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City: 'Hard' to get word out about cool places

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

As temperatures and humidity conspired to make it feel as hot as 105 degrees early this week, Westland residents who needed a place to cool off could find relief in certain city buildings.

The problem is, they might not have known it.

"It's hard to get the word out," Mayor Sandra Cicirelli said, "but we're trying."

Cicirelli confirmed that residents who needed relief from the scorching heat could find refuge inside the air-conditioned Bailey Recreation Center, the senior citizen Friendship Center or the Westland public library.

But, as temperatures began soaring toward 100 degrees again Tuesday morning, officials hadn't announced the cooling centers on city cable station WLND or spread the word to neighborhood groups.

"We really have not had a lot of requests (for help)," Cicirelli said.

Some cities, such as Detroit, Garden City and Dearborn, made concerted efforts to notify heat-weary residents of places where they could cool down.

In Garden City, firefighter-paramedics went to homes to check on senior citizens known to have potential health problems. Among other measures, officials there also said that parks and recreation employees would check local parks for heat-related emergencies and to help educate residents on heat safety.

Detroit officials spread word that several libraries had been designated as cooling centers, and Dearborn announced that residents could seek relief in such places as the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center.

In Westland, Cicirelli said residents could go to the Bailey Center until 10 p.m.



Sam Spada, 8, of Wayne dumps water onto his head to cool off after taking a drink during a break at the Challenger British Soccer Camp in Westland late Monday morning.

Friendship Center Director Peggy Ellenwood said seniors could cool off in that building "until we lock up at 5 o'clock."

Ellenwood only knew of one man without air conditioning who had been visiting the Friendship Center.

"I don't know of too many seniors who don't have air," she said.

On Tuesday, Fire Chief Michael Reddy hadn't heard reports of any heat-related deaths or illnesses.

"We haven't had anything out of the ordinary," he said.

In the Annapolis Park neighborhood, which has a high percentage of senior citizens, the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association had received no notification of cooling centers, said Reasther Everett, the association's area representative.

"We have not heard anything," she said Tuesday afternoon.

Officials also hadn't used the severe weather-alert system, with its outdoor speakers, to announce any cooling centers, Everett said.

In the low-income Norwayne neighborhood, neither the Dorsey Community Center nor the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army had initiated efforts early this week to give resi-

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Police: Abuse case bordered on 'torture'

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Their young bodies bear the gruesome scars of child abuse that police say was inflicted in a Westland home where they were supposed to be safe.

Three boys, ages 12, 11 and 9, were blindfolded, tied to a basement pole and burned - sometimes with a screwdriver heated by a propane torch, other times with a hot glue gun, authorities said.

They were beaten with extension cords and belts, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said, calling the abuse "borderline torture."

Vincent Garrison Grant, the 37-year-old man charged with abusing them, denies many of the allegations, but today he faces a court hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial.

In his home on Barchester, near John Hix and Cherry Hill roads, Grant is accused of abusing his wife's 9-year-old son and

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Recall, House race could up primary vote

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

With a state House race and a potential Livonia school board recall stirring considerable interest, voter turnout for Tuesday's primary election could be higher than normal, City Clerk Eileen DeHart said.

"This one might be a little bit of an anomaly," she said.

In a primary two years ago, 22 percent of Westland voters cast ballots.

"I'm thinking we might get 25 percent. Who knows? Maybe we'll hit the one-third mark," DeHart said. "I'd like for it to be like a presidential election and have 68 percent, but that's not going to happen."

She cited the three-way Democratic contest in the 18th District state House race as one reason she expects a higher turnout.

Former state Rep. Vince Petipren and Westland City Council members James Godbout and Richard LeBlanc are competing to become the 18th District's Democratic nominee. The winner will face lone Republican Sam Durante in November.

DeHart also predicted that voters in northern Westland - those who live in the Livonia Public Schools district - will turn out in higher numbers. They will help decide a ballot question on whether to oust five school board members - Robert Freeman, Dan Lessard, Cynthia Markarian, Lynda Scheel and Kevin Whitehead - for supporting a plan to close seven elementary buildings and reorganize schools.

As of Monday, DeHart's office had sent out 4,300 absentee ballots. Of those, 2,756 had been returned by voters.

"They're coming in pretty good every day," DeHart said. "I would anticipate getting several hundred more."

The clerk's office will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Westland City Hall, on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne, to accommodate voters who still need to pick up or return their absentee ballots.

The clerk's office also will mail out absentee ballot applications as late as Saturday. Call (734) 467-3187 or (734) 467-3188.

Voters have to return their absentee ballots before polls close at 8 p.m. Tuesday. But DeHart urged voters to try to return them as soon as possible.

"I would encourage anybody who thinks they won't be in the city (Tuesday) to come in, and we'll be happy to give them an absentee ballot," DeHart said.

At the polls this year, the city also will have new voting equipment to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

"It allows people to vote who are blind, deaf, quadriplegic or paraplegic," DeHart said.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Magic Monday returns to Bailey pool

Many people don't consider Mondays very magical.

The city of Westland aims to change that.

Parks and recreation officials have announced plans for the annual Magic Monday Family Night - an event 7-9 p.m. Monday at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind Westland City Hall on Ford Road east of Newburgh.

Clowns Around Redford will be on hand to perform magic tricks, paint children's faces and make animal-shaped balloons as part of the event and Bobby's

Bouncers will provide a Moonwalk for the event.

The outdoor Bailey pool will be open with an admission of \$2 for children and \$3 for adults.

Concrete Jungle, a skatepark adjacent to the Bailey Center, will be open for a cost of \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Skaters should bring their own skateboards, but they can rent helmets for \$2 or elbow and knee pads for \$1 a pair.

Sponsored by the radio station WMGC 105.1 and Clowns Around Redford to celebrate National Clown Week, last year's

Magic Monday drew some 100 participants, according to recreation supervisor Margaret Martin.

Participants also are urged to visit nearby Central City Park for the Imagination Playstation playscape and Tot Town, with its child-size versions of city buildings.

A nearly one-mile track in the park also will be available for walking, and other park activities will include tennis, volleyball, basketball and in-line hockey, according to a press release.

For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

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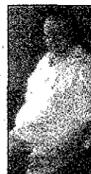
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Coming Sunday in Health

Bariatric surgery is helping some dangerously overweight people lose weight and regain health.



Author offers inspiring words for African-American mothers

Canton attorney Kimberly Crouch released her first book, 'Mother to Son: Words of Wisdom, Inspiration, and Hope for Today's Young African-American Men.' The book contains a series of letters she wrote to her sons, Julius and Justin. She hopes her words inspire other mothers and sons.



BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It would have been easy for Kim Crouch to simply raise her two boys, 7-year-old Julius and 4-year-old Justin, and give them a charmed life in Canton. But her heart told her otherwise.

Crouch, who is a corporate attorney by day, spent two months of nights and weekends laboring over her book, *Mother to Son: Words of Wisdom, Inspiration and Hope for Today's Young African-American Men*.

"This book was to really honestly tell my kids what I think they need to know to be successful men," Crouch said, but she also wrote it for mothers everywhere. "I wrote it for my sons, but I also know that it's up to mothers to take back our communities. So I wrote it for them, too. These are the things I think they need to tell their sons."

The book is written like a series of letters, similar to the letters Crouch writes to her young sons every year on their birthdays. Each letter comes with a lesson, such as Lesson One: Know your history - you come from a line of kings, and Lesson Five: Character and integrity matter.

Mother to Son is not the first book

'We all think we have to be a supermom, but none of us can. We wind up thinking we fail because we don't talk about issues. The important thing is to try. The important thing is that your kids know you're in their corner.'

Kim Crouch
author of new book

Crouch has written, even if it is the first to make it off a folder in her hard drive and to the presses at i-Universe print-on-demand service.

She's passionate about the book because now more than ever, mothers need support in raising their children. The majority of children are raised by women who are at some point single mothers, she said, and the impact on the African-American community - manifesting in poverty, substance abuse and lawlessness and despair - is alarming, according to Crouch.

"The studies are sobering, when you look at the statistics on the plight of black men,"

she said.

Though her children are growing up in two-parent household in the suburbs, and of Crouch's family is still in St. Louis, where poverty is common and college-bound kids are not.

"It's a problem for all of us if we raise children who are feeling like they are left behind," Crouch said. "It's a battle to overcome that that kind of environment and society says in its actions, 'We don't care.'"

Because it often falls entirely on a mother's shoulders to ensure a child's success, women often have unrealistic expectations of themselves, Crouch said, and those expectations are perpetuated when mothers don't talk honestly with each other about the challenges of raising children, particularly their sons.

"We all think we have to be a supermom but none of us can. We wind up thinking we fail because we don't talk about issues," Crouch said. "The important thing is to try. The important thing is that your kids know you're in their corner."

For more information about Crouch and her book, visit the Web site www.kim-crouch.com.

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Business Expo

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will have its annual Health & Business Expo 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Westland Shopping Center.

The mall, as the major sponsor, will offer health and business representatives an opportunity to display their goods and services in a high-traffic environment, chamber President Lori Brist said.

Participants are being sought for the event; tables are \$125 for members, \$175 for non-members, and \$75 for nonprofit groups.

To reserve a spot, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

"With the economy the way it is, we need to give our businesses as much exposure as we can right now," Brist said.

Fishing Derby

Children ages 3-14 are invited to show off their fishing skills at the seventh annual Fishing Derby at Friendship Lake in Central City Park 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19.

Check-in will be at 8:30 a.m., followed by the derby, lunch and the awards ceremony at about 11 a.m. There will be juice and doughnuts (coffee for the parents) for breakfast and a hot dog lunch.

Participants will need to bring a fishing pole and bait. Those without fishing poles may reserve a pole in advance by contacting the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620. A limited number of fishing poles available on first come first served basis.

The goal is to catch and release as many fish as you can in a two-hour period. Prizes will be awarded for the most fish caught for various age groups. Fishing at Friendship Lake is catch and release only, so no fishing license is required.

The cost is \$7 per child, ages 14 and under and \$3 per parent, including breakfast and lunch. Pre-register by Aug. 17. Entries are limited, no walk-ins allowed. Register at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland.

The event is sponsored by the Westland Fire Department, which will provide a mobile first aid station throughout the event, and the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

Flea Markets

Vendors are needed for a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Space is available at \$20 per space. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

Space is available for a farmer's market/flea market Friday-Sunday, Sept. 8-10, at the Oddfellow Hall, 344 Elizabeth

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St. at Ann Arbor Trail. The markets are being sponsored by the Westland/Plymouth Grange 389.

The 10-foot by 10-foot space (no electricity available) is \$20 for Friday or Sunday only, \$25 for Saturday only and \$60 for all three days, if registered by Aug. 16. Cost increases \$5 after that date.

Send name, address, phone number, items to be sold and days needed with a money order payable to Grange No. 839, to 5692 N. Globe, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call (734) 722-4857 after 7 p.m.

Craft show tables

Table rental is available at the cost of \$20 for the annual St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail No. 10) to reserve a table.

Table rental also is available at the cost of \$20 for the annual St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in the Parish Social Hall at 8200 Wayne Road, Westland. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail #10) to reserve a table.

Teed for scholarships

Madonna University hosts its annual Madonna Golf Classic, an 18-hole, best-ball scramble event and mini-auction to benefit student scholarships as well as athletic and academic programs, on Friday, Sept. 15, at Links of Novi.

The golf outing features two hole-in-one contests, and a closest-to-the-pin contest. The dinner and mini-auction include a raffle drawing for a trip to St. Lucie, Fla., and other prizes. Raffle tickets are \$10 each.

Early "birdie" registration before Aug. 1 is \$175 for individual golfers and \$700 for a foursome. Sponsorships are available from \$150 to \$15,000. The event starts at 10:30 a.m. with registration, with 12:15 p.m. shotgun start. Visit www.madonna.edu or call Ann Cleary at (734) 432-5421 for more details.

Pancake breakfast

The Westland senior Friendship Center holds an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 8:30-11 a.m. the second Thursday of the month at the center on Newburgh south of Ford.

The cost \$4 per person for buttermilk or multi-grain pancakes, coffee, juice, low fat milk, sausage and bacon. Sugar free syrup will be available.

Adoption event

The Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven is hosting an adoption event to raise funds

and awareness for pet rescue and help local, homeless Samoyeds a new home. The event is at the Petco, 35725 Warren Road, Westland, on Saturdays throughout July and August.

The event will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 5, 12 and 19, as well as Sept. 1, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4.

In addition to the available pets, WSSH will also sell Purina Pro Plan Rally to Rescue collar and wristband sets as a part of the Rally to Rescue campaign. The pet wears the collar, the owner wears the wristband, and together they show their support for pet rescue. All proceeds from the sale of the collars and wristbands will benefit Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven.

The Petco Foundation also is helping Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven with their summer Rescue Round Up fundraising program by asking shoppers to round up their bill to raise money for the organization.

For more information about Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven, visit its Web site at www.wssh.org. People can also call Director Sarah Lichtenfeldt at (989) 239-8612 or Assistant Director Cari Stebbins at (734) 421-8691 or e-mail the organization at main@wssh.org.

For more information about Rally to Rescue, go to www.rallytorescue.org Web site.

Eclectic Crafters

Ever thought of trying a craft but were afraid of investing too much before you knew if you were going to like it? Ever wanted a quiet place to do your scrap-booking? Ever wonder if there are others as crazy about art and crafts as you are?

The answer to those questions could be the Eclectic Crafters which meet 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the second and third Monday of every month and 5:30-8:30 p.m. the first Monday from at the Bailey Center in the Westland Civic Center Complex on Ford Road west of Carlson.

The program is offered in association with the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

For \$3, participants can try out different crafts, art materials and tools or bring their own project to work on.

There will be inexpensive make-and-takes available. Call (734) 620-3938.

CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's *Observer* about the promotion of Westland police Sgts. Tim Pennington and Ed Price should have stated that they will be sergeants working in the area of road patrols. Two other sergeants, Michael Matich and Dan O'Connell, have been promoted to the police department's detective bureau.

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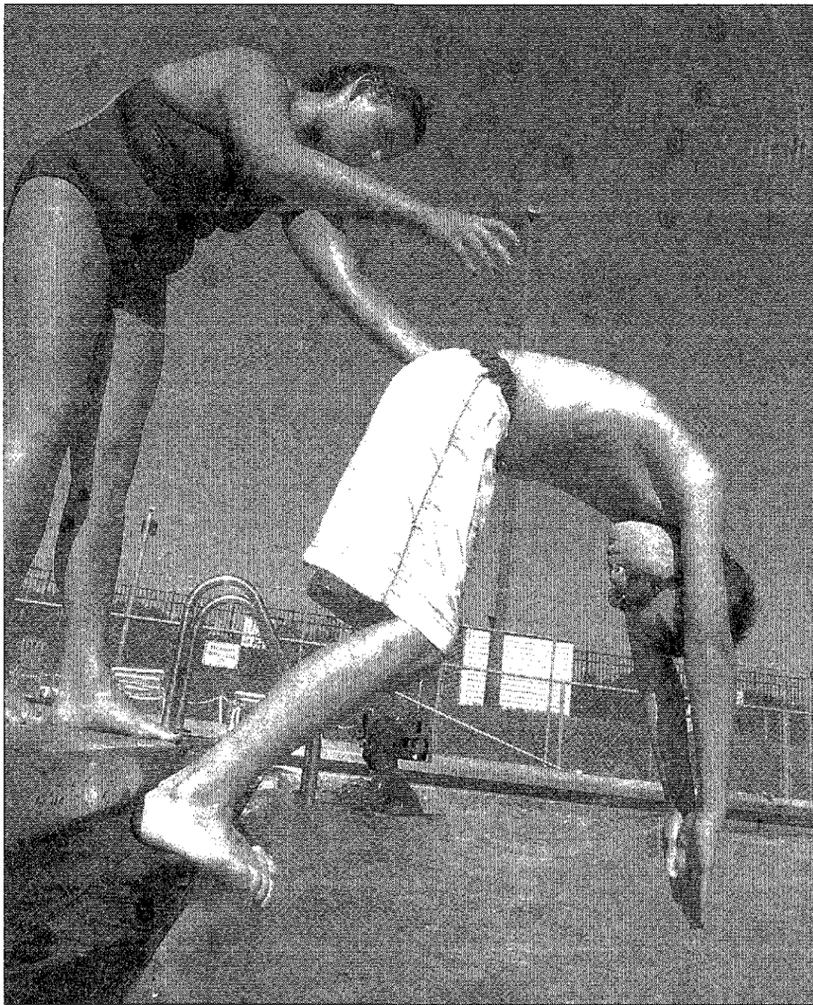
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Instructor Jessica Kuhn, 19, of Redford works with Brendan Ferracciolo, 9, of Garden City on his diving technique during swim lessons at Westland's Bailey Recreation Center pool.



Shelby Strawn, 7, of Canton takes part in the swimming lessons at the outdoor pool at Westland's Bailey Recreation Center.

Bailey pool's swim lessons attract plenty of interest

If you're thinking about swim lessons, there's still time to sign up for the final session being offered at the Bailey Recreation Center's outdoor pool.

But you may not want to wait until the Aug. 7 start date to sign up. The first three sessions have been near or at capacity, attracting swimmers from ages 6 months to 15.

"It's been pretty good," said Jennifer Marchand, the pool's aquatic supervisor. "We've had a lot of people return from last year. They must like what we've got. I always get compliments that we have good instructors."

The pool offers private les-

sons, which also have seen an increase in interest.

"We have at least five families we've picked up for private lessons," Marchand said.

She's not sure what has contributed to the new interest in the lessons. It could be the closure of Garden City's outdoor pool; it could also be the weather, which "has been gorgeous" this summer.

"And what helps on the not so nice days is that the pool is heated," she added.

Lessons cost \$35 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

The pool also is available for open swimming from noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. daily

through Aug. 23. Postseason hours Aug. 24 through Sept. 4 are 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Open swim costs \$3 for resident children and \$4 for non-resident youngsters 12 years and under and \$4 for adults and \$6 for non-resident adults. There's a charge of \$2 for the wading pool for toddlers, no charge for supervising adults.

The pool is located behind the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland's civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-7620.

By Sue Mason

HEAT

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dents a refuge from what weather officials termed a heat advisory.

Much of the space inside the Salvation Army building was being used for its sum-

mer camp programs, said Capt. Matt O'Neil.

Housing Director James Gilbert, who is based at the nearby Dorsey Center, said he took a ride through the Norwayne subdivision on Monday and didn't see any residents outdoors who appeared to need help.

As for opening the Dorsey Center as a cooling center, Gilbert said, "if there is a future demand, we could look into it."

Staff writer LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

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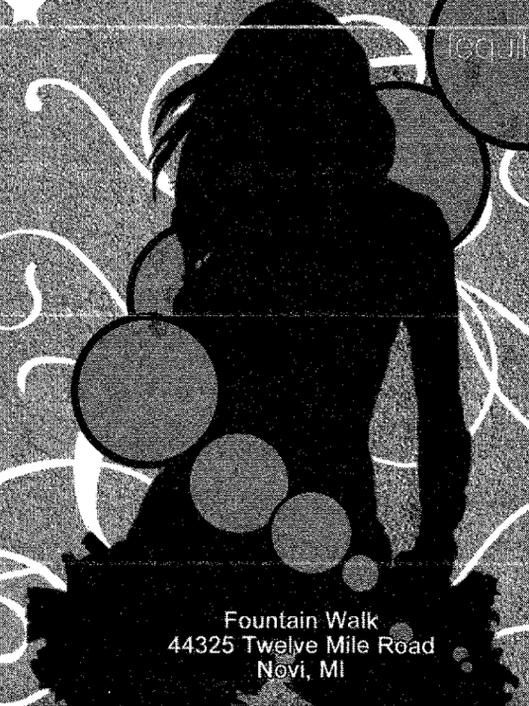
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Champ drum corps visits Wayne High

People who love to listen to music will want to stop by Wayne Memorial High School on Saturday.

That's when the world champion Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps will be at the school for rehearsal before heading to Madison, Wis.

The corps will be using the Wayne High facilities to prac-

tice in advance of the Drum Corps International World Championships, slated for Aug. 10-12 in Wisconsin.

The Phantom Regiment, from Rockford, Ill., is a competitive youth organization made up of 14-22-year-old men and women dedicated to the development of team work, sportsmanship, self-esteem, civic pride, and con-

tributions of one's personal best to a group effort. These lessons are learned through a musical and marching activity that blends the arts and athletics.

The corps will arrive at Wayne High around 4 a.m. Saturday and rehearse throughout the day before departing for Naperville, Ill., around 11 p.m.

CASE

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her two nephews, who were placed in her care by state officials because of problems in their mother's home, Borisch said.

Authorities believe the abuse began in 2003 and came to the attention of Westland police this spring, when one of the boys didn't want to go home from Stevenson Middle School.

"He was afraid to go home because of the punishment he was going to get," Borisch said.

Police have photographs that show scars on the boys' arms and legs.

"They've got a lot of scars," Borisch said. "They say he heated a screwdriver with a propane torch and burned them on their arms and legs. They say he burned their private parts, too. And they say he burned them with a hot glue gun in the same places."

Grant confessed to blindfolding the boys and tying them up as punishment for being "bad kids," Borisch said,

but the defendant denies most of the allegations.

"He said he may have accidentally burned one of them with a glue gun, but he says he didn't burn them with a screwdriver," Borisch said.

When police executed a search warrant at Grant's home, they found a screwdriver with a scorched tip, a propane torch and glue guns, Borisch said.

The wife's son has been placed in his grandfather's care, and the other two boys are in foster care, according to police.

Lt. James Ridener, who has climbed the ranks from police officer to sergeant to lieutenant in charge of the Westland detective bureau, put things in perspective when asked if he has personally seen such a gruesome case of child abuse.

"I can't think of one," he said. Although the 9-year-old boy's mother lived in the house, she will not face prosecution along with Grant.

"She claimed that she told him to stop when she found

out," Borisch said.

The boys were taken from the home in May, but authorities continued an investigation that culminated last Friday with Grant being arraigned on three counts of second-degree child abuse and three counts of felonious assault.

Westland 18th District Magistrate Donald Vandersloot ordered him jailed in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond and scheduled him for today's preliminary hearing, which will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Not-guilty pleas have been entered in Grant's court file. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to four years in prison.

An attorney for Grant couldn't be reached. He has asked for a court-appointed attorney, 18th District Court administrator David Wiacek said, but as of Tuesday afternoon there was no lawyer listed in court records.

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DEATHS

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S Gregory Jones-Sieloff Jones-Sieloff, of West Bloomfield, died July 26.	Y William Wakefield McKee McKee, 94, of Troy, died July 26.	W Theodore Stanley Marecki Marecki, of Troy, died July 25.	W Frank Miller Miller, 90, of Dexter, died July 29.	Y Kam Yuen Yee Yee, of Livonia, died July 25.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A14.

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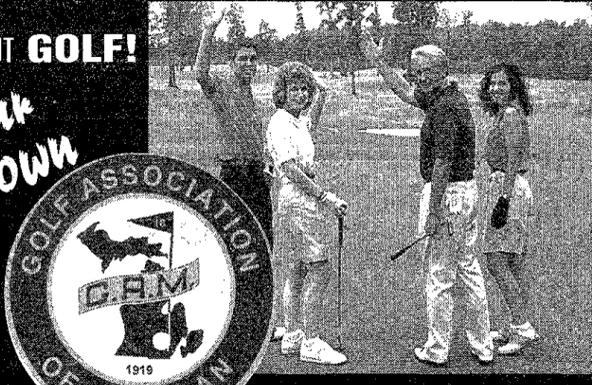
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Major developer commits to Pinnacle Aeropark project

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Under the hottest sun of the summer, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano Wednesday unveiled what he called "a hot deal."

Troy-based developer Stuart Frankel and Wayne County have reached an agreement to begin the first development in the long-delayed and controversial Pinnacle Aeropark project.

Beneath a tent set up on vacant land at Sibley and Vining, Ficano officially announced the proposed agreement for Frankel to develop 150 acres at the Pinnacle Aeropark on county-owned land near I-275 and Sibley Road in Huron Township, south of Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport.

"This has been nine years in the making," Ficano said. "In the past three years that I have been in office, we have doubled the effort. Stuart Frankel believes in our plans and is putting his money on the table."

Frankel's plans call for mixed-use development, including offices, research and development, light industrial, warehouse and distribution facilities.

The county will provide \$7 million in infrastructure improvements and road construction with \$6 million covered by federal grants. Infrastructure work is expected to begin next spring.

Frankel wouldn't commit to a start date for construction of the buildings, pending necessary approvals and installation of infrastructure.

"We will develop a plan and do something transformative for southeast Michigan," Frankel said.

Stuart Frankel Development Co. owns SMDK, the company that will handle the Pinnacle development. Frankel has been involved in the development of

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Robert Ficano
Wayne County executive

Somerset mall, Somerset Apartments; manufacturing, warehousing and distribution facilities in Highland Park; 13 retail complexes and five apartment complexes.

A CREATIVE JEWEL

The Pinnacle Aeropark was first announced in 1999 by then County Executive Ed McNamara.

The plan to create a multi-use project centered around Metro Airport hit a snag when efforts to obtain additional private property through eminent domain were challenged in court.

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled against the county, in a decision that was later cited in last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing use of eminent domain under some conditions for commercial projects.

"What we want to stress today is what we are witnessing is the future of Wayne County," Ficano said. "This will redefine how business is done in Wayne County."

The Wayne County Commission recently began a series of hearings on Pinnacle under Commissioner Ed Boike, D-Taylor. Frankel noted that he hoped the project would be able to move forward without a long approval and permitting process.

Boike and Commissioners Joe Palamara, D-Grosse Ile

and Kay Beard, D-Westland, attended the ceremony Wednesday.

"The project is a creative jewel of future economic growth for Wayne County," Palamara said. "Allow the Commission a few weeks to do our homework and do our due diligence."

Boike made a push to include passive and recreational features in the project.

"This is a step in the right direction," he said.

Frankel has committed to build even if he doesn't have a tenant. He said Wednesday no tenants have been signed.

"We think this will be a catalyst to other development," he said. "We're going to make a national marketing effort."

Frankel said he sees this project as a legacy.

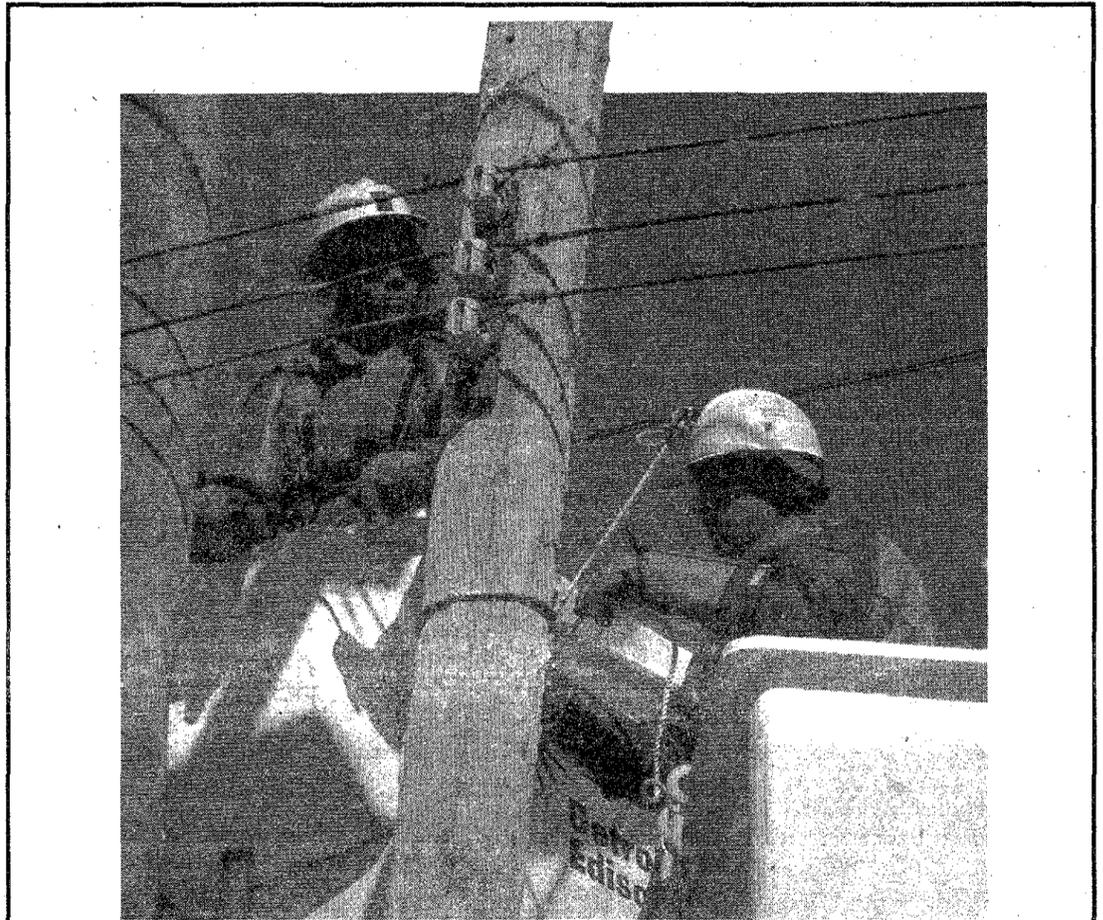
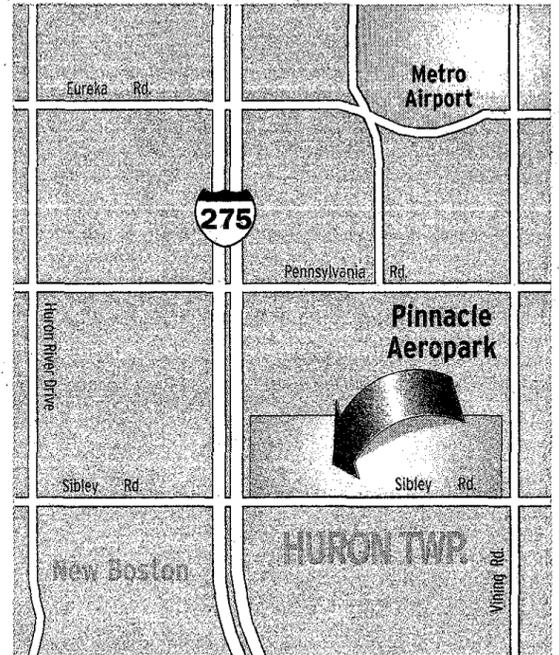
"I've been in business 40 years and I like to do things that are difficult, everyone can do easy things," he said. "I'm willing to take the responsibility, I like the challenge."

Ficano praised the state's

congressional delegation - Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow and Reps. John Dingell and Joe Knollenberg - for their help in getting funds earmarked for the project. He also praised the efforts of Mulugetta Birru, director of economic development for Wayne County, who helped broker the deal with Frankel.

Frank Hennessey, of the Greater Wayne County Economic Development Corporation, said a coalition of nonprofit, private and public groups will be formed to provide funding for the additional costs of infrastructure development.

Pinnacle is part of a wider project to redevelop the areas around and connecting Metro Airport and Willow Run Airport, both airports are owned by Wayne County and operated by the independent Airport Authority. The "aerotropolis" concept was the subject of a project earlier this year sponsored by the University of Michigan.



Schoolcraft fall registration under way

Registration is underway for fall '06 classes at Schoolcraft College. Students can choose from online, touchtone telephone or walk-in registration. To get their first-choice classes, students should register as early as possible. Classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 30, and Sept. 8 is the final day to register.

The college is offering a number of new programs in the fall including an aviation management skills certificate or associate degree; a homeland security associate degree; a massage ther-

apy associate degree; and skills certificates to qualify as a nursing assistant in extended care facilities or an office specialist.

Students can register easily online at the Schoolcraft Web site, www.schoolcraft.edu using the WebAdvisor program. Telephone registration is available at 734-462-4800. Walk-in registration is in the McDowell Center.

New students must meet with a counselor before registering. For more information, call 734-462-4426.

Van Andel Global Trade Center hosts trade program in Livonia

Grand Valley State University's Van Andel Global Trade Center comes to Schoolcraft College in Livonia to host a program on Aug. 24 that will focus on trade mechanics with Mexico, one of the top trading partners of the U.S.

The program will provide enterprises a wide range of information involving trade within and with Mexico with sound legal perspectives on a number of related topics.

The keynote speaker will be licensed Mexico customs broker Edmundo Elias-Fernandez. He has been practicing Trade and Customs, International Trade and Antidumping with the law firm Baker & McKenzie since 1992. Fernandez received his law degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

in 1989 and master degree from the Universidad Panamericana in 1991, concentrating in corporate, international finance, foreign trade and labor law. He has various publications and is the coauthor of the NAFTA Handbook and the Customs Chapter of the Mexican Tax guide.

The program will be in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia on Aug. 24. The program begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast and continues through 2 p.m. and includes lunch. The fee is \$175 for members and \$300 for non-members, with an extra \$50 for registrations after Aug. 17.

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OUR VIEWS

Don't recall 5 board members

Livonia Public Schools voters will decide the fate of five members of the Board of Education when they cast ballots Aug. 8. We urge voters to vote "No" on the recall of each of the five school board members on the ballot.

We certainly acknowledge that there have been mistakes made by board members in setting up the process and then approving the controversial Legacy Initiative last winter. Communication was and continues to be a shortcoming for this district and the board. And we're not even convinced that this plan is the best solution to handle the district's dwindling revenue and enrollment.

However, this decision by these board members, no matter how unpopular it seems to be among many vocal parents and others, was made in an above-board manner and with the specific intention of both saving money and improving the educational offerings of the district. And it may yet be successful.

Count this newspaper among those willing to wait to see if this plan will actually contribute to the long-term fiscal stability of the district and improve student learning, as board members are convinced will happen.

Count this newspaper also among those who believe that these board members - Lynda Scheel, Kevin Whitehead, Cynthia Markarian, Robert Freeman and Daniel Lessard - did what they were elected to do: Make a difficult decision honestly and after considering the recommendation of their administrators and others.

Those community members who put in all the hard work raising questions and pushing for this recall have coalesced into a potent organization - as evidenced by the election of Steve King and the collection of 11,000-plus signatures. This group has raised many valid issues, helping to replace much of this community's complacency about the school board with a viewpoint that's at-times discerning and at-times overly aggressive. The board's own communication failures, exacerbated in the aftermath of the Legacy Initiative approval, helped provoke much of this shift.

However, we've heard members of the Citizens for Livonia's Future reach back to bring up issues and board decisions that were made before some of these recall targets were even serving on the board, and that's not fair. They've also made any number of misplaced broad accusations - about the board "not listening" or about no jobs being lost with all these school closings, for example.

Barring a last-minute court injunction, the Legacy Initiative is going to happen this year, with or without this recall. This recall then becomes about retribution for these board members approving this plan, rather than reversing the plan.

Count this newspaper among those who also believe the recall is an instrument of democracy that is best used sparingly. The effect of a successful recall could handcuff future school board members from making difficult but necessary decisions in the best interest of the entire district.

In place of the recall, we hope that voters would evaluate the first year of this plan and use that as part of their judgment of two of these board members who would be up for re-election next May. The turnover of school board members by voters should be done in those regular school elections.

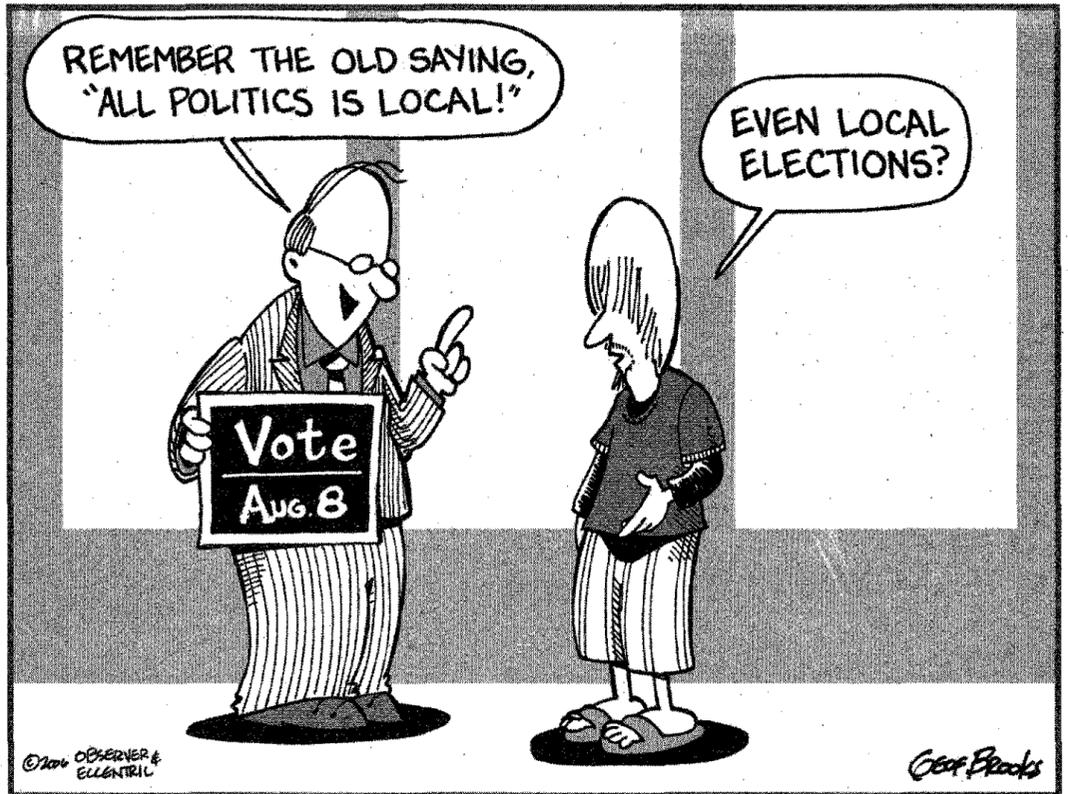
We believe it's in the best interest of the Livonia Public Schools and this community to let the plan go forward. Voters should reject the recall on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

It's time for Ficano to show leadership

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is facing token opposition in the Democratic primary on his way to a second term as the county's CEO.

His opponents, Marion Ector of Detroit and former Detroit police Lt. Ricardo Rodger Moore of Detroit, do not have the experience or support that Ficano enjoys. Two Republicans are seeking their party's nomination, Ramon T. Patrick of Detroit and Deborah West of Inkster. But in the heavily Democratic Wayne County, they are not expected to give Ficano any serious competition.

This is a sharp contrast to four years ago when a number of name candidates ran to replace the venerable Ed McNamara, who was retiring after 16 years as county executive. Ficano showed his ability to maintain his strong suburban base while building ties with Detroit leaders. He won election with relative ease. We would like Ficano to use his obvious political gifts to move boldly ahead on the initiatives he's begun. The airport can be the center of a strong economic revival - now is the time to bring the elements together to make it happen.



Supports Godbout

As I read the latest barrage of letters and comments published in the *Observer & Eccentric* by members of the Westland Democratic Club (Glenn, Judy, Georgia, Cheryl and Diane), I couldn't help but notice that not much has changed with regard to this group's negative campaign tactics. As is tradition, they have collectively joined forces in an attempt to sway our opinions in their favor by defaming their opponents rather than touting the strengths of their candidate.

Perhaps there is good reason for this most notably another newspaper's endorsement of Mr. LeBlanc seemed contradictory. On one hand, they cited that "Westland needs a stronger representative in Lansing. It's among the top 10 largest communities in the state and we don't think it gets the recognition, the representation or the respect it deserves," and either Godbout or LeBlanc would do a better job than Glenn Anderson.

For me, it's not much of a stretch to conclude that since Anderson has long been LeBlanc's mentor and the apple rarely falls far from the tree, that not much would change in Lansing by sending anyone other than Godbout.

I would agree with the editor that Godbout had arguably done more for his constituents during his time on council than LeBlanc has despite the fact that LeBlanc has served longer. Their statement that "Godbout's consensus building skills and leadership have served the City of Westland well, that's why we want to keep him around" is shortsighted. Why would we want to send anyone but the best to Lansing to ensure that all the available resources of our state find their way down to our community.

I, for one, am paying close attention to this important race and it's clear that we have been lacking the recognition and representation we deserve at the state level. I intend to cast by ballot for change by voting for Jim Godbout and encourage others to reject the mudslinging politics of the past by joining me.

Delores Sinkovich
Westland

Seniors in peril

As we heavily weigh who will best represent the people of our Congressional District in our nation's capital, please consider the following:

I know of a "sweet little old lady" who is 76 years old and has various health problems. She is a loving mom to six children, affectionately called "Granny" by her 12 grandchildren and her 23 great-grandchildren. She raised six children and one grandchild by herself.

This woman worked all her life to provide for her family. They never went hungry. She made sure the family had a roof over their heads, food in their stomachs, and clothes on their backs. And one thing that was never in short supply - love. This woman retired with no benefits, such as a pension, or health care that she would find herself needing later in life. The only health care coverage available to her now is Medicare.

After working all of her life, and paying into Social Security and Medicare, she really thought that there would be a "safety net" to help assist her in those "Golden

Years." Once enrolled in a State of Michigan program called E.P.I.C. (Elder Peoples Insurance Coverage) which was put into place by our caring and compassionate Gov. Jennifer Granholm, to help those seniors with prescription costs, this was a godsend because of her very limited fixed income. The 18 monthly medications that she needs to maintain her health were completely covered by Gov. Granholm's program. The total monthly out-of-pocket expense to her was approximately \$45.

Now, since the Republicans have pushed through the new Medicare Part D Plan, which the legislation was written by the pharmaceutical companies, she finds herself paying more than \$180 per month for the same exact medications that once were covered by Gov. Granholm's program!

In addition to all of this, seniors are now being penalized every month, if they are not enrolled in a Medicare Part D Plan, and the companies offering coverage can drop any medication from their formula with only a 60-day notice to you. Where does this leave you? Well, I guess between a rock and a hard spot!

The Republican Party is putting our seniors on the "endangered list" and are working toward making them extinct! I want to scream at the top of my lungs! It really seems that our current Congressman Thaddeus McCotter doesn't care about our seniors at all. If he really did care about our most valuable resources, he would not have had joined ranks with his Republican cohorts and good old George W. to put our seniors in this situation like he has.

I strongly urge everyone to vote Democrat so that we can take back our rights that have been compromised and to protect our beloved seniors who deserve better representation in our nation's capital.

The story of the woman who I told you of is someone that is very near and dear to my heart, and who I love more than mere words can say, and whom I have a great deal of respect for. That woman is my mother. She, and all seniors, deserve more than what Mr. McCotter has ever done.

The only time we hear from McCotter is at election time. We need to make him hear us loud and clear! My mother would like you to join her in supporting Tony Trupiano to be our next representative in the U.S. Congress.

I leave you with this: everyone has a right to be an idiot, but McCotter is just abusing it! Remember to vote Aug. 8. God bless you.

Mark B. Blackwell

Flea market was a success

The grounds of the historic 1856 Perrinsville Schoolhouse was the scene of the third annual Flea Market held July 22, sponsored by Friends of the Westland Historical Museum. With temperatures in the low 80s and a slight breeze in the air, the steady flow of bargain hunters filled the schoolyard from 10 in the morning until closing time at 4 p.m.

Publicity is an important factor for any successful event and thanks goes to: Joe Braun for revision of last year's flyer; Rod Dale for use of the large sign which he created in 2004; U.S. Print (Dennis LeMaitre) for laminated signs with dates and times which were added to complete the flea market fund-raiser signs; Craig

Welkenbach and WLND for the bulletin board ad, and to Darrell Clem and the *Westland Observer* for continually publicizing the flea market.

Thanks to the volunteers who are Friends of the Friends of the Museum for the two hours of grueling set-up the day of the sale, for cashing and bagging items - and some came back to help with closing. They are Paul and Judy Braun, Andrew and Nikki Mehelich, Grace Morgan, Beth Delaney, Sean Delaney, Ian Glodzick, Kathy Treppa and the Brody bunch - Rod Dale, Connie Hierta, JoAnne Boven and Kristin Boven - who can always be counted on to help.

City Directors Peggy Ellenwood and Bob Kosowski helped by supplying most of the tables which were transported and returned by Terry Martin, Mason Green and Adam Boyd. Donations of perennial flowers were supplied by Clois Locklear.

With the lateness of getting the flea market off the ground, it was a major concern of the Friends of the Museum that there would not be sufficient donations to fill all of the tables. In 2004 and 2005, the majority of donations came from relatives, friends and neighbors. This time the Westland community came through with donations for this worthy cause, for all of the tables were full and more were needed.

It was advertised that proceeds from the flea market would go toward restoration of the foundation of the 1850s Helen C. Brown Westland Historical Museum - Felton Farmhouse - located at the museum site on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette. Thanks to everyone who donated items for the sale, and all of those who shopped at the third annual flea market.

Lastly, thanks to Michael Franklin, Edna Parker and Beverly Liverance, members of the Friends who helped the day of the sale. Thanks and praise to my awesome Flea Market Committee, namely Georgia McDaniel, Virginia Braun, David Carrick and Jim Franklin for their time and effort.

The schoolroom has been emptied of flea market items and awaits visitors the last Sunday of the month from 1-4 p.m. School teachers should start thinking about visitations by their classes for the 2006-07 school year. Group tours are available. For information, call Virginia at (734) 427-4648. Come visit the past.

Ruth Dale, chair

Third Annual Flea Market Committee
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- Westland City Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer about the latest benefit Wounded Heroes benefit, a concert by country music star Lee Greenwood

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LETTERS

Feelings are important, too

Maya Angelou, a wise poet and philosopher, once said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." The Livonia school board should have read these words before they acted to enforce the vast changes that are set to take place this September.

My name is LuAnn Englehart. I am the mother of five wonderful children who are all between the ages of 10 and 3 years old. Also, I am a public educator with 16 years experience.

My husband and I are very involved in numerous activities. I am a busy person, but I will never be too busy to stand up against unfair treatment. In this case, the Livonia school board and the rumor that became reality, the Legacy Initiative. I am among many who are angered and feel unheard by this Board of Education. Something had to be done.

The school closing rumor started in October. It was rumored that four schools might close. Board members made their rounds to all of the schools, but they were not forthcoming with any information other than some schools would be closed. Board meetings had to be held at Churchill High School to accommodate the concerned crowd. People spent many valuable hours away from their families to plead with the board in hopes that they would be heard and make a difference... to stop the changes. Their time, energy, thoughts and emotions fell on deaf ears.

People said that this would take some time. It would not be a speedy process. Well, they were wrong. The whole Livonia school system changed with a stroke of a pen right before the Christmas holiday... what a gift! It was seven schools that would close, not four! We would also change the school dynamics and force students and families into yet more change with the 5-6 schools. I work for a school system, and I sat in disbelief at the ridiculous time frame and blatant disregard for the vast majority of people who spoke out so eloquently against this plan, and offered real alternate solutions.

Now we have the opportunity to be heard. We will not forget how the board made their decision with such blatant disregard for the very people that voted them into their positions. Vote "Yes" on Aug. 8... it is too late to "make nice."

LuAnn Englehart
Westland

Vote no on recall

I encourage any Westland resident that sends their child to a Livonia school to attend a school board meeting or meet-and-greet session. Cries of "We don't pay our Livonia taxes to send our kids to Westland schools" will be heard at these meetings.

You may even overhear rumblings about why Livonia allows Westland or any other cities residents to attend their schools at all. Westland residents that attend these colorful meetings have been afraid to speak due to the overly hostile environment.

The facts are that over one-fifth of Livonia Public Schools are populated by north Westland students. This population of "foreigners" makes up approximately 3,600 of Livonia's 18,000 students. Schools that are located in north Westland are part of Livonia Public

Schools, not Wayne-Westland schools. Westland residents utilizing these schools pay Livonia school taxes just like Livonia residents.

What do these Livonia parents have against Westland? If they really want to take 3,600 students out the equation, let's see how they like the state funding cuts that a lower student body would bring.

Our kids are still going to get the same quality education, and have more programs and resources available to them at the fifth- and sixth-grade levels as a result of the reorganization. Kids will now go to school with the same classmates from grades five all the way through grade 12. The old zoning unfairly had kids at the same junior highs going to as many as three different high schools. Busing is a guaranteed ride to and from school. It saves parents time and gas.

I would also like to go on record and state that the Livonia school board does listen to the community; you just have to provide proper reasoning and present your case without yelling. Residents in my community were originally rezoned into Franklin High School, then back to Churchill High School because the board listened to parents and recognized the proper geographic setting for our neighborhood. Our elementary school is still farther away due to the redistricting. Westland residents accept these changes as long as they benefit our children. The board does hold open meetings and forums that anyone can attend and it does consider feedback from the community. They listen. They care. Westland is just one overlooked example of proof.

Citizens of Livonia AND Westland, I beg you to do what is right. Vote with your mind on what is best for your child on Aug. 8 - not what is best for you personally or emotionally. If you want to keep all the programs in Livonia Schools, then vote for our kids. Vote NO for the recall of the board members.

Rev. Gary Oke
Westland

Who will replace the board?

There is an important question which must be asked that I have not seen addressed in the whole Legacy/recall discussion. If the school board is recalled, who will replace them?

Are there candidates who are better qualified than the board we have, or are we risking a board of inexperienced, possibly unqualified candidates, just because of a decision some are not happy with?

This is an important point! The school board is never completely replaced at one time for a reason. The school board makes many important decisions in running our schools. I am reminded of an old saying - don't cut off your nose to spite your face.

If you are as concerned about this as I am, you must vote "No" on the recall. The people interested in the recall will surely get out and vote. We may find ourselves with a completely new board with people who are not as qualified, and definitely not as familiar with the working of our schools. How will this help the situation and, bottom line, the education of our children? We must look at the big picture and the future of our school district. Don't let this happen by your apathy - get out and vote "No" on Aug. 8!

Judy Wyzlic
Livonia

Strong alliance helps provide for western Wayne's veterans

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, Community Development Director Jay Gilbert and City Council members for their continued support for Michigan's veterans. We are truly appreciative for all that has been put forth on our behalf.



Vince Berna

During the past eight years the City of Westland and Veterans Haven have forged a strong alliance to combine our efforts and resources to help veterans living in out-Wayne County. This organization started in my apartment, we utilized one bedroom after our son moved out for a food bank and storage space. We started to grow and needed more room. Jay Gilbert gave us our start when we were searching for a larger location to distribute food and store clothes, blankets and other surplus items we were able to utilize a classroom at Tinkham Center to accomplish this mission.

We received our first large grant in 1999 from the Herrick Foundation. This gave us the means to purchase a property in Wayne, plant roots and establish another first ever in Wayne County, a Veterans Outreach Center. Since our conception in 1994, we have helped thousands of vets that were homeless, disabled, unemployed or just experiencing some bad luck, by providing food, clothing, counseling, furniture/appliances, vehicles and job connections.

We have always wanted to expand and provide much-needed shelter/housing for veterans. In 2001, the Wayne Metro Community Action Agency submitted a grant proposal to HUD on our behalf. In 2001, we were notified that this grant was approved and we did receive \$351,000 to start this program.

We purchased a large home in Wayne and were able to hire several employees as case managers and a van driver. This grant was recently renewed for another three years.

To date we have provided shelter for more than 80 vets that were experiencing bad times. Most have graduated from our program, some were terminated, failure to comply.

In 2002, Jay Gilbert submitted a proposal to HUD to create more housing in Westland for vets. We were awarded a

\$220,000 grant that gave us the opportunity to purchase and totally rehab a property in Westland. This is a four-, one-bedroom apartment building located on Alaska Court that was dedicated on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2004.

We are about to embark into program where no one has gone before. This will be another first of its kind ever, located in out-Wayne County, more specifically the city of Westland. Veterans Haven has been awarded 20 housing vouchers to assist at-risk veterans and their families with this opportunity for affordable housing. This is a program of "Vets Helping Vets." There is certain criteria an individual must meet to be considered and accepted into this program.

For the last 12 years, we have worked diligently to expand our services to benefit veterans. This will not be a "kick-back," enjoy-the-free-ride type of a program. We run a very tight ship at our center and both housing facilities.

We will expect the same type of conduct and behavior from individuals that are approved to receive this opportunity. Each client will work very closely with our case managers and staff of volunteers.

Recently, we submitted another grant proposal to the Department of Veterans Affairs for funding to construct or acquire our own Affordable Permanent Housing Facility. We have been blessed in many ways, and I feel confident that the government will look favorably on our proposal.

This project will be located in Westland or Wayne. Any multi-unit, 20-plus property owner that may be interested in selling their property, please contact Vince Berna at (734) 728-0527. Veterans interested in this housing voucher program can contact Judy Berna or Mark Hardy at the same number.

As you can guess by now, we are very proud of our accomplishments. It has been a bumpy road full of obstacles and roadblocks, but we have persevered and beaten the odds to accomplish our mission.

I would like to thank our staff, board members, volunteers and everyone else that has supported and promoted our cause over the last 12 years. Another great American, Bobby Darin, once said, "to be continued, I certainly hope so."

Vince Berna is president of Veteran's Haven Inc., 4924 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 728-0527 or visit the Web site at www.vetshaveninfo.org.

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Executive faces opposition from former police officer

Ficano says economy key issue

Wayne County Fair takes contest entries

The Wayne County Fair is taking entries for two contests. The Car & Motorcycle Show, Aug. 12, is open to entries in muscle car, antique/classic, street machine, sports car, motorcycle and truck. Pre-entry fee is \$8, day of event entry is \$10.

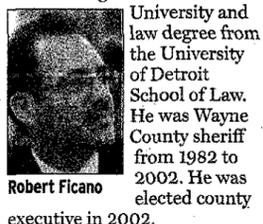
Even day registration is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds, Quirk Road just west of Belleville Road off the I-94 N. Service Drive in Belleville. For information, call (734)635-1828 or (734)697-7002.

A Cutest Pet Contest is taking pre-entry photos through Aug. 6. Winners will be determined by votes. Photos will be turned in at the Community Arts Building at the fairgrounds 3-6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7. Voting ends 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. Photos must be at least 3-by-5 inches and not larger than 8-by-10 inches. Send entries to Cheryl Toms, 18273 Savage Road, Belleville, MI or email to talisman@aol.com. For information, call (734) 697-3963 or (734)635-1828.



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano faces two opponents in the Tuesday, Aug. 8, primary, former Detroit Police Lt. Ricardo Moore and Marion Ector, 24, of Detroit. Ficano and Moore responded to a questionnaire sent to all candidates as part of Michigan's Gannett Newspapers on-line Voter's Guide. The complete guide is available at www.hometownlife.com. Ector did not respond to the questions. Ramon Patrick of Detroit and Deborah West of Inkster are running on the Republican side. Neither responded to the questionnaire. The county executive serves a four-year term beginning in January 2007. The executive receives a salary of \$171,690 and oversees a budget of \$2 billion. Here are the responses from Ficano and Moore.

Robert Ficano, 53, of Livonia is running for his second term as county executive. He has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State



Robert Ficano

Ficano is single and has two children.

Q. What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?

A. As the chief executive officer of the largest county in the state and the 11th largest in the country, I have a view many are not privileged to receive. I see a way for us to work together to help us believe again in ourselves by delivering achievable objectives that take into the new century economy. Sitting on numerous boards, meetings with business leaders, other elected officials and forums such as Town Halls to meet with citizens across the county brings a tremendous responsibility and opportunity

to have all stakeholders represented at the table to identify and solve problems.

Q. What are the three most important issues facing the county and how would you address them?

A. Most citizens tell me the biggest problem we face is the economy, however, I believe economic transformation is part of life. I would say our lack of self-confidence and aggressive movement for substantive change is the larger issue. Local, regional and national government and business leadership must work together to lead with our strengths to reverse job loss, ineffective education standards, and citizens leaving the state seeking opportunities elsewhere.

Q. What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?

A. Core services include public safety, roads maintenance, mental health services for our most vulnerable citizens, economic development, public health, children and family services, emergency management and homeland security, parks. The two Wayne County golf courses had been losing money and running

deficits for years. After a thorough review and assessment, it was decided that we would bid for golf course maintenance and concession services. The vendor that could provide the best services most cost effectively was selected.

Q. Just a few quick, personal trivia questions: What type vehicle(s) do you own?

A. Jeep Liberty and Dodge Pick-up.

Q. What was the last book you read?

A. The Defining Moment: FDR, A Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope by Jonathan Alter.

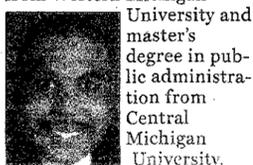
Q. What was the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?

A. March of the Penguins.

Moore hits hard with fentanyl response

Ricardo Rodger Moore, 34, of Detroit is challenging Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano in the Aug. 8 primary for the nomination of the Democratic Party.

He has a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan



Ricardo Rodger Moore

University and master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University. He is a former lieutenant in the Detroit Police Department. He lists his current occupation as candidate for Wayne County Executive.

Moore is single and has a son.

Q: What makes you the most qualified to hold this office?

A. I am the only candidate that has and will publicly speak out against wrong doing in local government. I also hold a master's degree in public administration which allows me to analyze the current structure of the county and appoint the most qualified persons. I won't appoint domesticated men and women only bold leaders. I don't have any political alliances or prejudices, therefore, I can make things happen for Wayne County!

Q. What are the three most important issues facing the county and how would you address them?

A. Leadership - The current Wayne County executive has proven with the harmful drug fentanyl to ignore critical issues. The county knew about the drug in September 2005. However, nothing was made public until mid 2006!

Accountability - The deficit of Wayne County is being spread over a five(5) year period. This is not acceptable.

Political Courage - Wayne County residents need to know they have a county executive that will hold other elected officials to a standard. Robert Ficano lacks the courage to stand face to face against the tone of corruption.

Q. What county services would you consider vital and least eligible for cuts?

A. All county services are important. The problem is there are too many questionable contracts in Wayne County and too many unqualified appointees in government.

Q. Just a few quick, personal trivia questions: What type vehicle(s) do you own?

A. 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Q. What was the last book you read?

A. Taking Over by Bishop Eddie Long.

Q. What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months.

A. A Few Good Men and The Negotiator on DVD ... my oldies but goodies.

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Mackinac Island Michigan

Grumpies grill Stabenow on the issues Red Cross urges you to give blood now

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

The Grumpies are getting as informed as they can.

The self-proclaimed Grumpies — a group of area political watchdogs who pride themselves on being avid letters-to-editor writers — invited U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow as their guest at their monthly meeting in Livonia on Monday.

Comprised of men, women, Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians from around Oakland County and Livonia, the Grumpies have been meeting for 13 years and were dubbed the Grumpies by a former newspaper editor, who joked that they sound like "bunch of grumpy old men." They liked the moniker and it stuck. They've even adopted Grumpy, from the Disney classic *Snow White* as their mascot.

Ray Dubin of Farmington Hills leads the group, and assured Stabenow that the views shared by group members are varied on most issues.

So far this political season, the group has hosted political candidates Michael Bouchard, Keith Butler, Dick DeVos and Stabenow. Gov. Jennifer Granholm meets with the Grumpies about once a year in Lansing.

"We definitely want people who are running for office or who are in office," Dubin said. "We need that input so we can know first-hand and have the opportunity to feel out the different positions."

Stabenow, who served four years in the U.S. House before becoming a U.S. Senator two years ago, said she was impressed by the concept of the Grumpies.

"Thanks for taking the time to do this and just caring enough," she said. "The strength for us, in this country, has been active citizens; our strength has been the fact that people care."

ON THE ISSUES

Stabenow, who is seeking re-election this fall, has a framework of topics while serving in the U.S. Senate, including health care, trade, jobs, education and innovation.

"I think the biggest challenge for us, as a country, is how to compete in a global economy without losing our way of life," she said, noting there will always be someone who can do our jobs overseas for much less compensation. "We need to work up to keep our middle class. Currently, we do not have a level playing field. We need to raise up education and innovation to allow us to compete at the



U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow joined members of The Grumpies at a recent meeting in the Livonia Library to discuss the ongoing issues and take questions from the group.

high end in the global economy." Steve Sutton, of Farmington Hills, asked Stabenow her thoughts on the oil industry — an issue hitting home with every American.

"First of all, it's outrageous," she said, noting Exxon Mobil recently logged the largest profits ever reported by a publicly held company. "The bottom line is that there are only five oil companies left. There is no competition."

The production of ethanol fuel and other biofuels could be the answer, she said. By the end of the year, Michigan will have five ethanol production plants.

"We've got the researchers, we've got the know-how, we've got the production; the only thing we don't have are the (ethanol fuel) pumps," she said. Tax incentives in exchange for operators acquiring ethanol pumps could be one solution, she said.

"I think we ought to be rushing for this," she said. "If the oil companies won't bring the prices down, we ought to create some competition."

On immigration reform, Stabenow voted against the bill because "it went too far," by including a guest worker program to allow immigrants to work in the U.S. "on the theory that Americans don't want those jobs."

"I totally disagree with the president on this whole idea of a guest worker program," she said. "It's a race for the bottom — it would end up taking American jobs and creating a race for cheap wages."

Neil Goodbred of Livonia spoke about immigration, saying it is a felony — plain and simple.

"There isn't any agreement that would satisfy the likes of me," he said.

A fellow Grumpy, Les Ostrander of Livonia, said the punishment should be severe.

"If we shoot these people, they'll figure it out and stop crossing the border. It's a radical but logical process," he said.

On homeland security, Stabenow explained her efforts to get a fee of \$420 per trash hauler that enters the United States from Canada for inspection purposes. There are radiation panels at the borders, but she said the X-ray equipment is ineffective on the large, bulky trucks.

"There is no one inspecting what goes in," she said.

The bill for the fee is pending in the House. She said the importation of Canadian trash to Michigan landfills cannot be halted without formal action by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Trash is considered a commodity and is covered by the North American Free Trade Agreement, so Michigan cannot ban the importation. She said using homeland security funding and reasoning is a "back-door approach" to discourage Canada from sending its trash across the border.

"The Canadians are going crazy over this (proposal)," she said. "Hopefully, they'll turn those trucks around."

On the Middle East crisis, Stabenow favors an immediate cease fire, but realizes it's only a temporary measure. She said President Bush is unwilling to sit down with the two sides.

"This president has decided to walk away from the Middle East," she said. "He's let the lid come off."

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BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Summer's a great time for family fun, but the American Red Cross is hoping you'll pause to consider donating blood.

"There is a tremendous need this time of year," said Andrea Ward, spokeswoman for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Region of the Red Cross. "Each summer we do see a shortage."

Ward said difficulty tracking down high school and college-age donors is a factor in the summer slowdown. "That's when we go out on appeals." The Red Cross plans ahead by finding sponsors to back blood drives.

The O negative blood type, the "universal donor" which all can receive, is especially needed. Ward noted an increase in summer accidents and elective surgeries which boosts the need for blood.

The "Give a Little, Live a Little" campaign started last summer and helped to bring donors in, she said, although this year things are running behind. The Red Cross summer campaign is with such partners as The Palace, Second City, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle and others and offers tickets to events for donors.

"It's just saying what you did giving blood is priceless," Ward said.

Blood donors must be age 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. To set up an appointment to give blood, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org on the Web.

The local Red Cross can import blood from other cities and regions, but she noted there are shortages elsewhere as well. "We need to get the word out to our community. All we have is healthy donors."

There has been research on artificial blood but nothing has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The Red Cross donor center on Five Mile between Levan and Newburgh in Livonia does well, although Ward noted the Red Cross in the region needs to collect 900 units per day to serve some 50 hospitals.



Red Cross nurse Joyce McLin prepares a donor for a blood donation.

"There's no cushion, there's no buffer." It may be necessary to delay some surgeries, she said, due to a blood shortage. She's found some days, such as Fridays, are particularly challenging in collecting blood.

"We really do need the public support," Ward said. "It's a priceless gift."

Elaine Bain of Plymouth Township is on the receiving end of blood donations for a condition called MDS, myelodysplastic disorder. "When someone gives you their blood, how do you say thank you? It's just truly incredible," the East Middle School teacher said. "I hope more people would give blood."

In her disorder, cells in the bone marrow don't do their job. "It is a gift," Bain added of the blood she receives. Ed Snage of Plymouth Township is among blood donors for Bain, and jokes he hears a bit of a Lebanese accent from her now.

Snage, who's semi-retired and worked in the auto supply industry, has been a donor since college "which was a long time ago." He had a span of seven years when he couldn't donate due to typhoid fever.

"Because people need it and God's given me good blood," Snage said of his giving. He's given to the Red Cross and now is giving to Bain.

"It really makes it special," Snage said of giving to someone he knows. "Thank God I'm healthy. That's my way of giving back."

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Praise in the park

More than 10 Christian artists, including Je-sus (pictured), will be performing at Praise in the Park, Sunday, Aug. 6 from 3-8 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton. Other artists that will be performing include Andrea L. Dudley, Leah R. Martensen, Eric Morton, Kim Whitsett & Friends, Hazelette Crosby-Robinson, outta the belly, Rufus Harris, Soteria, and Shirley Simpson & Photo 7. The event is free. For additional information please call Michael or Andrea Dudley at (734) 377-7834 or (734) 377-7253.



Listings for the Community Calendar should be submitted in writing. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smason@oe.homecomm.net. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

BINGO

VFW Bingo

Veterans of Foreign Wars 3323 Auxiliary has bingo 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. There is a snack bar. The post has bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday at the same place. Call (734) 326-3323.

St. Mel Church

Bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

Shamrock Bingo

Bingo begins at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020.

K of C Bingo

Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 3117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Senior dinners

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-5010.

Crochet & Knit

A crochet and knit group meets 9:30 a.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center on Newburgh near Marquette. Beverly Kaminski is the instructor. Participants should bring a type "G" crochet hook. Those interested can sign up at the center's front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

Visually Impaired

The Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs) support group meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Participants share information and meet others. Those interested in joining can be scheduled on a bus route for transportation. Call (734) 722-7632.

Hearing checks

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free, 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

Exercise

Simply Jazzercise is designed for exercisers older than 50. The program provides a low to moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates simple dance routines with walking or jogging patterns and resistance exercises. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Classes are 10:15 a.m. Monday, 5 p.m. Wednesday 10:15 a.m. Friday, at \$3 per person per class. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

Travel Group

The Friendship Travel Group meets 1 p.m. the second Friday of each month (unless a large event is scheduled) in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Programs include celebration of birthdays, door prizes, description of new classes or programs, speakers from tour companies, overview of day/overnight trips and refreshments. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center

The Wayne Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 Wayne Road at Cowan. For more information, call John Elbe at (734) 414-3401 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

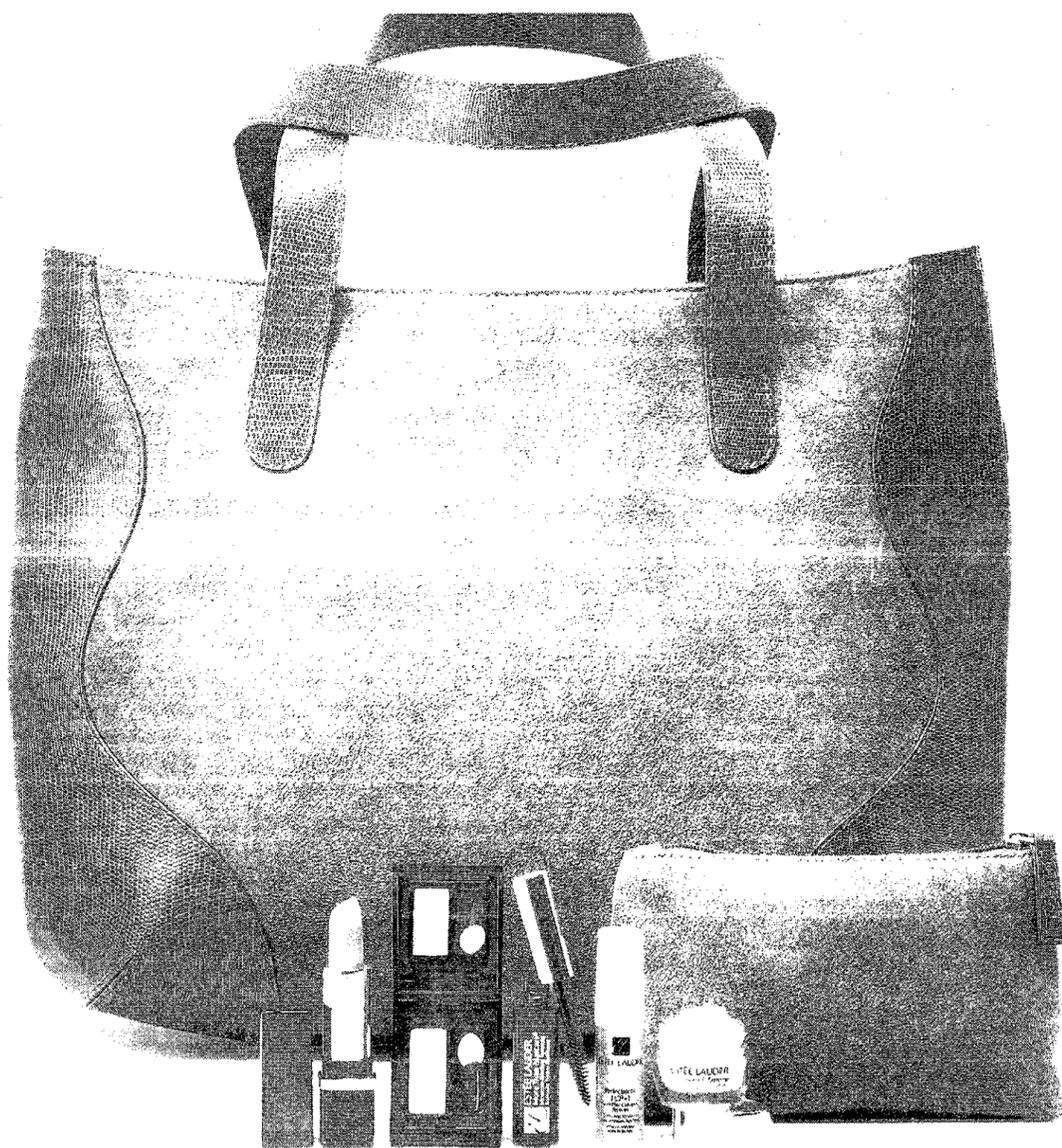
Vietnam Vets

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, on S. Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road. If you served in the U.S. military between 1964 and 1975, even, if not, "in country" (combat zone) you are still eligible to become a member. Visit the Web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/Plymouth-CantonVVA for more information.

Friends of library

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library organization meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The group also holds a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

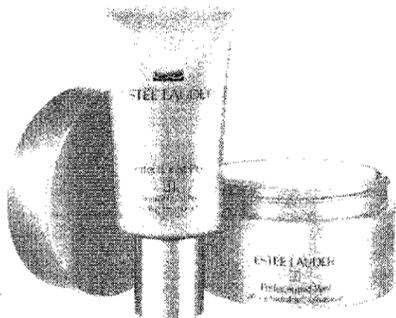
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MHS Berman Center hosts Family Fun Day

The Michigan Humane Society is inviting animal lovers in Westland to attend its "Meet, Greet and Treat: A Family Fun Day" open house Sunday, Aug. 6.

The family-friendly event, with activities for people of all ages as well as their companion animals, will be held noon-3 p.m. at its Berman Center for Animal Care 900 N. Newburgh Road in Westland, as well as its facilities in Detroit and Rochester Hills.

"The open house events will be a combination community ice cream social and fun and festive celebration," said Mike Robbins, director of marketing and communication for the Michigan Humane Society.

"We welcome those who are familiar and unfamiliar with the Michigan Humane Society. In addition to increasing awareness of our programs serving the community, the events will highlight the fact that we are now open for adoptions on Sundays."

Free, kid-friendly activities at the Berman Center include face painting and balloon animals, courtesy of Oddzin Ends, outdoor bowling, courtesy of Community Bowling Center and unicyclists, courtesy of Redford Unicycle Club.

Visitors also will have an opportunity to meet MHS mascot "Patches" the dog. Specials, activities and treats

at all three centers will include low cost dog and cat microchipping at \$20 per animal, cat adoption fee specials, free nail clipping for dogs, cats and other companion animals, free MHS balloons for the kids, meet and mingle with MHS staff, volunteers and adoptable animals and free ice cream for people and "Frosty Paws" for pooches, courtesy of Nestle.

Visitors also will receive a \$10 off coupon for your companion animal's first visit to any of our three veterinary centers (new clients only), and the first 50 families will receive a 20 percent off coupon for a dog training class from the MHS Pet Education Center. Pet Education Center representatives will be on hand to answer questions on companion animal behavior and training.

No registration is required for the event or any of its activities. Visit the MHS Web site at www.michiganhumane.org or call the Michigan Humane Society at (866) MHUMANE 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) is a private, nonprofit organization which cares for more than 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary centers. Established in 1877, the MHS is one of the oldest and largest animal welfare organizations in the country.

CLUBS IN ACTION

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Mustang Owners Club

The Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan meets the second Tuesday of the month at Angelo Brothers Restaurant, 33550 Ford, Westland. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., with dinner and socializing before the meeting. For more information, call the MOCSEM hotline at (313) 438-4174. The club was established in 1975.

Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) teaches public speaking at the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 414-3401 noon to 8 p.m.

■ The Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman in Westland. For information, visit www.toastmasters.org.

■ Toastmasters International meets 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month at St. John Episcopal Church, on Sheldon in Plymouth. Guests are welcome, and there is no pressure to speak. Call (734) 459-0715.

Zonta Club

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, a service club dedicated to advance the status of women, meets the fourth Monday of the month at the Sandtraps on Five Mile Road west of Idlewild Golf Course. People interested in the club can call Evelyn Shuput at (734) 416-9197.

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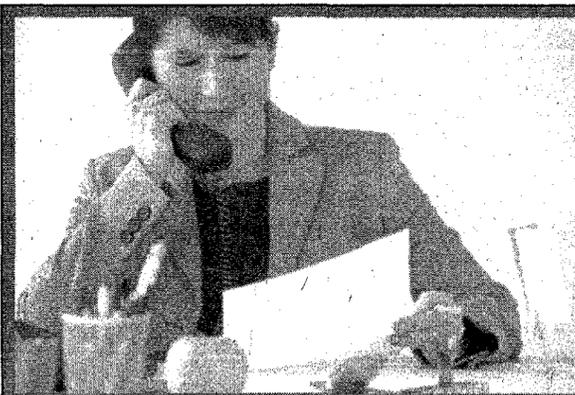
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CITY OF WESTLAND PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition No. 2558

An appeal has been made to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals by Donald Haas, 38203 Avondale, for two variances from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a covered porch addition to the front of the existing home. The variances being requested are as follows:

NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE VARIANCE

Required: Section 7.4.2 requires a minimum front yard setback of 25 feet. The subject home is located 24.8 feet from the front lot line; therefore the home is non-conforming. Section 5:2.3 states that a non-conforming structure cannot be enlarged.

Proposed: Construct a 6' x 16' covered porch addition to the front of the home.

Deficient: A non-conforming structure variance is necessary to expand the structure as proposed.

FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE

Required: Section 7.4.2 requires a minimum side yard setback of five (5) feet.

Proposed: The proposed addition would be located 18.8 feet from the front lot line.

Deficient: A 6.2 foot front yard setback variance is necessary to construct the porch addition as proposed.

Petition No. 2559

An appeal has been made to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals by Brent Green, 35100 Pardo, for a lot depth variance from Ordinance 248 in order to divide a lot located at 35100 Pardo.

LOT DEPTH VARIANCE

Required: Section 7.4.2 requires a minimum lot depth of 100 feet from single-family home sites in the R-6 district.

Proposed: Divide the existing lot located at 35100 Pardo. Parcel 3 is proposed with a lot depth of 86.8 feet.

Deficient: A 13.2 foot lot depth variance is necessary for the proposed Parcel 3.

Petition No. 2560

An appeal has been made to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals by John Sheridan, 2609 Cascade Court, for two variances from Ordinance 248 in order to construct an addition to the rear of the existing home. The variances being requested are as follows:

NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE VARIANCE

Required: Section 7.4.2 requires a minimum front yard setback of 25 feet. The subject home is located 12.5 feet from the front lot line; therefore the home is non-conforming. Section 5:2.3 states that a non-conforming structure cannot be enlarged.

Proposed: Construct a 15' x 32.6' addition to the rear of the home.

Deficient: A non-conforming structure variance is necessary to expand the existing structure as proposed.

LOT COVERAGE VARIANCE

Required: Section 7.4.2 allows a maximum lot coverage of 30%.

Proposed: The proposed addition would result in a lot coverage of 33.6%.

Deficient: A 3.6% lot coverage variance is necessary for the proposed addition.

Petition No. 2561

An appeal has been made to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals by John Sheridan, 31862 Bay Court, for four variances from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a covered porch addition to the front of the existing home and an addition to the street side of the home. The variances being requested are as follows:

NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE VARIANCE

Required: Section 7.4.2 requires a minimum rear yard setback of 35 feet. The subject home is located 29 feet from the rear lot line; therefore, the home is non-conforming. Section 5:2.3 states that a non-conforming structure cannot be enlarged.

Proposed: Construct a 6' x 12' covered porch addition to the front of the home and a 15' x 36' addition to the street side of the home.

Deficient: A non-conforming structure variance is necessary to expand the existing structure as proposed.

FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE

Required: Section 7.4.2 requires a minimum 25 foot front yard setback.

Proposed: Construct a 6' x 12' covered porch addition to the front of the home that would be located 19 feet from the front lot line.

Deficient: A six (6) foot front yard setback variance is necessary to construct the proposed covered porch addition.

STREET SIDE YARD SETBACK

Required: Section 7.4.2 requires a minimum street side yard setback of 25 feet as the street side yard abuts the front yard of the home to the rear.

Proposed: The proposed addition to the street side of the home would be located 21 feet from the street side lot line.

Deficient: A four (4) foot street side yard setback variance is necessary to construct the proposed street side addition.

REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE

Required: Section 7.4.2 requires a minimum rear yard setback of 35 feet.

Proposed: The proposed addition would be located even with the rear building line at 29 feet from the rear lot line.

Deficient: A six (6) foot rear yard setback variance is necessary to construct the addition as proposed.

Petition No. 2562

An appeal has been made to the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals by Angela Godfrey, 6970 N. Carlson, for two variances from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a covered porch addition to the front of the existing home. The variances being requested are as follows:

NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE VARIANCE

Required: Section 7.4.2 requires a minimum front yard setback of 25 feet. The subject home is located 24 feet from the front lot line; therefore, the home is non-conforming. Section 5:2.3 states that a non-conforming structure cannot be enlarged.

Proposed: Construct a 5' x 10' covered porch addition to the front of the home.

Deficient: A non-conforming structure variance is necessary to expand the existing structure as proposed.

FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE

Required: Section 7.4.2 requires a minimum 25 foot yard setback.

Proposed: Construct a 5' x 10' covered porch addition to the front of the home that would be located 19 feet from the front lot line.

Deficient: A six (6) foot front yard setback variance is necessary to construct the proposed covered porch addition.

Publish: August 3, 2006

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G2 CONSULTING GROUP

MetroPCS proposes to expand an existing tower compound and collocate antenna atop the existing tower located at 7651 Merriman Road, Westland, Michigan. MetroPCS invites comments from any interested party regarding the likelihood that the proposed project would adversely affect historic properties. Comments may be sent to G2 Consulting Group, LLC, Attn. K. Lewandowski 1866 Woodslee Drive, Troy, MI 48063. Comments must be received by August 26, 2006.

Publish: July 30, 2006

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ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-51

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show R-5 district classification where CB-1 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T2S, R9E., CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEING PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST CORNER OF SECTION 17, T2S, R9E., CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, S.00°00'00"W, 329.19' THENCE N.89°45'27"W, 43.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO AND 43.00' WESTERLY OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, S.00°00'00"W, 164.60' THENCE N.89°45'27"E, 120.00' THENCE N.00°00'00"E, 164.60' THENCE S.89°45'27"E, 120.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 0.45 ACRES SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map 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 or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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 immediately upon publication thereof.

ON MOTION OF LeBlanc, SUPPORTED BY Kehrer, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL: AYE NAY ABSENT
Godbut
Graunstadt
Kehrer
LeBlanc
Stottlemeyer
Wild

Eileen Dehart
Westland City Clerk

Adopted: July 24, 2006
Effective: August 3, 2006
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ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-26-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c, and 46-1(49)d OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO AMEND THE RATES FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGES

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That paragraph (a) of the portion of Section 46-1(48) of the Westland City Code entitled "Water consumption charges (Section 102-91)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

"(a) Per 1,000 gallons per quarter or any fraction thereof \$2.30"

Section 2. That paragraph (c) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)c of the Westland City Code entitled "Sewage disposal rates (Section 102-124)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

2. Industrial waste control charge (Section 102-124(b)):

Table with 2 columns: Meter Size (inches) and Monthly Charge. Rows include 5/8, 3/4, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 24, 30, 36, 48.

Section 3. That paragraph (d) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)d of the Westland City Code entitled "Minimum sewage disposal bills per quarter (Section 102-125)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

d. Minimum sewage disposal bills per billing period (section 102-125):

- 1. Metered premises: Actual consumption multiplied by \$3.11 per 1,000 (no minimum)
2. Residential premises with no available water mains, bimonthly \$70.00
3. Residential premises not connected to available water mains, bimonthly \$75.00
4. Commercial premises with no available water mains, per unit bimonthly \$75.00
5. Commercial premises not connected to available water mains, per unit bimonthly \$85.00

Section 4. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

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EILEEN DEHART
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

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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. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

AUGUST

Country/Western style BBQ

6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 4, on Ward Presbyterian Church grounds picnic area, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Entertainment in Knox Hall. Prizes awarded for the best dressed cowboy and gal. Tickets \$15 and must be purchased in advance. Call (248) 374-5920.

Annual bazaar

Weekend features a jazz concert, teens presentations, open air market, Marcus Garvey African Dance Troop, children's games, food, petting farm and pony rides Aug. 4-6, at Sacred Heart Church, 3451 Rivard, Detroit. Call (313) 831-1356.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Willow Metro Park, I-275 south to Exit 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron to Park entrance, south to Washago

Pond. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Monthly dance

Bethany Suburban West presents a dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 5 (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster road. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Call (734) 261-5716 for information.

Treasure Hunt

Contests, games, crafts, preschool fun zone and snow cones. All welcome, free. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, First Congregational Church, Wayne Road, Wayne. For information, call (734) 729-7550.

Speaker

Frank Turner, WXYZ anchor and Frank Turner Ministries, speaks at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road, 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. A free will offering and tickets are free. A full-course chicken dinner will follow the speaker and a limited number of tickets are available for \$6. For

more information, call (734) 455-2300.

Treasure seekers

9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, Aug. 7-10, for kindergarten through fifth grade, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Grand finale is an Ice Cream Social and Program 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 10. Call (734) 422-0149.

Vacation Bible school

For age 4 through completed sixth grade 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, dinner will be served each evening as part of the event, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. No charge. For information, call (734) 421-8451.

Vacation Bible School

For ages 4-12, kids travel to Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya to trade places with children from other countries and learn about biblical heroes who traded one place in life for another. 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. Call (313) 937-3170 to pre-register.

Vacation Bible School

Time Stone Travelers: Quest for God's 10 Commandments. 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11. Ages 4 to sixth grade, free. First Congregational

Church, Wayne Road, Wayne. For information, call (734) 729-7550.

Meditation classes

Continues 7-9 p.m. Mondays to Aug. 7. Elizabeth Cleland will lead the class on various meditation practices at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No preregistration necessary. A free will offering will be taken at each class. For more information, call (586) 353-2300, or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Nagasaki remembrance

Candlelight vigil, music, refreshments, informational tables 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Hope United Methodist Church, 16175 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Sneak preview of the film Full Circle, a documentary that records the journey of Buddhist monks traveling 1600 miles from San Francisco to the Trinity site in New Mexico with the flame from Hiroshima where it was extinguished forever. For details, call (734) 425-0079.

Crosstalk

With Paul Clough leading a lively discussion on a topic of current interest 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Livonia. Learn how the Bible approaches modern day events and the Christian response to them. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Newburgh Point, Hines Drive west of Newburgh Road. Single Point (age 30 and older) bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Arctic adventure

Vacation Bible School for ages 5-12, explores faith 9:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 13, and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Aug. 14-17, at Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark Road, Livonia. For more information or transportation, call (734) 261-6180.

Bethany Together picnic

Sunday, Aug. 13, at Metro Beach, 16 Mile Road and Jefferson Ave. Cost is \$5 and a dish of real food, not a bag of chips or cookies, to pass. Also bring your favorite lawn chair to relax and listen to the music. For more information, call (586) 264-0284. Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations.

God's Family in Action

Vacation Bible School 6-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 14-18, at Trinity Church of Livonia. Preschool, elemen-

tary, jr. high and adult classes offered (fellowship meal at 6 p.m.). There will be music, singing, crafts, puppets, food and fellowship centered around the study of book of ACTS. To register send e-mail to TrinSunSchool@aol.com, or call church office at (734) 425-2800, or Sunday School director at (313) 541-3892. When registering leave parents name(s), child's name(s) and ages, and phone number.

Vacation Bible school

This year's theme is Fiesta, where kids are hot for Jesus from Aug. 14-18 at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Please stop by for a registration form or call to register. Call (734) 464-0990. Prizes will be given away for early registration.

Conference

The Ministry of the Watchman International holds the 11th annual Power & Glory of God Conference Aug. 17-20, at University of Michigan-Dearborn/Fairlane Center, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. Meetings begin 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 (some afternoon meetings at 1 p.m.). Healing School and Miracle Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. For complete schedule, call (800) 560-9240 or visit www.ministryofthewatchman.com.



ALICE MARIE KINGSLEY

of Oxnard, California, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed away peacefully in her sleep in her own home on June 21, 2006 after a brief illness. Alice was born on February 3, 1918, in Paterson, N.J. She led a rich and full life. Alice loved people and always had a story to share. During her life, she performed "triple duty" as a mother, wife, and career woman. Alice was an intelligent, independent, energetic, and curious woman who valued education from early in her life. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree and teaching credential from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and a Masters of Science degree in education from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Alice went on to become a pioneer in elementary and gifted education. She was a teacher for nearly 30 years in the cities of Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak, and Bloomfield Hills, MI. As a teacher, she touched the lives of innumerable students who still refer to her as their favorite teacher. When Alice retired from teaching in 1979, she received a distinguished service award from the school district. Alice was a longtime member of the American Association of University Women, from which she formed many long-lasting friendships. Alice traveled extensively during her lifetime to such places as Europe, Russia, China, Poland, Africa and even lived in Port Elizabeth, South Africa for a year. The only man in her life, her husband Walter, preceded her in death in 1979. Walter loved, valued, respected and adored her. Although it was difficult for her to leave her friends in Michigan that she so loved and cherished, eventually Alice moved to California to be closer to her only child, her son, Christopher, and his family. She grew to love this new extended family and they warmly embraced her. Altruistic in nature, Alice became involved in the activities of the Assistance League of Ventura. She found her participation in the Assistance League immensely rewarding and cherished the friendships she made through this worthy organization. As per her request, Alice was cremated and no formal memorial services will be held. Rather, to her friends and loved ones she leaves the following words from an unknown poet to express her parting feelings: "Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am a thousand glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there; I did not die." -author unknown. Alice is survived by her loving son, Christopher, and his wife, Patricia, of Oxnard; and step-granddaughters, Erika and Dani Skeie. As Alice's son, I was blessed to have had such a wonderful mother, whose life continues to inspire me even after her death. I know she would want us all to live with her, but to live on for her. I love you, Mom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Assistance League of Ventura, 913 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura, CA 93001



BARBARA H. MARZOLF

83, of Lake Isabella passed away Sunday, July 30, 2006 at home with her family by her side. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at St. Joseph The Worker Church in Beal City with Father Thomas J. McNamara presiding. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call at Lux Funeral Home Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 7 p.m. Visitation continues at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the mass begins. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Michigan, 401 S. Main, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858. Envelopes are available at Lux Funeral Home. Barb was born July 16, 1923 in New Boston, New Hampshire, the daughter of Roger W. and Hazel M. (Monroe) Whipple. She married Frank Marzolf on Jan. 19, 1946 at St. Mary Church in Redford. In 1941 Barb graduated from St. Mary High School in Redford. She was the secretary of Our Lady of Sorrows Credit Union, School and Parish in Farmington. She retired in 1981 at which time she and her husband moved to Lake Isabella. She is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Beal City and had been a member of St. Mary Parish in Redford and Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington. Some of her favorite pastimes were counted cross-stitch, golfing, reading, and solving crossword puzzles. Barb is survived by her husband of 60 years, Frank Marzolf of Lake Isabella; three children, Tim (Linda) Marzolf of Kalamazoo, Pat (Steve) Rose of Ada, and Sue (Bob) Chmielewski of Klamath Falls, OR; five grandchildren, Leigh, Holly, Heather, Kathryn, and Mike; two great-grandchildren, Katie and Sydney; a sister, June Cleghorn of Rogers City; a step-sister, Henrietta Therault of Webberville; a sister-in-law, Dorothy (and the late, Ralph) Miner; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and three step-brothers. To view her obituary online or leave a message for the family please visit www.luxfuneralhome.com



FRANK W. WHITSON

July 30, 2006 Age 90 Former owner and partner of the Birmingham Insurance Agency. Past President of the Birmingham Lions Club and Bloomfield Village South Homeowners Association. Beloved husband of Eleanor for 64 years. Dear father of Nancy Whitson-Rubin (Donald) and James (Sandy). Grandfather of Kelly, Justin and Carly. Brother of Inez Newman. Memorial service Saturday 12noon at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates (north of Brown), Birmingham. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to The Birmingham Lions Club, P.O. Box 1121, Birmingham, MI 48009. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



DALE J. BRUBAKER

of Livonia MI, died on July 29, 2006 in his home of Natural Causes. Born in Birmamwood, WI, on February 26, 1926, son of the late Dale E. and Mural Fritsch Brubaker. He was a graduate of Birmamwood High School, class of 1944. He was a Navy Veteran of World War II, serving in the North Atlantic. He was also a Navy Veteran of the Korean Conflict. Dale was an active member of the Livonia community. Instrumental in the development of the Veterans Park Memorial Plaza. An employee of the Livonia Public school system for 25 years. He was also a member of St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia. Past Commander of Livonia Post #3941, Past Commander of the 4th District, and Past State Commander (1992-1993) V.F.W. of Michigan. He was also a member of the National Council of the V.F.W. for the state of Michigan. Beloved husband of the late Margaret (Heffernan) Brubaker. Surviving are his four children; Dale W. Brubaker, of Livonia, MI; daughters Mrs. Thomas (Margaret) Gruba, of Commerce, MI; Mrs. Thomas (Patricia) Schmidt, of Wixom, MI; and son Daniel M. Brubaker (Lori), of Howell, MI. Also surviving are his ten grandchildren and three and a half great-grandchildren.



DONALD "FROG" FORRESTER

Age 62 of Plymouth, passed away July 31, 2006. Mr. Forrester worked for the Ford Livonia Transmission Plant as a welder/committee man. Member of the Local 182. Lived his whole life in Plymouth, graduate of Plymouth High School class of 1961. Member of the Plymouth Mason's. Member of the Great Lakes Cruiser's Bass guitar player for the group "Danny and the Playboys" in the late 1950's and early 60's; in the 1970's the group "Southern Comfort". Married Joyce Paddock on September 26, 1964. Together they had three sons, Donald (Stacey) II, Timothy (Misty), and Jason (Melissa). Proud grandfather of Courtney, Brittney, Joshua, Jesse, Zackery, and Karlee. Dear brother of Robert. Also survived by his foster son Wesley Shepherd and by godchild George Candash. Funeral service Friday 11:00am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Wednesday and Thursday 3-9pm. Internment Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. www.schrader-howell.com

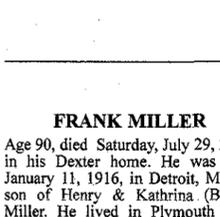
HOWARD R. BENWAY

Age 64. Died June 29, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada. A long-time entertainer on the Las Vegas Strip, Mr. Benway grew up at Walnut Lake and was a 1959 graduate of Birmingham High School. He is survived by his nephew David Yodhes (Betty), his sister Valerie Yodhes (John), and niece Ann McKnight (James). Service to be held at Pine Lake Cemetery, Wednesday, August 9 at 10:30 AM.



DONALD WILLIAM HUTH

Age 93, July 29, 2006. Born November 14, 1912 in Detroit, Michigan to William Herman Huth and Emma (Collins) Huth. Reunited with his late wife, Dorothy Jeanette (Keener) Huth, July 29, 2006. Caring father of devoted sons, Richard William Huth, Steven Donald Huth, the late Douglas Alan Huth and daughters-in-law Carole (Norton) Huth and Lori (Zvirzidin) Huth. Generous grandfather of Eric William Huth, his wife, Karen, Tracy (Huth) Tate, her husband, Lonnie and Sarah Jennifer Huth. Dear brother of the late Ethel Hoggarth and the late Mabel Donaldson. Also remembered fondly by Hazel Hughes and other friends and family members. Donald worked diligently to provide a stable, prosperous home for his children and grandchildren, and, in so doing, he left a legacy of strong values -- discipline, hard work and generosity. Throughout his forty-year teaching career at Western High School in Detroit, Donald served as business teacher, department head and night school principal. During summer vacations, Donald worked as a carpenter. Donald lived a full, balanced life. He enjoyed countless hobbies, including fishing, hunting, card playing, golfing, bowling, coin collecting, square dancing, camping and watching sports. In addition, Donald and Dorothy traveled extensively throughout Europe and North America. Donald's sharp wit and sense of humor delighted all and will be greatly missed. Resting Tuesday 2:00-9:00 p.m. of the Livonia Chapel of the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road. Funeral services, Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Entombment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Leukemia Foundation. Envelopes available at the funeral home.

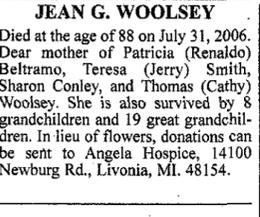


SHIRLEY I. MONFORTON

(Nee: Preville), July 30, 2006. Age 78, of Redford. Beloved wife of Earl for 59 years. Dear mother of Kenneth (Nancy), Linda Sharpe, Denise (Clark Dekett) Zuzov, Daniel (Susan), Philip (Jean), Mary (Terrance) Sandusky, & the late Andrew. Loving grandmother of 16. Great grandmother of 8. Sister of Patricia Ulivi. Predeceased by 3 sisters and 7 brothers. Visitation at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd., Redford, Thursday, 2-9, and Friday, 1-9, with a scripture service at 7 pm. A Celebration of Life Mass, Saturday, 10:30 am at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27201 W. Chicago, Redford. In state at 10 am at the church. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Donations may be made to The American Stroke Association or The Thurston High School Band Boosters.

VERONICA BALOG

Long time former Detroit, Michigan resident passed away at her home in Camarillo, CA on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at the age of 91. Veronica was born on July 23, 1915 in Brooklyn, NY to Joseph and Katherine Leonard. She married John Balog of Glen Lyon, PA and they lived in the Detroit area from 1945 until 1978 when he passed away. In 1980 Veronica moved to Camarillo where she was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Ventura. Veronica is survived by her two sons: Thomas Balog of Camarillo, CA and John M. Balog (Ceci) of Mequon, WI, grandson Brent Balog of Chicago, IL and granddaughter Molly Kent (Andrew) of Mequon, WI. The Funeral Service will be held August 3, 2006 at 1PM in the chapel at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, MI. Assisting the family with funeral arrangements is R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia, MI



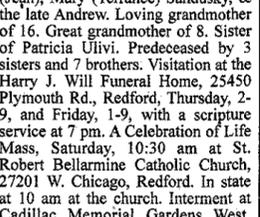
JEAN G. WOOLSEY

Died at the age of 88 on July 31, 2006. Dear mother of Patricia (Renaldo) Beltramo, Teresa (Jerry) Smith, Sharon Conley, and Thomas (Cathy) Woolsey. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.



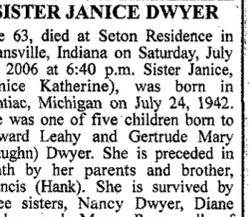
JULIA KNIGHT WHITFIELD

Age 89 of Birmingham, Michigan. Died July 27, 2006 at home from a brief illness. Born October 27, 1916 in West Point, New York. Julia was born in the military family of Herbert and Harriet Knight at West Point, New York. Julia was a member of the Piety Hill Chapter of The DAR Chapter AX of the PEO and the Mary Chase Stratton Chapter of the Questers and other organizations. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Wilfred L. Whitfield and two daughters, Linda Hoke and Barbara Heinemann both of Seattle, Washington. She is also survived by her grandchildren Susan, Nick, Tyler and Scott, and her great-grandchildren Simon and Carter. Julia will rejoin her parents at Arlington National Cemetery where services will be held later. Memorial Tributes may be made to a cancer society. Arrangements by The Wm. R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham. 248-644-6000.



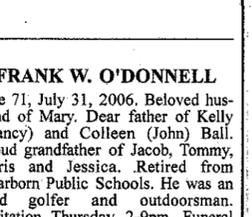
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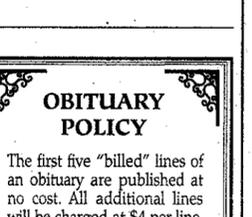
SISTER JANICE DWYER

Age 63, died at Seton Residence in Evansville, Indiana on Saturday, July 22, 2006 at 6:40 p.m. Sister Janice, (Janice Katherine), was born in Pontiac, Michigan on July 24, 1942. She was one of five children born to Edward Leahy and Gertrude Mary (Vaughn) Dwyer. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Francis (Hank). She is survived by three sisters, Nancy Dwyer, Diane Taylor, and Mary Popp, all of Michigan. She is also survived by a niece and three nephews, and many friends, and her Sisters in Community. Janice graduated from Farmington Senior High School, and entered the Daughters of Charity at St. Joseph Provincial House in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on September 18, 1962. In 1978, Janice earned her Masters in Social Work from The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor while on mission at St. Vincent/Sarah Fisher Home in Farmington Hills. Sister served the poor in many states during her ministry including Rhinebeck, New York, Baltimore, Maryland, Saginaw, Michigan and Farmington Hills, Michigan. In August of 1978, Sister moved to Chicago, Illinois as Director of the Child Abuse Program at Marillac Social Center. While in Chicago she became a known advocate for abused children and their parents and received several awards in recognition of her work. In 1998, Sister was appointed as superior at Marillac Residence in Chicago. Health reasons required her to be transferred to Seton Residence in Evansville in July 2005.



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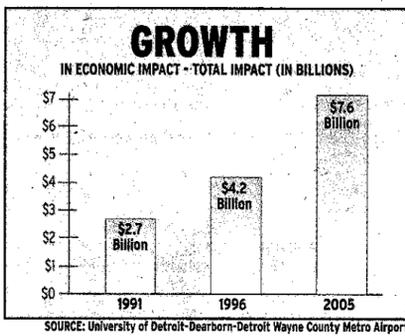
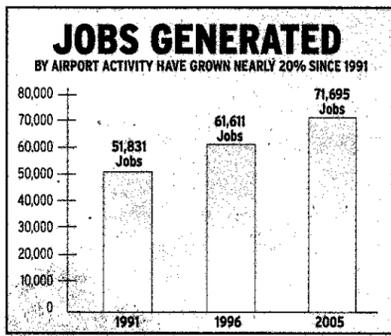
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U-M study: Airport generates \$7.6 billion economic impact

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) generates more than 71,000 jobs and more than \$7.6 billion in total economic impact across Michigan according to a study released today by the University of Michigan-Dearborn and the Wayne County Airport Authority.

"The impact of activity at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on our economy is truly enormous," said Lester Robinson, airport CEO. "Capital improvements at the airport pay for themselves many times over, in terms of generating income for citizens and prosperity for our communities. It is very clear that people throughout Michigan have a stake in the airport's continued success."

The Economic Impact Study was compiled by faculty members and students from iLABS, the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Management's Center for Innovation Research. The study, led by Lee



Redding, assistant professor of business economics at U-M-Dearborn, estimated the economic impact of the airport on Wayne County and on the state as a whole, measured in terms of revenues, incomes and jobs.

As part of the analysis, Kim Schatzel, associate professor of marketing at U-M-Dearborn, and a group of 12 students conducted a survey of more than 1,500 passengers traveling through the airport in December 2005

and January 2006. In 2005, more than 36 million passengers arrived or departed from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, including 2.9 million business and pleasure travelers who stayed in Michigan and whose spending benefited Michigan's economy. In Wayne County, the economic impact of the airport includes over \$5 billion in spending for goods and services annually, over \$1 billion in annual incomes to county

residents and more than 30,000 jobs, according to the U-M-Dearborn analysis. Across the state, the economic impact of the airport includes over \$7.6 billion in demand for goods and services annually, over \$2 billion in annual incomes and more than 71,000 jobs for Michigan residents. The report was based on both the direct and indirect impacts of the economic activity generated by the airport, and reflects important

multiplier effects. Redding said, "Using different multipliers captures the fact that income generated by Detroit Metropolitan Airport not only impacts Wayne County but provides substantial economic benefits to businesses and residents in other parts of Michigan." Redding calculated that in 2005, the total demand for passenger service at the airport generated more than \$2 billion and that shipments from DTW accounted for more than 100,000 tons of freight with an impact of \$55 million. Schatzel and her students found that two-thirds of the passengers were passing through DTW en route to other destinations, and another 23 percent were leaving or returning to homes in the region. The 11 percent of passengers surveyed who said they were visiting the area for business or pleasure would translate to 2 million visitors to southeastern Michigan per year. Those who stayed in the

area reportedly spent an average of \$548 on hotels, meals, rental cars and other expenses while in the area. Their spending totals to more than \$700 million per year, with an additional indirect impact of \$400 million per year, and supports more than 11,000 jobs in the county. In addition to analyzing the annual economic activity generated by the airport, the U-M-Dearborn study also looked at the effects of the Wayne County Airport Authority's current renovation projects. The airport launched a five-year capital improvement program during the 2005 fiscal year which is expected to total \$1.225 billion when complete in 2010. "These projects not only have immediate economic impact by creating demand for construction services, but the ongoing benefits that result from a superior airport," Redding said. The Economic Impact Report including color graphs and charts are at www.metroairport.com

Nominations open for exemplary libraries

The Library of Michigan Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2006 State Librarian's Excellence Award, which recognizes exemplary public service. This prestigious honor gives \$5,000 in privately raised funds and a distinctive trophy to one Michigan library annually. The award will be presented Oct. 12 at the state librarian's luncheon during the Michigan Library Association annual conference at the Marriott Detroit Renaissance Center. All types of libraries (e.g., public, academic and school) throughout Michigan are eligible to receive the State Librarian's Excellence Award and the Citation of Excellence. The nomination deadline is Aug. 31, and nominations may come from library directors, trustees, administrators or members of the public. Criteria for the award include: demonstrating that the library provides new, innovative and superior services to its customers in a cost-effective manner, with a can-do attitude and by always delivering on promises; demonstrating the library's commitment to high standards of customer service through staff dealings with customers and synergy within the staff through a coordinated approach to supporting customers; and demonstrating that the library is a team player through its collaborations in the community. The full nomination packet - including nomination form, criteria and submission guidelines - is available on the Web at www.michigan.gov/lmfoundation or by calling the Library of Michigan Foundation office at (517) 373-1297. Entries should be sent to: Library of Michigan Foundation, P.O. Box 30159, Lansing, MI 48909.

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