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2 charged in attack that left victim paralyzed

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Taylor woman and her brother are facing a Nov. 1 court hearing on felony charges amid allegations they attacked her ex-

boyfriend in Westland and left him paralyzed from the waist down.

Amanda Pugh, 25, is accused of driving a van into the victim — the father of her 6-year-old child — after he first grabbed

hold of the vehicle and then stood in front of it, police Sgt. Michael Willard said Monday in court.

Her brother, 19-year-old Nicholas Pugh of Taylor, is then accused of getting out of the van,

beating the victim with a metal object and delivering a blow that left him paralyzed and facing possible surgery on his spine, Willard said.

The attack occurred around 11:55 p.m. Friday on a residential

street in Westland Meadows, a mobile home park on the city's southeast side, where the Pughs had gone to pick up Amanda Pugh's son, authorities said. The victim lives on Carmel, but the incident unfolded on Peach.

Nicholas Pugh was arraigned Monday in front of Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less

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Celebrity status

They all but rolled out the red carpet at Hayes Elementary School in Westland to welcome Mike Furrey, The Detroit Lions wide receiver listened to the second-grade cheerleaders who told their guest that "Hayes is the place to be." Spelling out the word welcome are Emily Johnson (from left), Alyssa Rau, Holli Reynolds, Paige Brothers, Kaylee Rincon-Rykala, Alexis Baker, Hannah Sexton and Hailey Domzalski.

'Uncertainties' cloud district's financial future

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has been able to hang onto its fund balance, but the future is clouded with "uncertainties."

That's the word from auditors who went before the school board Monday evening to present the results of the district's annual audit.

"The future uncertainties are the same ones you've seen in prior years, that doesn't change, just the severity," said Kathy Downey of Plante and Moran.

According to Downey, the district will continue to grapple with escalating retirement and health care costs, the elongation between the start of the district and state budget years and a dependence on the state economy for revenue.

"These are very substantial challenges," said Downey, adding the district has received an unqualified, or clean, audit for fiscal 2006-07.

A combination of less than anticipated expenditures for health care, dental, salaries and worker's compensation brought expenditures in at \$1.3 million below budget which more than offset \$195,000 revenue shortfall. The result was a fund balance of \$16 million, down almost \$1 million from fiscal 2005-06 and well below the 2002-2003 level of \$23.1 million.

The fund balance represents 13.5 percent of the district's total expenditures and is in line with the state average of 13 percent. In terms of school operations, the money would be enough to keep the doors open and lights on for 24 school days or 48 calendar days compared to a state average of 18 school days and 32 calendar days.

The fund balance percentage is down for both the state and school district, something to be expected as districts use their balances to cover shortfalls in state school aid.

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Downey praised the district for being cautious in budgeting in light of the "state economy and politics," saying that it has been a chore balancing the budget until year-end. The rumor of a proration of state school aid last June would have had a "very dramatic effect" on the district, she said.

One large expense is retirement costs which are a percentage of budget. The figure was 12.9 percent in 2003 and the district paid \$10 million. Four years later, it's 17.4 percent or \$14.2 million.

According to Downey, the removal of smoothing language, factoring retirement costs over five years, resulted in recording some previously unreported gains, but the result isn't what it appears to be.

"The structural changes are dramatic to the people on the receiving end, but it's more of a cost containment than a cost savings for school districts," she said.

Having money in the bank is good news for the district, which has been able to maintain its educational programs while containing costs. However, Superintendent Greg Baracy pointed out that four months into the current budget year, the district still doesn't know what its funding will be for 2007-08.

"We're forced to adopt a budget in June and four months later we still don't know what our funding is going to be," he said. "Frankly, it's not right. The state needs to do something to resolve this issue. I'd like to see a bill that's equitable for all school districts in the state."

Restaurants serve up eats for fest

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

For just \$20, food lovers can sample cuisine and drinks from 18 places during this year's Holiday Taste Fest, a Westland tradition that brings it all together in one spot.

That would average out to spending \$1.11 at each location — an amount that Taste Fest organizers tout as a real deal, even for people who have cut back on eating out during tough economic times.

Taste Fest, one of the Westland Chamber of Commerce's most popular

events, will happen 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road east of Newburgh.

Better hurry for tickets, though. Already, 200 of the 500 slots have been taken, chamber President Lori Fodale said. "It's such a popular event," she said. "Every year we have residents who want to reserve tickets for the next year."

Restaurants will bring sample-size portions of their signature entrees to Taste Fest, in hopes of impressing food connoisseurs and expanding their customer base.

"We continue to do this year

after year because it provides such great exposure for our restaurants," Fodale said.

Back Home Bakery of Canton and Dario's Italian Eatery of Garden City will join the following Westland lineup: Gabriel's Cheesesteak Hoagies, the Hellenic Cultural Center, Hickory BBQ & Grill, Lakeshore Grill, Leo's Coney Island, LongHorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, O&W Inc. beer distributors, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Red Robin, Starbucks Coffee Co., Texas Roadhouse, The Enchilada Hut, Uno Chicago Grill and the William

D. Ford Career Technical Center's culinary arts department.

Some places, such as Gabriel's and The Enchilada Hut, are new to Westland, while others, such as Marvaso's and Malarkey's, represent long-popular establishments.

In its ninth year, Taste Fest continues to stir interest as an evening that provides a lot of food for a little money.

"Every year we have to turn people away," Fodale said. To reserve a spot, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

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Police to ticket driver who hit two girls

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An 11th-grade Westland girl who was hit by a car while riding a bicycle across Cherry Hill at Carlson has been released from a hospital, police said.

Her fifth-grade cousin, who also was on the bike last Thursday, remains hospitalized, "but her condition is slightly better," Westland police Officer Jack McIntosh said.

It wasn't clear Wednesday how long the younger girl's

recovery might take.

The girls were hit about 5:50 p.m. last Thursday when a 43-year-old Canton woman drove through a red light in a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am that was traveling west on Cherry Hill, authorities said.

The driver will be issued a traffic ticket for running the red light, McIntosh said.

The tickets come with penalties that include a \$120 fine and three points on the woman's driving record, according to a Westland 18th District Court clerk.

The woman was not drinking, and she stopped at the scene. She indicated to police that bright sunlight impaired her vision as she was driving westbound during rush hour, and "she assumed the light was green," McIntosh has said.

The girls on the bike had the right of way. The older girl, a Westland John Glenn High School junior, was sitting on the bike seat, and her cousin, a Madison Elementary student, was standing on the front-wheel pegs of what McIntosh

described as a 20-inch, BMX-type bike.

The accident has fueled remarks by some neighborhood residents that motorists need to slow down at the Carlson-Cherry Hill intersection, where many students cross the road.

Some residents have suggested the area needs more traffic enforcement. Others, however, have said they have noticed police officers writing numerous tickets in the area.

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CHARGES

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than murder) and assault with a dangerous weapon. A not-guilty plea was entered for him, and Bokos ordered him jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond.

A tearful Nicholas Pugh mouthed the words "I love you" to family members as he was led from the courtroom to a holding cell.

Amanda Pugh and other family members had gone to court for her brother's arraignment when authorities told her that she, too, was facing charges. In tears, she was handcuffed and led from the courtroom, where she returned Tuesday for an arraignment on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, amid accusations she hit her ex-boyfriend with the van.

Amanda Pugh was jailed in lieu of a \$10,000/10 percent bond. As of early Tuesday afternoon, the \$1,000 hadn't been posted, according to the court.

The attack rendered the victim paralyzed from the waist down and with a broken arm, Willard said in court. He said he was sitting in for another sergeant, Michael Harhold, who handled the investigation.

Willard told Bokos that Nicholas Pugh admitted fighting with the victim but denied hitting him with a metal object.

Investigators are expected to rely on testimony from other witnesses, possibly including a woman who owned the van but was riding as a passenger.

Bokos scheduled a Nov. 1 preliminary hearing that is expected to determine whether the Pughs should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, the pair could face penalties ranging up to four years in prison for assault with a dangerous weapon. However, the brother could face up to 10 years in prison on the charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder).

In court Monday, Nicholas Pugh asked the judge to set a bond that would allow him to get out of jail and return to school and work. Bokos denied the request, saying the allegations indicate that the defendant could pose a danger to the community.

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'Tis the season to celebrate sports

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Tigers didn't make it to the big dance this year, but that didn't matter to residents and staff at Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center.

They decorated paper painter caps with sports stickers and flowers and dressed in their favorite sports teams clothing. They munched on popcorn drank Faygo red pop.

It was a week-long celebration of the season that ended in rousing renditions of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and the University of Michigan's "Hail to the Victors."

"It was fun," said Judy Bianchi, the center's business development associate. "The residents made the caps the week before in crafts. We gave them different sports stickers and let them create their own hats. We also encourage the staff to dress in their Detroit Lions and Tigers jerseys, T-shirts and caps."



Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center activities director Betty Pierrard places a cap on Sam Beney's head.

"It was very pretty," said Pearl King who decorated her cap with basketballs. And with good reason.

"I played basketball when I was in school, I was 5 feet 6 1/2 inches and played guard," she said, adding that it was her late husband who liked

baseball and the Detroit Tigers.

Raffle tickets were sold throughout the week leading up to the celebration, and the job of pulling the winning tickets was left up to Westland Mayor William Wild who made four employ-



Kathleen Grundy tries on her hat that she decorated with hockey and soccer items.

ees very happy.

Kathy Sobkowiak won the Detroit Lions jersey, donated by Fanatic U in Garden City; Kevin Berger won the Detroit Tigers fleece throw, donated by WCRC employee Cathy Horton, and Kathy Steinbrenner and Mary Beth VanOchten each won \$20 gift certificates donated

by Buffalo Wild Wings in Westland.

More traditional party fare — punch and cookies — also were served during the celebration.

"We just did to celebrate the season," Bianchi said. "It was fun."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Dem Club meeting

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy. The club meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Lt. Gov. John Cherry will be the guest speaker at its Nov. 27 meeting.

For more information, call president Mike Short at (734) 788-1550 or send an e-mail to WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

Pancake breakfast

The Westland Civitan Club is asking resident to come and enjoy a short stack for a tall cause at its all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Applebee's, Warren & Central City Parkway. The cost is \$6, children under age 3 free. Breakfast includes bacon, sausage, your choice of beverage (non-alcoholic). Proceeds will be used for community projects

for the mentally and physically challenged.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner is back at the Dyer Senior Center, 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Dinner - spaghetti, salad and dessert - will be served 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at the center, 36745 Marquette east of Newburgh, Westland. The dinner costs \$6 and is served by members of the John Glenn High School JROTC program.

'Trunk or Treat'

Enjoy Halloween a safe way at "Trunk or Treat" at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 29425 Annapolis at Middlebelt, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. There will be food, fun and a candy give-away. For more information, call (734) 728-3440 or go online to www.thelutheranchurchofoursavior.com.

Ballroom dancing

The Westland senior citizen Friendship Center is looking for people interested in starting a ballroom dancing class 12:30-1:30 p.m. Fridays. At least 10 people are needed. Cost is \$3 per class. Anyone interested may sign up at the front desk.

Card parties

St. Bernardine Men's Club is sponsoring Friday night euchre/pinochle card parties. Players do not need a partner. Snacks, soft drinks, cash prizes are included in the \$5 admission. A 50/50 raffle also will be available. The card parties are scheduled for Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 16 and 30, Dec. 7 and 14, Jan. 4 and 18, Feb. 1, March 28, and April 14 and 18. Doors open at 7 p.m., card playing starts at 7:30 p.m. The church is at 31462 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman in Westland. For more information, call (734) 427-5150.

Pasta dinners

The Wayne-Westland Corps of the Salvation Army is holding all-you-can-eat pasta dinners 5-8 p.m. Sundays, now through Oct. 28, at its facility at 2300 Venoy, between Palmer and Glenwood.

The meals includes pasta, bread and salad. There also will be a bake sale. The suggested donation is \$8 for those 12 years and older and \$5 for children ages 4-11 and seniors 60 years and older. Proceeds will benefit the corps' outreach programs. Call (734) 722-3660.

Voter guide

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has prepared nonpartisan voter guides for the Nov. 6 election in Westland and other cities. The guide includes election information and can be accessed by visiting the League's Web site at www.lwvnmw.org. Print copies are available at the Westland Public Library.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, public service organization which never supports or opposes any candidate running for office. A league spokeswoman said the site contains only those responses received before a deadline set for candidates.

Church fair

The First Congregational Church will hold its 61st annual church fair, "O Christmas Tree," 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 1-2. There will be aprons, attic treasures, books, boutiques, candy booth, Christmas gifts, Country Store, Decorations booth, pet shop, specialties booth, raffle and more. The coffee shop will be open at 9 a.m. A la carte lunch will be served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner, costing \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children, will be available 5-7 p.m.

The church is at 2 Towne Square, south of westbound Michigan Avenue in Wayne.



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CORRECTIONS

A defendant in an Oct. 17 robbery of an armored car driver should have been identified as Jerrel Pittman. During the incident, Police Chief James Ridener has been credited with assisting in the capture of Pittman, who had fled the scene at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman.

A story in the Oct. 14 *Westland Observer* about two women charged with forgery and identity theft in a case involving the Michigan Secretary of State branch in Livonia indicated the wrong street location. It's on Farmington Road at Six Mile.

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District says thanks for COPS grants

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials took time to say thank you to law enforcement officials who garnered some \$500,000 in federal grants to increase school security.

"These are significant grants that will touch every one of our schools," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "They were not possible without the cooperation of city officials. It's a great partnership."

Wayne Mayor Al Hadeus and Police Chief John Williams joined Westland Mayor William Wild and Chief James Ridener for their efforts in "providing added safety and security" for Wayne-Westland students.

The grants are through the U.S. Department of

Justice's Office of COPS, or Community-Oriented Policing Services. COPS gave \$385,225 to the city of Westland and \$158,225 to the Wayne Police Department. The school district will match the amount to help install new digital cameras in the district's 25 school buildings.

"The impact this will have on our schools is immeasurable," Baracy said. "What this contributes to the children in this district is immeasurable."

According to Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services, the new cameras will serve as a deterrent and control access to the schools.

"These will be our eyes and ears after school and on weekends," he said. "They will provide real time police monitor-

ing of our secondary schools.

"We appreciate the cooperative effort that made these grants possible."

"We're fortunate to have such a good working relationship with the city of Wayne and city of Westland," board president Skip Monit said. "We see a need for it and the community as a whole sees the need to protect our students and not put them in harm's way."

"This is a good thing because it presents a huge deterrent and safety factor for our parents and our students."

"I very much appreciate having the chiefs and the mayors here," board secretary Martha Pitsenbarger said. "I think it's wonderful we can work together as a team."

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Officials: LPS schools sanitized daily

BY REBECCA JONES
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Franklin High School responded to a student's staph skin infection this week with a thorough cleaning of the school and notice to parents.

Because it was an isolated case, Livonia Public Schools officials decided not to close the school.

The student had a confirmed case of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, also known as MRSA, which has been reported in school districts throughout the metro Detroit area.

Some districts closed schools last week after students reported infections, however health officials said that is unnecessary.

LPS began a heightened program of disinfection and sanitization when cases were

reported last week, said Donna McDowell, administrator of communications and Community Relations.

"We are very lucky in Livonia Public Schools to have our buildings cleaned and sanitized every day," she said. "We're going to remain vigilant."

When a student has a confirmed case of MRSA, he or she must have a doctor's note before returning to school, McDowell said.

LPS reported the case to the Wayne County Health Department, even though the department only requires notification when an "outbreak," two or more cases, occurs.

The health department has not found a common source among the MRSA cases in schools, said Dr. Talat Danish, medical director at the health department, which is tracking cases. MRSA has

been around for more than 20 years, and isn't going away, she added.

MRSA is usually transmitted by direct skin-to-skin contact or contact with shared items or surfaces that have come into contact with someone else's infection such as towels, used bandages, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Hygiene habits — like frequent hand washing, keeping open wounds bandaged and not sharing personal items like towels or razors — help keep the disease from spreading, Danish said. She also recommends that high-contact surfaces like door knobs, telephones and shared sports equipment be cleaned with soap and water, diluted bleach or a disinfectant like Lysol or Pinesol.

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Football joy engulfs schools

BY BRAD EMONS
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Prior to this weekend, it was assured two Livonia Public high schools — 9-0 Stevenson and 7-2 Churchill — were headed to the state football playoffs.

By early Sunday evening, another LPS school — 5-4 Franklin — qualified for the 256-school field as an at-large.

Make that a Livonia hat trick, a first in the district's history.

The Patriots, who defeated host Churchill on Friday night in the regular season finale, 7-0, were one of two Class A-size schools, along with Taylor Truman, to gain an at-large playoff bid with a 5-4 record. The field had already been filled with 251 automatic qualifiers with either 6-3 or 5-3 (based on an eight-game season) records, leaving five at-large spots open for Classes A through D.

When the pairings were announced early Sunday evening on FoxSportsNet Detroit, cheers of joy could already be heard from the vicinity of 31000 Joy Road.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Football fever can really rev up a Livonia crowd. Shown are Charger faithful during last month's Churchill/Stevenson gridiron matchup.

"I had a really good idea, but I got antsy because we were the last ones to be announced," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "They (the players) went crazy."

In Division 1-Region 4 matchups this Friday night, Stevenson hosts 6-3 Plymouth; Churchill travels to 8-1 Novi; and Franklin goes on the road to take on top seed 8-1 Monroe, which is coached by former Livonia Clarenceville coach Greg Hudkins, who guided the

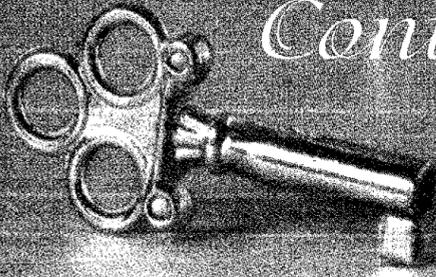
Trojans to five straight state playoff berths including the 2001 Division 5 state final.

The last time three teams made the state playoffs from the City of Livonia was 2004 (Churchill, Stevenson and Clarenceville).

Franklin and Churchill are making their third postseason appearances in the playoffs, while Stevenson is making its 10th in school history.

For more on the playoffs, see today's Sports Section.

"The Key" Contest



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Deadline to submit a story, poem or photograph is 5 p.m. Thursday, November 8, 2007.

One top entry will be selected for publication in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The names of all winners will be announced in the November 15, 2007 edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Only one entry per person will be accepted for judging.

All entries must include name, address (include zip code), day and evening phone numbers. Photographs should be submitted in a jpg format as large as possible. Email all entries to Choya Jordan, marketing manager, at: cbjordan@hometownlife.com.

Solomon spent a year gathering quotes and carefully selecting keys for her book. She collected quotes from actor Tom Allen and golf great Tiger Woods to journalist Kate Courie and author Elmore Leonard. A portion of the proceeds from Solomon's book will benefit the fight against breast cancer.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Collectibles show
A toy and collectible show will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy Road, Westland. Pop culture, TV/movie items, games, comics, action figures, die cast toys, Hallmark, NASCAR, Matchbox, Hot Wheels and more will be available buy, sell or trade. Gordon Castelnero, author of TV Land Detroit, also will be there. Admission is \$3, refundable with a \$15 purchase at any booth. Children age 12 and under are free. For more information, call Gary Swain at (734) 525-3712.

School Open House
St. Damian School is having an Early Childhood Open House on noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at the school at 29891 Joy, Westland. Check out the preschool 3-4 year-old programs and the full day kindergarten program. For more information, call the school office at (734) 427-1680.

Trainorama 2007
The Redford Model Railroad Club will hold Trainorama 2007 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard at Five Mile in Livonia. Tickets are \$4 for adults and free for children 12 years and under with an adult. The show will feature an operating exhibit, railroad memorabilia, swap meet, train show and sale. Food and beverages also will be available. For more information, call Pierre Willmeret at (313) 565-1027 or by e-mail at pierre@hbc-benefitsandeducation.com.

Wine tasting
The Oakwood Foundation will hold its 12th annual Wine for the Spirit fund-raiser at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Ford Field, 2000 Brush St.,

Detroit. The evening will include a sampling of wines from around the world, food stations, silent auction, raffle and entertainment by The Bomb Squad. Tickets cost \$125 per person and are available by contacting Kim Kelly at (313) 586-5234.

Health programs

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, will present the class, "Is it Really Your Thyroid?" 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Noble Library. Are you suffering with cold hands/feet, stubborn weight gain, unwanted pain, mood swings? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. Seating is limited to 30 people for this free class. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Fischer will present "Beat Stress - Be Happy!" 7-9 p.m. and "How to Reduce Your Chances of Cancer" a 9 p.m., both Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The stress class will teach you how to avoid becoming overwhelmed with stress. The cancer workshop will explain how changes you make at home will reduce your chances of cancer and help protect yourself and your loved ones. Seating is limited to 15 people for each of these free classes. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Coat drive

Local residents willing to help those less fortunate have a chance with a coat drive being sponsored by the Children's Christian Alliance. The event is a coat drive to raise 600 coats for kids and families living in public housing in the Detroit area. The coats will be distributed on Nov. 10. Donors wishing to help can donate clean, gently used or new coats, hats, mittens and boots. Blankets will also be accepted. To donate or for more information, call Jill Berry, (734) 812-4502.

Casino fund-raiser

Enjoy an afternoon at the Greektown



Wish You Were Here

Garden City resident Dolores Kapanke poses with her Garden City Observer on her trip to Oratoire Saint-Joseph du Mont-Royal in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The trip included visits to Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre and near Quebec City and Church of Our Lady of the Cape in Three Rivers. It was an exhausting trip, but well worth every minute, according to Kapanke. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Garden City Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Be sure to include your name and information about where your photograph was taken.

Casino on Sunday, Nov. 18, to benefit St. Damian Youth Group. Tickets are \$25 and include charter bus transportation to and from the casino and a \$15 coin voucher to use at the casino. The bus departs from St. Damian, 30055 Joy Road in Westland at 1 p.m. and will return back to the

church at 7 p.m. Get tickets by calling (734) 421-6130.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

One-day-a-month volunteer drivers are needed to transport seniors and disabled who are unable to drive to medical appointments. Phone messenger volunteers are also needed to help set up rides to the medical appointments. This is also a one-day-a-month opportunity that can be done right from home. People interested in helping can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or contact him by e-mail at GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Fund-raiser

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool will present THE REAd CARPET annual dinner auction 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Livonia Marriott at the Laurel Park Mall. Enjoy cocktails and a gourmet strolling dinner, catered by Sweet Lorraine's Chef, while pursuing the silent auction tables. Stay late for live entertainment and dancing. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan Dyslexia Institute. For more information, call (734) 261-540, by e-mail at cancksdad@earthlink.net or on the Web at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com.

CRAFT SHOWS

Westland Jaycees

Crafters are needed for the Westland Jaycees' community craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 10-11, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland. Booth space - 7 feet by 9 feet - costs \$35 for one day, \$65 for both days. There's a \$5 discount on additional space and \$5 charge for electricity. Deadline for applying is Oct. 31. Send signups to Suesanna Towne, 622 N. Brandon, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call her at (517) 879-1803.

Sts. Peter & Paul

Crafters are needed for the 19th annual arts and crafts show that will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, in the hall of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights.

For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia at (734) 522-9653.

Franklin High

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

St. Edith

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

CC Mothers Club

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

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group

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

Substance abuse support

A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More

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

Fibromyalgia

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

Counterpoint

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove

A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.

VOLUNTEERS

Karmanos Institute

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers must be at least 18. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

First Step

First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver com-

munities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

EDUCATION

St. Damian

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

Academic Pathways

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

YWCA preschool

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

CITY OF WESTLAND SPECIAL/GENERAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Special/General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates for the following offices will be voted upon: Mayor - to fill the unexpired term to expire January 1, 2010; City Clerk - full term to expire 1-1-2012 Two (2) City Council Members - to fill unexpired terms to expire January 1, 2008; Four (4) City Council Members - three terms to expire 1-1-2012 and one term to expire 1-1-2010. Also a Wayne County Community College Millage Authorization Proposal which reads as follows: Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College district be increased by one dollar and fifty cents per thousand dollars (1.5 mills) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College District for a period of ten (10) years, 2011 to 2020, inclusive, as new additional millage replacing a prior millage authorization approved by the electors which shall expire with the 2010 levy, to provide funds for all community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1.5 mills would raise approximately \$51,839,157 when first levied in 2011. YES or NO.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of August 13, 2007 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY AND CITY OF WESTLAND Westland (Wayne County), Michigan

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2010
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998	1 mill	Indefinitely
Inkster School District	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010
	May, 2006	21 mills	2015 (non homestead)
	May, 2006	6 mills	2015
Taylor School District	March, 2003	18 mills	2008 (non homestead)
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	June, 1995	18 mills	2009 (non homestead)
City of Westland	February, 2008	1 mill	2012
Library		0.9477 mill	Indefinitely
Operating		6.4834	Indefinitely
Promotion		0.0215	Indefinitely
Police & Fire Ret.		3.35	Indefinitely
Rubbish Collection		2.15	Indefinitely
Drain Debt		0.2554	Indefinitely

Signed: RAYMOND J. WOJTIWICZ /s/ Wayne County Treasurer Date: August 20, 2007

The places of voting for the Special/General Election to be held on November 6, 2007, will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1 & 19	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
2 & 32	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh
5 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
9	Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey
10	Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11 & 23	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
12 & 25 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
13 & 18	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7800 Nankin Ct.
16	Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
24	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27	Perrinville School, 33344 Ann Arbor Trail
28	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30365 Annapolis
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise Ct.
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
36	Nankin Mills School, 8100 Hubbard
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille) contact the Clerk's office prior to election day.

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Walking with Miss Wayne County Ashlee Baracy in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk are her mother, Janet Baracy, a four-year survivor, and her godmother, Sheila Maiorana, a seven-year survivor.

Miss Wayne County joins in annual breast cancer walk

The current Miss Wayne County was among 10,000 people who put their best foot forward for the recent American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Belle Isle in Detroit.

Ashlee Baracy walked in honor of her mother, Janet Baracy, a four-year survivor of breast cancer. Her team, Janet's Jewels, raised \$1,000 for the event which raised more than \$800,000 for the cause.

"Making Strides is a wonderful celebration of survivorship, and there is no one I am more proud to walk with than my mother who is a four year survivor," said Baracy. "She and I were so blessed to be surrounded by such supportive friends

and family. It is truly a dream and goal of mine that breast cancer will one day be obsolete, and until then, I will continue to fund raise and walk each year."

Selected in September as Miss Wayne County, the 22-year-old Baracy is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a graduate student at Eastern Michigan University where she is pursuing a master of science in integrated marketing communications.

Throughout her year of service, Baracy will travel the county advocating her platform, breast cancer awareness and education. She also will compete in the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant in June.

YWCA accepts signups for preschool program

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is currently accepting registration for the Michigan School Readiness Program!

The free, preschool program is available to four-year-old children. A teacher will visit homes on a weekly basis to

teach the children. The program, which helps children learn skills needed for future socialization and educational growth, also includes center visits for field trips and group activities.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County provides edu-

cation to more than 1,000 children a year through its early childcare programs.

"We have a dedicated staff that encourages skill development and makes learning fun for the child and their families," said Karen Murphy, YWCA chief execu-

tive officer. "This program is a wonderful opportunity for children to become excited to learn and foster their imaginations."

For more information about the program, or to enroll a child, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 17.

Contest lets kids share their experiences with books

The Michigan Center for the Book invites students to share their experiences reading a book that touched their lives, as part of a national reading-writing contest called Letters About Literature.

A contest for readers in grades 4-12, Letters About Literature is sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target. It is coordinated on the state level by the Michigan Center for the Book.

To enter, readers write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre - fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic - explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves.

"One of our goals is to promote a love of books and reading, and this program helps us accomplish that by engaging young readers to reflect on and discuss books that have had an impact on their own lives," said Michigan Center for the Book Coordinator Karren Reish. "It also encourages students to develop writing skills and, through contributions to the winners' libraries, recognizes libraries for their important role in academic achievement."

Judges representing each state's Center for the Book will select the top essayists in the state on three competition levels: Level I for grades 4-6; Level II for grades 7-8, and Level III for grades 9-12.

The three Michigan winners each will receive a \$50 Target gift card, a \$300 donation to their school library and a certificate of achievement.

Each state winner will

advance to the national competition, in which a panel of judges for the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress will then select six national winners (two per competition level) and 12 national runners-up (four per competition level).

Each national winner will receive a \$500 Target gift card and a Reading Promotion Grant of \$10,000 for their school or community library. National winners will be instrumental in deciding how the library funds will be spent. The 12 national runners-up

will win a \$100 Target gift card and a Reading Promotion Grant of \$1,000 for their school or community library.

Entries will be assessed on three criteria - content, or the writer's achievement in addressing the contest theme; exposition, or the writer's use of language skills; and voice, the writer's style and originality of expression.

Letters About Literature is one of the Center for the Book's most successful literacy programs for adolescents. Last year, more than 55,000 young people from across the nation

entered the competition. Letters that summarize the plot or are nothing more than fan letters are eliminated during the first round of judging, Gourley added.

The deadline for entries is Dec. 14. The guidelines and required entry coupon are available on the Letters About Literature Web page at www.loc.gov/letters or by e-mail by contacting the national program director at lal@epix.net.

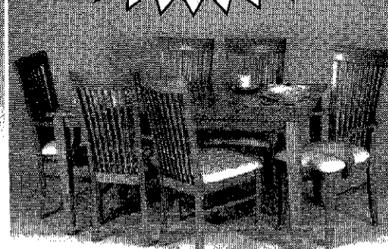
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ACHIEVERS

Todd Lemire of Garden City received his associate degree in applied science in September at the conclusion of the summer quarter at Baker College.

Marie Stawasz of Westland recently named a 2007 Polish American Congress of Michigan Scholarship Fund recipient. A student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, she is majoring in accounting.

Recent spring graduates at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield were:

Garden City residents Adam Dendrinis, bachelor of science in engineering technology; MaryGrace-Solei Janas, bachelor of science in computer engineering, and Ryan Smith, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering.

Westland residents Alec Droblich, bachelor of science in mathematics and computer science; Timothy Helsper, bachelor of science in electrical engineering; Christine Hollars, master of science in information systems; Kalenga Wa Kalenga, master of science in mechanical engineer-

ing; Shikha Nagrath, certificate (graduate) in project management; Laura Roberts, bachelor of science in architecture; Mark Schmidt, bachelor of science in engineering technology; Jessica Seres, bachelor of science in civil engineering; Steve Sobolak, doctor of engineering in manufacturing systems; David Thiel, master of science in operations management; Stephen Tominac, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering, and Ahmad Weston, master of science in information systems.

Westland man wins Wahl goatee contest

Westland resident Patrick Copeland is headed to Hawaii, thanks to his facial hair.

Copeland is a Wahl Trimmers' Man of the Year after being voted as having the best goatee in America.

As a winner in the contest, Copeland's facial hair has earned him a trip for two to Miami to attend the Maxim Magazine Hometown Hotties event in November.

Wahl Trimmers searched the nation for the men sporting the best mustache, goa-

tee and beard in America. While attending local events, thousands of men submitted a photo and essay on what makes them a WAHL Man (Well Groomed, All-American, Hardworking, Loyal). Fourteen finalists in each category (beard, mustache and goatee) were posted at wahnation.com Web site, and voting was open to the public.

Thousands of voters nationwide logged on to select their favorite Wahl Men. The votes were tallied and Copeland was

the winner in the goatee category.

"I wear my facial hair for that bad boy image," said Copeland, who has been trimming his goatee regularly for more than 1 1/2 years. "I look like a bad boy, but I'm really a sweetheart."

Joining Copeland as Wahl Men of the year is Levee Segur (best beard) from Toledo, Ohio, and Jimmy Johnson (best mustache) from Milwaukee, Wis., who will also be headed to Miami.

Shifting career gears

Author says God helped her pen a new path

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Jann Martin isn't taking much of the credit for the new turn her life has taken.

Martin, a Canton resident with a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University, puts all the credit for her newest endeavor — her first book, *This Babe So Small* — right where she devoutly believes it belongs.

With God. "God inspired it," said Martin, director of family ministry at her church, Faith Community Presbyterian in Novi. "It's what he asked me to write, so I wrote it."

This Babe So Small, Martin's first book, tells the traditional story of The Nativity in a relatively nontraditional way: through the eyes of the innkeepers' daughter.

"I wanted to tell the story so kids could relate to it and understand it better," Martin said. "They'll understand it better through the eyes of a 7-year-old."

The book, published by Ferne Press, a division of Nelson Publishing and Marketing in Northville, is illustrated by Megan Wellman, also a Canton resident who has now illustrated three books with Ferne Press.

While having her work published is becoming a regular occurrence for Wellman, the



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Jann Martin (left) is the author of "This Babe So Small," her first book. Megan Wellman illustrated the book.

book represents a fairly significant career shift for Martin. After getting her degree from MSU, Martin had hoped to be a teacher. She did her student-teaching in the Garden City district, but could never manage to get her own classroom.

"I really wanted to be a teacher," Martin said. "They just weren't hiring."

She's worked in shops and offices and now her church. She was hoping to retire next year, and believes God got her started on a new career a little early.

Martin admits writing probably wouldn't have been her choice if it hadn't been his. "I have no writing background," she said with a smile. "The most writing I've ever done is writing sermons the last two years."

Wellman is a little more experienced at it. *Babe* is her third book for Nelson Publishing, the first having come a few years ago when she illustrated *Lonely Teddy* for Nelson author Peggy Price Heiney. It was through Heiney that Wellman and Martin met, and the duo decided quickly they would like to work together.

The checked with publisher Marian Nelson, who quickly OK'd the pairing and is happy she did.

"This is the first Christian book we have done and I was pleased to take it because it takes the view of the child," Nelson said. "We all have seen hundreds of versions of the nativity story but this version seems so understandable from a child's point of view. Isn't it delightful to know what the child may be thinking about having such a special event occur? It doesn't seem so mysterious or distant."

The main character is the innkeepers' 7-year-old daughter,

Joanna. The challenge was deciding what Joanna was going to look like. Martin drew inspiration from a "Tiny Tears" doll she'd owned as a child, and Wellman went online to research the kind of clothing worn at the time.

Then Wellman, who owns a fine-arts degree from Eastern Michigan University, with a minor in children's theater, was given the freedom — in consultation with Martin — to draw.

"We talked about what we wanted it to look like, how we wanted it to be rich and full of color," said Wellman, who grew up in Redford and now lives in Canton with her husband, Brent, and two Great Danes. "Even though we talked about what it would look like, I was left artistic freedom and I think it really showed in the pictures."

Wellman, a certified ophthalmic assistant at U-M Hospital, is about to have her fourth book published. And she couldn't be happier about it.

"I invest in my drawing," said Wellman, who said she's been drawing since she was a little girl. "It's definitely emotional for me. There aren't many people who can say they've been published, and I've been published three times. It's incredible."

Martin, who has since finished a book on Easter, has now been presented a new challenge by pastors from her church: Turn *This Babe So Small* into a pageant. For now, though, she's enjoying the success of *Babe*. And she firmly believes she knows why it's all happened.

"The hardest part was waiting for it to come after it was printed," a laughing Martin said of *Babe*, published in September. "Everything else has fallen into place (because God had his hand in it.)"



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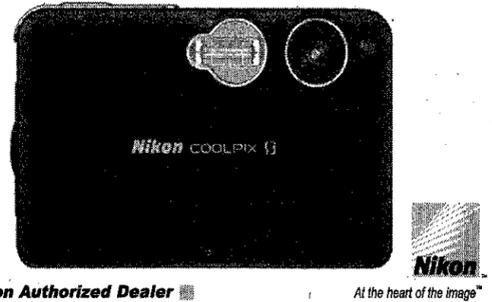
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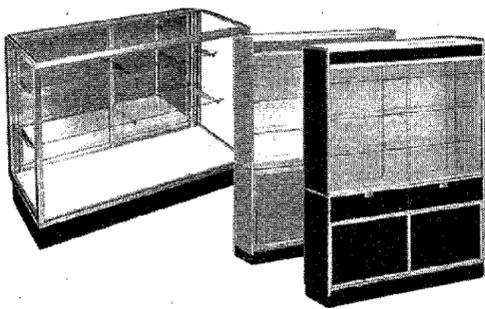
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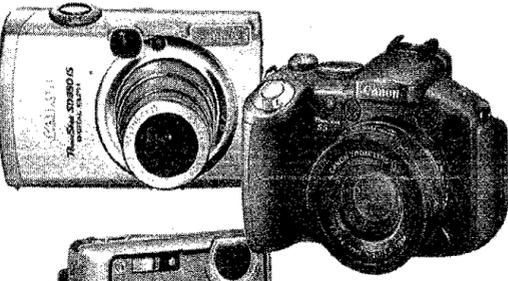
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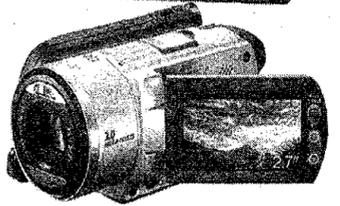
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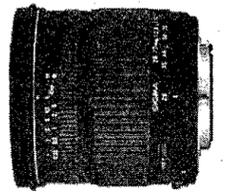
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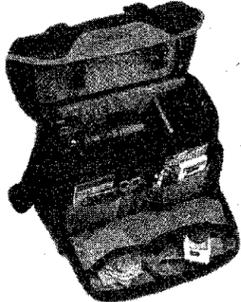
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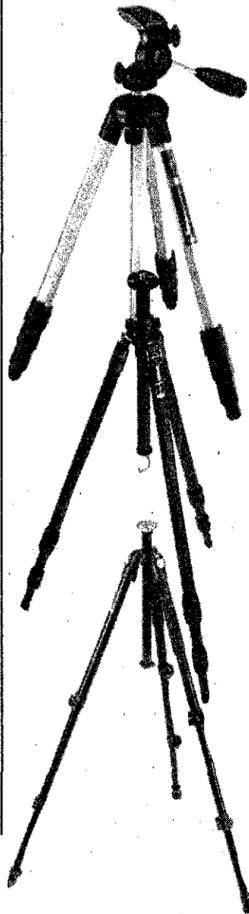
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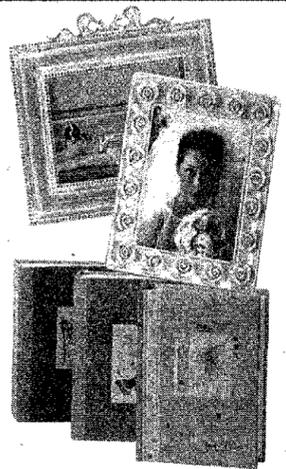
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OUR VIEWS

Grant's target is good news

It goes without saying that there's a problem with underage drinking in this country. You need only look at the statistics. According to the 2005 National Survey on Drug Use and Health:

- An estimated 55.4 percent of females and 66.3 percent of males between ages 18-25 were current drinkers.
- An estimated 13 percent of those ages 12 and older drove while under the influence of alcohol at least once during the year.
- Rates of binge drinking were 2 percent among 12- and 13-year-olds, 8 percent among 14- and 15-year-olds, 19.7 percent of 16- and 17-year-olds and 36.1 percent among those ages 18-20 years old.
- About two-fifths of students, 41 percent, consumed alcohol (more than just a few sips) by eighth grade.

But the bright spot of the survey was that 85.6 percent of youths ages 12-17 reported that they strongly or somewhat disapprove of peers having one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day.

There are many people who would like to see alcohol and substance abuse become a thing of the past. But it's an uphill battle when you consider that alcohol is the most pervasive drug in the United States. Slick ads promote booze from billboards and in magazines. Coolers and shelves in party stores and groceries are filled with alcoholic beverages.

But thanks to a federal grant, police officers in Westland, Garden City and Wayne will be cracking down on underage drinking in their communities. Part of a program called Safe Communities: Underage Drinking Enforcement, the grant will let officers go after stores that sell alcohol to minors, adults who furnish alcohol to minors and minors in possession.

The grant should be a heads-up for those people who continue to provide booze to underage drinkers and underage drinkers. The money will help the cover of police officers going after older friends who are of legal age who buy for minors, parents who provide it or overlook consumption of alcohol at teen parties and stores that sell to teens.

All alcohol use by teens should be regarded as dangerous, not only because of the risk of alcoholism, but because teen drinkers put themselves in harm's way. Each year, more than 10,000 young people in the United States are killed and 40,000 injured in alcohol-related automobile accidents.

We are glad to see these departments receive these funds. Every action taken to prevent underage drinking is a step in the right direction.

Some basic safety precautions will ensure a happy Halloween

There are few nights anticipated by children as much as Halloween. And who can blame them? They get to dress up in wild costumes and parade around the neighborhood unlike on any other evening of the year. Not to mention all the candy and goodies they will reap while trick or treating.

But just like there will be witches, pirates and Cheeta Girls out on the streets, so too will there be plenty of dangers lurking about that every parent should be aware of before they send their children out to trick or treat.

Most parents will immediately think about the possibility of candy being tampered with — and they should inspect all treats before they are consumed — but there are plenty of other measures a parent can take to ensure a safe evening.

Basic everyday safety, including not getting into cars or talking to strangers, and looking both ways before crossing streets, is important. Of course, the safest plan is for parents to go out trick or treating with their children, but some kids will want to venture out on their own. In that case, follow these tips:

- Never send small children out alone. Make sure an older sibling is with them, and only let them out during daylight hours.
- Talk to your children about a safe route, so you will know where they will be, and set a time for their return home.
- Make sure children know to stay in populated, well-lit areas and away from unfamiliar places.
- Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

Those not trick or treating, especially motorists who will be out on the roads Halloween night, also need to show some extra caution. There will be lots of children on the streets, many in dark clothing, so look for them darting out from between parked cars or walking in roadways. Enter and exit driveways carefully.

Halloween night also poses one of the greatest threats for fires. Many decorations, including cornstalks, are highly flammable, so they should be kept away from all open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs.



LETTERS

Supports Reeves, Johnson

I am writing in support of Councilmen Dewey Reeves and Bill Johnson to retain their Westland City Council seats. I was comfortable with my appointment vote for them in January and I have been pleased with the effort they have shown thus far. I think having new faces and new energy on the council is a good thing. My hope is that they each continue to keep the best interests of the citizens first and foremost in all decisions and actions going forward.

I've been asked about who I'm supporting for mayor. I'd rather keep that to myself, so I've decided to not publicly endorse either of the mayoral candidates.

I will say that I stand behind my decision to vote for the appointment of Bill Wild in January as I felt that since the term of office would be short, it offered the citizens a good opportunity to see how Bill Wild would handle the role of mayor. With Chuck Pickering, I felt that most people had already seen him in action over the years and perhaps already knew what kind of mayor he would be.

Although I remain unconvinced of the true intent and motive each mayoral candidate has for seeking the most powerful political job in the city (my cynical side talking), I do believe a distinct difference has begun to emerge. Differences amongst candidates are often not noticeable, but important just the same.

Should we embrace ideas tried before and somewhat comfortable or ideas that are experimental, challenging and uncertain? To what extent does experience count in today's revolving political circles? And experienced at doing what?

Are untried strategies that could be risky welcome in a community or is a lengthy political resume that offers a sense of reassurance where we want to be?

I appreciate the thought Westland voters will use when casting their votes on Tuesday, Nov. 6, and I'm ready to work with whoever the winners are.

Cheryl Graunstadt
Westland

Stand up

The RESTORE Act of 2007 will be introduced by the chairmen of the House Judiciary and Intelligence committees as a response to the awful but thankfully temporary FISA legislation (The Protect America Act) that was railroaded through Congress before the August break on what Congresswoman Jane Harmon, chairwoman of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Terrorism Risk Assessment, subsequently described as bogus intelligence from the Bush administration about an imminent threat of an attack upon the Capitol.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has promised to fix the FISA legislation and RESTORE, which stands for Responsible Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed and Effective. That goes a long way toward restoring

the confidence that security needs can be balanced against privacy rights. The bill provides the intelligence community with effective tools to conduct surveillance of foreign targets outside the United States while at the same time reaffirming constitutionally mandated checks and balances.

A front-page article in the *New York Times* by Eric Lichtblau and Carl Hulse suggests that Democrats remain nervous that they will be called soft on terrorism if they insist on strict curbs on intelligence gathering and that they may cave to pressure from the administration on the bill.

The Democrats should realize that they will not lose elections, or the respect of the American people, if they stand up for what is right.

Katie Jacob
Birmingham

Can we think for ourselves?

Having read the politically themed letters that have graced this page in recent weeks, it appears to me that many of the writers are utterly incapable of thinking for themselves. In place of logic and reason, they parrot what they see and hear from biased political "documentaries" (I use that term loosely), partisan hack Web sites and crackpot conspiracy theories about 9/11. Which, by the way, have been repeatedly and thoroughly debunked — by competent and reputable sources.

I know there are many liberals who are intelligent and reasonable people, but after reading these letters I can see how someone might conclude otherwise. Is that really the best they have to offer? Haven't they learned not to believe everything they hear?

In all seriousness, I fear that a great many people on both sides of the political divide have lost the ability and desire to think for themselves. They have abdicated their responsibility as citizens and allowed political discourse in this country to become poisoned beyond redemption. As a result, all of us have become easy prey for the craven and corrupt politicians who have siphoned our liberty, plundered our wealth, and may yet bring this nation to ruin. Heaven help us all.

Eric Syverson
Redford

Invest in education

One of the most rewarding aspects of being an educator is watching students learn and grow. The students who traverse our hallways today are the workers and leaders of the future; educators have a tremendous responsibility to prepare students of all ages for what lies ahead.

In recent years, the job of educators has become more difficult as schools and teachers struggle to do more with less. An alarming number of K-12 teachers have been laid off, resulting in overcrowded classrooms. Computers and technology, which will factor prominently in the jobs of the future, become outdated at a rapid pace.

With many schools lacking funding for new textbooks, students must

make do with outdated materials. And as funding for supplies dwindles, many educators use money from their own pockets to purchase materials for their classes.

In these tough economic times, it is even more necessary to protect our schools from deeper cuts. For example, a plan proposed by the Michigan Senate would have cut \$366.7 million from K-12 education. Such drastic cuts would have had devastating consequences for our schools and our children.

We cannot afford to sacrifice funding for education. Ensuring that our children and adults obtain a high-quality education is essential to their success in life. Our children's future, and the future of Michigan, both hinge on top-quality education in K-12, colleges and universities of Michigan.

In our global economy, competition for jobs will intensify as we head further into the 21st century. The students of today will be competing for the jobs of tomorrow with workers from all over the world. That's why they must get the best education possible.

Businesses seek out locations that have a well-educated and highly skilled workforce in which to relocate and expand. In order to attract good jobs to Michigan, we must be able to offer companies what they want — a top-notch, well-trained workforce. And it all begins in the classroom.

State Rep. Marc Coriveau has shown that he is a champion for schools. While some lawmakers have tried to balance the state budget on the backs of our students and educators, Coriveau has shown that he understands the need to invest in our schools. He refused to support the devastating cuts proposed by the Senate. He instead chose to support a budget plan that protects millions of dollars for students and keeps more money in the classrooms.

Coriveau has been an advocate for schools since taking office in January and has proved that he is willing to put Michigan students first.

The best way to move Michigan forward is to invest in our students and give them the education they need to succeed. An investment in our students is an investment in our future.

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Historical dolls have lessons to teach today's children

The occasion was my father-in-law's 88th birthday, along with my niece, a recent college graduate, finding a job — in southeast Michigan, yet! Certainly a happy Saturday with family, but before we left for the restaurant what caught my eye was the American Girls catalog.

The dolls were popular with my nieces when they were younger, and I was glad. Although a tad expensive, the dolls from different eras, such as World War II's Molly and the early 20th century's Samantha, teach girls valuable lessons about history and growing up strong.

My surprise was the arrival on the scene of one Julie Albright, the 1970s girl. She's got long blond hair, bell bottoms and a peasant blouse, and hails from San Francisco. Acknowledging changing times in another way, Julie's parents are divorced.

The catalog noted that girls before Title IX didn't have a lot of sports opportunities in school, and Julie had to fight to get girls basketball up and running at her school. Julie's best friend, Ivy, is Asian American, another example of the company's effort to make the dolls as ethnically diverse as possible (and probably sell more dolls as well).

Here's the description of Julie's room, which seems eerily accurate for the 1970s: a furry foot-shaped rug from Mom's store downstairs; modular shelving that she can mix and match into bedside tables, storage drawers, or even a coffee table; an egg-shaped terrarium with silk plants inside; a metal tray of after-school snacks: pretend Jiffy Pop® popcorn, a plastic pitcher with a removable lid, and two plastic cups for preparing the pretend orange drink mix.

Until now, the dolls were safely a part of a distant past, reaching back to the American Revolution. It's a bit disconcerting to see your own past suddenly a part of history, with girls learning about just what life was like in the 1970s.

The doll has sound accessories appropriate for her era, just in case Julie and Ivy want to listen to some just-before-disco tunes. There's a series

Seeing the 1970s as a historical era was a bit of a jolt, but upon further reflection not all that upsetting. As we observed our niece's happy day, it was worth remembering just how far girls and women have come from the early 1970s. Maybe young girls today can ask their moms, aunts and grandmothers what it was like back then. Certainly, the American Girls are more physically realistic and probably better role models than Barbie, even if all do come with a lot of expensive accessories.

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There was a time when only a few professions — teacher, nurse, secretary — were open to women, and it took a whole lot of pushing by a whole lot of women, and some men, to change that for the better. The toys children play with reflect that changing world, so maybe Julie Albright and friend Ivy show us that things really are getting better.

I wonder if they'll come up with a 1980s-type doll next (for some reason, Drew Barrymore comes to mind). If kids learn to be more open-minded, and girls' eyes are opened to a new world of possibilities, there's really nothing wrong with Julie and Ivy leading the way.

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Julie Brown

State's Cyber Safety Initiative helps students stay safe

The Internet is a powerful tool that helps educate our children. In the wrong hands, however, it is also an avenue for individuals to prey on our children. In the United States, one in seven children who use computer chatrooms has been approached over the Internet by pedophiles. And nearly 90 percent of solicitations of youth were made in either chatrooms or through instant messaging.

Those statistics illustrate the need to educate our young people about how to stay safe online. That is why I have launched the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (Michigan CSI), which educates not only students, but also teachers and parents on how to avoid the dangers of the Internet.

Michigan CSI was developed drawing on resources from nationally recognized Internet safety programs, including iKeepSafe, and in consultation with Michigan teachers and parents. The program is comprised of four different, customized, age-appropriate presentations: kindergarten through third grade; fourth and fifth grade; students in sixth through eighth grade; and a seminar for parents and community leaders.

The parent seminar is a powerful presentation, and I strongly urge parents to participate. A part of this program also deals with the nation's fastest growing form of bullying — cyberbullying.

Last spring, we piloted the program to more than 8,500 students in three school districts. I am pleased to report that Michigan CSI was recommended by all three pilot school district superintendents. This effective program is now being offered to all Michigan schools — public and private — as well as the home school community.

Demand for the program is already high. More than 100 school districts from more than half of Michigan's counties — representing more than 250,000 kindergarten through eighth-grade students — have already regis-

tered. My office is a national leader in putting Internet predators behind bars. Our Criminal Division has arrested nearly 150 Internet predators, and we will continue to aggressively prosecute predators. But this is a problem we cannot arrest our way out of. That's why we need to arm our children with the information they need to navigate the Internet safely. Internet predators pose a clear danger to children. We must do everything in our power to protect them.

Materials from the Michigan CSI presentations can be accessed on the Attorney General's Web site, www.michigan.gov/ag, under the key initiatives heading. Parents and community leaders can also report suspicious or dangerous contact on the Internet by accessing the Attorney General's Web site, clicking on the Michigan CSI homepage, then clicking on the button marked "Report Internet Abuses Against a Child."

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The Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative is more powerful than the strongest software filter, because it arms students with the knowledge to keep them safe. The more students know, the safer they will be.

Mike Cox is the Michigan attorney general. He lives in Livonia.



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Investors need to understand that investing is not risk-free

Last Friday, Oct. 19, was the 20th anniversary of Black Monday, the day (Oct. 19, 1987) when the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost more than 22 percent of its value.

This was the second largest one-day percentage drop in the market in history. On that day, investors lost nearly one-half of a trillion dollars.

I am always asked whether it can happen again. Although many things have changed since 1987, one thing that hasn't changed is the market is irrational over the short run and investors tend to let fear dictate decisions. It is highly unlikely we would have a market downturn similar to what happened in 1987. However, it's possible under certain conditions the market could have a major short-term decline.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Investors today are more informed about what is happening in the market than ever before. In 1987, we did not have the coverage of the stock market as we do today. Most of us had never heard of the Internet nor was there the explosion in cable TV. How the Internet has affected investors is difficult to know, however, there is no doubt it has made a difference.

A major change is a variety of safety measures the markets have implemented in order to halt trading if certain triggers are met. In addition, there are now certain restric-

tions in order to prevent computer trading from dramatically moving the market. Many individuals blamed the crash of 1987 partly on computers and program trading.

Another change since 1987 is the explosion in international investing and international investors. After all, it is impossible to compare the economy of countries like China and India to where they were 20 years ago.

Investors recognize that over the short run the market is volatile and downturns happen all the time. We saw it in February, in July and Oct. 19. So investors should not be fooled into thinking that even with new safety measures, the market can't take a major downturn — it can.

However, investors do have a mechanism to protect themselves.

Investors who follow a long-term strategy and diversify their portfolios in different asset classes, including emerging markets and fixed-income investments such as bonds, will find that even in market downturns, they will be protected.

Market downturns are a risk that investors must learn to accept. The notion of investing risk-free does not exist. After all, those individuals who are afraid of the market and bail out by investing in certificates of deposit (CDs) and U.S. Treasuries also are assuming substantial risks.

If you hold a CD to maturity or a U.S. Treasury, you will never lose the principal on your money. However, principal fluctuation is just one risk. Another is the risk that your money does not keep up with the increased

costs of living over time.

It is essential to have a rising income for the rest of your life. If your portfolio only contained CDs and treasuries, by the time you pay taxes and look at the increased costs of living, your money is not keeping up. The bottom line is there is no risk-free investment. There are ways to control risk by taking a long-term strategy and having a balanced and diversified portfolio.

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

Schoolcraft College holds Halloween concert

Schoolcraft College's Annual Halloween Concert and Parade will mark the debut of the Wind Ensemble's new director, Paul Michalson. This family-friendly concert will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Radcliff Center in Garden City and is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

In addition to the performances by the Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble, who will be performing in

costume, there will also be a children's costume parade. Everyone who attends is encouraged to dress in costume. Refreshments will follow the performances and parade.

The 38-member Wind Ensemble will offer a variety of appropriately themed musical selections in celebration of Halloween, including Chillers and Thrillers, a compilation of themes of suspense; selections from *Phantom of*

the Opera and *Harry Potter; Bugler's Holiday*, a trumpet trio; *Light Cavalry Overture*; Swearingen's *Deep River*, and *The Chimes of Liberty* by Sousa.

The Synthesizer Ensemble will be combining their musical talents along with a unique multi-media presentation to accompany their performance of *Africa*, made popular by the band Toto in the '80s. During the eight-member group's performance of *Lacrimosa* from

Mozart's *Requiem*, Barton Polot, director, will transform vocalist Josh Maroit's voice from a solo performance to a multi-voice chorus via technology.

The Radcliff Center is located at 1751 Radcliff St. in Garden City. Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Radcliff Center, at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road and online at schoolcraft.edu.

Railroad club holds Trainorama

The Redford Model Railroad Club presents Trainorama, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile between Merriman and Farmington Road), Livonia.

Admission is \$4 for adults. Children under 12 are free with an adult. The show will include an operating exhibit, railroad memorabilia, swap meet, train show and sale. A flea market will feature scale model railroad equipment and supplies, toy trains (new and antique), plus a variety of railroad oriented antiques and collectibles — lanterns, dining car china and silverware, signs, paintings, station clocks, locomotive builder's plates, old train schedules and railroad stock certificates.

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Dentist offers cash for Halloween candy

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Trick or treaters have options this Halloween.

They can either stuff themselves silly with bite-sized Twix and Milky Ways or they can make a couple of bucks.

Robison Dental Group is allowing children to drop off their excess sweets at its Canton Center Road offices in exchange for \$1 per pound.

"I love Halloween, so we can't take it away from the kids, but this is an alternative to putting so much sugar in their bodies," Dr. J.D. Robison said. "We are suggesting that kids take a few of their favorites and then sell us the rest."

Robison, who practices with his father, Dr. John Robison, laughed when he recalled his own childhood memories of trying to keep a secret stash of Halloween candy from his parents.

"I remember it being a game to collect as much candy as

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Westland has tentatively determined to proceed with the making of a certain improvement described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto)

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET PAVING

EXHIBIT "A"

Construction will consist of twenty-seven (27) wide pavement, with concrete curb and gutter, three-inch (3") bituminous pavement (asphalt) with adequate base and drain appurtenances to serve the paving:

Florence Street from Wayne Road to Christine Street

Plans, cost estimates, and a report explaining said improvement have been prepared and are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

The above listed properties have been tentatively designated as a special assess district, against which all or a part of the cost of said improvements may be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on the 5th day of November 2007, at 7:00 p.m. o'clock in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS at the WESTLAND CITY HALL for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed improvements, particularly with respect to the question of necessity therefore and the establishment of a special assessment district to pay all or a part of the cost thereof.

EILEEN DEHAR, City Clerk
City of Westland

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Westland Downtown Development Authority is seeking proposals from qualified Engineering Consultants to assist with the implementation of Phase 2 of the DDA's Streetscape Plan. The project area is Ford Rd. from Central City Parkway west to the City boundary.

2. ISSUING ORGANIZATION

The City of Westland Downtown Development Authority has issued this RFP, 37095 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Contact person is William Cay, AICP, Economic Development Director, phone 734.467.3264, e-mail ecodev@ci.westland.mi.us.

3. DESCRIPTION AND CONTEXT OF THE PROJECT

The DDA has completed Phase 1 of the Streetscape Plan. You can see the improvements along Ford Rd. from Central City Parkway, east to Wayne Rd. The improvements consist of street lighting, brick pavers, screening walls, irrigation and mast arm traffic signals.

These improvements will be duplicated along Ford Rd. and at the intersections of Hix Rd. and Newburgh Rd. to the extent possible. The firm selected will be provided all the specifications needed to assemble bid packages and construction documents.

Surveying and easement work will be needed plus design services for improvements along the overpass bridge i.e. decorative lighting, entryway signage, banners etc. Additionally, the Authority would like a grant application prepared for a Transportation Enhancement Project if any elements of this project qualifies.

The DDA anticipates installation and construction work to begin in the first quarter of 2009. The major tasks of this project are surveying, easement descriptions, design concepts, preparing a grant application, preliminary drawings, construction documents, bid specifications and construction management and administration. However, as part of the proposal please provide a detailed scope of work along with a schedule for completion for each major task.

4. FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION

- Project team members who will be working on the project, allocated hours and cost per hour.
- Examples of similar type of work.
- Detailed Scope of Work
- Project time schedule with anticipated completion dates.
- Cost of services for each major task, reimbursable expenses and cost to attend meetings.

5. SUBMISSION DETAILS

The deadline for submissions of the RFP is 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 15, 2007.

Proposals must be sealed and labeled Proposal for Professional Services. Submit ten (5) copies of the proposals to:

City of Westland
Downtown Development Authority
37095 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185
Attn: William Cay, Director

This RFP does not commit the Downtown Development Authority to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred during the preparation of the proposal. The Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to negotiate the final cost for services with any selected.

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ORDINANCE NO. 121-J-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III, SECTION 22-56 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO ADOPT THE MICHIGAN STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE ELECTRICAL CODE

Section 1. That Chapter 22, Article III, Section 22-56, 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 (3) copies of which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk for the City of Westland, being marked and designated as "The State Construction Code - Electrical Code" as promulgated and published by the Michigan construction code commission, be and is hereby adopted as the electrical code of the City of Westland and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Electrical Code, as amended, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this article. The City of Westland specifically assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of the State Construction Code -- Electrical Code, as amended.

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. 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 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective November 23, 2007.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

Adopted: October 15, 2007
Effective: November 23, 2007

Publish: October 25, 2007

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ORDINANCE NO. 121-J-2

ARTICLE III, SECTION 22-76 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO ADOPT THE MICHIGAN STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE MECHANICAL CODE

Section 1. That Chapter 22, Article III, Section 22-76, 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 (3) copies of which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk for the City of Westland, being marked and designated as "The State Construction Code - Mechanical Code" as promulgated and published by the Michigan construction code commission, be and is hereby adopted as the mechanical code of the City of Westland and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Mechanical Code, as amended, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this article. The City of Westland specifically assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of the State Construction Code - Mechanical Code, as amended.

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. 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 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective December 3, 2007.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

Adopted: October 15, 2007
Effective: December 3, 2007

Publish: October 25, 2007

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Tell us your story and win copy of Linda Solomon's 'The Key' about celebrated people

In her new book, *The Key: Celebrated People Unlock the Secrets to Life*, Bloomfield Hills-based author and award-winning photojournalist Linda Solomon writes about the turning point in people's lives.

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* is giving away 10 autographed copies of Solomon's book to readers who write about or show (in a photograph) their personal key to courage, strength, faith and hope.

To enter, submit a 500-word essay or short story, a poem or photograph which describes courage, strength, or faith in your battle with cancer.

One top entry will also receive theater tickets and have his/her work published in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. The names of all winners will be published.

Deadline to submit a story, poem or photograph is 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Winners will be announced in the Nov.

15 edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Only one entry per person will be accepted for judging. E-mail all entries to Choya Jordan, marketing manager, at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.

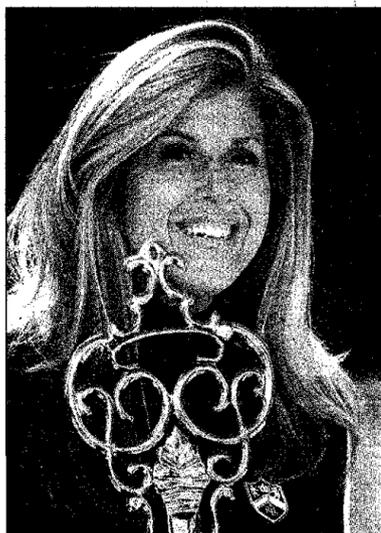
Entries must include name, address (include ZIP code), day and evening phone numbers. Photographs should be submitted in a jpg format as large as possible.

Solomon spent a year gathering quotes and carefully

selecting keys for her book. She collected quotes from actor Tim Allen and golf great Tiger Woods to journalist Katie Couric and author Elmore Leonard.

For more information or questions regarding the contest, contact Jordan at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.

Linda Solomon collected keys of all shapes and sizes for her new book, 'The Key: Celebrated People Unlock Their Secrets to Life.'



Parents invited to learn about college savings plan

A representative of the Michigan Education Trust (MET), the state's prepaid tuition program, and Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP), the state's college savings plan, will present a college savings seminar at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Cranbrook Educational Community, 39221 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. The seminar will be held in the Wenger Gymnasium of Kingswood School.

The college savings seminar is free of charge and open to parents, grandparents and guardians from the community who are looking for information on saving for college.

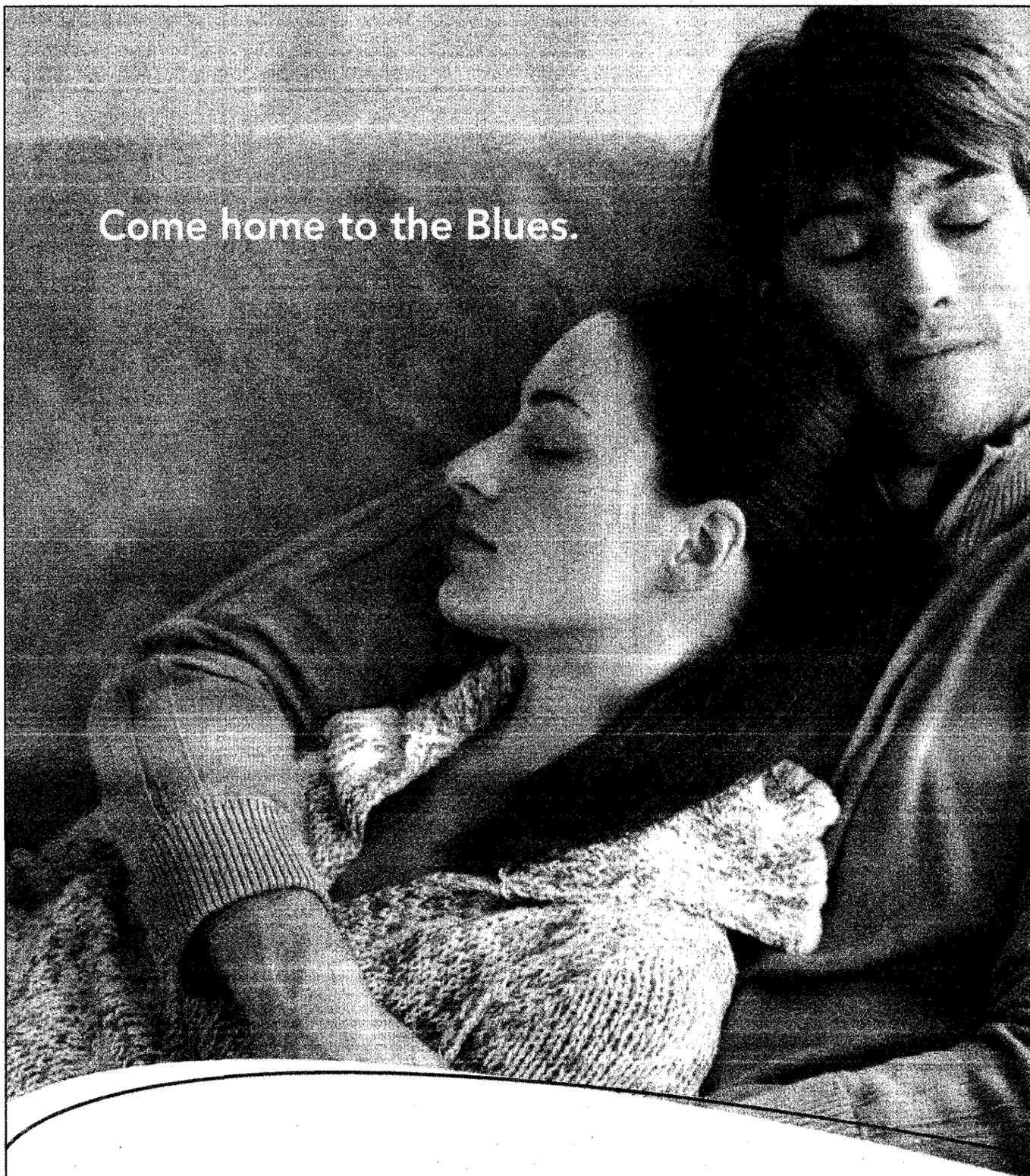
A college savings expert will illustrate a fail-safe way to take the guesswork out of saving for college tuition through the MET program. A MET contract is a guaranteed way to protect your savings against future tuition increases, because MET locks in tomorrow's tuition at today's rates. The advantages of establishing a 529 savings plan like MESP will also be discussed. MESP provides a way to start saving today to prepare for a child's tomorrow. When you contribute to MESP, your account earnings have the opportunity to grow federal and Michigan income tax-free.

For more information about the seminar, please call Cranbrook Educational Community at (248) 645-3630.

Since its debut in 1988 as the nation's first guaranteed tuition program, MET has sold more than 84,000 contracts with assets of nearly \$1 billion.

For more information about Michigan's college savings plans, visit www.SETwithMET.com (MET) or www.misaves.com (MESP), or call (800) MET-4-KID or (877) 861-MESP.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

OCTOBER

Lutheran laymen's convention

The Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention takes place Saturday, Oct. 27, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The

theme is Let Your Light Shine based on Matthew 5:16. Guest speaker Andrew T. Fitzgerald is Manager of International Volunteer Services in the International Ministries Division of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Registration begins at 8 a.m., worship at 9 a.m. followed by first convention session. An

afternoon session follows 12:15 p.m. luncheon. For information, call (734) 729-0306.

Rummage Sale

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27, in the fellowship hall at 39020 Five Mile, between

Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday.

Pentecostal revival

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 26-28, at the Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area in Livonia. Times are 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. Sunday with Evangelist Don McKenzie. The revival includes prayer for the sick and laying on hands to receive the Holy Ghost. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

Rummage/Bake sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities. For more information, call (734) 355-0497.

Hallelujah Festival

6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive (south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley) Canton. Come out for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate this alternative to Halloween! For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or send e-mail to info@CantonCF.org or www.CantonCF.org

Catholic women's conference

Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aod-womensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to A0Dwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

Tatry dancers

The PRCUA Tatry Dancers give their annual Graduate Presentation Dance Saturday, Oct. 27, at Robert Jones K of C Hall, 25160 W. Outer Drive, Lincoln Park. Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$40 per person. Must be purchased by Oct. 27. Call for information, call (313) 274-0183.

Music of the heart

Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents a musical celebration of well-known hymns written by Charles Wesley which have been sung for three centuries in honor of the 300th anniversary of the lyricist's birth 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in the church, 45201 N. Territorial, one mile east of Beck, Plymouth. No charge but a free-will offering will be received to benefit the church's noteworthy concert series and AIDS victims in Africa. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

Cantata Academy Chorale

This & That Amen concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 seniors/students, and can be purchased in advance or at the door (if available). Call (248) 358-9868 or visit www.cantataacademychorale.bravehost.com, or send e-mail to CantataAcademyChorale@msn.com.

180th anniversary celebration

First Baptist Church of Detroit is celebrating their 180th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the 11 a.m. worship service. All are welcome to join this festive occasion at the church, 21200 Southfield Road on the northbound service drive north of Eight Mile. Call (248) 569-2972 for more information.

Choir concert

The Contemporary Choir of Second Baptist Church celebrates its 21st anniversary with the theme: We've come this far by faith, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the church, 441 Monroe Ave., Detroit. For information, call (313) 961-0920.

Trunk or treat

6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in the parking lot at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. A safe activity where kids go from car trunk to car trunk seeing and hearing a Bible story and receiving candy. Come dressed in costume and bring your friends and neighbors. Adults, if you haven't signed up for a trunk and are interested in helping call the church. Candy is also needed for the trunks.

Celebrating the saints

Enjoy reflections on the saints of Livonia Catholic parishes and join together in solemn sung Evening Prayer celebrating the upcoming Feast of All Saints 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. The evening ends with a procession to the weekday chapel for the veneration of saint's relics. Reception follows in Bixman Hall. No charge. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

Jazz vesper service

7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28th in the Chapel at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Childcare will be provided through age 4. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken. A reception follows the concert. The service will feature the Brass Roots Trio and they will be presenting Reflections in Peace. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Pontifical visit

Of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch of Catholics of All Armenians Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, at St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Hrshapar Service followed by Armenian Heritage Collection Costume Show and Afterglow Coffee and Dessert in the Cultural Hall (no charge, children are encouraged to attend. Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Cultural Hall. Cost is \$55, children under age 18 \$25. Space is limited. For tickets, call (248) 569-3405.

Pumpkin patch

Continues to Oct. 31, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and closes at 8 p.m. both weekend days, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 626-3620. This year marks the 11th anniversary of Orchard's youth sponsored Pumpkin Patch Fund-raiser. Orchard United Methodist Church will once again receive several thousand pumpkins grown by Navajo Native Americans in New Mexico. Proceeds of the sale have traditionally been used to support the youth groups annual mission trip. For more information call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Pumpkin patch

The pumpkin patch of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church continues until Halloween, Oct. 31, at St. Matthew's, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Besides Michigan pumpkins, fall decorations will also be available. These include gourds, bales of straw, cornstalks, and decorated 1/4 and 1/2 bales of straw that have been treated to last six months. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Pumpkin fund-raiser

Get your pumpkins for missions 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 31, at Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, west of Newburgh on the north side, Livonia. Also, gourds, etc. for table decorations.

Heart quest

A series of seminars being broadcast worldwide, via satellite, started 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Cherry Hill SDA Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City. Topics include how to improve your life, find hope in a shaky world that seems on the verge of collapse, find true meaning for your life and reconciliation through the study of Bible truths.

F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

UPCOMING

Church fair

The 61st annual O Christmas Tree church fair 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 1-2, at First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square at Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road. Coffee shop opens at 9 a.m., a la carte luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., dinner served 5-7 p.m. (\$7.50 adults, \$3.50 children). Children activities 6-7:30 p.m. Fair features aprons, antique treasures, books, candy booth, boutiques, Christmas gifts, Country Store, decorations booth, pet shop, specialties booth, raffle and more. For more information, call (734) 729-7550.

Angel baby service

A special remembrance and healing service for parents grieving over the death of a baby takes place on All Saints Day 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Hope Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. All those who remember and grieve are invited to attend. There is no cost and no obligation of any kind. For more information, call (734) 425-7280.

Pasties sale

Timing orders during coffee hour Sundays, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, and by phone 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 6-7, pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Pasties are \$3.50 each, gravy also available. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

Upper Room Ministries

Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, beginning Nov. 4, in the school chapel at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford. Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. It is a non-denominational contemporary ministry. There will be prayer for the sick and hands laid on to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Music is contemporary in style. All faiths welcome to attend. For information, call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099.

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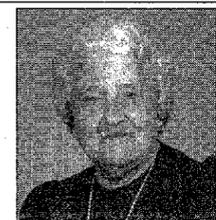
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ELMER H. FISCHER, JR.

Age 85, Livonia, MI. Died October 20, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington.

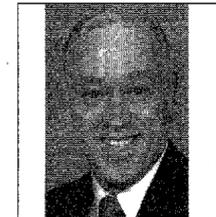
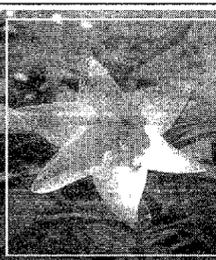
GENEVIEVE AVON ROOSE

Arrived at her heavenly home Wednesday, October 17, 2007. She was 90. Genevieve, formerly of Cadillac, lived near her daughter in Estes Park, CO for 7 1/2 years. Genevieve is survived by her children; Joe and Sharlene Roose of Westland, David and Cullann Roose of Cadillac, Julia and John Buller of Estes Park, CO., Paul and Linda Roose of Tustin; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; half sister Twila Carner of Sebring, Ohio and sister-in-law Sarah O'Nan of Clio. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Walter Roose; sister Juanita Huffman and half sister Marcheta Burgess. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday October 26, 2007 at the Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home in Cadillac. Visitation will be Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in LeRoy, MI. Further information is available online at www.hitesman-holdship.com.



PEARL WINSTON SMITH

Age 95, called home to be with her Lord on October 20, 2007. An avid Bible scholar, retired teacher with the Dearborn Public Schools, former officer of Alpha Delta Kappa, the professional teacher's sorority. Pearl was a native of Tennessee who moved to Michigan in the mid-1930's with her family. She received her B.S. and M.S. in Education from Wayne State University. Beloved wife of the late Raymond J. Smith, Pearl leaves behind a son Jerry (Sharon) Smith of Livonia and a daughter Sylvia (the late Robert) Kyle of Waterford, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A Funeral Service for Pearl was held on October 23 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Share a memory with her family at www.rgharris.com

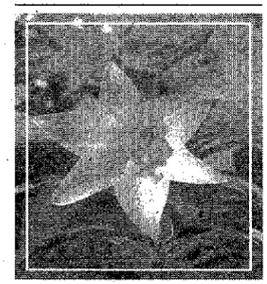


DON C. ALLEN

Age 68, of Northville, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2007. He was born on September 14, 1939 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, son of Forrest and Lida (Callen) Allen. He was united in marriage to Paulette A. George on August 7, 1965. Don proudly served in the United States Navy from 1957-1960 and in the Naval Reserves from 1960-1963. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Northville. Don was an avid reader and would often volunteer at the Northville Library. He enjoyed traveling with Nomad Travel Club. Some of his other interests included golfing, playing cards, and book collecting. He is survived by his beloved wife Paulette "Polly"; his loving children Brian (Nancy) Allen and Leslie (Matthew) Handyside; his dear sister Barbara (Delbert) Hannans; and his adoring grandchildren Callen and Oscar Handyside. He was preceded in death by his parents. A time of gathering will be held Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 1-3pm with a Memorial Service at 3pm at the First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile Road, Northville. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church or Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville (248) 349-0611.

SCOTT J. HANNA

Died October 17, 2007. Age 52, of Honor, formerly of Plymouth, died unexpectedly of natural causes Wednesday, October 17, 2007. Scott was born April 23, 1955 in Ypsilanti, the son of Jay and Nancy Hanna. Scott was a man who made it through many struggles to find true happiness. Scott enjoyed his life here in northern Michigan spending time on the Betsie or Crystal river fishing. Scott had a passion for art and showcased his talent painting many of the area's landscapes. Scott enjoyed hiking on several trails and adore his pal "Chip" his beagle. Scott will be missed. Scott is survived by his mother, Nancy (Martin) Keasal of Plymouth, a sister, Sue (Tim) Nichols of Glen Arbor, two brothers, Steve and Jay Hanna both of Nevada, as well as other loving family members and friends. Scott was preceded in death by his father, Jay, his grandparents and an aunt. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkoff Funeral Home. www.reynolds-jonkoff.com



JEAN MEIER

Age 72, October 19, 2007 of Venice, Florida, formerly of Commerce Township, Michigan. Beloved Wife of James Meier and the late Niels Johnson. Dear sister of Jerry (Virginia) Fallot. Loving mother of Martin (Roberta) Johnson, Stephen Johnson, Susan Johnson, Erik (Laura) Johnson and beloved Step Mother of Jimmy (Tina) Meier, Terry (Lindy) Meier. Cherished grandmother of six grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren. Loved and adored by friends and family and will be deeply missed by all. Memorials can be made in the name of Jean Meier to: Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 1115 Center Road, Venice Fl 34292 or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. TideWell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238.



BURNETTA B. FORBING

Age 95, of Plymouth, formerly of Huron County, MI, died October 22, 2007. She was born March 26, 1912, in Pinconning, Michigan. She worked at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, and Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon, MI. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. She loved making quilts and dolls. Her greatest love was her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Percy, (Electra) Forbing, Margaret Rogers, Frances (John) Loechner, Luella (Darrell) Brockwell, Agnes (Leon) Farver, Jerry (Judy) Forbing, Norma Moss, Marilyn (Tim) Yoe, Ruth (Ed) Holly, and James (Sally) Forbing; her daughter-in-law, Lynn Forbing; 66 grandchildren; 180+ great-grandchildren; 60+ great-great-grandchildren; and her brothers and sisters, Marion Helm, Robert LaLonde, Donald LaLonde, Valera Dubs, Shirley Kohl, Joseph LaLonde, Joyce Marchesi, Leona Hunroe, and Margie Royal. She is preceded in death by her husband, William; her children, Virginia (Lee) Gray, and William Forbing; and 10 brothers and sisters. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Thursday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Memorials may be made to Boysville, Holy Cross Children's Services Foundation, 8759 Clinton-Macon Road, Clinton, MI, 49236, or Mass offerings. Share memories or leave condolences at: www.schrader-howell.com

DONNA KATHLEEN FRENCH

Age 72, of Rochester Hills, formerly of Livonia. October 21, 2007. Loving mother of Diane (Paul) Johnson, Tim French, Amy (John) Page, and Michelle French. Grandmother of Abigail and Cameron. Sister of John (Patricia) Ausum, Janice (William) Thompson, Mary (the late James) Batcheller, James Ausum, and the late Paul Ausum. Also survived by her sister-in-law Nancy. Donna was the cook at St. Edith's Parish in Livonia for 23 years. She enjoyed playing the piano, saxophone, and teaching tennis for the Livonia Parks and Rec Funeral service Monday, October 29, 2007, 10am with an instate of 9:30am at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester. The family will receive friends Sunday 1-7pm with a 6pm Rosary at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. Interment Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Fiat Rock. Suggested memorials to St. Andrew's Senior Fellowship or the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Maryland. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhome.com



GEORGE J. VIVIER

Age 60, died in Paris October 16, 2007 of a sudden cerebral hemorrhage while on vacation with his wife. Beloved husband of Susan Kehoe of Bloomfield Hills. Proud father of Marie (Mark) Tabar of Waterford. Devoted son of Agnes (Pacion) Vivier and predeceased father George Vivier of Dearborn Heights. Grandfather of Sam, Abbie, Katie, Tommy and Emily Tabar. Brother of John (Judy) and Edward (Nancy). Uncle of Joe, Susie and Jim (Connie), great-uncle of Harrison. Stepfather of Mark (Sara) Nicholas and Tricia (Dave) Camilleri, step-grandfather of Michael. George graduated from Central Michigan University and worked as a Value Engineer at Chrysler for more than 20 years. He was previously married to Donna (Fiedor) Vivier. Visitation Thursday at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak: Private viewing for family from 12:00-1:00 p.m., public viewing from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with religious service beginning at 3:00 p.m. Dessert reception following. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for George's grandchildren's education fund. www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com



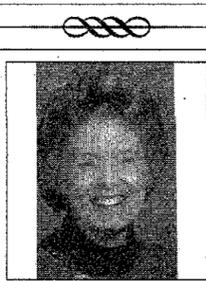
ARTHUR RAY MORROW

Age 94, of Pompano Beach, Florida passed away October 11, 2007. He was born March 28, 1913 in Coshocton, Ohio to the late Wilmer and Daisy (nee Strauss) Morrow. He met and married his loving wife of 75 years, Helen Lucille White and in 1948 moved from their home in Cambridge, Ohio to Michigan. During their years in Michigan, Arthur was the President and Chairman of the Board of Morenci Rubber Products in Morenci, Michigan. He also devoted much of this time to the Bloomfield Village Volunteer Fire and Police Department and retired as Fire Chief and Police Commissioner. Art was a lifetime member and P.E.R. of the BPOE Lodge #448, Cambridge, OH and an associate member of BPOE Lodge #1898, Pompano Beach. He received his Master Mason degree in 1952 and is a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner of Moslem Temple, Detroit, MI. In 1993, Arthur and Helen moved to Pompano Beach to retire and enjoy life. Those left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Helen, daughter, Jean (Richard) Black, son Mike (Midge) Morrow, grandchildren, Andy Morrow, Allison Morrow, Richard (Leigh Ann) Black, James Black and great grandchildren, Scott, Brian, Eric, Keith, Stephanie, Kristin and Cassandra Black. He was predeceased by his son, Tommy Ray Morrow in 1938. The family received friends Monday, October 15, 2007 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home North, 200 West Copans Road, Pompano Beach, FL where funeral services were held at 2:30pm.



RICHARD G. "Dick" MERRILL

Oct. 20, 2007, age 70 of Plymouth. Beloved father of Jeannine (Colin Baldwin) and Lisa (Bob Price). Very proud grandfather of Casey. Dear brother of Gloria, Barbara (Phil) Coates, Janet (Fred) Knight, Elizabeth (Bob) Willerer, and Bill (Janet). Dick grew up in the St. Francis de Sales Parish in N. W. Detroit. He retired from AT & T as a PBX installer with over 30 years of service. Mr. Merrill was an active volunteer with the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Team, an enthusiastic Amateur Radio Operator call sign KB8CFQ who often served as a severe weather spotter and a long time volunteer with the Plymouth Fire Department. He was also a member of the Western Wayne County Conservation Association (Black Powder enthusiast), Northville Moose Lodge #1190, Life member of the Elks Club, Northville VFW Post #412, American Legion Post #32, where he served on the Honor Guard as Quarter Master, and Wayne County Homeland Security-Radiological Officer. Funeral Service Thursday, 10 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Btwn Sheldon & Beck). Interment Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross-S.E. Michigan Chapter. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



EMMA CANFIELD

Age 98, formerly of Birmingham, died October 21 at her home in Annapolis, Maryland. Mrs. Canfield was born January 7, 1909, to Herman and Otilie Kennitz in the German-speaking settlement of Wolf Creek, Wilson Township, Alpena County, Michigan. At 14, she left her family's farm to attend high school. She lived and worked in the home of Frances Garvey, city editor for the Alpena News. Mrs. Canfield graduated from Alpena High School as valedictorian in 1927 and from Alpena County Normal in 1928. She taught in Long Rapids, Michigan, for two years. In 1933, she received her A.B. degree in modern languages from Michigan State Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University. Before marrying Howard L. Canfield in 1936, she taught high school German and English in Bucyrus, Ohio. During her husband's career with Detroit Edison, the Canfields lived in Grosse Pointe Farms, St. Clair, and Birmingham, Michigan. In 1962, they moved to Seoul, Korea, on a three-year assignment with the U. S. Agency for International Development. Later, they lived in South Vietnam and Saudi Arabia in conjunction with Mr. Canfield's work with Overseas Advisory Associates, a nonprofit corporation helping developing countries generate electrical power. Following her husband's death in 1992, Mrs. Canfield moved to the Ginger Cove retirement community in Annapolis. Mrs. Canfield served with the American Red Cross for more than 25 years as a bloodmobile volunteer and disaster worker in Michigan, in U.S. military hospitals in South Korea, and as a member of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter's board of directors. She taught English as a second language and was active as a church youth group and Girl Scout leader. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, and a founding member and past-president of the Plungers investment club. Surviving are two sons, Richard Canfield of Bozeman, Montana and James Canfield of Mason, New Hampshire; a daughter, Susan Canfield of Arnold, Maryland; a brother, Leonard Kennitz of Ossineke, Michigan; a sister, Eunice Nannberg of Sylvania, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Interment will be in Canfield Cemetery, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake at 445 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401 or www.hospicechesapeake.org

RELIGION

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Benefit

Jeremy Wagner Games Night Benefit: A Fun Filled Night Of Card Games & Mahjongg 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Temple Shir Shalom at Walnut Lake Road & Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Donation is \$25, 100 percent of proceeds go to the Jeremy Wagner Family. Jeremy is a West Bloomfield High School student with bone cancer. Light snacks available. Please send a donation made out to Jeremy Wagner and mail to 5025 West Pond Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. For information, call Lori Lieberman, (248) 892-3455, Franci Silver, (248) 505-9007, Julie Horn, (248) 914-7533, or Allison Berlin, (248) 770-4890.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland

(Continuing). The services are held at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio will preach the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www.westminsterconfession.org or call Humby at (937) 252-1156.

Alternative Christmas Fair

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission of \$1 will be charged at the door. Call the church at (248) 553-7170 for more information.

Course in Miracles

Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8: 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec.

15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.comm@hotmail.com.s

Sisterhood luncheon

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon is to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. In honor of Veteran's Day, the luncheon will have a Patriot theme from the food to the entertainment. In the spirit of the season, we are asking members to bring new items such as knit hats, gloves, socks, personal care items, and toys to be donated to those in need. For more information or to RSVP (by Nov. 1), call Esther Green at (248) 477-8974. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org.

Church concert series

Continues with the Schoolcraft College choral Union 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

Bazaar & mini cookie walk

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at St. Anne Catholic Church,

23310 Joy, a few blocks east of Telegraph, Redford. Use Joy entrance to Basement Hall. Proceeds go to School/Building Fund.

ONGOING

Sunday worship

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Fall worship schedule

Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m.

and includes simple worship and Holy Communion; adult Sunday school and Bible Cinema are at 9:30 a.m. nursery care provided. Worship and Sunday school for children through eighth grade is during the 10:30 a.m. hour. Nursery care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays we will be participating in community worship which includes everyone. Senior High youth are invited to meet 7 p.m. Sundays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Singers wanted

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

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael

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

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Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

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I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **982305**

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SBF, 28, mother of 3, dark complexion, 6'4", 120lbs, reddish brown hair, beautiful smile, seeks SM, 28-32, for friendship and possibly more. **2126022**

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DWCF, 70, 5'2", looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives and holding hands. **2111330**

TAKE A CHANCE

SWF, 25, 5'2", medium build, athletic, enjoys sports, working on cars, bowling, pool, Italian food, music, my dogs, having fun. Seeking outgoing, fun-loving guy to get to know, share fun. **2113228**

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OF SEEKING MR. RIGHT

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Bright, sexy, pretty, SF, 46, enjoys jogging, walking, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind, outgoing man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2123094**

HITHERE

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CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE

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SBF, 42, 5'3", 138lbs, medium complexion, easy on the eyes, curvaceous, intelligent, classy and educated, with a beautiful heart, seeking compatible man to share my life. **2118906**

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Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, outdoors, cooking, movies and creative LTRs. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities for friendship/SM. **2123071**

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each others company. **2121247**

NEW BEGINNINGS

Attractive, 5'5", mid 50s, lady, with many interests, seeks mature man, with a SOH, and a warm smile, friend, companion, 60+, all serious replies answered. **2123677**

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

SWF, 66, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a W/M, 65-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. **21207161**

COULD U BE THE ONE 4 ME?

Active SWF, 5'2", blonde, fun-loving, nurse likes boating, traveling, sports, dancing and dining, seeking a SWM, 70-78, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. **2121724**

WILD AND SOPHISTICATED

Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplifting. **40-50**. **21147058**

CLASSY LADY

SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. **2120605**

LOOKING FOR ME?

SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. **2116297**

BUSY GIRL

Very cute 46-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5', 115lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. **2120116**

LOOKING FOR ME?

SBF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with grown son like walks, movies, dinners, park, music. Seeking BM, 36-55, for friendship, possible romance. **2120303**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

SBF, 27, self-sufficient, up front and real seeks employed, respectful, nice man independent and not about games, to get to know and have a good time. **2121868**

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 62, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **21230808**

HELLO GENTLEMAN

SBF, 36, 5'2", 138lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? **212418**

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Attractive SWF, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality, Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-58, for fun, friendship, date, etc. **2122242**

HARD-WORKING, HONEST, RESPECTFUL, AMBITIOUS,

attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free, in search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. **2126358**

GOOD TIMES

SF, 65, employed, outgoing, honest and fun-loving, Libra, wishing to meet a southern gentleman, social drinker with good sense of humor, to share all life offers. **2122704**

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SBF, 19, full-figured, 5'4", caramel complexion looking for a good man to enjoy talks, hang out with and just get to know. **2123030**

FUN AND SIMPLE

SBF, 19, dark complexion, arty, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. **2122893**

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

N/SF, 59, 5'4", easy on the eyes, tall-fingered, nice personality, D/D-free, enjoys camping, music, football, casinos, cooking and much more. ISO god-natured SWM, 55-71, with same interests. **2122952**

READ THIS AD!

SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. **184114**

POSSIBLE LTR

SWFP, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **2129381**

DO YOU EXIST?

DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. **2120296**

MAYBE US?

Sociable, employed SF, 59, enjoys family, friends, camping, sailing, boating, water, travel, reading, quiet times, live music and more. Looking for family-oriented gentleman with a zest for life. **2119636**

COULD IT BE YOU?

Employed SWF, 50, 5'3", blond/hazel enjoys day trips, quiet times, getaways, sightseeing, window shopping, trying new restaurants, moonlight strolls. Seeking like-minded gentleman who would appreciate the same. **2127075**

HOW ARE YOU?

SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. **2120770**

LET'S TALK

SBF, 53, 4'11", like romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. **180972**

DO YOU KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded, SF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2126370**

LET'S MEET

SBF, curly, sho pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SM, 48-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. **2120587**

WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, SM, 57-60, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2127234**

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, very feminine, attractive, self-home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. **2110247**

TRY ME

SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times. **2121013**

ILL MAKE U SMILE

Loving, open-minded, compassionate SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/HM, to share friendship, fun times, talks laughs a little romance and see what happens next. **212804**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SM, 45-60, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **2128574**

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER

SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. **2122494**

VERY CUTE

SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, very feminine, attractive, self-employed, seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **2129259**

I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming W/F, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2126959**

UNLADY OF A LITTLE

strangeness. Outgoing, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. **2125816**

ATTRACTIVE SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2120879**

LET'S TALK

SF, 31, 5'9", brown/blue, Pisces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. **2113920**

NO DRAMA

SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. **172728**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, outdoor at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **2126218**

SEEKING A TRUE HEART

SM, 44, self-employed, honest and hard-working, modest and humble, loves music, long walks, parks, movies, dinners, plays. Seeking a kind, like-minded woman to share companionship, happiness, maybe love. **2121534**

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **21264501**

SELF-EMPLOYED

SHM, 6'2", 155lbs, enjoys the arts and more. Would like to meet someone with the same interests. **2123914**

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest, S/D, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2126948**

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE

DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lives daily adventures. **2148279**

MAYBE IT'S YOU

Affectionate DW/M, 57, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings; ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. **2120968**

SOMEONE 2 TALK 2

SBM, 5'6", enjoys swimming, basketball, movies and hanging out with friends, seeking a woman, 18-30, attractive, to get to know, maybe LTR if compatible. **2120356**

GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

Cool, classy, attractive SWM 50s, HIV+ seeks special lady for dating and possible LTR. **2125509**

TALL ATHLETIC

SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degree, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. **2121328**

HANDSOMELY HUMBLE

SBPM, 43, 5'11", 215lbs, HW proportionate, respectful gentleman, looking for professional SF, 30-45, N/S, for LTR. **2127139**

LIFE IS BEST SHARED

Secure, employed, kind, seeks similar lady who likes sports, theater, romance, to share the finer things in life, laughter and anything that comes our way. **2123558**

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicly, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. **21200459**

WANTS A LADY TO LOVE

SWM, 47, 5'10", 170lbs, N/S, sincere, loyal, honest and warm-hearted, enjoys dining out, walks, the zoo and weekend getaways, looking for LTR with sincere, sweet woman. **2121715**

OUTGOING, HONEST, SPONTANEOUS MAN, 43, FATHER,

looking for easygoing, fun-loving, affectionate woman, 25-49, for dating, fun times and see where it goes. **2123058**

LOOK NO FURTHER

SBM, 43, 5'11", 190lbs, N/S, N/D, d/d-free, attractive, honest, independent, open for activities. Seeking SBF, 20-35,

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Patriots make postseason fray as 5-4 at-large

Join Stevenson, Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

There was plenty of joy to be spread around on 31000 Joy Road early Sunday evening when it was announced that Livonia Franklin was the last team to make the 256-school field for the MHSAA football playoffs.

The 5-4 Patriots, who won five out of their last six games after an 0-3 start, can now start the season with a clean slate and atone for a disappointing start as an underdog Friday at 8-1 Monroe, guided by former Livonia Clarenceville coach Greg Hudkins, who led the Trojans (and Tim Shaw) to the 2001 Division 5 state championship game.

Franklin qualifying as an at-large, made it three Livonia public schools in the tournament, first in the district's history.

The Patriots, earning their third playoff appearance, are joined in the Division 1-Region 4 bracket by 9-0 Livonia Stevenson, the Western Lakes champions who capped their first undefeated regular season since 1976 with a 14-0 triumph last Friday at Brighton. The Spartans will host 6-3 Plymouth of the WLAAs Western Division this Friday.

And not to be outdone is Livonia Churchill (7-2), which earned its third playoff berth in school history. The Chargers, who went to the Region finals in 2004, open Friday on the road against Kensington Valley Conference co-champion Novi (8-1).

What contributed to these teams making it a clean Livonia sweep into the playoffs?

Here is a closer look:

Spartans' leader: York

Nobody has made a bigger impact this season for the undefeated Spartans than 5-foot-10, 154-pound senior free safety Pat York, who practically has become a coach on the field.

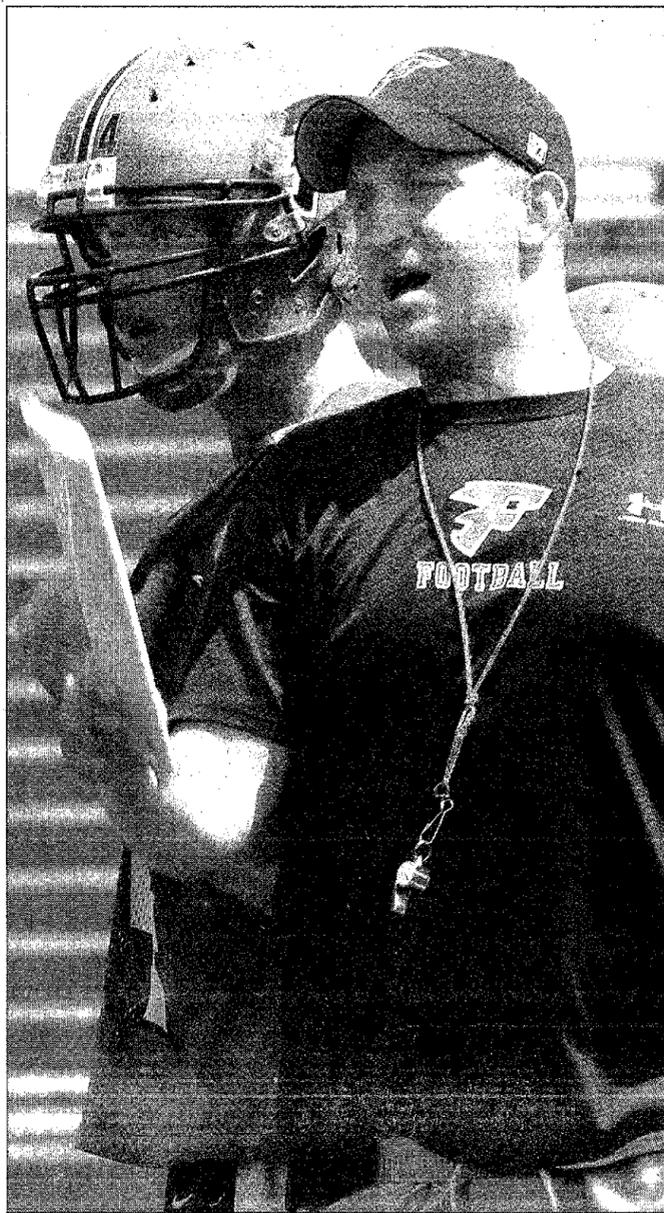
"He really understands what we're trying to do game-wise," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "He knows formations and tendencies. He calls our defense. He gets everyone in position."

York stages his own weekly meetings for the defense at his house.

"He's taken it to a whole different level," Gabel said. "There's been very few kids that I've had like him. He's taken over the preparation for the whole defense and it gives him an edge."

York made quite a splash last season during his first year on the varsity, earning All-WLAA honors and first-team All-Observer accolades. He was the Spartans' leading tackler as a junior. He picked off five passes and had five breakups.

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin coach Chris Kelbert was pleased his team made the playoffs as an at-large with a 5-4 record. The Patriots open Division 1-Region 4-District 2 action Friday at Monroe.

PLAYOFF PREVIEW

CHURCHILL (7-2) AT NOVI (8-1)

Novi's key players: Mark Heard, Sr. QB (70-of-130 for 1,080 yards, 12 TDs through eight games); Arshun Hall, Sr. RB (over 1,000 yards rushing); Tyler Hoover, Sr. DE-OT (6-7, 250; committed to MSU); Brendan Murphy, Sr. MLB; Garrett Green, Jr. DB; Brandon Bradford, Jr. WR (30 catches for 447 yards and 6 TDs through eight games); Brandon Bryant, Jr. DB.

Novi coach Tab Kellepourey: "Our defense has been a difference maker all season. When we had to get off the field and get the ball to our offense we've been able to make plays. (Tyler) Hoover has been a fine player. He's tremendous and has made plays all year. Kellepourey on Churchill: "They're well coached, starting with their special teams. Defensively they're solid. They use their hands well and they can move. They have a couple of good running backs. What we'll see is what we see in our league."

Churchill coach John Filitrat on the Wildcats: "Offensively they're balanced. I'd say 50-50 run-pass. Their quarterback (Heard) has shown poise. He's pretty athletic, a guy who can run and throw. They have a good back in Arshun Hall. He seems to have an extra gear when he has space. Defensively they're fast a sound, a good team. The best compliment I can say about them is they've won a bunch of close games and found a way to win. Tab (Kellepourey) has done a great job, there's a lot of continuity in their program. They have a lot of experience. They've been able to go deep into the playoffs."

FRANKLIN (5-4) AT MONROE (8-1)

Monroe's key players: Jessie Johnson, Sr. RB (106-for-638 rushing); Brandyn Harris, Sr. RB (69-for-622 rushing); 15 catches for 353 yards; Willie Johnson, Sr. QB (50-for-91 passing, 822 yards; 12 TDs; 3 INTs.); John Carabino, Sr. RB-WR (18 catches for 269 yards); John Duffey, Jr. MLB (5-6, 190, leading tackler, Regional Golden Gloves champ); Ben Notario, Jr. LB-FB (second leading tackler; 10 TDs).

Monroe coach Greg Hudkins: "We feel we have three good running backs. Our defense has allowed us to take chances. We have a small offensive line by our standards. If they try and take something away, we feel it will leave something else open. We pursue to the ball well and we're aggressive. They understand schemes and this is the fastest (defense) we've had as a unit."

Hudkins on the Patriots: "They're a good team, well coached. The strength is their defense. They get after it well. They're tough kids. I like their quarterback (Jesse Carpenter), he makes plays for them. And it seems their running back (Coe) Kelly is getting back to speed."

Franklin coach Chris Kelbert on the Trojans: "They (Monroe) are very good, bigger and faster than they look on film. They remind me of a (Westland) John Glenn team - a killer defense, very aggressive, hard-hitting, blitzing from all different angles."

PLYMOUTH (6-3) AT STEVENSON (9-0)

Plymouth's key players: Myron Puryear, Sr. RB (over 1,000 yards rushing); Kyle Wallath, Sr. Safety; Connor Martin, Jr. LB; Mike Hanchett, Sr. WR; Ronnie Gobbe, Jr. DE-TE; Matt Skubik, Jr. QB. Stevenson coach Tim Gabel on Plymouth: "Offensively they have the ability to be balanced. They have a lot of skill players. Puryear (Myron) has torn up people all season. Defensively they use a 4-3 (alignment) with a lot of overshift. They're very aggressive and their linebackers play downhill. Their free safety (Wallath) is in on a lot of tackles. He has great playmaking ability."

Sidelines

Blazer run 3rd

Livonia Ladywood finished third in Saturday's Catholic League girls cross county championships held at Stoney Creek Metropark.

The Blazers, scoring 66 points, placed third behind Dearborn Divine Child (48) and Warren Regina (56).

Three Ladywood harriers made All-Catholic (top 15) including third place finisher Megan Yanik, who was clocked in 20 minutes, 48 seconds for the 5,000-meter race. She was joined by Amanda Field (13th) and Julia Kenney (14th) with times of 21:14 and 12:18, respectively.

Other Ladywood scorers included Beck Babon, 16th (21:47) and Cathy Wojtanowski, 20th (22:00).

Non-scorers included Emily Bambach, 29th (22:40), and Laura Bou-Maroun, 33rd (22:51).

College swim note

University of Illinois-Chicago senior Andrea Giczewski was named Horizon League Female Swimmer of the Week (Oct. 17) as she kicked off the dual-meet season against Eastern Illinois with wins in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles in (24.8) and 53.83, respectively. She also anchored the Flames' victorious 200 medley relay team.

MU Classic moved

Water damage to the Madonna University Activities Center floor has caused the 2007 Crusader Classic women's volleyball tournament to be moved to two different venues Friday and Saturday.

The Crusaders will take on Walsh (Ohio) University at 3 p.m. and NAIA No. 6-ranked National American (S.D.) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Fieldhouse.

MU will take on NAIA No. 4-ranked Biola (Calif.) at 10 a.m. and Lee University (Tenn.) at 3 p.m., both at Livonia Stevenson High School.

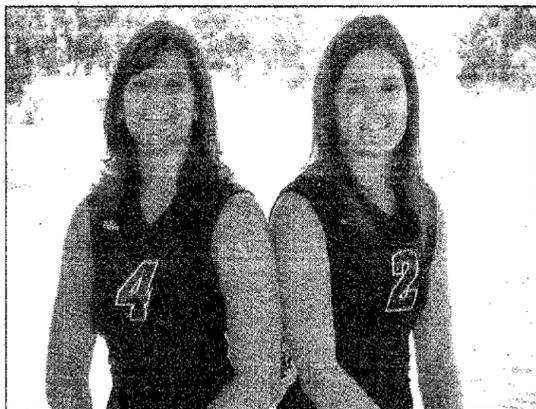
MU seniors going out in style

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Two key members of Madonna University's women's volleyball team were honored before Tuesday's "Senior Night" match at the activities center. But Jacqui Gatt and Amy Szymanski can't believe four seasons have flown by so quickly.

"It feels like yesterday (that) I was a freshman sitting behind a cast of All-Americans," said Gatt, a Livonia Churchill alum who this week was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Libero of the Week. "These four years have been wonderful and I would have never traded them for anything."

Concurring was Redford native and Livonia Ladywood product Szymanski, who recently said she felt "very honored" to be part of the Crusaders during a period of big-time success under the



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Two Observerland players integral to Madonna University's volleyball success, Jacqui Gatt (left) and Amy Szymanski, played their final game at the MU Activities Center Tuesday night.

watch of head coach Jerry Abraham. With another win Tuesday against Davenport, Madonna is on target for yet another WHAC title, 11-2 and

sitting atop the conference. The team is 25-8 overall.

"I realize that very few people

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Northville goes OT to oust Stevenson in 'District of Death'

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Area coaches billed it "The District of Death."

And the latest state-ranked casualty Saturday afternoon was No. 2 Livonia Stevenson, which lost in the Division 1 district championship final in overtime to host Northville, 2-1.

Doug Beason's goal with 3:09 left in the first 15-minute OT settled the outcome and moved the 16-1-5 and fourth-ranked Mustangs into Tuesday's regional semifinal at Stevenson to face 22-1 Dearborn.

Stevenson, which posted back-to-back district 2-0 triumphs over state-ranked

BOYS SOCCER

Canton and Salem, bows out at 18-2 overall.

The lightning-quick Beason found an opening on the right side of Stevenson defense and slid a shot past Stevenson goalkeeper Conner Burton from 15 yards out for the game-winner.

"We knew about Northville's speed coming in and we knew it was not going to be easy," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "We did not play well individually or well enough as a team to the level we've played all year. We did not play soccer."

"We did not have the ball enough for things to go our

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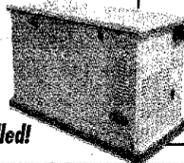
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This year, he has 57 tackles (second on the team) with seven interceptions and five knockdowns.

"Pat has pretty good speed, he's a 6-foot high jumper in track and plays basketball," Gabel said. "His brother Alex played for us last year. He was undersized, too, but a tough football player as well."

Gabel remembers York making an impact during his freshman and sophomore seasons. "I noticed him on the JV team as a hitter, undersized, but gutsy," the Stevenson coach said. "He was able to shine, but he was underweight and I wondered if he could play like that right away at the varsity level."

"But he's so football smart and it did not take long for him to become our free safety," York leads by example as the Spartans' captain. He's also a well-round individual, a member of Stevenson's student government.

"He understands what it is to be intense and focused, everyday in practice, he's all business," Gabel said. "He delivers big this, just a very tough kid who loves contact. He has too much fun playing."

Chargers' "D" gems

With the exception of one game this season, a 37-3 loss to Stevenson, Livonia Churchill's defense has been sterling.

The Chargers have only given up 116 points, with an average yield just slightly under 10 points per game for the eight other games.

"You never know for sure going into the season, but I certainly thought we had the makings of a good defense," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "Our question marks were strong safety and the two outside linebacker positions, but things panned out."

"The only team to heat us up this year is Stevenson, otherwise we've held down some pretty good players."

Senior strong safety Ryan Dolan, who stands only 5-6 and weighs 170 pounds, has been a playmaker all season for the Chargers, while Danny Small (5-8, 172), Max DiCiccio (5-9, 235) and Ferndale transfer Darius Miller-Wells (6-0, 205) "have just played great" at the outside linebacking spots, according to Filiatraut.

The team's leading tackler is 5-10, 210-pound junior linebacker Devin Moynihan, who has registered over 20 tackles in three different games. Meanwhile, the secondary is anchored by seniors Ryan Whittum (6-1, 187) and Daran Carey (5-7, 142).

So how does this defense

compare to the 2004 Regional finalist team, led by state wrestling champion Manuel Schubert (now at Lehigh)?

"I think we're faster this year, we have more team speed," Filiatraut said. "In '04 we may have been a little nastier and we had such a good secondary. But Whittum and Carey have been great for us this year."

Churchill's task this Friday will be to limit Novi's big-play capability, led by running back Arshaun Hall, who has rushed for over 1,000 yards.

"We have our work cut out for us," Filiatraut said. "But we've been pretty resilient. I'm not worried about the effort because they work hard and play hard."

Pats' Carpenter excels

It's safe to say Jesse Carpenter pretty much saved Franklin's football season after an 0-3 start, not to mention a slew of injuries which included returning starting running backs Cole Kelly and David Fortin.

But Carpenter, the senior quarterback, never wavered throughout a trying season. He has already thrown for a school-record 1,822 yards, breaking Matt McCullough's 2005 mark of 1,650 (in 11 games). The stocky 5-11, 175-pound senior has completed 58 percent of his passes while throwing 14 touchdowns with just seven interceptions.

"That's a pretty good ratio as many times as he's thrown," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "He's become the our MVP on the offensive side of the ball. He's been a leader of this senior group since they were elementary school kids. They go where he goes."

Carpenter also punts and kicks for the Patriots. He has booted four field goals. "He's a great athlete, a good baseball player," Kelbert said. "He's given us an opportunity when we've needed to throw minus the running game."

Carpenter also has a little Jon Kitna in him, not afraid to take a lick while scrambling for the first down stick. "Sometimes I think he's almost too aggressive," Kelbert said. "He wants to be physical. He plays free safety when we've had to use him."

Carpenter's leadership qualities are also what sets him apart. "Jesse just goes about his business, no highs or lows," Kelbert said. "He's stayed very composed throughout the season. He can be very talkative and he's a personable kid, but he's not a rah-rah guy. And off the field he's a pretty good citizen."

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Lutheran Westland triumphs, just misses state playoff bid

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

Oh, so close, but yet so far. Lutheran High Westland's football team capped a 5-4 season Saturday afternoon at home with a 16-14 Metro Conference football victory over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Warriors, who just missed getting in the MHSAA playoffs as a Class D at-large team, also reclaimed the traveling piece of hardware called "Rusty," which hadn't been in their possession since the 2004 season.

Five 5-4 at-large teams qualified for the 256-school postseason field, which includes eight divisions. Fowler, with a 42.334 playoff average, earned the Class D spot, while the Warriors were next in line at 41.556.

Despite not gaining an at-large spot, Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse' was pleased with his team's 2007 showing. "With a break or two we could have been there," said Guse', whose team finished 4-3 in the Metro. "This is the first

winning season in 10 years and only the third in the school's history. It's a great group of (14) seniors. It's sad it ended because they played better each week. To be the smallest school in the conference and finish fourth says something. We got it together and I'm happy for them. It's one of the best groups I've had."

After their first two drives stalled inside Northwest's 5-yard line, the Warriors' defense got two points on the board to open the second quarter when Sam Ahlersmeyer (12 tackles), Ryan Richter and Steve Kemp (five tackles) combined to tackle Crusaders' running back Matt Rolf for a safety.

Lutheran Westland scored on the ensuing drive after the Northwest free kick as Ethan Haller, who rushed for 102 yards on 21 carries, scored on a 2-yard touchdown run. Bill Meier converted the extra point to make it 9-0.

Northwest (2-7, 2-5)

answered with an 85-yard, 15-play drive capped by Nate Myers' 10-yard TD followed by Anthony Claxton's run for the two-pointer, cutting the deficit to 9-8 with 1:14 to play in the half.

With 9:24 left in the third period, Meier connected with Haller on a 31-yard TD pass and added the extra point to push Lutheran Westland's lead to 16-9.

Rolf's 28-yard halfback pass to Jornell Jones with 6:59 to go in the third pulled the Crusaders to within two. But Northwest failed to convert the two-point run as Ahlersmeyer and Troy Golze (six tackles) combined on the stop.

Lutheran Westland outgained Northwest in total offense, 314-188, and in first downs, 12-10.

Meier was 4-of-8 for 88 yards and added 66 yards rushing on five carries.

The Warriors lost two fumbles, while Northwest gave up one (recovered by Eric Shoats).

C'ville drops finale

Rob Freeman completed

6-of-9 passes for 65 yards and two touchdowns Saturday as Clawson defeated host Livonia Clarenceville in a Metro Conference game, 28-13.

Dushawn Brandy also scored a pair of TDs for the victorious Trojans, who finish 5-4 overall and 5-2 in the Metro.

Clarenceville (1-8, 1-6) trailed 13-6 at halftime.

Quarterback Leonard Hogan scored on 1-yard sneak in the second period and Jeremy Gainer added a 6-yard TD run in the final quarter.

Brad Pozniak rushed for a team-high 65 yards on 15 carries. Hogan and Gainer combined for 3-of-7 passing for 33 yards and an interception.

Clarenceville also lost two fumbles.

Gainer was Clarenceville leading tackler with 10. The free safety had a total of 93 on the year with nine forced fumbles and four interceptions. He also figured in 11 TDs offensively, eight rushing and three passing.

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way. And when the ball is in your end long enough, they (Northville) are going to score. They're too good a team. I have to compliment their (Northville's) midfield. Ours is right up there, too, but it's the best in the state with Cheslik and Latif (Alashe)."

Stevenson led 1-0 at halftime on Chris Long's goal with 6:47 left off a high floater served into the box by teammate Nate Sergison that Northville goalkeeper Albert Kief misjudged.

"Our whole quote during the week was that it was 'our destiny' to win the district," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "We did not get down after that goal. It was not pretty goal, just a miscommunication in the back, but it was still a goal."

Northville, getting sterling play in the middle from junior Latif Alashe and Jeff Cheslik, took advantage of the second-half wind and pressed the Spartans continually.

And with only 15:15 remaining in regulation, Cheslik was fouled in the box and Masato Morioka converted the penalty kick to square the count at 1-all, forcing the game to go into OT.

Northville successfully kept the ball away during the second half from the feat of Stevenson's two major playmakers, Brian Klemczak and Adrian Fylenenko, the latter of whom was marked by John Donikian.

"We knew they (Stevenson) wanted the ball to go through Adrian and wanted to go to the midfield," Klimes said. "And we also wanted to stymie (Joey) D'Agostino and Klemczak. We wanted to keep the ball in the midfield and they (Stevenson) wanted to bypass the midfield."

Last year, Stevenson made it all the way to the state championship game before losing to Traverse City West, 1-0. This year's run stops in the district final.

"Overall there were a lot of positives considering our inexperience to win 18 and losing only twice," Richters said. "And to give up only six goals in 20 games, which is a Division 1 record I believe, is certainly something I'll mention at the (postseason) banquet. But I'd trade it all to be practicing again on Monday, and to play a (regional) home game on Tuesday."

Northville earned its first district title since 2003, the second under Klimes, now in his 13th season.

"It was a great battle of two good soccer teams," the Mustangs' coach said. "We play more of a possession game. It's two different styles. Overall it was a solid game for us up-and-down. It's a shame one of us gets knocked out in a district instead of it being in a regional final or even state semifinal. Hats off to them (Stevenson), they're a great team."

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Franklin subdued in district final, 3-0

BOYS SOCCER

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's "extended" boys soccer season came to a halt last Friday night in the Division 1 district championship final at Grosse Pointe South.

Junior Christopher Thomas scored a pair of goals and added one assist as the host Blue Devils ousted the Cinderella Patriots, 3-0.

Junior Brian Auty also chipped in with a goal and assist.

Franklin finishes its season at 5-15-1 overall, while 14-8-1 South advanced to Tuesday's regional semifinal at Livonia Stevenson to face Saline. (The other regional semifinal pitted Northville against Dearborn.)

The Blue Devils scored goals in the 11th minute (by Auty) and 18th minute (by Thomas).

Thomas then added an unassisted goal in the 89th minute.

The Patriots received a strong performance from goalkeeper Brad Mangune, along with defenders Travis Matthey, and Steve Trapp, who played sweeper.

Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos also sang the praises of midfielders Ryan Matthey and Joel Boettcher, along with forward Zain Qureshi.

"I thought all our guys on the field stepped up," Rodopoulos said. "As a team we came out a little flat, but we had opportunities. We just didn't put it in the back of the net. We had good movement and had quality shots."

Baptist propels Schoolcraft to 4-0 women's soccer win

Plymouth High School alum Clare Baptist scored a hat trick Saturday, pacing Schoolcraft College to a 4-0 women's soccer victory over host Adrian.

Baptist, a freshman forward, took a feed from freshman midfielder Ally King to put the NJCAA third-ranked Lady Ocelots (13-1-0) on the scoreboard.

Schoolcraft tacked on two more tallies before halftime. The first was an unassisted marker from Baptist, and freshman midfielder Sam Harrington scored on a play set up by sophomore forward Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin).

Schoolcraft tacked on a goal in the second half, with Baptist completing her hat-trick. Drawing the helper was sophomore forward/midfielder Megan McCabe.

Stopping all 11 shots for the shutout was sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Tuggle (Livonia Ladywood).

The Lady Ocelots are wrapping up the regular season with road contests Wednesday and Saturday against Rochester College (Mich.) and Cincinnati State, respectively.

Schoolcraft men split

On Oct. 17, the Schoolcraft's men's soccer team nipped

Macomb 2-1 in overtime, but dropped a 1-0 heartbreaker Saturday against Lakeland CC (Ohio).

In the win over the Monarchs, Livonia Stevenson alums Louie Djokic and Nick Dordesk scored for the Ocelots. Goalkeeper Chris Riley made three saves for the win.

The conference champion Ocelots (13-3-2, 7-0-0 in the MCCA-Eastern Conference) visited Delta Wednesday and will face Owens (Ohio) 3 p.m. Saturday in a NJCAA Region XII contest.

MU women fall, 1-0

On Oct. 17, the Madonna

University women's soccer team finished the regular season with a 1-0 loss at Siena Heights University in Adrian.

Amanda Marinello's chip shot over MU goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) in the 84th minute proved to be the difference.

On Wednesday, fourth-seeded MU (8-6-2, 7-4-1) took on top seed Aquinas (14-3, 10-2) in the semifinals of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs. The winner faces either Davenport (4-11-1, 3-8-1) or Cornerstone (10-4-2, 7-3-2) on Saturday for the WHAC crown with the highest seed hosting.

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are lucky enough to have the opportunity to play volleyball for a successful program and have the opportunity to receive the degree they want in school," Szymanski said. "Since I've been here for four years, I have had the time to learn the expectations of the coaches and program and improve each year within the same system."

Other players might have received the flashbulbs, but the defensive energy and court savvy demonstrated by Gatt and Szymanski over their MU tenure have provided the hub of the wheel as it rolled on to conference championships and national achievement.

"They're awesome kids, they're awesome seniors and they really sort of define what Madonna volleyball is all about, with their kind of character, attitude and intensity," said Abraham following the 30-17, 30-20,

30-13 win over Davenport. "I'm going to miss them dearly."

Gatt and Szymanski, both senior co-captains, are just as proud about being positive role models to younger teammates as they are about wins and losses and hope those girls will follow their examples after they graduate.

"I just hope the younger girls understand the amount of dedication it takes to be a part of the team," Gatt noted. "It's not only the four months during the season, but it's the other eight months out of the year. They have to have it in their hearts to compete at this level."

Szymanski, a defensive specialist, said she hoped she was "able to set an example for the other players regarding the hard work, respect and dedication needed year-round. I learned this work ethic from former players and I hope that I have passed it on to others."

They offer plenty of inspiration on the floor, too. Gatt started at libero all 141

games in 2006 and earned first-team honors from both the WHAC and region. She also recorded 622 digs, the most by any Crusader in a season.

(Incidentally, Gatt is eyeing sports management as one career path but also loves coaching at the high school level, something she had to give up after the state moved prep volleyball from winter to fall.)

As for Szymanski, who is looking to enter the nursing field after graduation, she tallied 264 digs (a career high) and 38 aces as well as being named to the WHAC Champion of Character team. In addition, she was a 2006 Daktronics National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics scholar athlete.

After leaving Madonna, no matter how busy Gatt and Szymanski intend to be, they will always be Crusaders through and through.

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Ladywood edged in field hockey

Whitney Baubie scored the game-winning goal in the second half Tuesday as Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett edged host Livonia Ladywood, 1-0, in a Division II Michian High School Field Hockey League match.

Ladywood goalie Sara Burnosky made 10 saves in the setback as the Blazers fall to 4-6-4 overall and 1-5-2 in Division II.

First-place Liggett improved to 12-1-1 overall and 12-0 in Division II.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
DIVISION I
 (Region 4-District 1)
 Plymouth (6-3) at Stevenson (9-0), 7 p.m.
 Churchill (7-2) at Novi (8-1), 7 p.m.
 (Region 4-District 2)
 Franklin (5-4) at Monroe (8-1), 7 p.m.

DIVISION 2
 (Region 4-District 2)
 Pittsford (7-2) vs. Red. Covenant (7-2) at Livonia Franklin H.S., 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 25
 Inter-City Baptist at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
 WLAA Tournament at Churchill, 8 a.m.
 Temperance-Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 Metro Tourney at Clarenceville, 2:30 p.m.
 UM-Dearborn Tournament, TBA.

REGIONAL BOYS SOCCER PAIRINGS
DIVISION I
at LIVONIA STEVENSON
Saturday, Oct. 27: Championship Final, 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals)
Wednesday, Oct. 31 at a site to be determined vs. Host regional champion.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS
Saturday, Oct. 27
 Division 2 & 4 at Springfield Oaks, 8 a.m.
 Division 1 at Schoolcraft College, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Oct. 25
 Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Monroe St. Mary CC at Livonia Comm. Recreation Center, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Oct. 26
 (Crusader Classic at UM-Dearborn)
 Madonna vs. Walsh (Ohio), 3 p.m.
 Madonna vs. National American, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
 (Crusader Classic at Stevenson H.S.)
 Madonna vs. Biola (Calif.), 10 a.m.
 Madonna vs. Lee (Tenn.), 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 27
 Schoolcraft at Owens Tech (Ohio), 11 a.m.
 (WHAC Playoff Semifinals)
 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 27
 Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 27
 MCCA-Region 12 meet at Lansing CC, noon.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Oct. 26
 Whalers at London Knights, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
 Whalers at Niagara Ice Dogs, 7:05 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.



GLIAC's best

Area runners figured prominently in Saturday's Great Lakes Intercollegiate men's and women's cross country championships hosted by Mercyhurst College and Gannon University in Erie, Pa. Grand Valley State University captured both the men's and women's team titles. GVSU junior Kelly Gibbons of Livonia Stevenson (second from right) finished runner-up in the women's 6-kilometer race in 22:35.17. She was joined on the All-GLIAC team by teammate Megan Macerati (far right), a freshman from Livonia Churchill, who took sixth in 22:50.27. Also earning All-GLIAC honors was Northwood University sophomore Kylen Cieslak (second, from left) of Churchill, who placed 13th in 23:21.22. Also competing in the race was GVSU junior Sarah Kulczyk (third from left) of Stevenson, who took 19th in 23:41.57, and Saginaw Valley State junior Nicole Schmidt (far left) of Churchill, who placed 46th in 24:38.57. On the men's side, Grand Valley senior James Gale (third from right) of Churchill took fourth in the 8K (25:46.87). Wayne State sophomore Dan Kapadia (middle left) of Salem and Hillsdale College sophomore Timothy Howse of Churchill (middle right) placed 16th and 31st, respectively, in 26:20.67 and 27:03.39.

Defending medalist Warner winds up 5th

BY BRAD EMONS
 STAFF WRITER

Shannon Warner's brilliant high school golf career came to a close last weekend as two-time defending Division 1 state medalist wound up tied for fifth.

Warner, who suffered through an uncharacteristic round of 84 on Friday, rebounded to shoot 77 on Saturday at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows, but couldn't make up the 10-stroke difference.

Warner and her Livonia Churchill teammates finished 12th out of 15 teams with a two-day total of 409-380-789.

Other Charger finishers included junior Lexi McFarlane, 100-97-197; senior Amanda Dobos, 107-93-200; senior Katie Worley, 118 (on Friday); senior Danielle Lesniak, 113 (on Saturday); and junior Jessica Burdette, 121-113-234.

Grand Blanc ran away with the team title, beating runner-up Rochester by 30 strokes with a 330-326-656 total. Rochester shot 349-337-686, while Northville, co-champion of the Western Lakes Activities Association along with Churchill, placed third with 363-344-707.

The individual medalist came from the Western Lakes as Walled Lake Central's Sarah Johnson carded rounds of 74-83-157 to beat out Grand Blanc's Sara Dolan and Rochester's Christine Meier by a stroke each.

Churchill coach Gary Harper called Friday's state finals weather in Allendale "brutal." Players were given the option to lift, clean and place their ball. Play was also slow throughout the 18-hole round.

"It's the worst I've ever seen - cold, rainy, a steady 25 MPH wind and sometimes up to 55 MPH - it was rough," he said. "I give Sarah Johnson all the credit. To shoot that in those conditions is unbelievable. Saturday was fine, windy, a little warmer and sunny."

Warner, making a bid to become the state's first-time three-time individual medalist, had problems opening day on the greens.

"She was striking it fine, but she was putting a lot of three putts," Harper said. "She came back and played fine the next day. She knew it would take an incredible round to get back in it. She made a valiant comeback the second day. She did her best."

Harper was proud of the way his entire team rebounded after being in 14th place on Friday.

"It was a disappointing first day considering the conditions, but everybody had to play in them," he said. "I think some nervousness also factored in. Had we shot our Saturday score on Friday, we could have possibly gotten into the top ten. But it was a good experience for everybody."

Mazur finishes 19th

Livonia Ladywood's Erica Mazur

earned a 19th-place finish overall in the Division 2 state tournament held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course) in East Lansing.

The senior shot 93 during Friday's opening round which featured rain, high winds and plunging temperatures. The 5,600-yard course also played long after nearly three-quarters of an inch of rain hit the Lansing area.

"There was no roll, balls even plugged on some of the greens, that is how soft everything was," Ladywood coach Kelliann Nagy said. "The greens were rolled and became a lot faster on Saturday after the high winds and no rain."

On Saturday, winds prevailed again, but it was at least sunny as Mazur shot a 96 for a 189 total.

Liz Nagel of team champion DeWitt was the medalist, shooting 74-79-153. Nagy was not only proud of Mazur's state finals effort, but also her overall season performance.

"She worked so hard in the off-season to improve her game and it certainly paid off. She was medalist in every dual match this year, won the Catholic League and finished fourth at the regional."

"You can't ask for much more than that from your senior captain. She hopes to continue her golf career in college and will be a real assist to have on their team."

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The City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will stage its 2007 Christmas exhibition to benefit Toys For Tots from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

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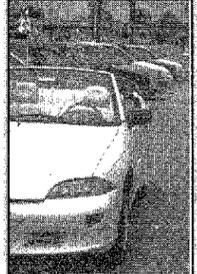
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CHEVROLET MALIBU INTRODUCTION INCLUDES MAJOR PITCH TO MINORITIES

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By Dale Buss

The 2008 Chevrolet Malibu is General Motors' most ambitious shot in a long time at producing a high-volume mid-size sedan, and it's the company's most brazen attempt yet to knock off the Japanese-built category leaders, Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.

Malibu also is raising the stakes in another important respect: GM's marketing to ethnic minorities. It's an area in which most automakers have lagged even though Hispanics, African-Americans and Asian-Americans are the fastest-growing major segments of the U.S. population.

But earlier this year, GM demonstrated a new seriousness about pursuing minority consumers by integrating "diversity marketing" with its mainstream efforts. And Malibu is among the first new marketing campaigns to showcase the change at GM and to test some advances in ethnic-marketing strategy and tactics that have stemmed in large part from the structural change.

"This campaign reflects the effort and energy that GM is dedicating to the idea of integrating all the parties involved so we're all at the table at the same time," said Sergio Rodriguez, associate creative director for Accent Marketing, a Miami agency that specializes in Hispanic marketing and handling that responsibility for Malibu.

"I'd say the effort has been quadrupled from past campaigns. Before, we would come in two weeks late with our creative, and now everything is launching at the same time."

Last spring, Mark LaNeve, vice president of vehicle sales, service and marketing for North America, scrapped GM's separate "diversity marketing" staff and budget and integrated related marketing activities and budgets into the overall advertising, marketing and promotional efforts by each of the company's eight brands. The decision and action were similar to what GM did several years ago when it integrated the former e-GM e-commerce activity into the mainstream, said spokeswoman Ryndee Carney.

In the Malibu campaign, one subtle but significant reflection of that change in approach is how Chevrolet has integrated ethnic diversity into the main demographic segments that it is targeting for marketing the new vehicle instead of using its frequent past practice of setting ethnic audiences apart.



Hispanic consumers are an important target for new advertising for the 2008 Chevrolet Malibu.

The design of the new Malibu makes it more closely resemble competitive targets such as Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.



"Ethnically diverse, college-educated professionals" living a "comfortable, upscale lifestyle in a mid-sized home in the suburbs" comprise one of Malibu's prime demographic targets, for example. And in its attempt to promote Malibu to one of the other groups - "young, hip singles who've recently settled in metro neighborhoods" - ethnic consumers figure prominently.

But while ethnic-marketing strategy now evolves in a fashion more closely related to GM's overall marketing efforts, the company is practicing sophisticated differentiation in the tactics that it aims at various ethnic minorities. Chevy's plans to appeal to Hispanic consumers with Malibu marketing illustrate that.

The key insight that Chevy, with Accent's help, is applying in how it positions Malibu with Hispanics is to recognize that the brand and the model don't carry the same baggage in the eyes of these consumers that they do with American consumers in general, according to Rodriguez. Particularly in the areas of quality, reliability and durability, he noted, Chevrolet must shake off the general perception - which now has held sway for a generation in this country - that its cars simply aren't as well built as the Japanese-designed competition.

And yet, Rodriguez explained, most Hispanics aren't similarly infected. "Abroad, where many of them have come

from, Chevrolet is a well-respected brand," he said. "And when they come to America, they don't necessarily prefer imported car brands. So with Hispanics, with Malibu, we didn't want to necessarily approach it as if we had a problem we had to solve."

Largely for that reason, Chevy's approach in marketing Malibu to Hispanics displays less of the defensiveness that is illustrated by its general-market approach and more of an assumption that Hispanic consumers might actually have a predisposition to be associated with a Chevy car.

"There's a spice of negativity associated with the phrase 'The Car You Can't Ignore,' in the general market," Rodriguez said. "With Hispanics, though, we're spinning away from that."

So, "Hazte notar!" which is roughly translated as "Get noticed!," is Malibu's tag line for Hispanics. "It's following the same kind of phrasing and cadence as the general-market theme, but it says, 'See it! Hear it! Believe it!' to the Hispanic consumer. It puts things back on the consumer."

Attitudinally, Rodriguez explained, Chevrolet is positioning Malibu with Hispanics as a vehicle that demonstrates they're on their way up rather than that they have arrived. "It's saying, 'My achievement continues,' he explained. "Everyone wants to move up in life and in vehicles. But the insight is different."

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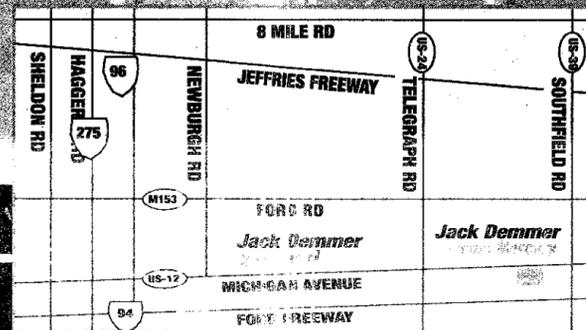
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