupid." That's the issue that should decide this election.

It should not be about rhetorical gifts, being a hockey mom (or a soccer dad), who

gets off the best gibes or who has the most family secrets.

As in all elections, those kind of issues seem to attract more attention than detailed policy statements and reasoned discussions of the issues that are pertinent to the majority of voters in this election.

They are especially pertinent to our communities — because we are an industrial region in a time when industrial jobs have moved to less developed nations; because our major industry is the highly competitive and troubled auto industry; and because we've wrestled for years with complex social and economic issues. We were the bellwether for the economic problems of the country and we are now one of the states most in play.

Sen. McCain and Sen. Barack Obama will need to lay out detailed information on what they will try to do if elected president. But potential voters also need to take the time, the effort to read what they propose. They deserve our attention for their ideas and their political acumen to move those ideas through the legislative and executive process.

Fortunately, for us, McCain and Obama pledge to have that discussion but the usual distractions of politics will often take center stage and get them off message on the economy, on energy, on health care, on national security.

A president can not take total blame for a bad economy or total credit for a good one. But a president can set in motion policies and programs that appropriately stimulate the economy, soften the blow of economic recession on the average person and address some of the major economic concerns that face all of us — paying for health care, paying for education, retiring without being a burden on our children.

Political theater is fun to watch and important in its own right. But the real story last Thursday became a footnote and that's a shame.

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Hugh Gallagher

## Patriot Day: Time to recommit to land of free, home of brave

Today is Patriot Day, a day set aside to honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001. It's hard to believe that it has been seven years since we



Sue Mason

watched and listened in horror as the North and South towers of the World Trade Center were reduced to rubble, viewed smoke and flames belching from a gaping hole in the side of the Pentagon or looked at a huge hole in a field in Pennsylvania, all that was left of a hijacked airliner.

It was a day few of us will ever forget. A day we should never forget. A day like Dec. 7, 1941, that will live in infamy.

But how many of us observed a moment of silence at 8:45 a.m. this morning, remembering the tragic events of the day? I'm sure the families and friends of the 2,983 people who died that day did. The wound that day created for them is probably still very raw and very new. Each and every time the scenes of what happened that day are shown on TV — and the days leading up to 9/11 are always filled with movies, documentaries and the like — they get to relive what happened.

For those of us who did not lose a loved one in the attacks, it's become monotonous. We have grown tired of seeing the images, tired of hearing the reasons why the towers didn't withstand the plane crashes, tired of hearing about the failures of our intelligence agencies.

I think my husband summed it up best Sunday evening. In flipping through channels, I stopped on TNT. It was showing *Flight 93*, a recreation of the American Airlines flight which crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pa. "I think I know all I want to know about 9/11," he said.

He's right in a way. In the months following 9/11, there was so much finger-pointing. We wanted to know how it happened, why it wasn't prevented, and looked for someone to blame. We could not fathom that something like this could have happened without us knowing about it. But it did and, like the questions that swirl around the Kennedy assassination, we will never know the

answers. We have to accept the fact that it happened and go from there.

It seems that each generation has an event that has a major impact on it. For my generation it was the Vietnam War. Starting with rioting at the Democratic Convention in 1968 and on through the anti-war marches, the takeover at Columbia University and the Kent State massacre, my generation spoke loud and clear about its lack of support for the war.

The lessons we learned from it can be seen today. As the free love generation, our motto was to trust no one over age 30. Now we're all fifty-somethings plus and still hesitant to trust our leaders. Where we once assaulted our troops and called them names, we now stand shoulder-to-shoulder in support of them. After all, those are our children dying in Iraq and Afghanistan. And we still hang on to our right to denounce an unjust war.

We have none of the wherewithal that our parents had when the young men and women of this country went off to fight in World War II. We whine and complain about our troops having to serve 12-18 months. Our parents served until the war was done. That is something we need to learn before our elders are gone. We have been told time and time again that the war on terror will not be a short one like the Persian Gulf War. It will long and arduous and many will die. We've already seen that since 9/11 in Madrid, London, Bali and Egypt, where terrorists have struck with deadly accuracy.

While Patriot Day is meant to remember the innocent people who lost their lives on 9/11, it also should be a time to recommit to our country. For more than 200 years, it has stood as a beacon of freedom to the world's poor, hungry and oppressed. It is that freedom that these terrorists abhor. It is that freedom that, even in these bleak economic times, makes us a great country.

The terrorists may have taken away our innocence on 9/11, but they will never take away our freedom. We are America, we are the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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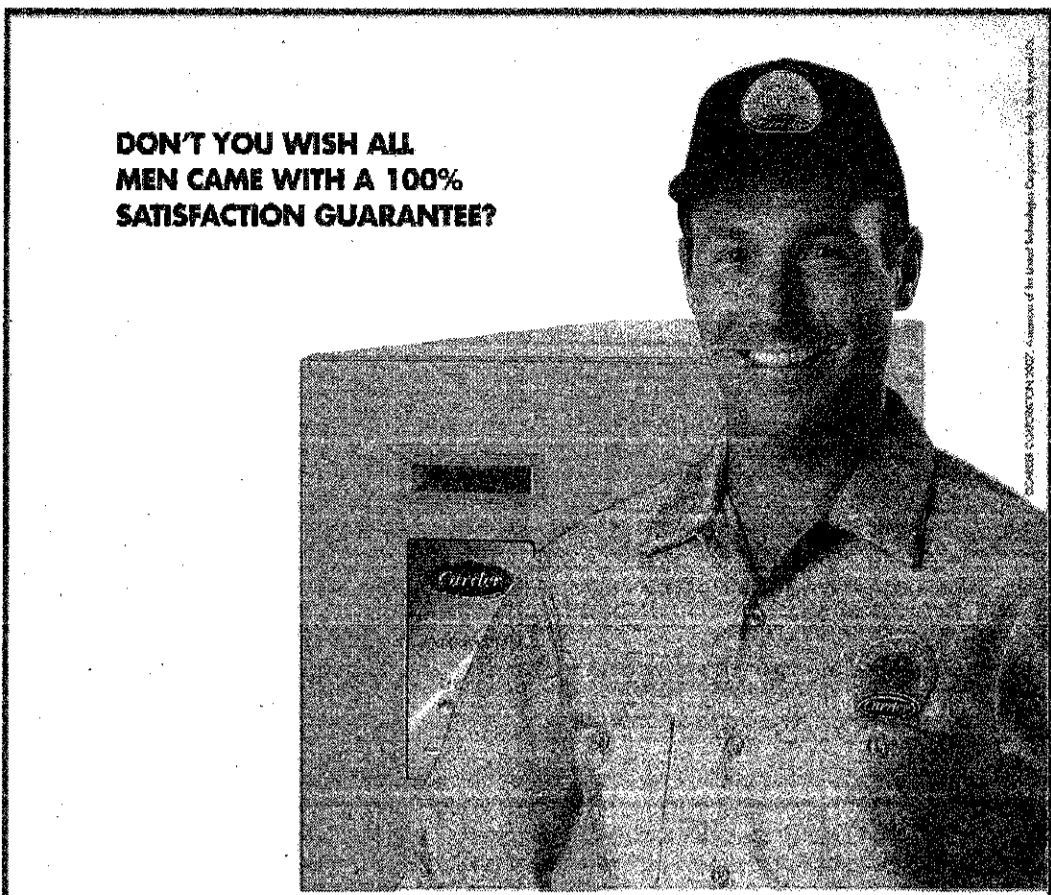
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Mary Ellen King stops by and chats with chef-in-training Ahmet Termos at Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts kitchen. King will chair a Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft on Sept. 28 that will feature food and wine from local restaurants and will benefit the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

**Schoolcraft's culinary event to benefit students**

BY PAM FLEMING  
NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mary Ellen King says if you like food and chances to win discounted gifts, plan to attend the 17th annual Culinary Extravaganza, Sunday, Sept. 28, at Schoolcraft College.

The 2-5 p.m. event at the VisTaTech Center on Haggerty Road just south of Seven Mile Road in Livonia will feature wine and samplings from many area restaurants, with proceeds funding scholarships for Schoolcraft students.

Cost is \$50 per person, \$20 of which is tax-deductible. To order tickets, call (734) 462-4518.

King, of Northville Township, is chairing the event for the second consecutive year.

She has served on the college's board of governors for about three years. During her first year on the board, she chaired the event's silent auction.

**HIGHLIGHT OF FALL SEASON**

She believes the annual Schoolcraft College Foundation fund-raiser is one of the highlights of the fall season in metro Detroit.

"I have several friends who have volunteered to help because they like the event so much," King said.

King has also served on the development committee of the Mercy Education Project in southwest Detroit for about three years. This nonprofit organization serves girls and women through after-school tutoring, summer enrichment, Graduation Equivalent Diploma preparation and teaching life skills.

Currently, she is working diligently on the campaign staff of Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville).

King grew up in Detroit and has lived in Northville since 1972. She was the first director of Northville Youth Assistance,

serving this organization that helps local needy students for 18 years.

For the Schoolcraft College Foundation benefit, King suggests that attendees arrive early and come hungry. As of mid-August, 47 businesses were scheduled to provide samples at the benefit.

"This event highlights many of our local restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors," King said.

Not only will several new restaurants be represented at this year's Culinary Extravaganza, but, "We have some really great silent auction items," King said.

King encourages those planning to attend the event to purchase tickets now, as they must be purchased in advance.

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## Lutheran Westland stymies Clarenceville, 3-1

Kruger's hat trick leads way

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Josh Kruger has always had a knack for scoring, and the Lutheran High Westland striker found the net again three times Tuesday, leading the host Warriors to a 3-1 Metro Conference boys soccer win over Livonia Clarenceville.

The senior, who finished 2007 with 14 goals, now has 11 on the young season as Lutheran Westland improved to 4-2-1 overall and 1-1 in the Metro.

Kruger's first goal came at the six-minute mark when Clarenceville keeper Garrett Gregg got caught out of position. Brad LaRose assisted on the goal.

Kruger then added another on a penalty kick with 9:38 remaining in the first half and completed his hat trick with 20:06 left in the match on a fine individual effort off a feed from Gage Flanery.

"That third goal was one of the nicer goals I've seen," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "Josh has grown as a striker. Even with people all over him this year, he seems to find the corner. It was a beautiful left-footed goal. Nobody works harder. He's a true leader and an example was that last goal."

Clarenceville (4-2, 1-1) got on the board to spoil Micah Hausch's shutout bid with only seven minutes left on an own goal that was credited to Garet Hintzman.

The Trojans, however, couldn't generate much offensively, much to the dismay of second-year coach Trevor Johnson, who questioned the penalty kick call.

"We came out flat, and that (second) goal swings the momentum," he said. "But that's not an excuse. They (Westland) earned the victory. But when it's 1-0 instead of 2-0, it's a different animal. We lost our composure and it was not the best performance from us. It was all about effort."

"We were down 3-0 before we started to play, which is ridiculous. Part of that's on my shoulders. We have to play harder."

Kruger, a third-year varsity performer who played during the off-season for the under-17 Plymouth Reign, tries to keep things simple when on the attack.

"I'm just looking for a good ball to my feet," he said.



Clarenceville's Matt Garant (8) and Lutheran Westland's Chris Barnaby (17) contest for the ball during Tuesday's Metro Conference encounter.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## Sidelines

### O&E golf sign up

The 2008 *Observer & Eccentric* Men's Open 36-hole medal play event will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included) with a maximum handicap of 20.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Entries will be limited to the first 200 golfers. Forms can be downloaded on [www.golflivonia.com](http://www.golflivonia.com); or obtained at Whispering Willows or Fox Creek.

Starting times and pairings will be available after noon on Thursday, Sept. 18.

For more information, call (248) 476-4493.

### They Run Like Wind

Brian Goodwin and Eddie Traynor were the overall winners in the Run Like the Wind 10- and 5-kilometer races held Aug. 30 at Hines Park in Westland.

Goodwin, 26, averaged 5:19 per mile in the 10K en route to a time of 32 minutes, 55 seconds, while Traynor covered the 5K course in 16:47.

Katie Singer was the female overall 10K winner in 38:49, while Maggie Zidar was the female masters champ in 45:15.

Angela Matthews captured the women's 5K in 17:59, averaging 5:48 per mile, while Nancy Soronen took the masters crown in 25:57.

Vince Jesudowicz, 41, was the male masters 5K winner in 16:58.

### Blazers stall Edsel

Junior Jamie Benaglio scored at the 3-minute mark of the second half off a corner to give Livonia Ladywood a 1-0 Michigan High School Girls Hockey League Division III win Tuesday over host Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Junior goalie Marissa Ellwood made seven saves as the Blazers improved to 1-1-1 overall and 1-0 in Division III.

Senior goalie Haley Bowers made 10 saves for the Thunderbirds (3-2-1, 2-1-1).

### Celebrate Life 5K

The Celebrate Life St. Mary Mercy Hospital 5-kilometer run-walk for cancer will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

The race will be held on the grounds of St. Mary Mercy, located at 36475 Five Mile Road (at Levan Road), in Livonia.

Proceeds from the 5K for cancer run-walk will go toward the uninsured or underinsured cancer patients and their family members.

Race-day registration and package pickup will be from 7-8:30 a.m. The race-day entry fee is \$25.

For more information, call (734) 655-1402; or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

## If only pigskin prognosticators could make amends

That didn't take long.

After an opening week of prognostication bliss, it was back to Earth (turf?) with Week 2 selections. Teams that came out on fire during the openers (*say after me — Garden City, Redford Union, etc.*) failed to spark last week and got lit as a result.

Others did turn it around, meaning there could still be hope for the Detroit Lions against Green Bay — oops, guess not.

That's the problem with early season grid picks. High school



Grid Picks

Tim Smith

scrimmages.

The ups and downs of picking winners happens every September, until sports edi-

coaches are still finding out about their own players and what they can do under Friday night lights, let alone opponents scouted only by watching film taken during preseason

tors figure out the lay of the land for that particular season. Honestly, there are times when the light of "truth" fails to shine like a beacon, only flickering weakly.

Or flickering weekly. Whatever the case may be, coaches need to break down the next game. Pigskin prognosticators must circle one team or the other and hope for the best. Everybody can wipe the slate clean the following Monday and repeat the cycle.

Isn't football great?

Now, let's get down to brass tacks and check out how yours truly, Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons and Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright fared in Week 2.

After having a near-perfect opening week (10-2), I took a pratfall. Out of the 14 games, I managed to correctly pick just six of them, giving Wright ample room to elbow his way past me into first place thanks to his 10-4 mark. Wright now has a two-week record of 18-8, two games ahead of my 16-10

tally.

Meanwhile, Emons had a so-so second go-around, with his 7-7 record giving him a third-place total of 14-12 entering the third week.

Frankly, for Emons and myself, we just put too much stock into teams that had big wins in Week 1 duplicating that success. Both of us might be a bit more cautious when going down the list of games this time.

Hey, we're learning about

Please see **PICKS, B4**

## Crusaders win WHAC opener

Behind 12 kills each Tuesday night from Whitney Fuelling and Lubovj Tihomirova, the No. 7-ranked Madonna University volleyball team swept host Concordia University in three straight, 25-15, 25-22, 25-17.

With the victory, the Crusaders improved to 13-1 on the season and 1-0 in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action.

Concordia falls to 9-3 overall, 0-1 in league play.

The Crusaders jumped out to an 11-3 lead early in set one before the Cards called a timeout. Coming out of the break, MU continued its dominance in the set, using three kills from Mary McGinnis and taking advantage of seven CU errors to see the scoreboard read 23-7 in its favor.

Concordia mounted the comeback trail, reeling off three straight points to make it 23-10 and the Cards took five of the next six points to make it 24-15 before head coach Jerry Abraham called timeout.

The break worked as Tihomirova took an Inta Grinvalds set and put the ball to the floor for the 25-15 win.

Set two of the night was much closer than the first, even with Madonna opening up a 10-5 lead early. Concordia came back to tie the match at 11-11 and again at 12-12 before taking the lead at 14-13. The two sides traded points back and forth before MU took the lead back for good at 19-18 and used two more McGinnis kills and a hard swing from freshman Megan Fricke to take a 25-22 win and a two set to none lead.

The final set of the match saw MU taking advantage of Grinvalds' time at the service line, scoring five points during her stint. A pair of kills from Martie Mazur and another from McGinnis gave MU the 25-17 win and the sweep in the match.

Grinvalds handed out 33 assists to continue her lead in the WHAC. Brynn Kerr added eight digs, while McGinnis has two solo bocks to go along

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with blocks from Fricke and Fuelling.

Shawna Dorton and Sarah Iverson paced the Cardinals with seven kills each.

Madonna returns to the court at 7:30 p.m. Friday at home, stepping out of league play to battle with NCAA Division II foe Findlay (Ohio) College.

### More Martin magic

Picking up where they left off Friday, the Madonna Crusaders swept two volleyball opponents Saturday to finish with a perfect 4-0 mark at the annual Julie Martin Memorial Tournament.

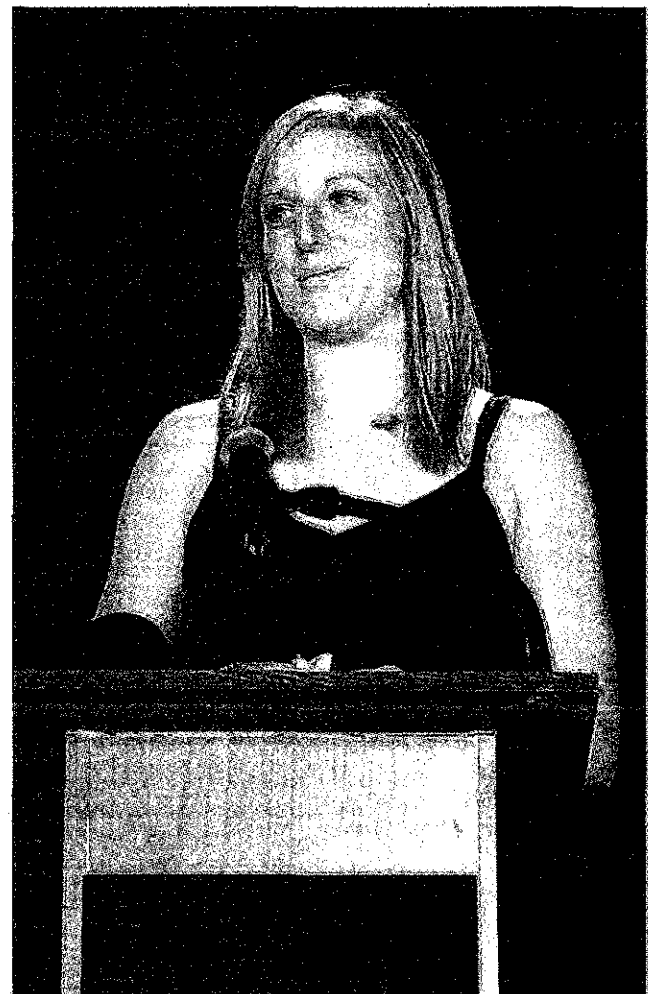
The Crusaders (12-1), however, did need four games to take care of the final opponent, Spring Arbor (3-6) as MU prevailed, 25-10, 25-13, 22-25, 25-18, behind 17 kills and eight blocks from Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week Lubovj Tihomirova.

Helping the cause with 13 kills was Whitney Fuelling, while setter Inta Grinvalds (37 assists) and Brynn Kerr (28 defensive digs) continued their fine play.

In the opener Saturday, MU had little difficulty taking care of the University of Windsor (0-3), winning 3-0 thanks to game scores of 25-21, 25-19, 25-11.

Tihomirova (17 kills), Grinvalds (27 assists) and both Kerr and Amanda Koszela (nine digs each) contributed to the victory.

Meanwhile, on the eve of the Blue and Gold Awards to honor the best of 2007-08, several Crusaders got started on their bids for next year's honors as Tihomirova earned tourney MVP honors, while Fuelling and Grinvalds were named to the All-Tournament team.



TIM BUSCH

### Top Crusader

Volleyball standout and NAIA All-America Lubovj Tihomirova, a native of Riga, Latvia, beams after being named Female Athlete of the Year at Madonna University's inaugural Blue and Gold Awards program held Sunday night in Livonia. See story on page B5.

# 0-2 Lutheran Westland gridgers stay positive

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High Westland football coach Paul Guse' took away a lot of positives despite a 27-6 Metro Conference setback Saturday at home to Harper Woods.

The Warriors, belted 43-6 in their season opener by Dearborn Heights Annapolis, gave a better account of themselves during matchup against one of the Metro Conference favorites.

"We held our own at the line of scrimmage, especially up-

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front offensively," said Guse', whose team fell to 0-2 overall and 0-1 in the Metro. "But I thought overall we grew by leaps and bounds and hopefully that will carry over into this week (at Hamtramck)."

After trailing only 6-0 at halftime, Harper Woods took control by outscoring the Warriors 21-6 in the third quarter.

Two big plays helped the Pioneers, who improved to 2-0 and 1-0.

Terrance Hartfield, who rushed for 140 yards, scored on an 81-yard touchdown run and Marvin Dismuke returned a kickoff 80 yards for another score.

Lutheran Westland's lone TD came in the third quarter on Steve Kemp's 5-yard run.

The Warriors ran a total of 55 plays to the Pioneers' 37 and were only outgained 255-234 in total offense.

Ethan Haller led the Warriors' rushing attack with 130 yards on 21 carries.

Three turnovers, however, cost the Warriors dearly.

"We were feeling good about ourselves in the first quarter," Guse' said. "We had first-and-goal and took a dumb penalty, then we fumbled."

"To start the third quarter we got the ball on their 20 after they fumbled the kickoff and we went four-and-out."

Defensively, Sam Ahlersmeyer led the Warriors with 11 tackles, while Sean Roe, who also plays quarterback, added seven. Both Cameron Banks and Raysean Booker each recovered fumbles.

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# Chargers lead mercy-rule victors

## BOYS SOCCER

The Livonia Churchill boys soccer team continued its early season surge with an 8-0 mercy-rule victory Tuesday over visiting Westland John Glenn.

Erik Bird's goal off a set-piece corner kick from Simon Bank midway through the second half ended the match as the Chargers, who have won three straight, improved to 3-2 overall and 3-0 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Max Washko had two goals and one assist for the Chargers, who led 6-0 at halftime. Other goals came from Josh Andolaro, Drew Sieber, Etienne Lussiez, Tim Devine and Jacob Herout.

Matt Regan also contributed two assists. Churchill goalkeepers Adrian Motta and Christian Adams combined on the shutout.

The loss drops Gleun to 2-5-1 overall and 1-2 in the KLAAS-South.

**FRANKLIN 9, WAYNE 1:** Steve Trapp and Jordan McGuire scored a pair of goals Tuesday as host Livonia Franklin (1-6-1, 1-1-1) earned its first victory of the season with a KLAAS-South mercy-rule triumph over Wayne Memorial (0-8-1, 0-3).

Noel Romo, Zain Qureshi and Chad Dorton each added a goal and assist for the Patriots, who led 4-1 at intermission.

Dave Gabany and Zach Miller contributed the other Franklin goals.

"We played an excellent game, good movement off

the ball and it opened up space," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We were quick to the ball and we were able switch across the field. We got the flow moving."

Kevin Diehl scored a first-half goal off an assist from Drew Stanton for the Zebras.

Brad Mangune was in goal for the Patriots after returning from an injury.

**STEVENSON 6, S. LYON EAST 0:** David Simor recorded two goals and two assists Tuesday as Livonia Stevenson (5-0-1, 2-0) to a KLAAS-Central Division win over South Lyon East (0-7-1, 0-3).

The match ended in the 50th minute on Joey D'Agostino's goal.

Also getting into the scoring act was Adrian Fylenenko, one goal and two assists; Brian Mulcahy and Bob Smith, one goal and one assist each; Nate Sergison and Brian Klemczak, one goal apiece; and Ricky Chrzasz, two assists.

Justin Collins, who played the first half, and Conner Burton combined for the shutout in goal.

**YPSILANTI 3, WAYNE 2:** In the third place consolation final Saturday in the Ypsilanti Cup, the host Phoenix (2-1-1) knocked off Wayne Memorial (0-7-1) with four minutes to go in double-overtime.

Doug Malcolm and Alex Balli tallied second-half goals for the Zebras, who rallied from a 2-0 halftime deficit.

# Schoolcraft women post two shutouts

## COLLEGE SOCCER

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team rolled to a pair of shutout victories last weekend at Elgin (Ill.) College.

On Friday, the Lady Ocelots (3-0-0) blanked host Elgin, 5-0, and followed that up with a 3-0 whitewashing Saturday of DuPage College (Ill.).

Sharing the shutouts were

goalkeepers Kristen Dondzila and Ashley Chandler.

"I felt that every player worked very hard," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said. "The score line may seem like the games were easy with light

opponents, but in reality, our work-rate, conditioning and skills really fell into place."

Against Elgin, Clare Baptist (Plymouth) was the offensive catalyst. She scored two goals and added an assist.

Other goals were netted by Kristin DeClerq (from Samantha Harrington), Andrea Polite (from Baptist) and Katie Shull (from Brittany Pickett). Picking up helpers on Baptist's goals were Katie Shull (Salem) and Stephanie Gutowski (Livonia Stevenson).

The next day it was more of the same, with Baptist opening the scoring on a feed from Gutowski and finishing it off (on an assist from Polite). Tara Pietila also drew an assist.

## S'craft men 0-1-1

After falling 3-1 Friday to NJCAA Division III top-ten opponent Suffolk County Community College in upstate New York, the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team played to a scoreless draw Saturday against Nassau CC, another Division III top-ten school.

Sophomore Chris Riley collected the shutout for Schoolcraft (2-1-2), while solid contributors included sophomore defender Hunter Robertson and freshman backliner Kenny Vasquez.

The Ocelots' lone goal over the two matches was scored by sophomore Michael Iyoha from freshman Andy Adlington.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- A016- Tracey Wilburn- box,bags,totes
- B041- Charles Highbaugh- box,bags,totes
- B097- Margaret Mercing- box,bags,totes
- B118- Robert Smith- box,bags,totes
- B149- John Mason- box,bags,totes
- B185- Christina Almdarez- sofa,bags,boxes
- B250- Miguel Gates- box,bags,totes
- B267- Dale Marie Griffin- box,bags,totes
- B296- Christopher Sims- box,bags,totes
- C003- Rhonda Cottongim- box,bags,totes
- C013- Ted Konesky- box,bags,totes
- C020- Maribel Calderon- box,bags,totes
- D043- Shane Neely- box,bags,totes
- E012- Tanisha Owney- bike,boxes,bags
- F003- Kristy Smith- box,bags,tote
- F005- Deirdra Highbaugh- box,bags,totes

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### ORDINANCE NO. 192-A-3-B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND AMENDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 22-131 AND 22-132, BY ADOPTING THE 2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE, AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH EXISTING STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE;

The Westland City Council of the City of Westland does ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** That Chapter 22, Article VI, Section 22-131 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide the following

That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as the *International Property Maintenance Code, 2006* edition, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Westland, in the State of Michigan for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of regulations, provisions, penalties conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the office of the City Clerk are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as fully set forth in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance.

**Section 2.** That Chapter 22, Article VI, Section 22-132 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide the following:

- Section 101.1. Insert: City of Westland
- Section 103.5. Insert: The appropriate fee schedule listed in Section 46-1 of the City of Westland Code
- Section 302.4. Insert: Eight (8) inches
- Section 304.14. Insert: April 1st to December 1st
- Section 602.3. Insert: September 1st to May 15th
- Section 602.4. Insert: October 1st to May 15th

**Section 3.** That nothing in this ordinance or in the Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

**Section 4.** That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 6. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 7. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Eileen DeHart, CMC  
Westland City Clerk

Adopted: September 2, 2008  
Effective: September 11, 2008

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### Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeo, 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)729-7095 on 9/26/07 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.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 1255 - Gregory K Merritt - 10 Totes, Suitcase, Misc Items
- 3038 - Terence Hunter Jr - 2 Ladders, 20 Boxes, Misc Items
- 3110 - Megan Thornton - Desk, Bookcase, Clothing
- 3120 - Laya Simpson - 5 Boxes, 1 Tote, Chair
- 3196 - Shirley Tolbert - 10 Bags, Mattress, TV
- 4064 - Ruth Ann Mull - 10 Boxes, 3 Totes, Misc Items
- 4122 - Moses Williams - Dresser, Entertainment Center, Mattress
- 4148 - James Tuttle Jr - 4 TVs, Mattress, Dresser
- 5056 - Claire Joslin - 10 Boxes, Couch, Armoire
- 5068 - Felicia Sadler - Washer, Dresser, Table
- 5074 - David Richards - Leather Couch, TV, 20 Boxes
- 5094 - Barry Price Jr - 10 Boxes, Chair, Golf Clubs
- 5102 - Marcus Mathis - 10 Boxes, 10 Chairs, Misc Items
- 5110 - Stephanie Ann Hatcher - Boxes, Bags, Misc Items
- 5120 - Jeremy R Semeniuk - Dryer, Microwave, Washer
- 5172 - Daniel V Vassallo - 4 Totes, 5 Boxes, Misc Items

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, September 18, 2008, 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:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
4588593	1999	PONTIAC	GRANDPRIX	1G2WJ52M9XF342188
4588619	1998	CHEVROLET	MONTECARLO	2G1LW12M7W9304223
4539187	1999	CADILLAC	DEVILLE	1G6K654Y6XU709354
4588653	1993	CHEVROLET	CAPRICE	1G1BL53E5PR114014
4593175	1995	CHRYSLER	LHS	2C3HC56F0SH662750
4510765	1992	CHEVROLET	LUMINAAPV	1GNDU06D5NT138419
4510788	1988	CADILLAC	SEVILLE	1G6KS5157JU820261
4510840	1999	FORD	TAURUS	1FAPF63U7XA290782
4418981	1993	CADILLAC	DEVILLE	1G6CD53B9P4251228

#### Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.

The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 1010- Daniel I Mahan- box,bag,totes
- 2005- Holly Caclihlas- box,bag,totes
- 2043- Mephoboseth Valentin- box,bag,totes
- 3069- Alesia Pearl Myers- box,bag,totes
- 4020- Lawrence Coleman- box,bag,totes
- 4043- Patrick Knight- box,bag,totes
- 4058- Sharrie Gardner- box,bag,totes
- 4068- Angela Hunt- box,bag,totes
- 5001- Randy Winger- box,bag,totes
- 5016- Joy Lynn- box,bag,totes
- 5022- Beth Wood- box,bag,totes
- 5055- Robert Dalton- box,bag,totes
- 5069- Carl Hicks- box,bag,totes
- 5080- Tonya Latham- box,bag,totes
- 6001- Anthony Davis- box,bag,totes
- 6037- Tracie Breuer- box,bag,totes
- 6050- Stacy Lancour- box,bag,totes
- 6055- Debra Bynum- box,bag,totes
- 6056- Robert Winter Jr- box,bag,totes
- 6069- Jessica Merril- box,bag,totes
- 6103- Ellen Wallace- box,bag,totes
- 6129- Tony Stanley- box,bag,totes
- 7021- Kim Redmond- box,bag,totes
- 7122- Danett Dietrich- box,bag,totes
- 2075- Ruth West - boxes,bags,totes
- 5093- Danielle Carney - crib,bags
- 7019- Tiffany Scott - boxes,bags,totes
- 7108- Deonte Barber - boxes,bags,totes
- 7121 Dana Counts - bag,washer,stove

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### WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction September 16, 2008 at 11:15 a.m. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#	ODOMETER
1987	HONDA	ACCORD	4-DR	1HGCA55623HA101461	
1986	FORD	F-350	P/U	2FTJW35H7GCA30893	
1986	FORD	MUSTANG	2-DR	1FABP26A4GF316613	
1985	CHEVY	CUBE TRUCK	2-DR	2GCHG31J9F4144780	

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### Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 221 - Shirley Bowman - Washer, Bed, Bike
- 1116 - John Jordan IV - box, bag, totes
- 130 - John Cairns - box, bag, totes
- 139 - James Davis - box, bag, totes
- 219 - Ashley's Bar & Grill - box, bag, totes
- 226 - Dena Watson - box, bag, totes
- 238 - Tracy Woods - box, bag, totes
- 346 - Karrie Boudrie - box, bag, totes
- 406 - Ralph E. Odell - box, bag, totes
- 412 - Scott Gent - box, bag, totes
- 512 - Janet Pielak - box, bag, totes
- 651 - Taquana Brooks - box, bag, totes
- 657 - Kymane R Clark - box, bag, totes
- 712 - Sharon Bailey - box, bag, totes
- 808 - Tara Daughtry - box, bag, totes
- 823 - James Goodman - box, bag, totes
- 901 - Lisa Reese - box, bag, totes
- 907 - Janette Marie Smith - box, bag, totes

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On September 16, 2008, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
2001	CHEVY	METRO4DR	WHITE	2C1MR522016706054
1996	PONTIAC	BONNEVILLE/4DR	SILVER	1G2H252K0TH211472
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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 17**  
**SOUTH LYON 38**  
 Sept. 9 at Cass Benton Park  
**Individual winner:** Katie Vidler (Stevenson), 21:50 (5,000 meters).  
**Other Stevenson finishers:** 2. Victoria Saferian, 21:50; 3. Karli Kuchka, 21:52; 4. Julia Capeneka, 21:53; 7. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:17; 12. Megan Stauffer, 23:11; 13. Kelsey O'Keefe, 23:33.  
**Stevenson's dual meet record:** 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA-A Central Division.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 15**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL (no team score)**  
 Sept. 9 at Cass Benton Park  
**Individual winner:** 1. Bethany Pilat, 21:18 (5,000 meters).  
**Churchill finishers:** 2. Lindsay McMullen, 21:29; 3. Kayla Szado, 21:49; 4. Jenna Szuba, 21:50; 5. Katie Rash, 22:12; 6. Sarah Bauman, 22:29; 7. Allie Zoski, 22:52.  
**Wayne finishers:** 8. Jennifer McCaffery, 26:25; 9. Chelsea Gilbert, 27:10; 10. Holland Boertje, 29:53.  
**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA-A South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA-A South Division.

Jeff Adkins, 19:15.57; 132. Eric Mlynar, 20:27.94; 142. Ryan Vichinsky, 21:17.35; 146. Jeff Medel, 22:24.8; 147. Kelly Maxwell, 22:31.72; 148. Ruben Maya, 22:35.26.  
**BATH INVITATIONAL**  
 Sept. 6 at Bath  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (10 schools):** 1. Saline, 38 points; 2. Grandville, 57; 3. Plymouth, 90; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 112; 5. Tecumseh, 119.  
**Individual winner:** Alex Lepitch (Saline), 18 minutes, 34 seconds (5,000 meters).  
**Stevenson finishers:** 2. Courtney Calka, 18:35; 22. Victoria Saferian, 21:07; 23. Karli Kuchka, 21:08; 24. Julia Capeneka, 21:08; 41. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:33; 49. Rebecca Gidley, 22:58; 67. Allison Gudeman, 25:21.  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (12 schools):** 1. Lindon, 56 points; 2. Rockford, 59; 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 102; 4. Northville, 109; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 228.  
**Individual winner:** August Pappas (Chelsea),

16 minutes, 16 seconds (5,000 meters).  
**Stevenson finishers:** 35. Joe Urso, 17:41; 40. Matt Williams, 17:54; 50. Tom Kaman, 18:16; 51. Brian Fenech, 18:17; 52. Andrew Longhi, 18:18; 53. Shawn Howse, 18:19; 54. Joey Macdonald, 18:20.  
**DEXTER MAROON & GOLD INVITATIONAL**  
 Sept. 6 at Hudson Mills Metropark  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (7 schools):** 1. Saline, 26 points; 2. Monroe, 35; 3. Dexter, 87; 6. Lutheran Westland, 177.  
**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 11. Spencer Lyle, 17:04; 34. Alex Kemp, 19:54; 39. Theodis Washington, 20:26; 46. Zechariah Robinson, 21:53; 47. Jeremy Kohtz, 21:59; 48. Joshua Kirk, 22:34; 49. Bob Schwartz, 22:54.  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (10 schools):** 1. Brighton, 32 points; 2. Dexter, 59; 3. Canton, 79; 10. Lutheran Westland, 293.  
**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 45. Sarah Maynard, 22:51; 57. Miriam Franschke, 24:10; 62. Erin Lyle, 24:28; 63. Ashley Pniewski, 25:30; 66.

Danielle Voetberg, 26:54; 67. Amber Pniewski, 26:54; 68. Jessica Rice, 29:13.  
**RUNNING FIT**  
**DETROIT TITAN INVITATIONAL**  
 (no team standings)  
 Sept. 6 at Cass Benton Park  
**Livonia Ladywood finishers:** 15. Julia Kenney, 21 minutes, 24 seconds (5,000 meters); 19. Meredith Houska, 21:28; 30. Becky Babon, 22:00; 31. Cathy Wojtanowski, 22:02; 39. Morgan Zuziak, 22:12; 40. Laura Bou-Maroun, 22:33; 61. Shannon Scarielt, 23:21.  
**COLLEGIATE RESULTS**  
**MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS (15 schools):** 1. Bucknell (Pa.), 56 points; 2. Eastern Michigan, 66; 3. Oakland University, 67; 4. Wayne State, 78; 5. Siena Heights, 164; Madonna University and Schoolcraft College, did not finish.  
**Individual winner:** Zack Jones (Oakland), 19 minutes, 59 seconds (6 kilometers).  
**Madonna finishers:** 48. Joe Horka, 21:44; 118.

Max Guy, 25:33; 120. Bryant George, 26:10; 132. Mitch Cieslak, 27:32.  
**Schoolcraft finishers:** 125. Aaron McClellan, 26:30; 126. Larry Wilson, 26:52; 129. Scott Howse, 27:10; 139. Marcello Marchesini, 32:43.  
**WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS (13 schools):** 1. University of Michigan, 27 points; 2. Bucknell (Pa.), 47; 3. Findlay (Ohio), 99; 4. Wayne State, 127; 5. Oakland University, 129; 10. Madonna University, 274; 12. Schoolcraft College, 318.  
**Individual winner:** Nicole Edwards (Michigan), 17:19 (5,000 meters, course record).  
**Madonna finishers:** 51. Sarah Sherwood, 19:58; 73. Karl Saarela, 21:00; 87. Mallory Farnurn, 21:28; 98. Emily Bambach, 22:07; 101. Emma Craplicki, 22:13; 106. Cassie Yarnall, 22:42; 111. Devan Walley, 23:25; 121. Lauren Putnam, 25:49; 123. Theresa Gase, 25:40.  
**Schoolcraft finishers:** 74. Jamie Wick, 21:01; 91. Lauren Ahearn, 21:44; 95. Courtney Plummer, 21:50; 104. Stacey Richardson, 22:26;

114. Allison York, 23:38; 117. Britni Strong, 24:20.  
**Others:** 12. Angela Matthews (Front Line Racing), 18:37; 13. Lisa Montgomery (U-M), 18:41.  
**ERIE-MASON RELAYS**  
 Sept. 2 at Erie-Mason  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1):** 7. Westland John Glenn.  
**Glenn finishers (3 miles each; alternating miles):** 21. Ashley Bailey-Megan Nikula, 44:21 (medalists); 36. Michelle Levy-Evi Cenolli, 44:59 (medalists); 59. Jamie Medel-Molly Robnett, 50:04.

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**CANTON 24, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 33**  
 Sept. 9 at Nankin Mills  
**Individual winner:** Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:36.6 (school course record).  
**Canton finishers:** 1. Bianca Kubicki, 20:49.7; 3. Sarah Thomas, 20:55.2; 4. Rachael Rohrbach, 20:56.4; 7. Abigail Gorzalski, 21:56.9; 8. Rachel Brunk, 21:58.8; 9. Melanie Kulczyk, 22:01.1; 12. Katy Galm, 22:24.7.  
**Other Franklin finishers:** 5. Tiffany Lambie, 21:32.7; 6. Brittany Dilley, 21:36.5; 10. Megan Wickens, 22:01.4; 11. Kelly Walblay, 22:11.4; 13. Victoria Church, 22:30.4; 14. Brittany Rouse, 22:35.9.  
**Dual meet records:** Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA-A South Division; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA-A South Division.

**BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**CANTON 24, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 32**  
 Sept. 9 at Nankin Mills  
**Individual winner:** Kyle Clinton (Canton), 17:05.  
**Other Canton finishers:** 2. Mitch Clinton, 17:37; 3. Greg Reed, 17:37; 7. Miles Felton, 18:27; 11. Steve Watts, 18:48; 13. Mike Gimers, 18:59.  
**Franklin finishers:** 4. Paul Hanni, 17:40; 5. Austin Jones, 18:15; 6. Dylan Taylor, 18:16; 8. Nik Gherardini, 18:34; 9. Pete Walblay, 18:35; 10. Jason Riffel, 18:40.  
**Dual meet records:** Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA-A South Division; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA-A South Division.

**SOUTH LYON 18, LIVONIA STEVENSON 37**  
 Sept. 9 at Cass Benton Park  
**Individual winner:** Blake Yerd (South Lyon), 17:37.  
**Stevenson finishers:** 3. Joe Urso, 17:49; 7. John Lynch, 18:26; 8. Tom Kaman, 18:31; 9. Jordan Burger, 18:33; 10. Andrew Longhi, 18:33; 11. Brian Fenech, 18:33; 12. Travis Gosselin, 18:34.  
**Dual meet records:** South Lyon, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA-A Central Division; Stevenson, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA-A Central Division.

**PLYMOUTH 19**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 42**  
 Sept. 9 at John Glenn  
**Individual winner:** Elmar Engholm (Plymouth), 17:07.  
**Other Plymouth finishers:** 3. Derek Lax, 17:45; 4. Warren Buzzard, 17:57; 5. Matt Neumann, 18:04; 6. Joe Porcari, 18:20; 8. Jimmy Eiven, 18:38; 9. Derek Gielarowski, 18:47.  
**Glenn finishers:** 2. Tim Boes, 17:31; 7. Jeff Adkins, 18:28; 10. Eric Mlynar, 19:08; 11. Ruben Maya, 20:22; 12. Ryan Vichinsky, 20:30; 27. Jeff Medel, 21:11; 31. Kelly Maxwell, 22:16.  
**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA-A South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA-A South Division.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 15**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 50**  
 Sept. 9 at Cass Benton  
**Individual winner:** Nathan Wise (Churchill), 17:46.7.  
**Other Churchill finishers:** 2. Mark Freyberg, 18:00.6; 3. Matt Szabo, 18:05.7; 4. Ryan Keeling, 19:03.4; 5. Kyle Mireles, 19:03.6; 6. Michael Greer, 19:07.6; 7. Edward Tremel, 19:15.3.  
**Wayne finishers:** 8. Tyler Gendron, 22:29; 10. Brandon Tykoski, 24:00; 11. Ryan Stamper, 25:06; 12. Jacob McClester, 27:25; 13. Darnell Givhan, 28:25; 14. Amann Brar, 38:33.  
**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 1-0 overall; 1-0 KLA-A South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA-A South Division.

**BROTHER RICE INVITATIONAL**  
**CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**  
 Sept. 6 at Kensington Metropark  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS-DIVISION 2 (16 schools):** 1. Rochester Adams, 71; 2. Livonia Churchill, 137 (won tiebreaker); 3. Dearborn, 137; 4. Rochester Stoney Creek, 140; 5. Waterford Mott, 151; 16. Westland John Glenn, no team score.  
**Individual winner:** Shannon Osika (Mott), 18 minutes, 25.3 seconds (5,000 meters).  
**Churchill finishers:** 2. Sara Kroll, 18:43.85; 10. Alyssa Mira, 21:01.94; 26. Emily Clairmont, 21:25.49; 44. Jenna Szuba, 22:23.5; 45. Bethany Pilat, 22:26.27; 54. Lindsay McMullen, 22:39.5; 72. Katie Rash, 23:30.22.  
**Glenn finishers:** 78. Ashley Bailey, 23:49.09; 90. Megan Nikula, 25:16.66; 91. Michelle Levy, 25:26.39; 98. Evi Cenolli, 26:35.83.  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS-DIVISION 2 (20 schools):** 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 46; 2. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 76; 3. Lake Orion, 93; 4. Rochester Adams, 171; 5. White Lake-Lakeland, 211; 13. Livonia Churchill, 324; 20. Westland John Glenn, 585.  
**Individual winner:** Ben Miller (Warren DeLaSalle), 16:02.03.  
**Churchill finishers:** 44. Mark Waterbury, 17:58.02; 44. Steve Zoski, 18:02.08; 65. Tom Windle, 18:20.24; 81. Quinn Oswood, 18:35.78; 86. Matt Szado, 18:38.75; 113. Mark Freyberg, 19:22.98; 130. Patrick Breimel, 20:17.62.  
**Glenn finishers:** 54. Tim Boes, 18:05.15; 11.

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**Boys soccer**  
 (By the coaches association)  
**Division 1 - 1.** Plymouth Salem; 2. Livonia Stevenson; 3. Northville; 4. Troy; 5. East Kentwood; 6. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central; 7. Clarkston; 8. Saline; 9. Warren DeLaSalle; 10. Grand Haven.  
**Division 2 - 1.** Mason; 2. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 3. East Lansing; 4. Dexter; 5. Birmingham Seaholm; 6. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern; 7. Bloomfield Hills Andover; 8. Bloomfield Hills Lasher; 9. Vicksburg; 10. Riverview.  
**Division 3 - 1.** Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 2. Grand Rapids South Christian; 3. Goodrich; 4. Macomb Lutheran North; 5. Grand Rapids West Catholic; 6. Richmond; 7. South Haven; 8. Grosse Ile; 9. Freeland; 10. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.  
**Division 4 - 1.** Auburn Hills Oakland Christian; 2. Ann Arbor Greenhills; 3. Hudsonville Freedom Baptist; 4. Adrian Lenewee Christian; 5. Muskegon Catholic Central; 6. Lansing Christian; 7. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett; 8. Birmingham Roeper; 9. Burton Genesee Christian; 10. Muskegon Western Michigan Christian.  
**Honorable Mention - Southfield Christian, Plymouth Christian, Westland Lutheran, Unionville-Sebewaing.**

**Girls golf**  
 (By the coaches association)  
**Division 1 - 1.** Northville; 2. Rochester; 3. Grosse Pointe South; 4. Grand Blanc; 5. Holt; 6. Rochester Stoney Creek; 7. Flushing; 8. Brighton; 9. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 10. Saline; 11. White Lake Lakeland; 12. Walled Lake Central.  
**Division 2 - 1.** DeWitt; 2. Birmingham Seaholm; 3. East Lansing; 4. Mt. Pleasant; 5. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern; 6. Grand Rapids Christian; 7. Muskegon Mona Shores; 8. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central; 9. Warren Regina; 10. Birmingham Marian; 11. Dexter; 12. Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills.  
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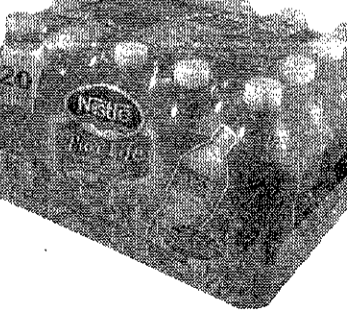
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**PICKS**  
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these teams just as the coaches are.

So, without further ado, here is a look at this week's matchups:

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
(all 7 p.m. starts unless noted)  
**WESTLAND GLENN (0-2, 0-0) AT LIV. CHURCHILL (1-1, 0-0):** In order for the winless Rockets (six points scored over two games) to get on track, they will need to find the end zone. That might be tough to do if they don't have the football — the host Chargers ran for 428 yards

last week and figure to grind out some long drives again this week. **PICKS:** Smith (Churchill); Emons (Churchill); Wright (Churchill).  
**LIV. FRANKLIN (1-1, 0-0) AT WAYNE (0-2, 0-0):** The Patriots rolled up 56 points in their win over Walled Lake Western, and should be able to keep their offense in high gear against the Zebras in this matchup of Kensington Lakes Activities Association South teams. **PICKS:** Smith (Franklin); Emons (Franklin); Wright (Franklin).  
**SALEM (0-2, 0-0) AT LIV. STEVENSON (1-1, 0-0):** It's been a tough start so far for the Rocks, and this week's matchup against Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central foe Stevenson likely won't do much to lessen the pain. The Spartans will be fired up

to put a 35-21 loss to Howell behind them. **PICKS:** Smith (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson).  
**CLARENCEVILLE (2-0, 1-0) AT HARPER WOODS (2-0, 1-0):** The Trojans raced into the season with two impressive wins, but the Pioneers could prove to be a competitive speed bump in Week 3. Harper Woods also is undefeated, and has outscored its opponents 69-20 so far. This could be one of the best matchups of the week. **PICKS:** Smith (Cville); Emons (Cville); Wright (Cville).  
**LUTH. WESTLAND (0-2, 0-1) AT HAMTRAMCK (0-2, 0-1):** One of these Metro Conference opponents will get off the schneid after two losses to open the season. **PICKS:** Smith (Hamtramck); Emons (Lutheran

Westland); Wright (Lutheran Westland).  
**PLYMOUTH (2-0, 0-0) AT CANTON (2-0, 0-0):** These two Kensington Lakes Activities Association South powerhouses will battle it out in perhaps this week's most compelling game. On display will be a contrast in styles, with the smash-mouth Chiefs against Plymouth's high-octane offense. **PICKS:** Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton).  
**YPSILANTI (0-2, 0-1) AT GARDEN CITY (1-1, 0-0):** The Cougars look to bounce back from a disappointing loss to Taylor Kennedy in this Mega Blue tilt. They also will be geared up for their home opener and could have a field day moving the football against the winless Phoenix, who gave up 32 points last week. **PICKS:**

Smith (Garden City); Emons (Ypsi); Wright (Ypsi).  
**INKSTER (1-1, 0-1) AT RED. THURSTON (1-1, 1-0):** In a Mega Conference crossover matchup, the host Eagles will need to pull out all the stops against some of the Vikings' offensive threats in order to make a game out of it. Thurston is enjoying momentum from a 41-0 rout over River Rouge. **PICKS:** Smith (Inkster); Emons (Inkster); Wright (Inkster).  
**REDFORD UNION (1-1, 0-1) AT WOODHAVEN (1-1, 1-0):** Two Mega White squads will go head-to-head in hopes of cracking the .500 barrier. The Panthers' running game needs to have more success than it did last week in a loss to Wyandotte Roosevelt, but it won't be easy as the Warriors' defense is coming off a shutout against Taylor Kennedy.

**PICKS:** Smith (Woodhaven); Emons (RU); Wright (Woodhaven).  
**STAR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (0-2, 0-0) AT RED. COVENANT (1-1, 0-0) - 4 P.M.:** Host Covenant will be looking to repeat the win-loss-win cycle of the first three games in 2006 and 2007, the school's first two years. The Falcons should go along with the script, having been outscored 99-0. Star International defenders will have all they can handle with Spartans' big guns Jamonne Chester, Dajuan Hollowell and Dominique Williams. **PICKS:** Smith (Covenant); Emons (Covenant); Wright (Covenant).

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# Solid Blue and Gold show

## Crusaders salute 2007-08's top performers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was quite a show enjoyed by just about everyone connected with Madonna University's athletics department.

That would be the second annual Blue and Gold Awards Program, which Sunday night blended ESPY-style glitz with heartfelt family reunion camaraderie before more than 400 people at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Twenty-four awards were doled out for excellence on fields, courts and in the classroom.

Emcee and former MU men's basketball player Jim Woodworth also brought tongue-in-cheek humor often found at celebrity roasts while an endless rush of splashy videos ably assembled by Rebecca Ruffli entertained and informed guests about all of the nominees and their 2007-08 accomplishments.

Former athletes also added to the fun with well-aimed barbs as they stepped up to the podium to present winners such as the "Hall of Fame Moment," which actually ended in a first-place tie between longtime softball coach Al White (300 victories) and Westland John Glenn alum and baseball pitcher Will Kennedy (200 career strikeouts).

"When we played, we hardly had a hall, let alone a hall of fame," joked one of the presenters, who was a Crusader softball player in the 1990s.

But the program, orchestrated by athletics director Bryan Rizzo, was not a joke with those who enjoyed it. It was a big hit.

"It was just an excellent affair," said Rochester's Curtis Crawford, who with wife Suzanne were at St. Mary's to cheer on their daughter, award nominee and women's basketball player Cali Crawford. "Last year was historic and this year just took it to another level."

"The faculty, Bryan Rizzo and his staff are just doing a really good job in terms of bringing Madonna University up to a point of national recognition. It's nice to be a part of it."

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Crawford also applauded the many student-athletes who were lauded for their accomplishments.



TIM BUSCH

Receiving his trophy after being named Madonna's Male Athlete of the Year is Farmington's Kevin Zerbo (right), a major reason the Crusaders' baseball team won the conference championship in 2008. Presenting the honor is former MU men's soccer coach Pete Alexander.

"All the kids, all the student-athletes, they're just good people," he said. "We've met a number of them and they just have warmth and good hearts and they just want to do the right thing."

Co-presenters of the first True Blue Parents Award (presented to softball player Liz Ballinger's parents) were former MU baseball parents Randy and Jan Kalmbach and Dominic and Gail Kline.

"I thought it (the BGA program) was fantastic," said Randy Kalmbach afterward. "All the video, the messages and the speakers. Everything was outstanding. I wasn't here last year, so I didn't know what to expect. But it was first class."

Like others, Kalmbach agreed that the small-town flavor of Madonna contributes to the level of success student-athletes continue to maintain.

"It's just the way it is," he emphasized. "You have good people, good administrators, good students and good teachers."

Those attributes were especially apparent when White accepted his trophy. White recently underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery and was noticeably choked up when he thanked all the players over the years for their significant role in his coaching career.

He triumphantly thrust the award into the air as the room erupted in perhaps the loudest ovation of the evening.

But there were many, many others who were met with cheers.

### AWARD SAYS IT ALL

Other big winners included: Kennedy's 2008 baseball teammate, Kevin Zerbo of Farmington, Male Athlete of the Year; volleyball player and first-team All-American Lubovj Tihomirova (Riga, Latvia), Female Athlete of the Year; volleyball's Jerry Abraham, Coach of the Year; softball pitcher Jess Irwin and men's basketball player Cedric Sims (Canton/Schoolcraft) as Female and Male Rookie of the Year, respectively; faculty athletic representative Mike Meldrum, Sister Francilene Lifetime Achievement Award for dedicated service to Madonna athletics.

"It really means a lot," said Tihomirova following the program about receiving the honor. "I really put a lot of work into it and it's showing up getting this award."

Zerbo, Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year, said a quick thank you and not much else when he collected his trophy. But Madonna baseball coach Greg Haeger spoke on behalf of the hard-hitting first baseman.

"It's a tremendous honor to win Male Athlete of the Year," said Haeger, himself a nominee for Coach of the Year. "With Kevin, his performance on the field last year is what got him the honor and Kevin is a pretty quiet person when it comes to public speaking so that (short speech) was apropos."

"But I'm awfully proud of Kevin and (Mr. Crusader Award recipient) John McCracken and Will Kennedy

for their awards they received. It's just a pleasure to be a part of what these guys do."

In a year of widespread major success and many worthy nominees, the first-ever Madonna men's soccer team to reach the nationals earned Male Team of the Year while Abraham's region champion squad earned Female Team of the Year honors.

Excellence of the athletes in the classroom and community was not ignored. Cross country's Joe Horka (Livonia Churchill) took home Male Scholar Athlete of the Year honors while Churchill alum Jacqui Gatt of volleyball, now an assistant coach at Wayne State, was named Female Scholar Athlete of the Year.

McCracken and Ruffli (women's basketball) were Mr. and Miss Crusader, respectively, for the second straight year. Those awards go to student-athletes displaying all-around excellence in athletics, academics, character and service.

Capturing accolades for Male and Female Academic Team of the Year were men's cross country and women's soccer while Champion of Character trophies were given to men's basketball's Drew Coker (a repeat winner) and softball's Cat Sidor (Churchill).

Meanwhile, there were some announcements that nearly upstaged the host of awards:

■ The Madonna athletics Web site will get a "fresh coat of paint" and be updated soon, said sports information director Patrick Moore.

■ A Blue and Gold Club also will be established, to help raise dollars for MU athletics through membership fees and various endeavors such as a "Coach of the Day" offering.

■ Sister Nancy Jamroz and Rizzo announced that Crusaders is a lame-duck mascot name. A year-long contest will now take place, with the selection of the future mascot expected next April. Rizzo said the change would not take effect until July 2010.

# Churchill captures 3-of-5 at Portage

Livonia Churchill opened its 2008 girls volleyball season Saturday by finishing 3-2 in the Portage Northern Tournament.

The Chargers posted wins over Marshall (25-8, 25-8), Vicksburg (25-18, 25-13) and Mattawan (25-23, 25-19), while losing twice to Portage Central (20-25, 14-25 and 25-18, 23-25, 12-15).

Kristen Nalez was Churchill's top attacker on the day with a total of 40 kills, while Cierra Yetts added 22.

Kat Krupsky and Jessica Stroud combined for 35 kills and 15 blocks, while Katie Matz finished with 23 assists, 23 digs and nine kills.

Setter Lindsey Graciak had a team-high 52 digs along five aces.

"It was a good first tournament with some good competition," Churchill coach Marc Grenier.

### Inter-City grounds Hawks

On Tuesday, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist opened its season with a 25-15, 25-16, 21-25, 25-15 triumph over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The Chargers improved to 1-0 overall, while the Hawks fall to 2-4-1.

Sophomore Leah Miller and senior Staci Hatzung recorded eight and seven kills, respectively, for Huron Valley. Senior setter Kayla Stockdale added 20 assist-to-kills.

On Saturday, Huron Valley finished 1-3-1 in the Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary Tournament with the lone win coming in pool play against Genesee (25-20, 25-19). The Hawks also split with Merrill (30-28, 11-25), while losing to the host Cardinals (8-25, 18-25), Bay City John Glenn (14-25, 15-25) and Montrose (7-25, 19-25).

### Warriors whip PCA

Senior middle hitter Becca Refenes had 17 kills on Tuesday night, propelling Lutheran High Westland (9-3-2) to a 25-10, 25-16, 25-13 win over visiting Plymouth Christian Academy (0-1).

Allison Yankee chipped in with eight kills and four ace serves, while Abi Gieschen and Nichol Zehel combined for 20 digs and nine aces.

Setter Lauren Gieschen finished with 23 assist-to-kills, while Cathy Haller and Lauren Switzer added seven and five, respectively.

# Weekend Warriors first at Oakland Christian

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High Westland's volleyball team was solid gold Saturday, capturing the Auburn Hills Oakland Christian Tournament with a 25-20, 26-24 triumph over the host Lancers in the championship match.

The Warriors, now 8-3-2 overall, advanced with a 25-23, 25-22 semifinal win over Metro Conference foe Macomb Lutheran North after a 24-26, 25-11, 15-4 quarterfinal victory over Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

In pool play, the Warriors defeated Novi Franklin Road Christian (25-12, 25-5) and

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Lutheran North (25-17, 27-25), while splitting with Royal Oak Shrine (25-15, 23-25).

"Obviously we are excited to win this tournament, we played some good competition and it was nice to go up and beat the host school," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We did a lot of good things and I am pleased with that but there are some things that we need to fix going into conference play. If we can fix those, we should give ourselves a chance to finish at the top of the conference. If we don't, we could drop some matches which would be disappointing."

Becca Refenes, a 6-foot-2 senior middle hitter committed to the University of Cincinnati, had a monster day with a total of 85 kills and 64 digs, both team-highs. She also had seven solo blocks, seven aces and was 57-of-64 passing.

Setter Lauren Gieschen finished with 83 assist-to-kills and a team-best 19 aces.

Other contributions came from Allyson Yankee (10 aces, 17 kills, four blocks); Rachel Storck (25 kills, seven blocks); Kately Ramthun (22 kills, five blocks, 25 digs); Abi Gieschen (45 digs); Nicole Zehel (40-of-48 passing, 16 digs); and Cathy Haller (23 assists).

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were playing with a speed that we've only seen in practice. It was the first time we were able to transfer that speed to a game."

Sparking Schoolcraft with 12 kills was sophomore middle hitter Whitney Clay, although she had help from sophomore outside hitter Virginia Butler (Canton/Westland John Glenn), who tallied eight kills.

Chipping in with 27 assists was freshman setter Brittany Denter.

In other statistical departments, freshman defensive specialist and Livonia Churchill alum Jordan Kerr

collected two aces and was 18-of-18 in passing.

OCC dropped to 6-4-0 overall and 0-2-0 in the MCCA-Eastern Conference.

"Whitney Clay had a great match," Lamb continued. "She has a sense of where the block is and can just drop the ball around the block for kills. When we get her rolling, it opens things up for our outside hitters to really crank down on an open block."

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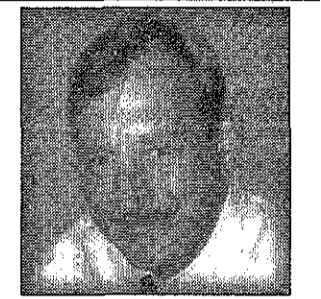
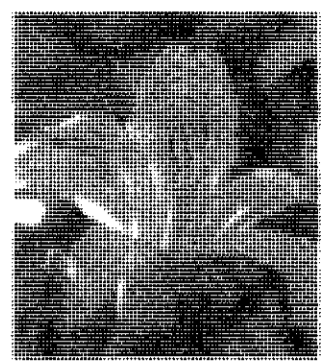
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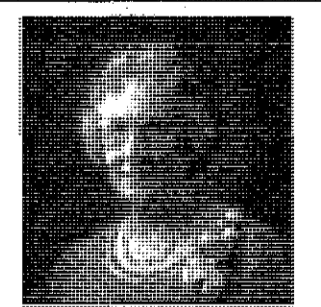
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**ARTHUR L. RASCHKE**

Of Rochester Hills, age 59, died September 8, 2008 at home, after a long and courageous battle with a neurodegenerative disease. Arthur was born February 2, 1949 to the late Harvey and Doris Raschke, and lived for 35 years in Rochester Hills. He married and was the loving husband and best friend for 35 years of Linda Raschke, dear mother of Jenna L. Raschke, Michael G. Raschke (Alissa) and Jacqueline M. McDermott (John) and loving Papa to granddaughter Macy Lyn McDermott. He will be very sadly missed by many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Great-nieces, Nephews, Great-nephews, and many great friends. Mr. Raschke retired after 37 years of service as Staff Engineer and Engineering Supervisor at General Motors Corporation. He graduated from GMU/Kettering University with a Bachelor's Degree in electrical/Mechanical Engineering, later earning his Masters degree in Systems Engineering (Computer Science) from Oakland University School of Engineering. Art was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity-Zeta Theta Chapter at GMU/Kettering, and also a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and The Fluid Power Society as a Hydraulic Fluid Specialist. Arthur distinguished himself at several divisions of General Motors including Pontiac Motor Division, Lake Orion Assembly Plant, Chevrolet Engineering, AC Spark Plug (manufacturing Development), Truck & Bus Assembly, Shreveport Assembly (LA) and was a highly respected Staff Engineer in the GM CCRW (Controls-Conveyors-Robotics-Welding) group at the General Motors Technical Center. His favorite projects at GM were the Corvette manufacturing data systems and digital computer programming assignments. Art traveled extensively in his career, and his family remembers many priceless and unforgettable happy moments with him upon his return home. His outside interests included being a licensed Amateur Radio Operator for 20 years, he held an Extra Class FCC License and was a member of the Air Force Affiliated Radio Systems (MARS), of the Firebird/GM Amateur Radio Club, and a member of The Oakland County Amateur Radio Society. Art was also an avid bowler and softball enthusiast with GM teams, and a member of the National Corvette Museum Foundation and The National Rifle Association. Art also served as a Firefighter of Avon Township/Rochester Hills Fire Dept. for 17 years and as a firefighter/EMT for Oakland Township for eight years. He believed in giving back to his community, and giving back to those that helped him along the way. In-State 11:00 a.m. Thursday at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Ingleswood at Northwood in Rochester until 11:30 a.m. time of Funeral Liturgy. Visitation 2-5 & 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Drive in Rochester. Donations in memory of Arthur may be made to: Mercy Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Court, Suite 200, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302 or The Sigma Chi Fraternity-Renovation Project, 704 E. Main Street, Flushing, MI 48433. The family would sincerely like to thank their wonderful friends and neighbors, Mercy Hospice Care and Pixley Funeral Home. The family could not have made it through this very difficult time without all your support and kindness for which they are eternally grateful. Arthur was always a find, courageous and gentle man, and a true friend to those that knew him.



**BERTHA DeBAKER-HINNAU**

Died September 7, 2008. Age 94. Dear mother of Rachel Kaledas. Grandmother of Ronald (Valerie), Linda (Gilbert) Warren, David (Stephanie). Great-grandmother of six. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) Wednesday from 2-9pm. Rosary at 7:30pm. In state Thursday at 10:30am until time of Mass 11 a.m. at SS. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland.

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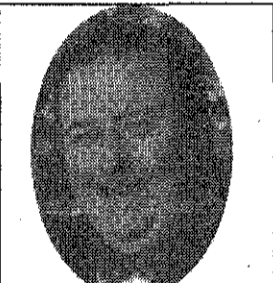
Age 71, formerly of Royal Oak, passed Sept. 7, 2008. Hayhurst Funeral Home, Broken Arrow, OK, 981-258-9623

**DOROTHY FERN (nee Young) STREETER**

September 6, 2008. Dear mother of Nancy (Richard) Thompson, Patricia (Richard) Hartwig, Mary (Charles) O'Donnell. Proud grandmother of Elizabeth Grapentine, Rick Thompson, David Thompson, Ron Hartwig, Julie VanBuren, Michael O'Donnell. Dear sister of Marjorie (Lawrence) Crane, Norman Young and Eunice (Jack) Ward. Also survived by nine great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents, step-mother, former husband Donald Streeter, brother Arthur Young. Born April 17, 1915 on a homestead in Kendall, Montana, graduate of Highland Park High School Class of 1933, proud 55 year resident of Livonia. Dorothy retired from the Water Dept., City of Livonia. Dorothy enjoyed retirement, traveling, collecting recipes, cooking, bird watching and spending time with her church friends. A Celebration of Dorothy's Life was held on Wednesday in lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to St. James Presbyterian Church, C/O Rev. Paul Bousquette Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia, 734-591-3700.

**SUE ANN HOLLAND (nee Anderson)**

Age 37. August 3, 2008. Beloved daughter of the late Ivar and Estelle Anderson. Loving sister of Ivar G. (Lee Ann) Anderson. Cherished niece of Nancy and Robert Viverito, Jean and Sandy Branzar, and George Wickstrom. Dear aunt of Stephen and Brian. Sue loved animals, especially her pet dogs, Tonka and Ernie, and was deeply committed to the conservation and preservation of wildlife, particularly wolves. She was active in all forms of outdoor recreation, including camping, snowmobiling, skiing, A/V and horseback riding. She enjoyed pop culture in all forms and loved to watch movies. Her varied musical tastes ran from classical to rock to country-western. She embraced New Age Spirituality, including the Wicca teachings, crystal healing and consulted horoscopes and tarot cards for guidance. She loved her work as office manager of Aberdeen Van Lines in Commerce Township, Michigan, which she joined in 1994. She is survived by her family and many friends, who she loved dearly. Memorial service Saturday 1pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Saturday 12 noon until 1pm service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Defenders of Wildlife. www.thayer-rock.com



**JOHN C. MORTON**

Sept. 9, 2008, age 59, of Wayne. Beloved husband of Andrea F. Dear father of David (Linda), Richard (Renee), Brother of Wayne (Judy), Janice (Ed) Baker, the late Thomas & Hugh. Brother-in-law of Joyce & Mayflower. Grandfather of Randy & Richard Jr. Funeral Friday 10am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family will receive friends Thurs. 2-9pm. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com

**KATIE MISH**

Sept. 5, 2008. Age 85. Beloved wife of the late Leonard. Loving mother of Sandra (Jeffrey) Weiss & Vickie (John) Dec. Dearest grandmother of Aaron Weiss, Lauren Weiss, Mark Weiss & Mallory Dec. Funeral was Mon, Sept. 8, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at Voran Funeral Home (Dearborn Chapel). Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Season's Hospice and Palliative Care of Michigan, 27355 John R Rd. Suite 100, Madison Heights, MI. 48071. Onlineguestbook at www.voranfuneralhome.com

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**SCOTT C. BOOTH**

Suddenly September 6, 2008. Age 44. Son of Don (Jane) and the late Judy. Brother of Jeff (Kelly) and Chip (Kellie). Uncle of four nieces and three nephews including his favorite niece Isabella. Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A 1982 graduate of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, he received his bachelors of Broadcast and Cinematic Arts Degree from Central Michigan in 1988. Scott enjoyed a life long career in film production starting in high school. He worked at Channels 7 and 4 in Traverse City, Detroit Public TV and worked on various freelance videos. Also a longtime employee of Pier 1 Imports. Scott loved, and was very involved as a counselor with Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on Torch Lake. Memorial service Saturday 11am at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. Memorial tributes to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha, 919 N.E. Torch Lake Dr., Central Lake, MI 49622. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



**TONI M. KNEIDING**

Age 34. Died suddenly September 7, 2008. Beloved daughter of Rickard and Patricia. Loving sister of the late Kristina. Dearest granddaughter of Maxine Kneiding and Linda Achille. Will be missed by her numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Toni Kneiding, M.A. was the Associate Dean of the Education and Human Service program at Baker College of Owosso. She taught in the early childhood education program and models passion and enthusiasm of the development of young children's minds. She was an advisor for the T.A.L.L. (Teachers as Lifelong Learners) student club. Toni has also presented several early childhood seminars for the Bentley campus. Toni has been with Baker College of Owosso for almost 2 years and has played an integral part in continuous improvement of the early childhood program on our campus. Toni was a former consultant for the Office for Young Children in Lansing and has many years experience in the early childhood field. She had professional affiliations with Central Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children (CMAEUC), Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society (KON), Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health (MIIMH), National and Michigan Association for the Development of Young Children (NADYC) (MIAEYC), National Family Literacy Association (NFLA), and National Parents As Teachers Association (PAT). Toni also was certified in many areas of special training for the early age and has used these certifications and experience in advancing our program as well as serving as a facilitator for other childcare providers in the area. Visitation Thursday 1-8pm and Friday 1-8pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia, with a Prayer Service at 7:00pm Friday. Funeral Service Saturday 11:00am at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Research.

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10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Wellspring Church, 36350 W. Eight Mile, Farmington. For more information, call (248)471-4667.

**Tent sale**

Begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Household items, specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts. Also a used clothing sale inside the church for \$2 per plastic grocery bag. All proceeds donated to area organizations to help people in the community. Cost to participate is \$25 if you bring your own table, \$35 to use one of the church's 8-foot tables. Call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

**Victorian fashion show/tea**

Shows at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 age 12 and under. Red Hat Society members get \$1 off 3:30 p.m. show. Visit www.firstpresville.org.

**Mom to mom sale**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at St. Mel Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. Tables \$25. Call (734) 525-3607 or (313) 274-0684 by Sept. 8.

**Church celebration**

The entire community is invited to join Emmanuel Lutheran Church for a celebration and to tour the new facilities at the Building Expansion Dedication noon Sunday, Sept. 14, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. The church has doubled its narthex, program and office areas to better support the community of faith. For more information, call (248) 442-8822.

**Time change**

Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returns to fall, winter and spring schedule beginning Sunday, Sept. 14. Services will be at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

**Bible study**

A Word for You Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 19, in the Green Room at the Bailey Rec Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. The one-hour study includes Praise and Worship and the Word. All are welcome. Call (313) 289-8336.

**Evenings of Evangelization**

Resume with Rev. Alex Kratz 7 p.m. Friday Sept. 19, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. The series continues Oct. 17, Nov. 21, and Dec. 12. All interested Catholics are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200. Bring or buy study text "Go and Make Disciples" (U.S. Bishops) at September meeting.

**Earth friendly craft fair**

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, featuring hand made art and crafts from local Michigan artists, at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, south of 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For information, contact Barbara Danielsen at (248) 318-8044 or bdanielsen@comcast.net. Forms and info available for download at www.ufarmington.org. Call for artists and crafters: Spaces inside and outside still available.

**Co-creating with God conference**

Sacred Heart Major Seminary will sponsor a conference to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae, and explore its important themes Saturday, Sept. 20, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd, Detroit. Cost is \$75 with lunch and dinner, or \$50 without meals. Prices discounted for half-day attendance. Walk-in registration at a higher cost. Call (313) 883-8792, e-mail humanaevitae@shms.edu, or visit www.shms.edu for registration packet.

**Bethany Suburban West**

Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

**Anniversary celebration**

On Sunday, Sept. 21, members of Salem National Evangelist Lutheran Church honor Rev. Carl DeMeritt, Jr. and his wife Beth in a 10 a.m. worship service of gratitude and praise, at the church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. A reception follows the worship service honoring DeMeritt's 25 years in the ministry.

**Piano rededication concert**

With guest pianists Gary and Jennifer Rownd 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, in the Sanctuary at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Call (248) 374-7400 for information.

**Celebration of Israel**

This year, Israel marks a significant milestone that provides a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of the Jewish State. In honor of the occasion, The Russian Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross) will host a celebration 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills. The evening includes Russian-Jewish delicacies, entertainment by Ben Opengelm, door prizes and auction. Tickets, \$90, benefit ARMDI. Friends and families of all faiths and backgrounds welcome, but space is limited. For details, visit www.lifetosave.org.

**Explore the rosary**

Explore the history and continue relevance of the venerable devotion to Mary 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, with presenter David Conrad, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 425-5950.

**Organ recital**

Robert Bates, associate professor of organ at University of Houston, performs 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, north of Grand Blvd., Detroit. \$10 per person at the door or call (313) 875-7407. Reception follows. Free supervised parking adjacent to church.

**Sacred music concert**

"Let the Heavens Rejoice: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains." The seminary choir of the Blessed Theofodore Romzha Theological Academy of Uzhorod, Ukraine will sing selections from liturgical services and religious hymns in Church Slavonic 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge, but free will offering requested to support the seminary. Open to the public. Several audio and video recordings will be available. Call (734) 522-3166 or visit www.seminaryconcerttour.com.

**Mom-to-Mom sale**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

**Safety/health fair**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, physical fitness competitions for kids, bicycle safety, health screenings for adults, parent information on child safety and health, free car seat inspections by Canton police officers, child safety identification, at All Saints Catholic School parking lot and gym, 48735 Warren, between Beck and Ridge, Canton. Call (734) 459-2490.

**Revival services**

Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday services 7 p.m. each evening, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. Revival preacher is from Alabama. Everyone is welcome. Call (313) 537-7480.

**Marian rally**

Join the Felician Sisters of Livonia on Sunday, Sept. 28, as they honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally beginning at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia, followed by praying of the rosary alternating decades in English and Spanish at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, Ind. Refreshments available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants welcome. Parking available at Montessori Center of Our Lady at Newburgh entrance. Call (734) 591-1730.

**Bethany hay ride**

Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood will host a hay ride that includes hot dogs with all the fixings, beverages and a DJ Saturday, Sept. 27. Indoor facility for dining and dancing. Tickets, \$20. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 389-4730.

**Spirit of Manresa**

Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost \$150-\$250, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing. Call (248) 644-4933, Ext. 34 or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

**Parenting class**

Parenting Families DVD-based classes help address issues in a positive way that will enhance your family life. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 to Nov. 3, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830, or register at www.christour-savior.org under Adult Fall Classes.

**UPCOMING**

**Mass confusion**

Series on the celebration of the Mass 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter David Conrad. No charge. Please RSVP by calling (734) 425-5950.

**Crop walk**

Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. For information, call John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181.

**Mom-to-mom sale**

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile. Tables available, 6 ft. long \$18 each, 5 ft. round \$15 each, standard racks \$3 each. Admission \$1. Strollers welcome. Contact ncamom2mom-sale@gmail.com.

**Tiny Tots Preschool**

Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3- and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

**Fall craft show**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, with over 70 crafters, at St. Theodore of Canterbury, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. No charge. Also bake sale, big raffle and food and beverages. Call (734) 425-4421.

**ICEA conference**

For Sunday School and Church Ministries, held by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Speakers Dr. Bruce Fong, Rev. Billy Walker. 30 workshops on timely topics. Second time Canterbury, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. No charge. Also bake sale, big raffle and food and beverages. Call (734) 425-4421.

**Plymouth/Canton crop walk**

Sunday, Oct. 12, registration at 1:30 p.m. with walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, contact Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867 or wbrave@yahoo.com.

**Crafters wanted**

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

**Fall craft show**

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

**ONGOING**

**Wednesday activities**

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebrew Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.



# Ramadan a holy time for all ages

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O & E STAFF WRITER

Even though the first grade students at Crescent Academy International skipped their morning snack, no one was complaining about fasting for Ramadan, a time of purification and reflection for Muslims. Instead the children seemed delighted to follow the practices of grown-ups who get up about 4:45 a.m. to eat before sunrise. Muslim adults do not eat during daylight hours. Whether or not students totally abstain from food and drink depends on their age. The 400 children in the Canton academy range from preschool to eighth grade.

"It's a special time in the school because Ramadan is holy month for Muslims," said Sommieh Flower, Crescent elementary school principal. Ramadan takes place during the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar which varies from year to year. "In the religion itself no one is required to fast until puberty however to experience Ramadan children usually like to do what their families are doing. They start not eating or drinking from dawn to dusk around third grade, practicing it, but not necessarily fasting all day. One of the goals is to feel hunger so you understand what life is like for people who are hungry. We always have a food drive during Ramadan that usually goes to a



Saifulla Ahmed sings a song about Ramadan.

shelter in Detroit. "Ramadan builds your relationship to God, part of that is to purify. You also fast from bad habits, when it comes to children that includes wasting a lot of time watching TV or playing video games."

Muslims avoid food and drink from dawn to dusk then break their fast with Iftar. The families like to make their meals a little more celebratory during Ramadan depending on the country they came from.

The parents of academy students immigrated from the Arab countries, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Turkey. Dates and water are a traditional way to break fasting throughout the world. Afterwards the students

and their families go to the Canton mosque, the Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs for evening prayer services.

Monday afternoon students in Chrissy Kucher's first grade classroom were gathering around religion teacher Sahar Gelany for a prayer circle. The focus was on the first chapter of the Quran. Ramadan celebrates the month when Allah or God appeared to Prophet Muhammad with verses of the holy book.

"It's a sacred time, a way of training younger students to have a contemplative attitude toward prayer," said Flower. "We're trying to build that faith and self-discipline in our children. They've probably been



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Religion teacher Sahar Gelany talks with Shameena Shahzad about the beauty of the leaf she brought to school because it reminded her of Allah. The Novi girl is a 1st grader at Crescent Academy International in Canton.

saying the first chapter in the Quran since age 3. It's the first thing a Muslim child learns."

During Ramadan it's also a tradition to read the entire Quran and reflect on the meaning.

"It's an opportunity that comes once a year to devote yourself more fully to God and strengthen your relationship to him, because during Ramadan you are not as focused on daily needs and worldly desires," said Flower. "You're turning yourself more fully to God."

Shameena Shahzad of Novi brought a maple leaf to school that reminded her of Allah. Gelany asked who created all those colors. Like Christians, Muslims believe God created all things. Then it was time for Allah in the prayer circle, which ended with the children

singing a song to welcome Ramadan, a time to be kind to everybody. The reward of any good is multiplied between seven and 70 times.

The children were especially excited about the Eid or end of Ramadan when families gather to eat lots of food and cake and exchange presents. At the end of the month of Ramadan the Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs is renting a hall in Livonia for the special celebration, which begins with prayer. Muhammad Muniruddin plans not only to be there for the Eid, but the rest of the 30 days of Ramadan. Starting at quarter to 10 every night, Muslims gather at the mosque in Canton.

"At sunset time everyone from the neighborhood, about

100, break their fast, go home to eat dinner then come back for late night prayer. We have five daily prayers for 365 days but in Ramadan there is a special late night prayer, Tarawih," said Muniruddin, a member of the Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs for almost 30 years. "In that prayer a person who has memorized the whole Quran reads without looking for almost 1-1/2 to 2 hours for 30 days because Quran is divided into 30 parts. It's like a miracle of Quran, It is going on throughout the whole world in almost every mosque. One billion people are praying even in Japan, China, Korea. People will fast, do charity, give money to poor people."

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**SPORTS**

## SOCCER

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"A lot comes from the midfield and they're doing a good job dishing it out. We're still building. We've got a lot of games to go and our goal is to peak at playoff time."

Block, meanwhile, was satisfied with his team's play, particularly in the back led by LaRose, Jakob Andrzejewski, Tony Cipolla and Chris Barnaby.

"I thought it was a good effort by the boys. We had our chances and I thought our defense played well," he said. "Clareucville has improved.

They played well. They had some nice passing combinations and until their goal we did a good job denying their threats.

"Our wings and forwards are playing well. They're starting to learn each other's runs and where Kruger likes the ball. Josh has been a workhorse up front. He's making nice runs and he's strong on the ball. And with Austin Baglow running up front, they have to respect him. Austin will get his chances, too, as the season goes along."

**HURON VALLEY 2, AGAPE 1:** Austin Tranchida's goal with only 20 minutes left proved to be the difference Tuesday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-3, 2-2)

earned the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division triumph over Canton Agape Christian (0-5, 0-4).

Mark St. John also scored for the Hawks, while Kyle Tacia was the winning goalkeeper.

On Friday, the host Hawks lost a wild MIAC Red game to Macomb Christian, 7-6.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 3, SHRINE 0:** Josh Kruger scored a pair of goals and Kent Kryske added another Saturday as host Lutheran High Westland (3-2-1) blanked Royal Oak Shrine (1-6) in a non-conference match.

The Warriors scored in the fourth, 52nd and 62nd minutes of action.

Goalkeeper Micah Hausch, who made three saves, notched his second shutout of the season.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Sept. 12**  
 John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 11**  
 Clarenceville at Ferndale, 6 p.m.  
 Redford Union at John Glenn, 6 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 6:30 p.m.  
 Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
 Ladywood at Riv. Gab. Richard, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 13**  
 Ypsilanti Fall Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 Warren Elite Ctr. Invitational, TBA.
- BOYS SOCCER**  
**Thursday, Sept. 11**  
 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 Luth. North at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 12**  
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.  
 I.C. Baptist at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 13**  
 John Glenn at F.H. Harrison, 12:30 p.m.
- Stevenson at Troy Athens, 1 p.m.
- BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Friday, Sept. 12**  
 MSU Spartan Invitational, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 13**  
 N.B. Huron Invitational, TBA.  
 W.L. Western Invitational, TBA.  
 Holly Inv. at Springfield Oaks, noon.
- GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Thursday, Sept. 11**  
 Liv. Public Schools Meet at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.  
 Garden City at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. Ladywood at Liv. Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 12**  
 Redford Union at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**  
**Friday, Sept. 12**  
 John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
 Wayne at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
 S. Lyon East at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 13**  
 Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**  
**Thursday, Sept. 11**  
 A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Ladywood vs. Riv. Gab. Richard at St. John's Golf Center, 3 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 12**  
 Churchill vs. Wayne at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.  
 Franklin vs. Canton at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. Plymouth at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
- GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
**Thursday, Sept. 11**  
 Country Day at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 11**  
 Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 12**  
 Findlay (Ohio) at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.  
 Schoolcraft at Muskegon Tourney, TBA.
- Saturday, Sept. 13**  
 Schoolcraft at Muskegon Tourney, TBA.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Friday, Sept. 12**  
 Schoolcraft at Ancilla CC, 4 p.m.
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 Madonna at Aquinas College, 3 p.m.
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They really love their coffee in Village Players of Birmingham's production of the musical romp, "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Jeff Weiner of Troy and Liz Mitchell of Royal Oak star in the musical comedy.

## Theater season hits close to home

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dig out the top hats and faux fur stoles, fall theater season is upon us. And while the Fox, Fisher and Detroit Opera House have plenty to offer downtown in the way of Broadway productions, our community theater companies keep the options unexpected and inviting, all while offering seats right around the corner. We've compiled some of the most anticipated local performances with box offices right in your neighborhood:

### TAKE THE PODIUM

Daring Ferndale-based Who Wants Cake? theater company kicked off its sophomore season last weekend with Stephen Karam's *Speech & Debate*. The show, which follows three high school misfits who band together when a shocking gay sex scandal involving a teacher is revealed, runs Friday-Monday through Sept. 29.

The cast includes Alex Hill of Detroit, Spencer Perrenoud of Beverly Hills, Katie Swinehart of Ferndale and Jamie Warrow of Royal Oak. Ferndale's Joe Bailey is directing. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday; and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for Friday and Saturday

shows, \$15 for Sunday matinees and \$10 on Mondays. High school students pay \$10 any show, with valid I.D. The Ringwald Theatre is at 22742 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 545-5545 for reservations.

### BACK WHERE YOU BELONG

There's a reason the musical *Hello, Dolly!* is a classic — and it might have more to do with those contagious songs and elaborate dance numbers than it does its history of star-studded casts — including the irreplaceable Barbra Streisand who captured

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### DRAMATIC DONATION

West Bloomfield resident Sam Logan Khaleghi (pictured) wrote, directed, produced and stars in the feature film *Love is a Thieves Game*, premiering 7 tonight at the Smith Theatre OCC Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10 and all proceeds are donated to the Furniture Bank of Oakland County, which helps those in need obtain gently used furniture and home goods at no cost. Reserve a seat by e-mailing atgmovie@yahoo.com or purchase tickets at the door. Visit [www.myspace.com/thievesgamefilm](http://www.myspace.com/thievesgamefilm).

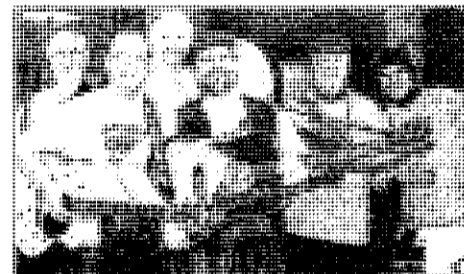
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### SARAH LENORE'S GOT TALENT

Country crooner Sarah Lenore's star is rising with her success on *America's Got Talent*. The Plymouth native, who now lives in Nashville, made it through the reality show's auditions to Las Vegas, and rose to the Top 40 acts. After playing live on the show Sept. 3, viewer votes helped her advance to the Top 20. As of presstime, she was scheduled to perform a solo again on Wednesday, Sept. 10 with her acoustic guitar. Lenore isn't allowed to give interviews until the show concludes, but stay tuned to FILTER for updates, and watch for Lenore on "America's Got Talent" at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 8:30 p.m. Thursdays on NBC.



By W. Von Buskirk



Raggle Taggle

### LUCK O' THE IRISH

Raggle Taggle will celebrate the half-way point to St. Patrick's Day with two shows in Livonia this weekend. The Celtic band will play 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road. Fish and chips plus corned beef and cabbage meals will be available for purchase. On Saturday, Sept. 13, 8-11 p.m., the band will perform at Claddagh Irish Pub at 17800 Haggerty Road. Both free shows will feature the best in Irish sing-a-long tunes, lily ballads, humor and good-natured fun. Visit [www.raggletaggleband.com](http://www.raggletaggleband.com).

By W. Von Buskirk

## S3 Entertainment Group going, growing in Ferndale

**Editor's Note:** This is the third in an ongoing series of stories highlighting the hometown impact of a newly passed 2008 Michigan tax incentive on a now burgeoning local film industry in and around metro Detroit. The incentives offer up to a 42 percent cash rebate as long as the production spends \$50,000 in Michigan.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The headquarters of Ferndale-based S3 Entertainment Group just keeps getting bigger. According to Jeffrey Spilman, managing director, the full-service film production company — with

offices in Michigan, New York and California — has grown exponentially over the past few months.

Days after the Michigan tax incentives for filmmakers were announced in April, the company rented a 250-square-foot space in Troy. By mid-May, S3 had moved to Ferndale, taking over 2,500 square feet in a warehouse north of 8 Mile.

Now trucks and trailers surround the 22,000-square-foot building in the city's northeastern corridor. Inside, the space houses \$3 million to \$5 million in equipment needed for film sets. The soon-to-be storage, office space

and prop and set house recently stored a sleek dark green Gran Torino. It remained parked, guarded and hidden under cover until it was time to roll the vehicle out for use in Clint Eastwood's film by same name, which wrapped production last month.

S3EG provided everything from equipment to catering on *Gran Torino*. The company also assisted with location scouting for *Youth In Revolt*, Miguel Arteta's film based on the darkly funny C.D. Payne novel, filming early last summer around Royal Oak

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Jeff Spilman

### BACK TO THE 101

The Detroit School of Rock and Pop Music welcome students of all ages and musical experience back to class, beginning Sept. 22. Open since April by owners Jason and Sherry Gittinger, the Royal Oak school's well-attended summer camps and growing enrollment have led to an expansion of new classes, including *Live Audio 101*, *Entertainment Law 101*, *Indie Rock 101*, *Studio Techniques 101* and *Music Theory 101*. Private lessons are also available, as are adult or student band lessons. For more, visit [www.detroitsofrockandpop.com](http://www.detroitsofrockandpop.com) or call 888-988-ROCK.

By S. Casola

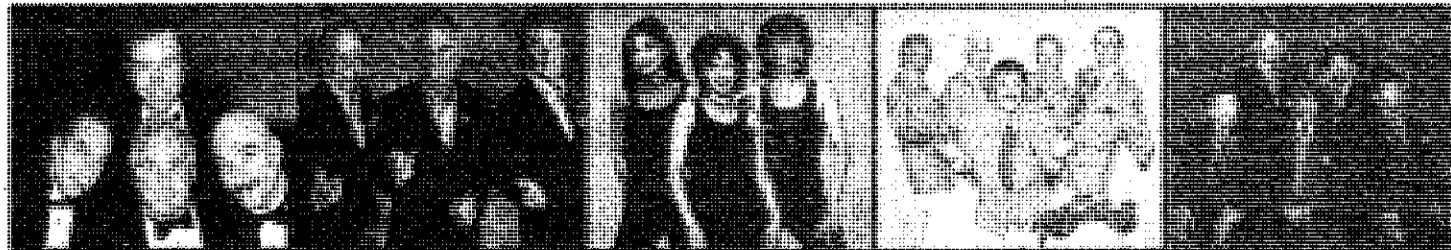
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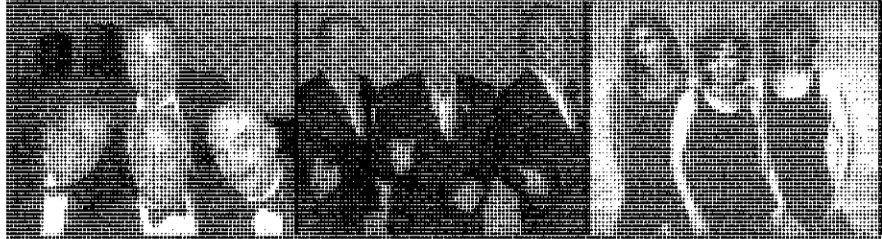
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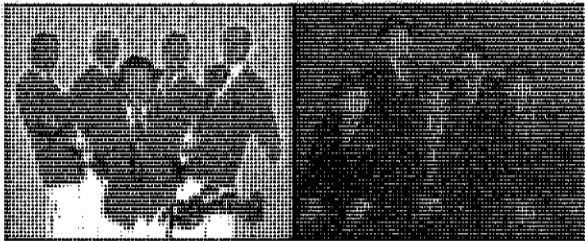


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# pure picks



George Clooney in "Burn After Reading," which opens this week.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Filtering your entertainment best bets for the weekend of Sept. 12-16, 2008:

**12** Summer winds down and the **Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit** heats up, presenting three new exhibits beginning at 7 p.m., as well as live music by Blanche and openers, Gardens. **Broadcast** brings together 13 artists who incorporate radio and television into their work, so be prepared to see, hear and experience installations like Gregory Green's radio station which will allow visitors to play DJ or give the news. **Business as Usual** explores the link between art and commerce, curated by Jacob Proctor. And **Becoming: Photographs from the Wedge Collection** delves into cultural identity with historical and contemporary portraits surrounding the black experience as portrayed by artists from the U.S., Canada and Africa. Family programs will accompany the exhibitions, through Dec. 28. MOCAD is at 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 832-6622 or visit [www.mocadetroit.org](http://www.mocadetroit.org).



**14** The spirit of George Burns, and his undying love for Gracie Allen, lives on in the Broadway hit **Say Goodnight Gracie**, showing 6 tonight at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Writer Rupert Holmes earned a Tony nomination for the show in 2003. Dubbed a "love story 100 years in the making," this marks a Michigan premiere for the production, which stars Frank Gorshin as George Burns. Tickets \$25-\$39.50, call (313) 963-9800

**15** If you think something's different downtown, you're right. The **Detroit People Mover** is now running in the opposite direction. Don't feel too disoriented, check train times at [www.thepeople-mover.com](http://www.thepeople-mover.com) and take a ride.

**13** Singles get up to speed with **Metro Detroit Speed Dating**, 8 p.m. at AJ's Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile, in Ferndale. Participants will rotate tables every 8 minutes and vote on whether they'd like to arrange a date with the singles they encounter. Admission is \$15 to participate. Visit [www.ajsmusic-cafe.com](http://www.ajsmusic-cafe.com).

**16** The Coen Brothers go for a dark spy-comedy in their latest film, the star-studded **Burn After Reading**. John Malkovich is an ousted CIA official whose memoirs accidentally land in the hands of two gym employees set on exploiting the incident for all its worth. With George Clooney (pictured at top), Frances McDormand and Brad Pitt. This Focus Features film is rated R and now showing in area theaters.

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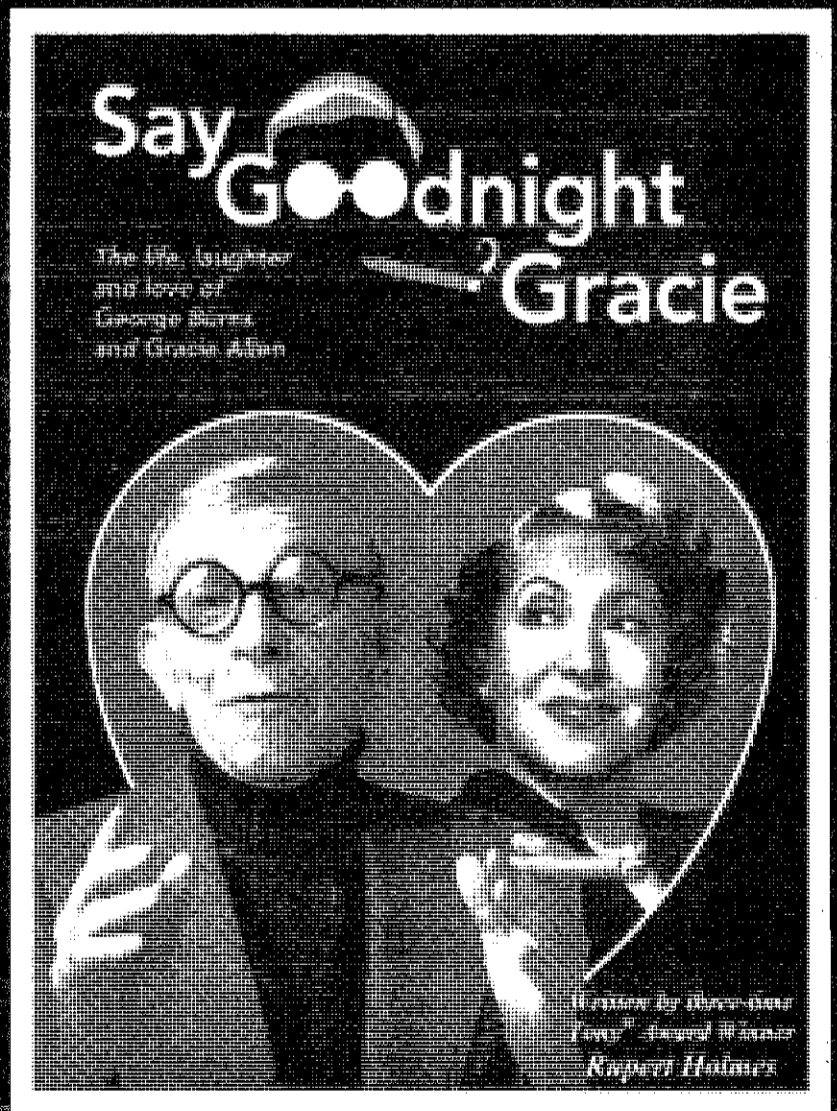


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# DSO Cellist kicks off local chamber series

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

As principal cellist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Robert deMaine is used to playing for crowds of 2,000 or more.

Yet the Grosse Pointe musician relishes the chance to connect with a more intimate audience.

He will kick off the Vivace Music Series at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Birmingham Temple.

"Chamber music is designed for smaller spaces, so I think it's fitting that these works are presented by such generous people who care about serious music-making, such as the Vivace Series presenters," deMaine said. "It fills me with optimism for the future of the performing arts, especially for the much smaller niche of

chamber music."

According to Claire Levine, long-time co-chair of the music series, Vivace was established to take advantage of the fine acoustics at the temple and bring world-class music close to home.

"We thought it would add vitality to the community, bring people together, give artists a venue," said Levine, of Farmington Hills. "We were a group of music lovers, and we were eager to present music in an artistic way."

deMaine, who joined the DSO in 2002, will play a 19th-century Romantic-era program including Adagio and Allegro by Robert Schumann; Sonata in A Major by Beethoven; Sonata by Cesar Franck; and the Introduction and Polonaise Brillante by Chopin.

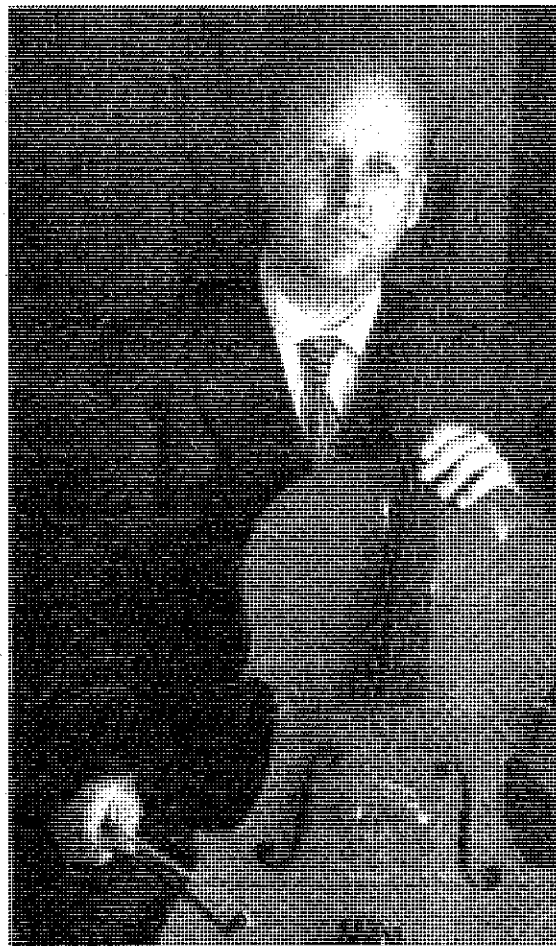
He will be accompanied by pianist Zhihua Tang.

"The concerts at the Birmingham Temple are always exceedingly well-attended, which bodes very well for our art," he said. "The Birmingham Temple is small enough that the intimacy factor is there, but large enough for an appropriate amount of expansiveness."

The four-part concert series continues with classical and folkloric music by Alturas Duo on Nov. 8; award-winning, young Michigan pianist Christopher Atzinger on April 4, 2009; and stellar New Orleans Jazz-style vocalist Joan Bow on May 2, 2009.

Tickets for the whole series are \$72, or \$60 for members and seniors, and include an elegant Afterglow, where concertgoers and performers mingle over refreshments. Levine said prices have not

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Robert deMaine, principal cellist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will kick off the Birmingham Temple Vivace Music Series on Sunday, Sept. 14.

been raised for years, and simply cover costs. "We treat our musicians very well," she said. "We take our music very seriously."

## CANTON JAZZ CAFE

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill kicks off the 'All About Jazz Cafe' this Saturday, Sept. 13 in its Biltmore Studio, a cozy setting for enjoying live music. The unique monthly Jazz experience features the Tony Ruda Quartet in partnership with the Michigan Jazz Society, and invites soloists to come up to the stage and sit in with the band. In addition to Ruda, the quartet consists of Andy Conlin on drums, Keith Kaminski on saxophone and Kurt Krahnke on bass. Future dates are Oct. 18, Nov. 8, Dec. 6, Jan. 17, 2009, Feb. 14, March 21 and April 25. To purchase tickets (\$17 for single shows or \$120 for all eight) visit The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, or [www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater); or call (734) 394-5460.

By W. Von Buskirk

## VOTE FOR PUBLIC ENEMY

Rock and Hip Hop collides when *African American Family Magazine* hosts **Detroit Rocks the Vote**, a politically-charged rally featuring keynote speaker Chuck D of Public Enemy and live performances by The Volebeats, The Go, Deastro, The Muggs, Black Milk and much more, Sept. 17 at The Fillmore, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The goal is to increase voter turnout and encourage young voters to get informed. The MTV-created Rock the Vote campaign is a non-partisan, non-profit effort and this event will feature participants from the Detroit Urban League, Southwest Detroit Business Association and more. Representatives will be on-hand to register new voters. Tickets are \$20 for this 18 and over show, visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or see [www.myspace.com/detroitrocksthevote](http://www.myspace.com/detroitrocksthevote) for details.

By S. Casola

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## THEATER

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*Dolly on film* in 1969. Don't miss the musical comedy about matchmaker Dolly Gallagher Levi, who managed to turn heads at the Turn of the Century in New York.

The Spotlight Players take on this timeless piece, with Novi's Barbara Bloom directing and Oakland Township's Alison Boggs in the lead role. "Dolly is a feel good show," said Boggs. "With all the challenges we have in life these days it's so encouraging to have the gift of theater to take us away from it all to a better time and place, even if it's just for a few hours."

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19-20, 26-28, Oct. 3-5, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets \$16-\$18, visit [www.spotlightplayers.net](http://www.spotlightplayers.net).

## BACK TO BUSINESS

The Village Players of Birmingham will open their 86th season with laughter, thanks to the production *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. The play features the voice of WOMC radio personality Dick Purtan in a role that featured Walter Cronkite on Broadway. Starring in the show are Troy's Jerry Weiner and Royal Oak's Liz Michalek.

*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* runs at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-27 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 and 28, at The Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. Tickets \$17, call (248) 644-2075 or visit [www.birminghamvillageplayers.com](http://www.birminghamvillageplayers.com).

## NEIL SIMON WITH A TWIST

Fans of the Neil Simon classic tale, *The Odd Couple* won't want to miss the premiere show of The Players Guild of Dearborn's 81st season. Taking a twist on the slob vs. neat freak tale, this version features a female cast. Northville's Patricia LaFramboise directs *The Odd Couple - The Female Version*.

The show features Livonia's Nancy Valenti as divorced sportswriter Olive Madison and Emily Trybyon of Wyandotte is Florence Unger. *The Odd Couple - The Female Version* runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sundays from Sept. 12-14, 19-21, 26-28, all at 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Tickets are \$15. Call (313) 561-TKTS or visit [www.playersguildofdearborn.org](http://www.playersguildofdearborn.org).

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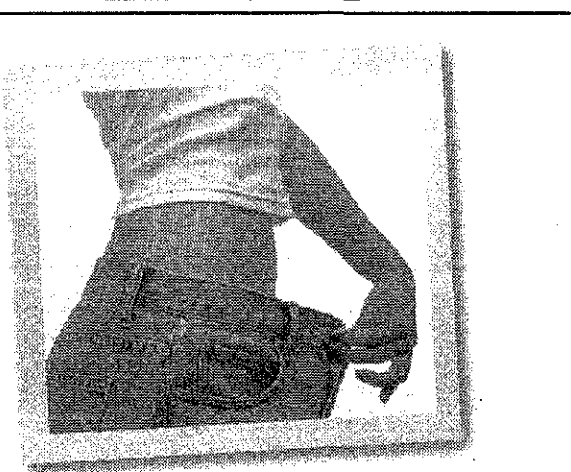
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# Baby Loves Disco launches new season

After a sell-out launch last spring, Baby Loves Disco will re-open in a new location this fall. The family-friendly dance party will take place once a month on Sundays at the Crofoot in Pontiac.

So far, parties are set for 1-4 p.m. Sept. 21 and Oct. 19, with more dates to be announced soon. DJ Ryan Richards will

spin tunes from the '70s and '80s again this year.

In addition to dancing for parents and tots, Baby Loves Disco features bubble machines, egg shakers, play scarves, a chill-out area stocked with tents, books and puzzles, diaper changing stations, and a full spread of healthy snacks provided by

local businesses.

The September event includes a dance contest for kids sponsored by Stride-Rite, benefiting Alex's Lemonade Stand, a charity supporting children's cancer research. Attendees will receive goody bags from Parents Magazine, including the new "Imagination Movers" DVD and tambourines from Disney. Baby Loves Disco is also partnering with Coolmompicks.com, GRAND magazine and Babble.com to offer great giveaways.

The Oct. 19 party will have a Halloween theme, with costumes welcome.

Baby Loves Disco was launched three years ago by two moms in Philadelphia, and has quickly become an international phenomenon with parties franchised in more than 25 cities in the U.S., as well as in the U.K., Tel Aviv, Stockholm, Warsaw and Tokyo, with Hong Kong coming soon.

Baby Loves Music has also arose out of the concept, and will release "Baby Loves Salsa" on Sept. 30, produced by Aaron Levinson of the Spanish Harlem Orchestra and featuring Jose Conde. For more information, visit [www.babylovesmusic.com](http://www.babylovesmusic.com).

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# September fruit pies are comfort foods for end of summer

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The best part of September in Michigan is produce in season and that means: pie!

It's a great time of year for pie to make on your own or to be lazy and go dine out.

Here's a list of quality pie restaurants plus two easy apple pie recipes that you can make in a single afternoon. One recipe is very fast and includes a store-bought crust. The second includes homemade crust directions.

Or, try these folks who have perfected pie recipes.

## ACHATZ HANDMADE PIE

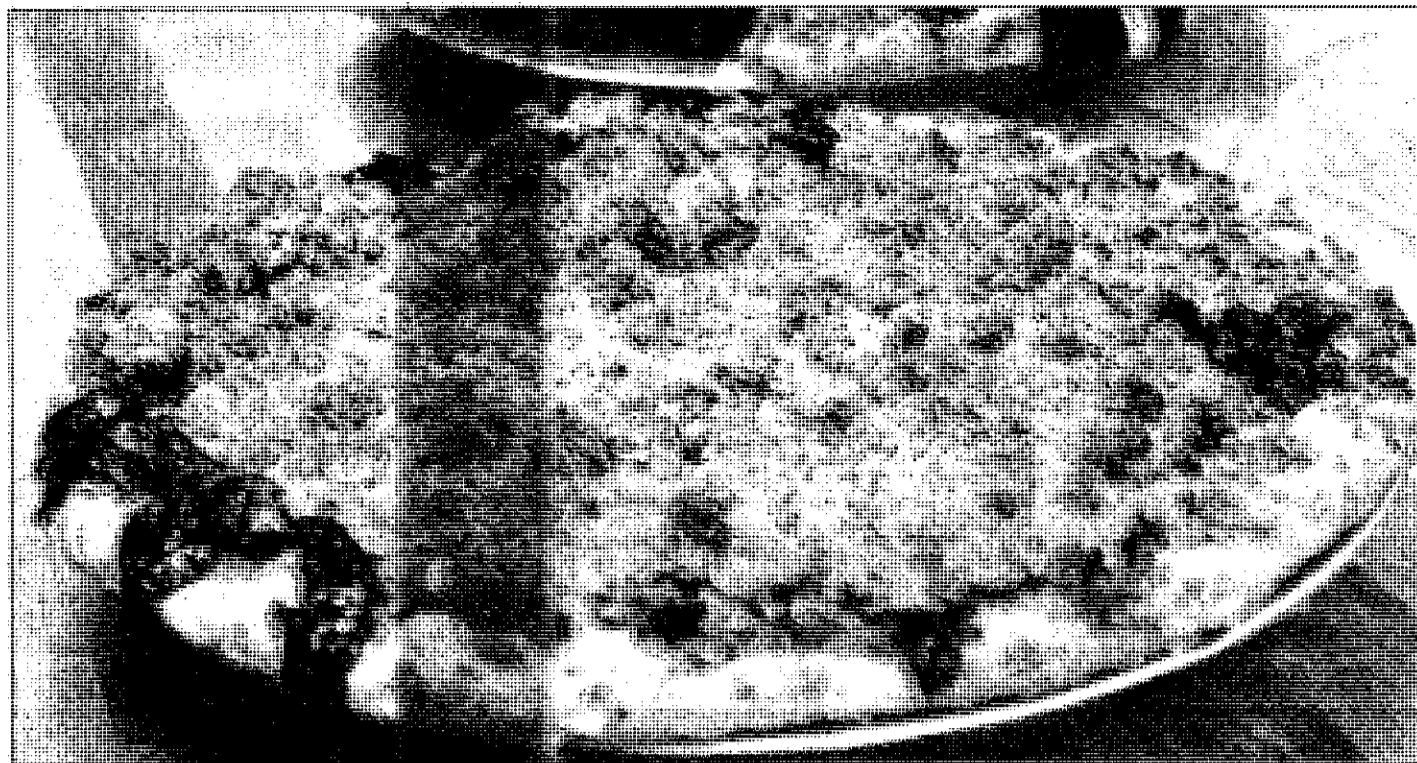
I've never had a bad pie here. In fact, every pie is beyond delicious. I love the Michigan Four Berry signature pie made with cherries, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries topped with crumb topping.

Locations include 1063 East Long Lake Road in Troy, and find the pies at Whole Foods Markets; Cucina Leone in Birmingham; Papa Joe's markets in Birmingham and Rochester; and at Kruse & Muer in Rochester Hills.

## INN SEASON CAFE

I love every pie they offer. I love their pear pie with regular crust and blueberry or peach crumble with a scoop of soy vanilla ice cream and hot tea served in real China cups. I love dining there on weekdays around 8 p.m. as the sun starts to set and the lights in the small cozy restaurant are warm and dim. 500 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak.

## GRAND TRAVERSE PIE COMPANY



Achatz's Four Berry Pie.

Sit down inside the restaurant and enjoy the Long Lake Cherry Berry pie with raspberries and cherries; or try the Splenda cherry or apple sugar-free for those who watch their sugar levels. My favorite is the Strawberry Rhubarb Crumb and the Caramel Apple Crumb, topped with pecans and caramel. Locations include 41640 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth and 1446 Maple Road, Troy.

## GRECIAN CAFE

Have a fruit pie craving after a night out dancing at the clubs? Pregnant and have a craving? This casual family-owned restaurant is open 24 Hours and has quality desserts.

Pie and coffee served late at night, perfect. 413 N. Main St., Plymouth.

## BAKER'S SQUARE

Sit down for a homestyle meal and then try the featured pie of the month. In September it's the Dutch Apple Streusel with raisins and a crunchy crumb topping. It's a winning pie recipe from the 2008 American Pie Council. Location include 29622 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

## THE EASIEST APPLE PIE

5-6 Granny Smith apples, sliced thin  
1/2 cup softened margarine  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
1 & 1/2 tablespoons cinnamon  
1 pre-made, 9-inch pie crust  
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

In a bowl, stir half of the margarine into the brown sugar and

spices. Place apples in the crust. Add the remaining margarine over the apples.

Crumble the brown sugar mixture on top of the apples. Bake 45 minutes, or until apples are soft when pierced with a knife.

## EASY APPLE PIE WITH FRESH CRUST

For the Pie Crust:  
3 cups whole wheat pastry flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup margarine

6 tablespoons room temperature water

In a medium bowl lightly mix the flour and salt with a fork. Cut in margarine with a knife until and stir with fork until mixture resembles big crumbs.

Add the water, a little at a time. Mix it with a fork very gently until pastry holds together.

Using your hands, divide into 2 pieces, one slightly larger (for the top). Gently shape each piece into a ball.

On slightly floured surface with floured rolling pin, roll the larger ball into a 1/8 inch thick circle, that is at least two inches larger than the pie tin.

Roll half of circle onto rolling pin; transfer pastry to pie plate and unroll, easing into bottom and side of plate. Add the apple mixture as indicated below.

## APPLE PIE FILLING

1/2 cup white sugar (or other sweetener)  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
2 tablespoons whole wheat pastry flour

1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
2 teaspoons lemon juice  
7-8 cups sweet apples  
1 tablespoon margarine

Put bottom crust in bottom of nine-inch pie plate (see recipe above).

Preheat oven to 425° F. In a small bowl, combine both sugars, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg. Place half the apples in crust and sprinkle it with half of sugar mixture.

Add the remaining apples, then the remaining sugar mixture. Dot the top with margarine.

Roll out remaining crust and place over pie. Fold pastry overhang and then bring over pie plate rim. Pinch the crust to form a high edge. If you want a golden glaze brush the top with any type of milk — excluding the edges.

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Lynmar's location within the Russian River Valley is close to the Pacific Ocean. Fog creeps up the Russian River to blanket the vineyard in the morning, evaporating by noon, yielding to



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the sun that provides warmth to ripen grapes. This cool region provides an extended growing season and extra time for the grapes to develop flavors and textures for great wines.

Greg Adams is the viticultural professional responsible for providing winemaker Hugh Chappelle with raw materials for making his wines. Fruit is hand harvested in the cool, foggy mornings, so the flavors are preserved and not burned off in the afternoon heat.

Chappelle hand-sorts every grape bunch and applies gentle winemaking methods to coax each ounce of goodness from perfectly-grown grapes. Fermented juice is matured in French oak barrels adding delicate spices and complexities.

In addition to growing grapes and making wine, Lynmar Estate has a full-time gardener (Michael Presley) raising everything from organically-grown heirloom tomatoes and fingerling potatoes to fava beans, leeks, beets, lettuce, sage, blueberries, chamomile, celery and strawberries.

If you're planning a wine trip to Sonoma County this autumn and wish to tour the gravity flow winery and caves, the seed barn and horticulture center, greenhouse, redwood groves and organic garden, taste Hugh Chappelle's wines and eat

## WINE PICKS

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**Steal of the week:** 2007 Clos du Bois, \$12

Chef Simile's food pairings, you can make an appointment to take the Lynmar Estate Tour by calling 707.829.3374 and selecting option "4" when prompted.

## WHAT TO BUY FROM LYNMAR

Recent releases of Lynmar Estate wines include Russian River Valley 2006 Chardonnay \$30 and the Russian River Valley 2006 Pinot Noir \$40. The chardonnay boasts apple and pear aromas and flavors, highlighted by lemony notes and unique minerality.

The pinot noir shows a sense of place with dark cherry and red plum aromas and flavors followed by notes of brown spice with refreshing acidity.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

## GROUP

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and Ferndale.

Spilman's vision for S3 Entertainment is simple. "We're giving Hollywood the Hollywood experience," he said. The Birmingham resident and longtime entertainment attorney kick-started the company in 2004 with cohorts Jeff Stern and Marc Sternberg.

Stern works in publishing and digital media and Sternberg is a producer of films like 2004's *The Girl Next Door* and the Keifer Sutherland thriller *Mirrors*.

The trio assisted the state of Mississippi in crafting its own film incentives and building an education and infrastructure that would support the influx of business. Since April, they've been working to strengthen Michigan's stance as Hollywood's new favorite stomping grounds. The business partners know what it takes to make a feature film and they hope to build a production process that's seamlessly California-caliber. "If they're comfortable with it, they're used to it and they'll come back," Spilman said.

Spilman, a Farmington Hills native and graduate of the University of Michigan and Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, counts *Dynasty* star Joan Collins among his first clients. His firm handled Sylvester Stallone during his *Rocky* and *Rambo* heydays, as well as the *Star Trek* film franchise. "I enjoyed the excitement and the art of the deal," said Spilman.

While that hasn't changed, the business has evolved considerably thanks to the onslaught of digital media. "It's very exciting," he said. "There's never a dull moment."

While the barrage of new film projects flood into Michigan, the S3 group has plans in progress to expand its resources and cover any and all needs of productions shooting in the state. "It's important we keep the momentum going," said Spilman.

Though Michigan had a foundation in filming commercials and industrial videos, a solid infrastructure is needed to not only sup-

port feature films heading here, but to keep them coming back. Crews need to be trained. Equipment - like lighting and rigs - needs to be easily accessible. Travel agencies, housing, transportation and catering companies are expected to provide superior, sometimes immediate service. Location scouts, music licensing, and tax credit experts and post-production houses are all part of the well-choreographed business behind movie-making.

S3EG has partnered with area experts to offer all of these services in one ever-expanding space. "A studio is not a warehouse," he said. "It's not a building. It's a building with equipment, production offices, post-production, music, catering. It is all of these things. It's not a little box."

"We are a studio." He's certain the net effect will be positive for Michigan's economy. "Hollywood is spending," he said, adding that the impact can be seen everywhere from booked-solid rooms at Troy's Somerset Inn to a Clawson laundromat that's providing services to at least 150 film industry employees. The owner of a Warren-based cafe approached the set of Gran Torino with a plate of award-winning brownies and was hired to provide catering services.

When it comes to potential filming locations, Spilman said Michigan has the ability to change face. Its northern cities can resemble New England.

Its lakes can look like oceans and its sand dunes might as well be the Sahara, he said. So far the most popular cities for filming include Ferndale, Ann Arbor, Highland Park and Rochester Hills. They're the sort of places where film producers aren't stumbling across significant red tape, where local businesses and residents are showing support.

Spilman said the combination of tax incentives, a growing infrastructure and locally-hired crew members will support "a strong film industry here for years to come."

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Art-Rapous Gallery: Group show featuring Laura DeJanin, JT Chapman, Michelle Smart and Lamary Cooke, through September, 35 N. Main St., Mt. Clemens, (586) 307-3604.
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Ruth Adler Schnee, open now; Marie Woo, "A Clay Odyssey," Sept. 12-Oct. 10, reception, 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21; Students of Leslie Masters, "Pentimento: The Birmingham Society of Women Painters," and Mary Brodbeck's Woodblock Prints, Sept. 12-Oct. 10 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 432-0866.
Cary Gallery: "Sky, Clouds and Mind Dreams," Catherine Peet, Sept. 19-Oct. 18, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. Sept. 19, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (248) 651-3656.
CPDP: Art inventory sale, noon-9 p.m. Sept. 20, and 1-6 p.m. Sept. 21; invitation-only Artist and Collector Preview 7-11 p.m. Sept. 19, work at least 50 percent off, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com.
Gallery@VT: Washington Street Gallery Artists on display through Sept. 28, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.cantonmi.org/villageattheater, www.wsg-art.com.
Janice Charach Gallery: Romero Britto "JCG Goes Pop!," through Sept. 25, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (238) 432-5448.
Lemberg Gallery: Amanda Best "If the Slipper Fits," through Oct. 11, reception, 5-8 p.m. Sept. 12, Jane Hammond "People, Places and Things," Oct. 17-Nov. 2008, reception, 5-8 p.m. Oct. 17, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.
Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "Meiissa Partin: Birds and Trees," through Sept. 20, with closing reception 6-9 p.m. Sept. 19; "Domestic Bliss," through Sept. 20 with closing reception 6-9 p.m. Sept. 19 and Gallery Talk 2 p.m. Sept. 20; Amanda Thatch and Andrew Thompson, Oct. 3-Nov. 8, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Oct. 10, workshop, 12-2 p.m. Oct. 11; Tom Carey's Scary Monsters, Oct. 3-Nov. 8, reception 7-9 p.m. Oct. 10 and workshop noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 18, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.
Pewabic Pottery: "Texting: Print and Clay" opening 6-8 p.m. Sept. 12, through Oct. 26, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954, www.pewabic.org.
Progressive Art & Frame Design: First Annual International Art Expo, multimedia, art and framing workshops and refreshments included, Oct. 16-18, 1511 North Main Street, Clawson, (248) 435-0944, www.progressiveart.net.
The Community House: 22nd Annual Art Show & Sale, Oct. 16-18, opening night party and fund raiser, Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m. benefactor (\$200), 6 p.m. friend (\$75), 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

BALLET

Michigan Classic Ballet Company: Non-profit seeks board members for upcoming season, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, call (248) 334-1300.



Moscow Ballet: The Moscow Ballet's Anna Tyutyunnik will conduct auditions for children's roles in Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker," 5 p.m. Sept. 16 at 617 E. University Dr., Ann Arbor. The performance will be 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9. Call (734) 996-8515.
CHAMBER
Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: "Novemberfest," 3 p.m. Nov. 9; First Presbyterian Church, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; "Holiday Brass," 4 p.m. Dec. 7, Christ Church Cranbrook and 7:30 p.m. Christ Church Grosse Pointe; "Fun and Games," 3 p.m. Feb. 22, 2009, Birmingham Unitarian Church and 4 p.m. March 1, 2009, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit; "String Sundae," 3 p.m. March 29, 2009, Birmingham Unitarian Church and 3 p.m. April 5, 2009, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church; "Schubert and Spice," 3 p.m. April 26, 2009, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, 2009, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.
Hagopian World of Rugs: Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Jan. 9, Jan. 30, March 13 and May 8, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.
Vivace Music Series: Robert deMaine, principle cellist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, accompanied by Zhihua Tang, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14; Alturas Duo - Scott Hill, guitar and Carlos Boltes, Viola and Charango, Nov. 8; Pianist Christopher Atzinger, April 4, 2009; Charlie Gabriel Quartet with Vocalist Joan Bow, May 2, 2009; Birmingham Temple, 28611 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: "Lights, Camera, Concert!" 8 p.m. Oct. 4; "Music From the Heartland" 8 p.m. Nov. 8; "Mendelssohn, Marimba & More," 8 p.m. Feb. 7, 2009; "Fanfare for Freedom," 8 p.m. March 14, all at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville; "Pops at the Penn, Home for the Holidays," 7 p.m. Dec. 17; Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.
CLUBS
The Ark: Sladi Cleaves, Sept. 4; The Ragbirds, Sept. 5; The Global Jazz Trio, Sept. 8; Sam Phillips, Sept. 19; Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys, Oct. 10; Millish, Sept. 11; The Barra MacNeils, Sept. 12; Garnet Rogers, Sept. 14; Jayme Stone & Mansa Sissoko, Sept. 15; Dougie MacLean, Sept. 16; Bodega, Sept. 18; Fred Eaglesmith, Sept. 20; Rachel Urthank & The Winterset, Sept. 22; Take a Chance Tuesday with Krista Detro, Sept. 23; Steve Forbert, Sept. 25; Loudon Wainwright III, Sept. 26; The Gibson Brothers, Sept. 28; Leo Kottke, Sept. 29; Frigg, Sept. 30, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor, www.theark.org.
Callahan's Carrick House Concerts "Roots" music series, Corinne West with The Jill Jack Band, 4 p.m. Sept. 14; Sarah Lee Guthrie/Johnny Irion with special guest Tim Pak, 4 p.m. Oct. 12; The Spikedrivers, 4 p.m. Nov. 9; Tommy Ramone's Bluegrass Band "Uncle Monk" with special guest Black Jake & The Carnies, 4 p.m. Nov. 16, 2105 South Blvd., Auburn Hills, (248) 858-9508, www.ATCALLAHANS.com.
Crofoot Ballroom: Dirty Americans, Sept. 13, 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.
Edison's: No One Else, Sept. 11; The Robol Lovers, Sept. 12-13; The Blue Kings, Sept. 18; No One Else, Sept. 19-20; Aaron Vaughn Band, Sept. 25; BaZooka Charlie, Sept. 26-27, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2250.
Four Green Fields: The Mydois, fund raiser for Carolyn Steele, 6 p.m. Sept. 21, 55, Northwood Shopping Plaza, 13 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 506-0531.
Magic Bag: Gaelic Storm, Sept. 12; Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, Sept. 23; Brian Vander Ark, Sept. 26, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.

themagicbag.com.
Traveling Folk: The Bomb Squad, 9 p.m. Sept. 12 & 19; Just Sinatra, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13, 20 & 27; Kimberly Fairchild, 8 p.m. Sept. 26, located inside Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, (734) 464-1300, www.radisson.com/livonia.
COMEDY
City Theatre: The Young American Comedy Tour, with Mike Young, Booby Lee and Steve Rannazzisi, 7 p.m. Sept. 27, \$31.50, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
The Fillmore: Cheech & Chong, Sept. 20; Carlos Mencia, \$42.50, Nov. 22, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
Fox Theatre: George Lopez, Sept. 20, \$49.50-\$59.50; Young Guns of Comedy with Arnez J. Lavell Crawford, Kevin Hart and host Sheryl Underwood, Sept. 27; Robin Williams, Oct. 3; Kathy Griffin, Oct. 18; Jeff Dunham, Nov. 29, \$37.50-\$65, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Gilda's Comedy Walk: Gilda's Jokes and Junk Food Walk Registration Party, Sept. 18, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Royal Oak; Family fund-raising walk, entertainment, food, kids activities, Sept. 20, Detroit Zoo, (248) 577-0800, cmcqueen@gildascloubdetroit.org.
Go Comedy! Improv Theatre: Opening October 2008, 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale, visit www.gocomedy.net.
JV's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.
Joe Louis Arena: Jeff Dunham Spark of Insanity tour, Nov. 29, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Craig Shoemaker, Sept. 11-13; Jokes & Junkfood fundraiser, Sept. 18; Phil Pailouli, Sept. 19-20; Greg Giraldo, Sept. 25-27, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.
Michigan Theater: Brian Regan, Sept. 28; Daniel Tosh, Oct. 10, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.
CONCERTS
Clutch Cargo: Children of Bodom, Oct. 4; Relient K with Ludo, This Providence, House of Heroes, Oct. 11; Slightly Stoopid, Oct. 23; The Rose Trims Again feat. Dir en Grey, The Human Abstract, Nov. 18; All Time Low, Nov. 21, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.
DTE Energy Music Theatre: Molly Hatchett, Blackfoot, Nazareth, Sept. 7; Journey, Heart, Cheap Trick, Sept. 9; Lou Gramm performs Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band album, opens Patty Smyth & Scandal, Sept. 12; Toby Keith, Sept. 14; Mary J. Blige, Sept. 28, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, (248) 645-6666.
The Fillmore-Detroit: Sigur Ros, Sept. 23; Seether, Sept. 24; Common and NERD, Sept. 28; My Morning Jacket, Oct. 4; Ben Folds, Oct. 9; Gym Class Heroes, Oct. 25; Henry Rollins, Oct. 26; Kinds of Leon, Nov. 9, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, Call (248) 645-6666.
The Fox Theatre: Maze, Sept. 13; Kem with Raheem Patterson, Sept. 26; Celtic Thunder, Oct. 14; Maxwell, Oct. 19, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Joe Louis Arena: How Sweet the Sound, a gospel choir competition, Sept. 20; Carrie Underwood, Oct. 4; So You Think You Can Dance, Oct. 25; Metallica with Machinehead, The Sword, Jan. 13, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiEntertainment.com.
Majestic Theatre: Buckethead, Sept. 29, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700.

Michigan Theatre: Zappa Plays Zappa, Oct. 2; Alanis Morissette, Oct. 7, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.
The Palace of Auburn Hills: Celine Dion, Sept. 26; Janet Jackson, Sept. 27; Weezer with Angels & Airwaves, Sept. 29; The Who, Oct. 21; New Kids on the Block, Oct. 25; Coldplay, Nov. 3; The Cheeta Girls, Dec. 2; Sarah Brightman, Dec. 3, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.
Royal Oak Music Theatre: Keller Williams, Sept. 21; Deterium, Sept. 26; Pretty Ricky, Sept. 27; Citizen Cope, Sept. 30, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.
St. Andrew's Hall: Lagwagon and MXPX, Sept. 19; Bayside with The Matches, Valencia and The Status, Oct. 8; Old 97's, Oct. 11; Pepper, Oct. 28; Dredg, Nov. 14; Matt Nathanson, Sept. 22, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
DANCE
Detroit Opera House: Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Oct. 21-Nov. 2; "The Nutcracker" Joffrey Ballet, Dec. 4-7; Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Feb. 12-15, 2009; "Aladdin," Grand Rapids Ballet Company, Feb. 28, 2009; "Romeo & Juliet," American Ballet, March 13-15, 2009, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, www.michiganopera.org.
Masonic Temple Theatre: America's Best Dance Crew Live, Oct. 3, \$39.50-\$54.50, 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts: Complexions Contemporary Ballet, 8 p.m. Sept. 26-27, Saturday performance includes an after-party in a big top tent next to the Music Hall. Tickets, \$27-\$72, available at Music Hall Box Office or Ticketmaster outlets.
University Musical Society: Mark Morris Dance Group, Sept. 19-20; Batsheva Dance Company "Three," 8 p.m. Feb. 14, 2009, and "Deca Dance" 2 p.m. Feb. 15, 2009; Compagnie Heddy Mallein "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15, 2009; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, 2009 and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, 2009; Rubberband Group, "Elastic Perspective," 8 p.m. Jan. 9 and "Redux Phase II" 1 and 8 p.m. Jan. 10, 2009, www.ums.org.
FAMILY
Baby Loves Olsea: Sept. 21 and Oct. 19, \$12 per walking human, Crofoot, 1 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac, www.babylivesdisco.com.
Canton Cinema: Free matinees 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Saturdays, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456.
Detroit Puppet Theatre: "Firebird," September; "Kolobok," October; "Crane Maiden," November; Celebrate Holiday Month, December; "Banana for Turtle," January, 2009; "Oh, Ananse," February, 2009; "Purim Shpiel," March, 2009; Guest Artist Performances, April, 2009; "Turtle Island," May, 2009; "Sleeping Beauty," June, 2009, all performances at 2 p.m. Saturdays, \$10/adults, \$5/children, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit, (313) 961-7777, www.puppetart.org.
Palace of Auburn Hills: Disney on Ice, Oct. 1-5, \$15-\$55, through all Ticketmaster locations or (248) 645-6666, www.disneyonice.com.
Masonic Temple Theatre: The Backyardigans Live, Oct. 18-19, \$19-\$41, at 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
Meadow Brook Theatre: Children's Series, "Freedom Train," 10 a.m. Feb. 23, 2009; "Nate the Great," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 28, 2009; "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," 10 a.m. March 20; "Charlotte's Web," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 9, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbttheatre.com.
Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Tom Carey "Scary Monsters," hands-on family workshop with monster masks and shadow puppets, noon-2 p.m. Oct. 18, free, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.
University Musical Society: Family Series, Soweto Gospel Choir, Oct. 17; Rubberband Group, Jan. 10, 2009; Koto, Feb. 13; The Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma, March 13; Dan Zanes & Friends, March 29, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org.

FILM
Compuware Arena: Drive-in theatre, open through Sept. 13, gates open at 7:30 p.m., movies at dusk (usually 9 p.m.), 9, 13 and older; \$7, children 4-12 and students; free, children 3 and under, 14900 Beck Rd., Plymouth, (734) 927-3284, www.compuwarearena.com.
Detroit Film Theatre: "Operation Filmmaker," Sept. 18-20; "The Exiles," Sept. 19-21; Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired, Sept. 25-27; "I Served the King of England," Sept. 26-28, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.
Magic Bag: "Wanted," Sept. 11; "Hell Boy 2: The Golden Army," Sept. 18; "Hamlet 2," Sept. 24; "Step Brothers," Sept. 25, Brew & View doors 8 p.m., film, 9:30 p.m., 21 and over, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.
Marquis Theatre: Celebrates 30th anniversary with classic movies at 7:30 p.m. \$5 includes popcorn. "The Natural," Sept. 12; "The Great Gatsby," Sept. 13; "Gaslight," Sept. 19; "Funny Girl," Sept. 20; "The Sundowners," Sept. 26; "Out of Africa," Sept. 27, 135 E. Main St., Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillamarquistheatre.com.
Redford Theatre: "Airplane," Sept. 12-13; "Casablanca," Sept. 26-27; "Steamboat Bill, Jr.," Oct. 4; Three Stooges Festival, Oct. 10-11; "House of Wax" in 3D with glasses, Oct. 17-18; Halloween Double-feature "The Invisible Man," "House of Frankenstein" Oct. 24-25; "The Greatest Show on Earth," Nov. 21-22; "Miracle on 34th Street," Dec. 5-6; Tony O'Brien in concert with Casali Holiday Drancers, Dec. 13; "White Christmas," Dec. 19-20, all at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit, www.redfordtheatre.com.
JAZZ
Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant: Singer, songwriter and arranger Rachelle Ferrell, 8 and 10 p.m. Sept. 19-20, 6 and 8 p.m. Sept. 21, \$52.50-\$65, 25333 West 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, (248) 357-6009, arturosjazz.com.
Cliff Bell's: Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra, 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Jesse Palter Quartet 9:30 p.m. Thursdays; Social Sundays featuring blues, roots, americana at 8 p.m., 2030 Park, Detroit (313) 961-2543.
Detroit Windsor Jazz Club: Saturdays at Shield's, (1-4 p.m.), Tom Saunders, Sept. 20; Kerry Price, Oct. 4; Jim Wyse, Oct. 18; Dave Tatrow, Nov. 1; Eric Mannerling, Nov. 15; Chuck Moss, Dec. 6; Paul Kinger, Dec. 20; Mike Karoub, Jan. 3, 2009; Paul Keller Ensemble, Jan. 17, 2009; Ray Heitger, Feb. 7, 2008; TBD, Feb. 21, 2009; Ragtime Rick, March 7, 2009; Bill Meyer, March 21, 2009, \$10, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield (248) 356-2720.
Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Pianist, composer and educator Geri Allen 10 and 11:50 p.m. Sept. Live, Oct. 18-19, \$19-\$41, at 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) 645-6666, www.myspace.com/jazzcafeatdetroit.
Village Theatre at Cherry Hill: All About Jazz Jazz Cafe with the Tony Rude Quartet, soloists welcome onstage, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, Dec. 6, Jan. 17, 2009; Feb. 14, March 21, April 25, \$17/\$12 for series, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater, (734) 394-5460.

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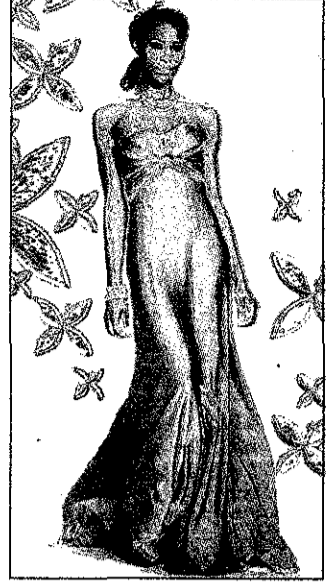
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## Malls & Mainstreets

**Rene Ruiz Trunk Show**  
**WEST BLOOMFIELD** – Marguerite will host a trunk show featuring Rene Ruiz gowns Sept. 11-13 at its new location at The Boardwalk shopping center, 6923 Orchard Lake Road. Call (248) 932-5252.

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**BIRMINGHAM** – Root and Sprout – a new eco-friendly boutique coming soon to Birmingham – will stage a fashion show during the Birmingham Showhouse preview gala, 5:30 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 at 386 Westchester. The evening includes eco-friendly food, wine and design. Tickets, \$100-\$150, benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan and CARE House of Oakland County. Call (248) 877-1000 or visit www.birminghamshowhouse.com.

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This gown is among those on display as Marguerite hosts a Rene Ruiz trunk show Sept. 11-13.

Recipients include Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit, Sept. 16; JARC, Sept. 23; and Holy Cross Children's Services, Sept. 30. Visit www.playitagainsports.com.

## Parisian puts spotlight on fall trends

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
 O&E STAFF WRITER

Fall is here, and with it comes the chance to relish cool weather clothes. Heidi Frank, a trend expert for The Bon Ton Stores, Inc., shared the season's top staples with PINK.

### THE COLOR PURPLE

Leaves may be turning gold and red, but store racks are filling up with shades of purple. According to Frank, you've simply got to find a way to incorporate the royal color into your wardrobe.

"I would say certainly the color of the season is purple across the board, from ready-to-wear to accessories, shoes and handbags," Frank said. "Gray is a nice secondary color to work back to the purple. You'll see it in the stores, mixing in with those bold shades."



Victor by Victor Alfaro gold cuffs, some with purple stones, make a statement this season.

### LAYER IT UP

The key to being prepared for any weather — and every situation — is to pile on the style. Everywhere you turn, from fashion magazines to runway shows, you'll see the layered look with cardigans and jackets topping off everything from dresses to jeans and tees. "Layering is really key," Frank said.

### Animal Attraction

Animal prints are still running strong this season, Frank said. Look for zebra and cheetah jackets and crew necks, along with croc and python purses and shoes.

"They're really a good way to add a little drama to your wardrobe," Frank said.

### Grandpa's Sweater

If you're going to buy just one new item this fall, make it an oversized grandfather cardigan that will keep you both cute and cozy.

Frank recommends a sweater with lots of luxurious texture, like chunky big waffle stitches that look hand woven.

"Last fall I bought one and I wore it as a jacket right up until there were snowflakes in the air. They work in a corporate setting or for weekend wear."

### Feminine Flair

Delicate touches bring out the girly girl in womenswear this season. Silk and satin blouses in bold colors with ruffles or bows around the neck are an easy way to punch up pencil skirts and trousers.

But feminine touches can also be found on dresses, jackets and tees. Decorative sleeves also add character to the season's styles.

### Shoes and boots

When it comes to shoes, retro styles and vintage looks from Mary Janes to oxfords complement the-



This look from Victor by Victor Alfaro, a new line at Parisian, embodies the season's top trends, from animal prints to layers.

blousy ruffles and frills. Slouch flat boots are a great option too, perfect for tunics and the wide variety of hosiery — from leggings to tights in various colors and patterns — that are hot right now.

### The final touch

Don't forget to top it all off with dramatic jewelry. Pick one thing to emphasize, either a statement necklace or bracelet, or some oversized earrings.

"Chandelier earrings or big bold hoops are popular," Frank said.

When in doubt let your jewelry reflect one of the season's other trends by choosing layers of chains, or stones in berry tones.

Parisian, owned by The Bon Ton Stores, Inc., are located at Laurel Park Place

### JDRF SHOPPING BENEFIT

**What:** Parisian and Ford Motor Company will team up to host a shopping event for charity. The evening includes a fashion presentation with the season's top trends, tastings from local restaurants, a meet-and-greet with the Detroit Ignition, and 20 percent off regular and sale priced merchandise throughout the store.

**When:** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14

**Where:** Parisian Laurel Park Place, Livonia

**Tickets:** \$10 per person, benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

in Livonia, The Village of Rochester Hills, and The Mall at Partridge Creek in Macomb Township.



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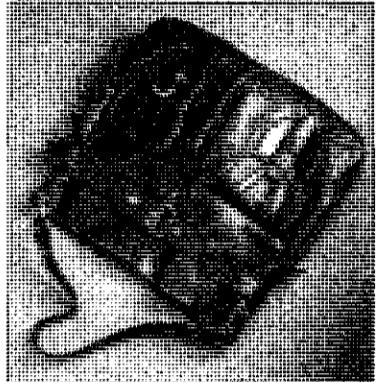
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## PINK PICKS

To launch our 4th Annual Reader PINK Picks Contest, we 'picked' a selection of items available at Parisian department stores. Fill out the form below and enter your own picks to win gift baskets full of prizes from Parisian, as well as the chance to see your picks published in PINK!



**Wear It!**  
 DKNYC

**Kick It!**  
 UGG sweater boots

**Accessorize It!**  
 HUE colorful tights and leggings

**Tote It!**  
 Victor by Victor Alfaro Italian leather handbags

**Jewel It!**  
 Chunky cocktail rings

**Smell It!**  
 Secret Obsession for Women

**See It!**  
 The Women

**Tivo It!**  
 Coco Chanel 8 p.m. Sept. 13 on Lifetime

**Face It!**  
 Estee Lauder Perfectionist

**Drink It!**  
 Hot Caramel Apple Cider at Coffee Beanery

**Experience It!**  
 Club Libby Lu

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Each week, PINK highlights what's hot and what's not in our popular 'PINK Picks' feature. Now, it's your turn to pick 'em.

Fill out our fun PINK Picks form here or online, and share your favorite things to wear, watch, see and do. Everyone who enters has the chance to see some of their picks published in an upcoming edition of the PINK Page. The top three 'pickers' will have their PINK Picks published in full, and receive fabulous gift baskets courtesy of Parisian, valued up to \$200. So, get picking!

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Enter your choices for the PINK Picks categories below. You must submit at least 12 PINK picks to be eligible. Use this issue's PINK Picks as an example.

Wear It! .....  
 DON'T Wear It! .....  
 Tote It! .....  
 Kick It! (shoes) .....  
 Accessorize It! .....  
 Face It! (beauty product) .....  
 Name It! .....  
 Smell It! .....  
 Tivo It! .....  
 DVD It! .....  
 See It! .....  
 Head It! .....  
 Hear It! .....  
 Drink It! .....  
 Eat It! .....  
 Do It! .....  
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