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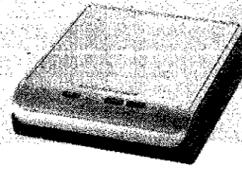
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Ex-league officials will face charges

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Two former high-ranking officials of the Wayne-Ford Civic League will face criminal charges as early as today for allegations they embezzled thousands of dollars from the nonprofit organization, Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes confirmed Tuesday.

The charges will follow an investigation that began more than a year ago involving allegations of missing money. Pfannes said two former officials each will face charges of embezzling more than \$20,000 from the league - a nonprofit organization that raises money for youth athletic activities.

The officials are expected to turn themselves over to authorities for an arraignment in Westland 18th District Court, the chief said.

Aside from its youth programs, the civic league building on Wayne Road south of Ford also has a history of being a gathering spot for political events and election parties.

The league has hosted activities ranging from bingo to wrestling contests to raise money.

The new charges won't be the first time that a league official has been in trouble for allegations of illegally taking money.

Former President Neal Greenfield was charged last year with larceny for allegations he stole \$1,400 in bingo money. He also faced drug charges after police said they found cocaine while searching his Westland house.

Greenfield pleaded guilty in July of last year to possession of less than 25 grams of cocaine, and Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton dismissed the larceny charge after prosecuting and defense attorneys reached a plea agreement.

During his sentencing last August, Braxton placed Greenfield on probation for one year for the cocaine charge, ordered him to face alcohol and drug testing, and to attend Gamblers Anonymous meetings.

"I don't even have a gambling thing," Greenfield told the Observer at the time.

The sentencing brought a swift resolution to the case, but Westland police Sgt. Chris Benson had said last August that an investigation was continuing into whether substantially larger amounts of money were missing from the civic league.

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LeBlanc looks to November and beyond



A jubilant Patty Linna shows Richard LeBlanc the results from voting at the precinct at Lutheran High School in Westland. Looking on is term-limited State Rep. Glenn Anderson whose has thrown his support behind the Westland city councilman.

Margin of victory surprises 18th District candidate

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Riding a tidal wave of voter support, Richard LeBlanc trounced two Democratic rivals in Tuesday's state House primary and vowed to begin a campaign for victory in November.

"I'm excited, and I'm ready to start working on the general election," LeBlanc said Tuesday night, cheered on by a jubilant crowd inside the AMVETS Post 171 in Westland.

LeBlanc amassed nearly twice the votes as rivals James Godbout and Vince Petitpren combined, handily winning the 18th District Democratic nomination. He will now face Republican Sam Durante, who ran unopposed in Tuesday's primary.

With just over 20 percent of Westland voters casting ballots, LeBlanc commanded an early lead in vote tallies and never lost it. He carried all but one of

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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2006 PRIMARY ELECTION VOTE TOTALS

The following vote totals represent how voters in Westland voted for contested races in Tuesday's primary election. The winner is denoted by a checkmark.

Table with 2 columns: Race and Candidate/Votes. Includes U.S. Senate, 18th State House, Wayne County Executive, Circuit Court, and 12th County Commission.

'Time to heal' after recall try

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

"It's time to heal." Those words - shared Tuesday by Steve Futrell, president of the Citizens for Livonia's Future - echoed throughout Livonia Public Schools School District this week.

The grassroots citizen's group failed to unseat Trustees Dan Lessard, Rob Freeman, Cynthia Markarian, Lynda Scheel and Kevin Whitehead on Tuesday. They will remain on the board, along with members Tom Bailey and Steve King.

About 28 percent of voters cast ballots in Livonia. Vote margins came in at about 40

percent in favor of recall, 60 percent opposed for each of the five trustees, with slight differences. Lessard received the most individual votes to support a recall at 8,916, while Scheel took the fewest at 8,423.

In most Livonia precincts, the voters opposed the recalls; however, pro-recall sentiments prevailed in vote totals at Hull, Taylor, Adams and Roosevelt.

Futrell said he was proud to see how many people turned out to vote - not only in the recall election, but in the May school board election.

"It's a sign to our board members that they'd better be on their toes," he said. "We'll continue to be active-

ly involved." Markarian said she is ready to "move on" and see the community come together. "This is just the beginning," she said.

Freeman added: "We have a huge job ahead of us. The community has to heal. We all have to be part of it. Everybody."

Supt. Randy Liepa said the message in the school district this week remains the same, regardless of the election results.

"Our focus is on getting school started and healing the community," he said Wednesday morning. "School starts Sept. 6 for the kids."

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Sue Brda of Westland holds a recall sign for voters to see as they go to vote at Nankin Mills Elementary Tuesday. Look for more photos online at hometownlife.com

Beard: Creating jobs will be at heart of her 15th term

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Unbeatable as ever, Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard sailed easily to victory in Tuesday's primary, defeating her opponent by a 4-to-1 margin.

Beard clinched a 15th consecutive two-year term by garnering 5,455 votes compared to Democratic challenger Vernell Massey's 1,350 in unofficial results.

Beard, the longest-serving commissioner in history, faces no Republican opposition in

the Nov. 7 general election. Her 12th District includes Westland, Inkster and south Livonia.

"I'm very pleased and honored that so many people voted for me," Beard, 85, said. "I guess the voting public is pleased with the way I handle my job."

Massey, a 48-year-old Inkster resident, said she planned to call Beard on

Tuesday to congratulate her on her victory.

Still, Massey indicated that she isn't done with politics. "I'll definitely be back," she said. "I'll be running again in two years."

Beard, a Westland resident formerly of Inkster, captured a landslide victory with 80 percent of vote totals compared to Massey's 20 percent. She has consistently defeated her opponents by huge margins.

Beard dismissed rumors that she would step down early during her next term so that one of her two daughters

- neither of them a Wayne County resident - could seek a commission appointment.

"I plan to serve out my term just as I have my other 14 terms," she said.

In her new term, Beard hopes that she and her commission colleagues can help to stimulate job growth.

"There has been a lot of job loss. Anything that we can do on the county level that can help to alleviate that is something we all need to concentrate on," she said. "We need to look for new businesses to come in and help older busi-

nesses maintain their employment levels.

"If people don't have jobs, they can't properly raise their families and attain the quality of life that we like to have."

In Westland, Beard beat Massey by a more than 5-to-1 margin, accumulating 3,507 votes compared to Massey's 645.

Beard continued to dominate in districtwide tallies, although her margin of victory narrowed somewhat to 4-to-1.

Her new term will start on Jan. 1. dclem@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2110

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Coming Sunday in Health. Heat, water, insects and poison ivy are just some of the health dangers we face in the summer.

# St. Vincent de Paul opens big box store

A long vacant storefront has become the third part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's "Big Three" retail facilities in tri-county area.

SVdP will open the Westland Thrift Store and Donation Center, the largest thrift store in Wayne County, to the public at 9 a.m. Saturday, following a VIP preview today.

The 22,900-square-foot facility is the most recent addition to the Society's growing chain of 10 thrift stores across southeast Michigan and the third major big box operation to serve the metropolitan Detroit tri-county area. It's located at 6613 Wayne Road at Hunter in the Westland Shopping Plaza.

"The grand opening of our third big box thrift store in Westland is an extraordinary occasion for the Society as the largest thrift store in Wayne County," said SVdP Executive Director William Brazier.

"This store also joins the ranks of our two other big box operations. These three stores in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are a critical part of the Society's mission to help the poor.

"Through donations and purchases at our thrift stores, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to assist 30,000

households annually."

Brazier added that the Westland, Clinton Township and Waterford big box thrift stores are unique facilities that offer more than 20,000-square-feet of retail and donation processing space. The concept converts vacant large-end retail space in high-traffic shopping centers into facilities that manage a large volume of retail and resale goods.

Since March 2005, the Society has opened a 38,000-square-foot former Best Buy facility in Clinton Township, the largest thrift store in operation by SVdP, and a 20,000-square-foot former New York Carpet World and pet store in Waterford. More than 300 shoppers visit the big box stores each day and SVdP officials anticipate the Westland store to draw similar numbers of customers and donors.

The Big Three will anchor the Society's chain of thrift stores in southeast Michigan. The big box approach is a modern trend in thrift store retailing that allows the Society to remain competitive in a changing marketplace, said Ray Minton, vice-president of Thrift Store Operations and a retired Kmart marketing executive.

"We're definitely on a roll,"

Minton said. "The wide selection of merchandise presents a unique shopping experience to bargain-hunters and also is affordable to people looking to stretch their dollar a little further. The nicer we present the store to our customers, the better quality of merchandise is donated which keeps us competitive in a varying economy."

The store will offer a wide selection of clothing for men, women and children, designer and retro fashions, career wear, footwear, in addition to antiques and collectibles, jewelry, electronics, records, books, sporting and outdoor equipment, furniture, and many other household items.

All 10 SVdP thrift stores will offer special sales in celebration of the Westland store grand opening.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. New items are received daily with merchandise rotated every six to eight weeks.

Donors may drop off items seven days a week until 30 minutes before closing at the drive-up donation center behind the store. Donor pickups for large items and quantities can be scheduled by calling (877) ST-VINCE (877-78-

84623). Receipts for tax credit are available.

Through donations, volunteering and purchases at SVdP thrift stores, the Society is able to provide 30,000 households across southeast Michigan each year with domestic goods and assistance with housing and utility payments for families in need.

SVdP is a major provider of human and disaster relief services, assisting people in crisis who have been victims of fires or floods, lost their job, or other urgent situations by providing emergency support.

SVdP is one of 10 organizations nationwide selected by the United Methodist Committee on Relief to participate in Katrina Aid Today, a two-year case management grant funded by FEMA to assist with the resettlement of hurricane victims in the metro Detroit area.

SVdP works in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Detroit, networking with 2,000 Vincentian volunteers in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, St. Clair and Monroe counties. Surplus from the thrift stores support SVdP's other charitable operations, including the Society's food depots, youth summer camps and health care facilities.

## INFORMATION CENTRAL

It's that time of year. Those who are planning to head off to college are starting to make their plans. It's a big step and you want to make sure you go off prepared. What better place to get the information you need than the library?

There is so much to think about - scholarships, roommates, cooking for yourself, and living in a tiny space, to start. We have several brand new books to help those in need of money for college, including the 2007 editions of *College Board Guide to Financial Aid and Directory of Financial Aids for Women*.

For those looking for the free application for Federal Student Aid, there have been some changes. The government no longer issues paper applications; you can only access it online. You can use the library's Internet computers to do so at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or do it from home or school. Nervous about living with a stranger? Living in a new town? Cooking for yourself? We can help with that, too. Check out *The Naked Roommate and 107 Other Issues You Might Run into in College* by Harlan Cohen. The book gives advice from real college students about roommate situations, long-distance relationships and living on a budget, to name a few topics.

You may also want to have a look at *It's Okay If You're Clueless* by Terry McMillan. For those concerned with squeezing into a small dorm room, try *Scaling Down: Living Large in a Smaller*

*Space* by Judi Culbertson which talks about ways to scale back on your possessions without emotional stress. For the kitchen clueless, try *College Cuisine: Easy, Cheap, Fast, Nutritious Recipes for Students* and venture beyond mac and cheese and ramen noodles.

**Teen Advisory Board Meeting:** 7 p.m. Aug. 9.

Join other teens and have your say in helping to select books, programs and prizes for teen activities. All sixth-12th graders are welcome.

**Adult Book Club:** 7 p.m. Aug. 15. This month's book selection is *Eventide* by Kent Haruf. Please read the book before the meeting. All are welcome.

**Book Signing:** 7 p.m. Aug. 16. Join nationally recognized author David L. Holmes, for an informal talk and book signing of his latest book, *Faiths of Our Founding Fathers*. Holmes' book has been reviewed by the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*. All are welcome. Call the library to reserve your seat.

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## CORRECTION

A graphic that accompanied a story on Detroit Wayne County Airport's impact on the local economy incorrectly identified the University of Detroit as the source for the graphs. The information is from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

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# Union rallies in support of boycott of Kroger

BY DAN WEST  
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of union workers gathered at a Livonia grocery warehouse Sunday to protest a move by Kroger supermarkets to transfer its perishable inventory to an Ohio facility, a decision that's expected to cut hundreds of local jobs.

Teamster President James P. Hoffa, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano and Democratic Congressional candidate Tony Trupiano were among the speakers who called for a public boycott of the grocer in a bid to save those local jobs on the chopping block.

"There are plenty of companies investing in southeastern Michigan, so why isn't Kroger," Ficano asked.

The crowd's response: "Greed!"

Kroger started to shift its produce and refrigerated products inventory from the Advantage Logistics facility on Middlebelt Road to an Ohio warehouse last month. It's a process that's expected to last several months. Leaders from Teamster's Local No. 337 said when the Kroger process is completed, the Livonia warehouse could eliminate 180-250 jobs. Some 500 people currently work in the warehouse.

Kroger spokeswoman Monica Gordon said the inventory will go to a state-of-the-art facility in Delaware, Ohio,

located outside of Columbus. The Great Lakes Regional Distribution Center, which opened in 2003, is expected to supply groceries to Kroger's 245 stores in Michigan and parts of Ohio and West Virginia.

"This warehouse transition was necessary because the (Livonia) facility is outdated and under capacity," Gordon said. "This is a move that will help us operate more effectively and efficiently."

Advantage Logistics is a separate company that operates the warehouse that has stored Kroger's inventory for years. Gordon said the grocer plans to continue to use the Livonia warehouse for nonperishable goods to stock its 127 Michigan stores.

The Kroger transition has been an anxious time for Darryl Bellows, a Dearborn Heights resident who has worked as a warehouse truck driver for 22 years. With limited information coming from company officials, Bellows said many of his coworkers fear everyone will eventually lose their jobs.

"A lot of us are disgusted about this," Bellows said. "We just signed a contract where the truck drivers agreed to no raises, hoping that would prevent something like this, and it still happens."

Hoffa fired up the crowd Sunday by inspiring chants, cutting up Kroger Plus dis-

count cards and calling on all metro Detroiters to stay out of Kroger stores. He said Sunday was the first of several rallies planned to preserve jobs in Michigan.

"It starts here if we are going to fight corporate greed," Hoffa said. "It starts with you. We can do it together and bury the 'Kroger Ogre!'"

Union officials are telling rank-and-file members they anticipate that Kroger eventually will yank all of its inventory from the Livonia facility and other Midwest warehouses and ship products the Ohio distribution center, where workers are unionized but paid substantially less than their counterparts in Livonia. Hoffa indicated that hundreds, maybe thousands, of people could lose their jobs if they do not stand up to Kroger now.

Gordon said many of the union's allegations are unfounded. She said the grocer employs 13,500 people in Michigan -- 1,800 of which have been added over the past five years.

"We have been good corporate citizens in Michigan," Gordon said. "We remain committed to Michigan."

She added Kroger sent human resources officials to the Advantage Logistics warehouse in late July to interview candidates to work in Kroger's new Ohio warehouse.

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**Chelsea R. Quintal** of Westland recently attended the week-long Michigan Freedom Academy at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center at the Air National Guard Base near Alpena.

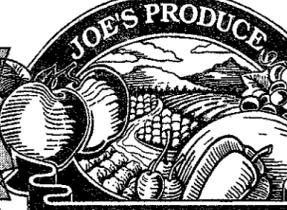
The daughter of William and

Colleen Quintal, she is a student at Wayne Memorial High School.

The Freedom Academy brings together 150 future leaders to discuss and learn more about freedom.

Matthew Peterson of

Westland received a bachelor of business administration degree during spring commencement ceremonies at Adrian College. A graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, he studied business administration and management.



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Jessica Clark thought she would stay with a host family during her one-year stay in Japan, by the Westland resident found out this spring that that won't be the case.

Clark, a 2003 graduate of John Glenn High School had been planning her year-long trip to complete her senior research on Japanese Theater for two years, and was set to go this spring when she found out she needed an additional \$5,000 expense to cover room and board at a dorm.

To help her with the additional expense, the ladies of St. John's Episcopal Church will hold a benefit spaghetti dinner 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the church, 555 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill. Clark will be on hand to do a PowerPoint presentation and there will be a short Kabuki style performance.

The cost of the dinner will be by freewill offering. Call the church at (734) 721-5023.

### Wildflower seminar

Vern Stephens, a native plant specialist with Designs by Nature in Laingsburg, Mich., will be the guest speaker at a workshop, Native Wildflowers for the Home Landscape: Planting and Maintaining an Earth-Friendly Fall Garden, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, in the second-floor multipurpose room of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford behind Westland City Hall.

Native wildflowers are found in the prairies, wet meadows, wetlands, and woodlands of Michigan. When used in the home garden, these same plants attract butterflies and birds, add natural beauty, and help protect the Rouge River.

The program will review the origin of native wildflowers, identify easy-care plants for the fall garden, and provide maintenance tips. Native wildflowers also will be available for sale before and after the side presentation.

The program sponsored by the Westland Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation Department and Community Relations.

The workshop is free of charge. Register in advance by calling Community Relations at (734) 467-3198 or by e-mail at LFDDean@aol.com.

### Surplus food

The city of Westland will distribute surplus federal food 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Dorsey Community Center, on Dorsey east of Venoy and south of Palmer.

That distribution will be for residents who live north of Michigan Avenue.

Residents south of the avenue should pick up their commodities on July 17 at St. James United Methodist Church, located at 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt roads.

Senior citizens in Taylor Towers should call their manager about their distribution.

For August, surplus federal food will include dry split peas, spaghetti pasta, spaghetti sauce and sweet potatoes.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

### Investigators Night

Mystiques West Westland is hosting a Ghost Hunters and Paranormal Investigators Night called "We Ain't Afraid of No Ghosts" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15. The public will have an opportunity to meet real ghost busters and see pictures, videos, and taped voices of actual ghosts.

Mystiques - West is at 36356 Ford, west of Wayne Road,

Westland. Call (734) 729-8019.

### Sponsors needed

State Sen. Laura M. Toy, R-Livonia, is looking for sponsors for the Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day.

The 2006 Senior Celebration Day will be held Friday, Oct. 13, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event, which hosts more than 1,000 seniors, is in its 12th year. Toy co-sponsors the event with state Rep. John R. Pastor, R-Livonia, and the non-profit group Senior Citizen Achievement Needs.

All sponsors receive a booth in the day's vendor exhibition. Call Jessica Hayden at (517) 373-1707 or by e-mail at senltoy@senate.michigan.gov.

### Aloha!

Put on your grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts and head for the Westland senior Friendship Center where it will be luau time, Friday, Aug. 18.

The fun gets underway at noon and includes entertainment by the Hartland Seniors, with the "Living Dolls," tropical island food and prizes.

The cost is \$8 for center members and \$12 for non-members. Tickets are available through Friday, Aug. 11 and are available at the Friendship center, 1119 N. Newburgh.

### 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.

### Adoption event

The Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven is hosting an adoption event to raise funds and awareness for pet rescue and help find local, homeless Samoyeds a new home for life 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. 12 and 19, as well as Sept. 9, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4.

WSSH also will sell Purina Pro Plan Rally to Rescue collar and wristband sets as a part of the Rally to Rescue campaign. 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 fund-raising program by asking shoppers to round up their bill to raise money for the organization.

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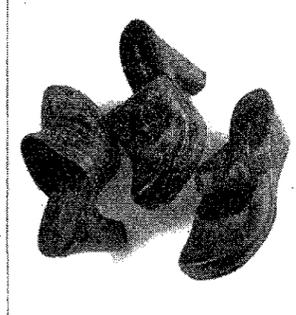
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## OUR VIEWS

### Blood supply crisis no laughing matter

Go ahead and laugh. Most people do when they hear Red Cross volunteer Karen Lake of Troy talk about the need for blood donations.

You don't get it from cows, she says. The chuckles are usually short-lived as her reality check hits home. Remember the last time you reached for a gallon of milk off the shelf at your local grocery store, without a second thought? We take it for granted that it will always be there, whenever we need it.

But blood doesn't come from cows; it can only come from each of us. And if we don't donate it, there is a very real possibility that it won't be there on the shelf when medical personnel reach for it in an emergency.

Such was the impending crisis hospitals throughout the metropolitan area have faced this summer. At one point last month, there was only a dangerously low four-hour supply of blood.

Heightening the worry was that there was no safety net for local hospitals. Carmen Timm, donor resources representative for the Red Cross, said the blood shortage was replicated throughout the nation. That's unusual, Timm said, and the cause was unknown.

What it meant was that there was no go-to location to supplement blood supplies, which traditionally decrease at this time of year, the height of vacation season.

Ultimately, the solution to the blood shortage lives within us. It is the determination to get over queasiness about making a blood donation and, instead, making the small time commitment of about an hour to ensure a blood supply for that emergency we pray will never come.

Qualifications are straightforward: You need to be at least 17 years old and in good health. There are some other considerations, like where you may have traveled recently, but Red Cross volunteers do a careful screening process to ensure your safety, and that of the blood supply.

For an appointment and a blood donation location, watch this newspaper or call the Red Cross at (800) GIVE-LIFE.

Officials say the need for more blood donors is continuing this month. And there is nothing funny about that.

### Restricting passengers would save teens' lives

Summer is the deadliest time of year for teenagers. That's because they have more free time to ride around in vehicles with friends.

Young drivers get into enough accidents on their own, but when extra teens are in the car, the combination can be a killer.

According to AAA, the fatal crash rate per mile driven is twice as high among 16-year-olds as it is among 18- to 19-year-olds.

With one passenger, the fatal crash risk nearly doubles. With two or more passengers, it increases five-fold.

Inexperienced new drivers need to concentrate on their driving and extra passengers in the car keep them from doing that.

Perhaps surprisingly, the passengers are most at risk. Two out of every three teenagers who die in crashes are passengers in a vehicle driven by another teen, according to Ford Motor Co. and the Governors Highway Safety Association, which produced a driving skills program for teens.

The Michigan House of Representatives has passed a bill that would restrict the number of young passengers a new driver can have in his or her car. A new driver could have one passenger under the age of 18 for the first 90 days after getting his or her license. For the second 90 days, he could have two and after the third 90 days, three.

Now it's up to the Senate to take action. Unfortunately, the AAA-supported bill stalled in the Senate when it was last in session.

We urge readers to contact their state senators and ask them to support the proposed legislation when they reconvene.

In the meantime, it's up to parents to keep their teens safe — by limiting the number of teen passengers they can have in their vehicle and restricting whom they can ride with.

It may not be convenient. Parents may have to chauffeur their kids around for a little while longer rather than let them ride with their friends.

And it may not be popular — teens are likely to balk.

But in setting and enforcing restrictions, parents may be saving the lives of their children and their children's friends.



## LETTERS

### Politics, school vouchers

It was gratifying to read Hugh Gallagher's editorial on politics and school vouchers. Dick DeVos has cleverly distanced himself during this campaign from the failed attempt for school vouchers. In addition, he fails to mention Amway Corporation, from which his fortune came, or that his wife is the former state Republican chair. All the while claiming not to be a politician. Go figure!

The funds for public schools would most certainly be negatively affected by vouchers, one of Mr. DeVos' top priorities. As you pointed out, the public schools, which must accept and educate all children, are the backbone of the democracy and must be supported by the populace.

It is important for the state's electorate to realize the hidden agenda of his candidacy for governor. You have served this purpose well with your editorial.

Janet Muir  
Farmington Hills

presence, and push it toward taking its security obligations seriously.

Finally, Israel wants to keep Iranian arms and money from reaching Hezbollah. Beirut's airport is the key link in the supply chain between Iran and its proxy. The road from Beirut to Damascus is similarly used by Syria.

More and more voices are being heard in Lebanon saying that the Lebanese government has a duty to extend its control over all Lebanese territory. With the requisite political will, the Lebanese government can establish control over its own borders and curtail Hezbollah's terrorist activities. This will give citizens on both sides of the border peace and quiet. That is the message that we ought to be sending to the Middle East.

Andrew S. Doctoroff  
chapter chair  
American Jewish Committee,  
Metropolitan Detroit Chapter

upcoming local and state political elections. The future of our community depends on it.

Michael Sullivan  
Farmington

### A fever pitch

I would suggest to you that you talk about rhetoric and posturing with some of the groups who are talking about "re-taking" the American southwest. Liberal groups have been pushing and instigating this for years and now it's reached a fever pitch. This country cannot put all these illegal immigrants on our welfare systems and allow them to become citizens simply because they have been here for a certain amount of time.

The idiotic Senate bill is simply a way for its sponsors to "buy" Hispanic votes in the next elections and those people who wrote and sponsored that nonsense should be voted out of the Senate.

We need to close the borders and guard them very well and enforce existing immigration law, and if it takes the National Guard to do it along with the Coast Guard on the seas, then so be it.

Jeffrey Scott  
Troy

### Demand better

Average citizens, working and getting paid for that work, know that they are accountable for a good performance.

Our leaders have applied for and been awarded very responsible positions by the voting public. They are paid well and we should hold each of them accountable for their performance.

I do not feel that our president has implemented policies that have improved our lives. Bad decisions in foreign affairs have led to disastrous results.

On issues of the environment, care of the poor and the elderly, and basic honesty, I feel our president and the Republican Party have let us down.

Let us set the bar high and demand that our leaders be honest with us and show us the respect we deserve. By voting the present party out of office a clear message will be sent that we demand better of our leaders.

Doreen Lawton  
Novi

### School reform

Our state's dismal economic future poses a direct threat to a core American value — public and private education. The economic crisis confronting us threatens the quality of education for future generations, the livelihood of educators, and the skill levels of employees for our local businesses.

Many local political and school leaders are trapped in thinking that protecting budget cuts is the only way to save our schools. This is a Band-Aid approach and too political. The proposed solutions are either to implement budget cuts to match declining revenue or to increase taxes to fund our struggling school systems. That is, we either cut more meat off the bone or we rob Peter to pay Paul. Both are not sensible, and will only undermine improving Michigan's economy and the American dream of education for all.

We need monetary and non-monetary investment in our public and private education systems, along with well-thought-out educational system reform. This reform should be based on looking 10 years into the future and asking what will be needed to properly educate our children in public, private and home schools. We need to consider and debate charter schools, private sector investments, more rigorous graduation standards, relevant curriculum to prepare students for global employment, proper principal leadership training and improving the relationship between teacher and student. Such reforms are already working in places like Cleveland, Milwaukee, Washington, D.C., and New York City.

Taxes do not need to be increased. Our political and school leaders need to be open to monetary investments, support services and leadership training from local businesses, nonprofit organizations and faith-based organizations.

Community organizations need to see education reform as part of their mission to improve the community. The return on investment is a well-educated community and work force. We need less rigidity and more choice. Parents should have more choices on how their child is educated. Principals and teachers need more choices to experiment in "zapping the gap" for different learning needs.

One hopes that these issues will be discussed, argued and debated in the

### Paying a price

Hezbollah's attack on Israel that killed eight soldiers and left two as hostages and showering of rockets on Israeli cities kick-started a confrontation that has been brewing for weeks if not months and even years.

In May 2000, in full compliance with U.N. Security Council Resolution 425, Israel withdrew all military forces from southern Lebanon, vacating a buffer zone that had kept Hezbollah weaponry 10 miles from its northern border. The withdrawal was a military and strategic risk. Today, Israel has Hezbollah terror gangs, heavily armed vehicles and financed by Syria and Iran, literally on the other side of the border fence.

To keep Hezbollah and its enablers in Syria and Iran from causing trouble, Israel relies on a deterrence policy — any attack on Israel will have direct and severe consequences. Israel's military operation in Lebanon has several goals. One is to make it more difficult for Hezbollah to transfer their Israeli hostages to Iran or to other parts of Lebanon.

Another is to show Lebanon that there's a price to be paid for Hezbollah's

### American hypocrisy

According to U.S. governmental policy, which is beholden to the interests of the state of Israel, democracy comes with "strings attached." How else does one explain the insanity of the U.S. policy which invested hundreds of millions of dollars promoting the notion of democracy, yet turns around and penalizes the entire Palestinian people by starving them and denying them crucial aid because the U.S. doesn't like the choices they made.

Preaching "democracy" while practicing "hypocrisy" is not the way to win the hearts and minds of a brutalized and oppressed people. The U.S. continues to reward Israel, a state that is in direct defiance of many U.N. resolutions, internationally recognized laws, and conventions, with billions upon billions of its taxpayers' dollars, and yet chooses to collectively punish an entire people for daring to practice what it had been preaching to them.

What is wrong with this picture?

Mike Odellia  
Canton

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## QUOTABLE

"We're grateful for the \$210, but we're still extremely frustrated and disappointed with the leadership in Lansing because they have failed to solve the structural problems as they relate to the budget."

- Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy about the state School Aid Bill that has been sent to the governor

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# Bills backing single-sex schools only masking education issues

*"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

In the poem "The New Colossus," Emma Lazarus created the lines that are now famous for describing America's melting pot philosophy and compulsory public education in general. Public schools must educate all, and they must, according to federal law, do so equally. Legislators would never suggest that we go back to the days before Brown v. Board of Education, when schools were divided on the basis of race, and de jure discrimination was thinly veiled under the banner of "separate but equal." However, today, Michigan legislators are doing the very same thing on the basis of biological sex.



Dr. Jennifer Martin

Despite Title IX provisions that federally funded institutions, such as public schools, do not discriminate on the basis of sex, House Bill 4264, Senate Bill 1296, and House Bill 6247 serve to do just this. The Michigan House of Representatives has passed legislation to permit for the first time in Michigan public funding of sex-segregated schooling. The bills passed with no safeguards to prevent sex discrimination or even a monitoring and evaluation system. Unfortunately, Gov. Granholm also supports this initiative.

As a veteran public school teacher of 11 years, I can say with conviction that some boys and some girls probably would benefit from single-sex environments. However, this fact does not justify such a slippery slope. Proponents of this bill may suggest that single-sex environments are safer for students by "eliminating" the problems of sexism, sexual and gender harassment. However, this single-sex "experiment" is just placing a band-aid on the problem.

As an expert in sexual harassment, it is clear that boys and girls need to learn to live together in a positive environment. Separating the sexes will not give young people the education needed on how to properly interact with others, especially if young people are not receiving gender instruction at home. Sexual harassment is not inevitable in a traditional "mixed-sex" environment.

In our society, where domestic violence and sexual assault are common, where one in five adolescent girls becomes the victim of physical and/or sexual violence in a dating relationship (*New York Times* 8/1/01), positive gender instruction is necessary in schools. Students need this instruction, and consequences for inappropriate, harassing behavior. Separating the sexes will not accomplish this or prepare young people for the real world and for the workplace where they will have to inevitably live with the "other" sex.

Some proponents of single-sex schools may argue that biology (read adolescent hormones) dictates more success will be found if the sexes are separated. However, adolescent hormonal development occurs regardless of the school facility the student attends. Sexism must be fought and eliminated rather than running away from it as single-sex schools do. Sex equity can be transformative for men as well as women, something that can only occur in an integrated environment.

Proponents of this initiative cite the success of some private single-sex schools as a reason to allow public single-sex schools. However, such success has been found to be more related to selective admissions processes, smaller class sizes, parental involvement, and greater resources per pupil than the factor of gender segregation. Private co-ed schools with these same advantageous features are also quite successful. Legislators should work to provide public schools the funding needed to implement these proven methods of improving educational outcomes rather than hoping that separating boys and girls will substitute for them.

I fear that the single-sex schools initiative will mirror racial discrimination in the days of "separate but equal" where proponents of segregation argued that both blacks and whites would be "better off" with their own kind. What ended up happening was the funding, the facilities, the opportunities went to whites.

And what of this single-sex "experiment?" Is this a covert attempt to shift funding from co-ed schools to single-sex schools, and to favor boys over girls in the allocation of scarce educational resources? Is this initiative a reaction to the success of Title IX in requiring equal opportunity for girls in K-12 education? The legislature has traded off women's rights to "equal educational opportunity" to give some parents the opportunity to sex segregate their children. This is not the solution for the problems students are facing in public schools today.

House Bill 4264, Senate Bill 1296, and House Bill 6247 contain no accountability scheme to measure any promised gains over co-ed settings. None of the bills provide a sunset if the "option" or "experiment" with single-sex public schools fails or is found to offer no significant advantage.

None of the bills contain a provision prohibiting sex discrimination in the operation of the sex-segregated school, class, or program.

None of the bills allow the admission of the other sex if there is not a comparable or substantially equal program at both schools or the co-ed schools.

I urge the Senate to defeat HB 4264 and HB 6247 and the Governor to veto SB 1296, as do Michigan chapters of the National Organization for Women.

Dr. Jennifer Martin is a Redford resident who serves as the English Department Head at Tinkham Alternative High School and in the Department of Leadership at Oakland University.

# Consider some alternatives as gas prices continue to rise

With drivers moaning about the high cost of gas, I have given some thought to some ways to meet the problem head on.

One possible solution would be to move to Caracas, Venezuela, which is a leading oil producer. Gas costs there are between 10 and 14 cents a gallon. In essence you can fill up an SUV for about \$3. Sounds enticing doesn't it?



Elaine Chalom

However, you will have to put up with perpetual traffic jams and air pollution. Gas is highly subsidized, which is a multimillion dollar drain on the national budget. This subsidy saps money that could help schools, hospitals or public transit. With gasoline prices being cheaper than water ... any incentive to conserve is eliminated.

SUV sales have been and are still soaring. With the subsidy and lack of any pollution or safety controls, there are many decades-old rolling wrecks on the streets. Police do not even cite those who drive at night without headlights. With respect to the "global warming" issue, I'm sure Al Gore would chastise Venezuelan President Chavez for his insensitivity to the issue. Perhaps moving to Caracas is not the best idea.

A second possibility would be to buy a Smart Car. We've all heard about them by now. Last year in Paris, it seemed to be the predominant car on the streets. It's a tiny two-seater, no larger than a good size riding mower. They are purported to give 46 miles per gallon in the city and 60 miles per gallon on the highway. The Smart Car is part of the Mercedes-Benz group, which we all know has a wonderful reputation. The M-B company is boasting a quality car that is fuel-efficient and safe. The question for me is "How safe?" If you live in an area where everyone is driving cars of this size, safety wouldn't be an issue. But on the road with a 6,000-pound SUV, a van the size of a bus or, God forbid, a Hummer heading for me ... I'm not sure how smart it would be to go the Smart Car route.

A third solution is to use that bike that's tucked away in the garage. Or, for a mere \$2,500, you can buy a 80 cc, four-stroke scooter which will give up to 80 mpg, is low on emission and can reach speeds up to 45 mph. Of course, you may feel the urge to buy a leather jacket and perhaps

The Europeans are presently paying about \$7 a gallon and have long adapted to paying these high prices, of which 70 percent of the cost is taxes. They attempt to find a home closer to their work, they drive smaller cars that are more fuel-efficient, and many use scooters or public transportation.

have your navel pierced ... maybe even a tattoo. With weather as wonderful as we have been having, this solution sounds feasible. However when winter comes we would have to revert to other methods of transportation.

Seriously speaking ... Car pooling is an economical way to go. Find out where your co-workers live and suggest a neutral meeting spot, taking turns driving to work. This could be a great opportunity for networking — getting personal recommendations for unique stores, restaurants and sources for miscellaneous repairs.

Whenever you are going out, always consider an alternative to driving — whether bicycling, public transportation or even walking.

Of course, you have heard the importance of keeping your car well-maintained. See that the tires are properly inflated and replace your air filter often. Use your cruise control whenever possible. Avoid unnecessary idling, jack rabbit starts and driving over 60 mph. Reduce the use of your air conditioner and remove excess weight from your trunk.

The Europeans are presently paying about \$7 a gallon and have long adapted to paying these high prices, of which 70 percent of the cost is taxes. They attempt to find a home closer to their work, they drive smaller cars that are more fuel-efficient, and many use scooters or public transportation. It seems Americans are not particularly interested in adopting these conservation tactics. I feel that I have done my little contribution toward helping the global warming problem by purchasing a Toyota Prius last July. I am very pleased with its fuel-efficiency and feel that Al Gore would be proud of my little contribution.

Elaine Chalom lives in Livonia.

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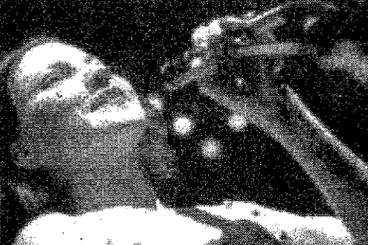
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# Highland Games offer wee bit of Scotland

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Dave Martin, a 32-year Livonia resident, is pipe major for the St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band, a position he's held a number of years. He was part of the crowd this past weekend at the 157th annual Highland Games at Greenmead historical park in Livonia.

"The games are the oldest Highland Games in North America," said Martin, taking a break from volunteer duties on Saturday. "People love the great Highland bagpipes, obviously a public of discerning taste."

Martin, whose work is in computers, is 100 percent Irish, unlike many others at the event celebrating the heritage of the Scots. "For some reason I seem to play reasonably well," he said of his love of the bagpipes. Martin praised Greenmead as "the best site we've ever had. They have been a great host."

Nearby Saturday was Pam Young Setla of Redford, a volunteer and member of sponsor St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. She also pipes with the Windsor Police Street Band. "They do the parades and that," said Setla, who works in university communications at Eastern Michigan University.

She's 100 percent Scot on her dad's side, the Rattray clan and Young. Her mom's side is a little Scot via Canada. "Scots have contributed a lot over the years," she said. "It's a very close-knit society. The Scots watch out for one another. When my husband was so ill, I got a lot of support from the St. Andrew's Society."

Husband Phil, a radiologist, died of multiple sclerosis complications in December 1998. Friend Ray Green of

Windsor, a retired Windsor police officer, has been working various games with wife Francine for some 20 years, traveling as far as Montreal, Quebec. "My son was a piper, my daughter was a dancer," he said. "We used to do the circuit with the kids."

The grandkids have carried on the tradition. Their 6-year-old granddaughter from Fort Worth, Texas, was in Livonia Saturday as a dancer for the Highland Games.

"It keeps the Scottish heritage going, shares it with the community," said Ray Green, who is part Scot. "We always try to make this a fun game."

Piper Jake Mack of Dearborn, a 17-year-old Dearborn High senior, likes the games at Greenmead. "It's interesting. It's a lot of fun," he said.

He finds the local games less stressful. "You know all the judges, you know what to expect." He travels to Pennsylvania, Ohio and Ontario to compete.

"Everyone's so easygoing, too," Mack said. "That's so nice."

Livonian Ed Bicknell, a piper with the St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band, is also proud of his heritage and was glad to participate Saturday. "My mother's family is McCall, so I am half Scot," he said. He has a McCall kilt but doesn't wear it for piping.

Greenmead was also front and center Saturday, with volunteers like Darlene Scarcelli showing off such buildings as the historic Shaw House. She was giving tours of the home built in 1843 and moved later from Six Mile.

"It just brings a lot of people for the Highland Games but don't necessarily know what Greenmead is," Scarcelli said.

The summer event's one of the biggest draws for Greenmead, helping with exposure.

Rachel Capps of Westland, who works in financial aid at Schoolcraft College, finds the games a fun family day. "We come out often, usually every year," she said. They were watching the athletes in such events as the caber toss, in which a telephone pole is tossed for accuracy rather than distance.

Capps was "getting ready pretty soon to go through the shops," of which there were plenty. "And besides a lot of men in kilts," she added with a laugh.

Capps has also attended and recommends the St. Andrew's Society Robert Burns dinner with a re-enactor representing the poet.

Martha Trafford of Canton, a

retired educator, came to the games with friends John and Beth Stewart of Plymouth Township. Trafford is Irish-Canadian.

"The music, the pageantry," she said of what she likes. "I enjoy watching the different activities." She likes the bagpipes and drums.

Trafford also enjoyed the tug of war between the U.S. Marines and Livonia Fire Department, which the firefighters won. Saturday's fun was preceded by a Friday night ceillidh, featuring music and dance. There were also children's activities and re-enactors.

Ean Pokryfky, age 16, competes in the amateur caber flip for the first time with adults twice his age and older.



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# Voters give thumbs up to SMART

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

The millage to support the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation bus system was renewed by a wide margin by voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties Tuesday.

In unofficial votes with nearly 100 percent of precincts reporting, Wayne County voters in communities with SMART service approved the millage 46,678 to 19,744. In Oakland County, the millage passed 64,718 to 20,465. Macomb voters approved the millage 65,406 to 27,669.

The SMART ballot initiative is a renewal of the operating millage, but a reduction as well. Voters in Wayne and Oakland County were asked to approve a .59 mills package — down from .6 mills — that brought them in line with what Macomb County voters were paying for the bus service.

SMART Public Relations Manager Beth Gibbons said that while public transportation has a hit and miss history in Michigan, people understand that it has to exist in one way or another.



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Voters in the tri-county area approved SMART's millage renewal in Tuesday's election.

"People look at it as something we need," Gibbons said. "They say, it may not be something I use but other people do and it's something we should have."

Besides the electoral numbers, she said the ridership numbers are doing well on their own. Since 2002, she said there's been a 25 percent rise in the amount of people using SMART buses to get from place to place.

If the numbers hold up, she said ridership will be free to continue to rise.

"If it passes, services continue as scheduled tomorrow and we're good for another four years," Gibbons said. "If

they don't, we're going to start eliminating weekend and night services and the rest of the service over the next couple of months."

In the primary for the Democratic nomination for Wayne County executive, incumbent Robert Ficano won handily as expected.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, he garnered 99,632 votes. Former Detroit Police lieutenant Ricardo Robert Moore received 9,741 votes and Marion Ector received 6,693 votes. Ramon Patrick won the Republican nomination with 22,240 votes against Deborah West who had 20,580 votes.

# United Way names Local Community Committee for out-Wayne County

United Way for Southeastern Michigan has appointed its inaugural Local Community Committee (LCC) to represent Wayne County on the organization's Board of Directors.

The LCC is comprised of volunteers who are responsible for developing and implementing local strategies that align with United Way's regional priorities.

In total, there are four LCCs, representing Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, as well as the city of Detroit. The concept for the LCCs was created when United Way of Oakland County and United Way Community Services dissolved to form United Way for Southeastern Michigan, in April 2005. The new organization is focused on creating lasting change in local communities as well as region-wide. The LCCs further this mission by



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involving each county and the city of Detroit directly with United Way's regional work and ensuring that local needs are met. "The Local Community

Committees give a stronger voice to the tri-county area and the city of Detroit," said Michael J. Brennan, president and CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. Chair of the Wayne County LCC is Lizabeth Ardisana, CEO, ASG Renaissance. Committee members are: Judge Deborah Ross Adams, Wayne County Circuit Court Family Division; Ismael Ahmed, executive director, ACCESS; James Buford, director, Wayne County Department of Homeland Security; John

Colina, president, Colina Foundation; Dwight Dean, regional director, U.S. Department of Census Bureau; Reverend Dr. John E. Duckworth, pastor, Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church; Victor Green, director of Community Relations, Wayne State University, Office of Government and Community Affairs; Karen Murphy, executive director, YWCA of Western Wayne County; Keith Pickens, Dearborn branch manager, AAA Michigan; Sue Pilon, director of Planning and Special Projects, Downriver Community Conference; Sue Ellen Small, principal (retired), Taylor school district; and Madelyn Williams, regional manager, Corporate and Government Affairs, DTE Energy.

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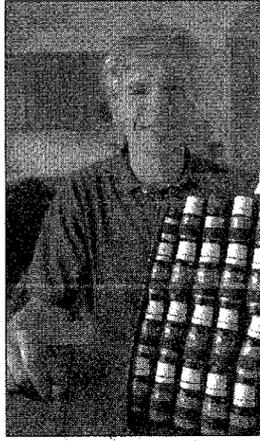
# Doctor uses natural medicine to bring body into balance

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

A few years ago Tom Leib was like a lot of people who think natural medicine is hocus pocus. "I thought it was hogwash," Leib said. But his wife at the time swore by the herbs and oils she was using. "It seemed like they were doing her a lot of good. She was feeling great, so I thought there must be something to these things and I checked them out myself," Leib said. And he felt better. A lot better. He felt so much better that he started researching how to become a distributor for a company that produces the oils he uses. But the more Leib learned, the more he wanted to learn, and the next thing he knew he was enrolled in classes and working toward his degree in

naturopathy. It took four years for Leib to earn his doctorate in naturopathy, a practice which uses natural remedies - herbs, oils and plants - to help bring the body into balance. He uses methods such as muscle testing and examination of the retina to identify strengths and weaknesses in the body, and then uses the remedies to help bring balance and make the body stronger, according to Leib. Most of Leib's clients only seek him out when they find that what they know as traditional medicine hasn't worked for them. "They come to me after they've seen doctors who prescribe medicines for them, but the medicines don't make them feel better," Leib said. "The reason they're not feeling better is because medications don't treat the root of

the problem. They don't bring balance to the body." Still, Leib is not about to bad-mouth hospitals and medical doctors, even though you won't find Leib at a hospital. He works by day as a maintenance engineer for General Motors (where his colleagues call him "Herby"), and runs his practice out of his home. "They are valuable too. If you're in a car accident, for example, you don't want to see me," Leib said. "You need to be at a hospital where they can fix you fast. What I do takes time." The change is often so gradual that his patients think the remedies aren't working, and stop taking the herbs. "Then all of a sudden they aren't feeling well," Leib said. "People are amazed. They don't realize that they ever felt so bad. It's amazing how



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Tom Leib of Canton uses natural medicines, including many herbal oils, to treat patients. Some of his colleagues have come to call him "Herby."

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# Man and woman robbed at gunpoint

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Westland police are continuing to investigate an armed robbery that happened last Thursday night outside of Skone's Place, a bar near Venoy and Cherry Hill. Police have two suspects, including a gunman and someone who may have been an accessory after the fact, Sgt. Michael Match confirmed Tuesday. The holdup occurred just before 9:30 p.m. last Thursday. "Two people were sitting in a pickup truck in the parking lot talking, and a fellow with a pistol came up to the passenger side," Match said. No shots were fired, and no one was injured, he said. Match described the victims as a 60-year-old woman who was sitting in the driver's seat and a 52-year-old man who was

on the passenger side. The bandit put the pistol to the passenger's head and demanded money, then pointed the weapon at the driver and robbed her of her cell phone, Match said. "He then told them to drive away," the detective said. The bar is located on Venoy Road just south of Cherry Hill. Criminal charges are expected against as many as two suspects, Match said, but the investigation was continuing on Tuesday. The incident marked the first armed robbery in August in Westland, although several other holdups have occurred this summer in other areas of the city. A suspect has been arrested for a string of robberies that occurred at check-cashing businesses in Westland and several other communities.

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**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 Eibe 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/PlymouthCantonVVA 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.

**In Harmony**  
The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quarrelling can call membership chairman

Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

**Civil Air Patrol**  
Emergency service is just one of the congressionally mandated missions of the Civil Air Patrol, which includes ground and air search-and-rescue operations. The Civil Air Patrol, which is the official U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is made up of civilian volunteers. To learn more about CAP or training as an air crew or ground team member, contact the Willow Run Composite Squadron (MI-260). Call Capt. Dane Hansen, deputy commander/recruiter, at (734) 485-3021 or visit the Web site www.members.home.net/capliberators/.

**Habitat help**  
The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

**Veteran's Haven**  
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

**Pet-A-Pet**  
The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Marie Johnson, (734) 326-1200), and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m.

the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

**Zonta Club**  
The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, a service club to advance the status of women, meets every month on the fourth Monday at the Holiday Inn, Livonia. For more information, call Pat Harris at (734) 420-2920

**Franklin PTSA**  
The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia MI 48150.

**Tutorial program**  
A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Peterson, (734) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education.

**M.O.M.S.**  
M.O.M.S. Club of Canton/ Westland is a nonprofit support group for stay-at-home mothers. There are weekly events, Mom's Night Out, age-oriented play groups and more. For information, call Wendy, (734) 398-6957.

**FOR YOUR HEALTH**

**Eating Disorders**  
Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. All meetings are closed - for people of all ages with eating disorders and are free of charge. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of

the month. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 324-3089.

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

**TOPS**  
TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Weigh-in is 6:30-7:15 p.m., with the meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Rosalie at (734) 728-0299.

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

**Support group**  
A support group for people with chronic illness meets on Fridays every other week, at the Westside Mental Health Services, 32932 W. Warren, Suite 103, Westland. The support group is a service of Awareness Counseling Services. There is a \$10 for each meeting which will be facilitated by a professional. For more information, call (734) 513-8295 or (313) 562-2800.

**AIM**  
Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

**Angela Hospice**  
As part of its service to the community, Angela Hospice offers a variety of grief support groups free-of-charge to community residents. The groups are held

at the Angela Hospice Care Center at 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, and are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers who aim to provide useful coping strategies and tools to facilitate the healing process.

- General Grief Support Group - Open to all losses. Meets at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- Loss of a Spouse Support Group - Meets 6:30-8 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, beginning in February.
- Women's Grief Support Group - Held each Spring and Fall. Call (734)953-6012 for dates and times.
- Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost

a Child - Meets 6:30-8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. Call to register at (734) 464-2683.

■ Grief Support Quilter's Group - A new Grief Support Quilter's Group is looking for community members interested in making a quilt in memory of a loved one. No quilting or sewing experience is necessary. Dates and times to be determined. Call (734) 953-6012 for more information. Groups by Appointment - Loss of an Adult Child, Men In Grief. Call (734) 953-6012 for more information. Programs for Children- Reservations required for all children's programs. Register by calling (734) 464-2683.

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Sealed proposals for the City of Westland, **2006 Roadway Surfacing Project**, will be received by the City of Westland, at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI until **10:30 a.m., local time on Tuesday, August 22, 2006** (No exceptions will be made) at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

**Description of Work:**  
The approximate quantities of major items of work involved in the project are as follows:

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**Contract Documents on File**  
Contract Documents may be examined at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices, 37095 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185; F.W. Dodge Reports, 21415 Civic Center Drive, Suite 115, Southfield, MI 48076 and the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room at 43636 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices. A non-refundable charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), check only, payable to the City of Westland will be required for each set of Contract documents. Contract Documents will be available beginning Tuesday, August 8, 2006.

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the Name of Bidder and shall be plainly marked on the lower front left hand corner "2006 Roadway Surfacing Project". Proposals must be addressed to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Westland and delivered to the Purchasing Agent's office on or before the time specified above. No exceptions will be made.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid, payable without condition to the City of Westland, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

No Bid may be withdrawn for at least ninety (90) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving Bids.

The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, and to waive informalities in bidding, or to accept any Bid it may deem in the best interest of the City.

Bonding companies must be listed in the "Department of Treasury's Federal Register of Approved Sureties Listing".

Mr. Dwayne Harrigan  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Westland

**CITY OF WESTLAND  
INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **August 29, 2006 at 11:15 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

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Dwayne R. Harrigan  
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Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at (734) 467-7920. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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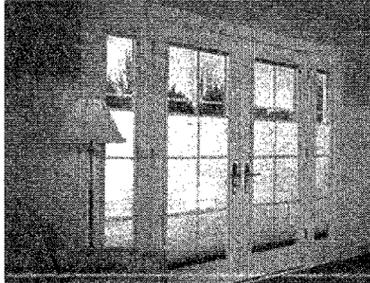
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**DENNIS LOWRY**

Age 58, August 5, 2006. Beloved husband of Barbara for 37 years. Dear father of Angie (David) Schulz, Amy (Henry) Morelli. Dearest grandfather of Ben, Nick, Jacob, Rachael, and Sami. Loving brother of Penny (Tony) Munoz. Visitation was Tuesday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Mass was Wednesday at St. Edith Catholic Church, Livonia.



**ELIZABETH KAY GALEANA**

July 25, 2006. Born October 20, 1983. Survived by her parents Jerry & Frank Galeana. Siblings: Brian (Amy) Evans of Lehigh Acres, FL, Frank Galeana, Jr. of Ft. Myers, FL, Roseann (Russell) Galeana McBain of Plymouth MI, Carl Galeana of Northville, MI. Nieces & Nephews: Bruce Evans, Michael Galeana, Hannah McBain, Emma Galeana, Russell McBain, Paige McBain, Carl Galeana, Natalie McBain, Rael Galeana. Grandmother: Karen Bennett. She was also survived by numerous cousins, aunts & uncles. Elizabeth was a delightful, funny, beautiful, goofy, wonderful girl. She loved animals and will be greatly missed by her cat Bailey and her dog Buttons. She was a world class shopper and enjoyed traveling, spending time in Key West, reading, movies, dancing. She loved the beach and hated the snow. She also loved butterflies, fairies and angels. Elizabeth's inner beauty was equally matched by her outer beauty. She will be greatly missed by those whose lives she touched. Elizabeth filled the world with sunshine. Now, she surely lights the heavens with a radiance that will never die. A Memorial Mass for family and friends will be held in Elizabeth's honor on Friday August 11 at 11 am at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, with the family receiving guests at 10 am. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you honor Elizabeth with a memorial donation to the Catholic Hispanic Social Services of Lee County Florida, P.O. Box 50301, Fort Meyers, FL 33994. Arrangements by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI. Please sign Elizabeth's online guestbook at: www.rgharris.com.

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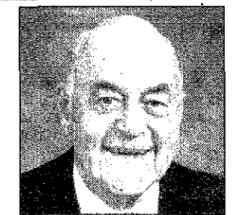
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**J. MICHAEL REFFITT**

Age 57 of Belleville, Michigan and formerly of Xenia, passed away Saturday at the St. Joseph Medical Center in Michigan. He was born February 9, 1949 in Dayton, Ohio, the son of James R. and Delores E. (Pennewitt) Reffitt. Mike was a 1967 graduate of Xenia High School, an avid bowler with thirteen perfect 300 games to his credit. He currently was the manager of the Super Bowl Bowling Center in Canton, Michigan and was the former manager of the Beaver-Vu-Bowl in Beavercreek. Mike was involved in the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Project Turnaround. Mike is survived by a daughter, Cynthia (Jason) Landolfi of Schertz, Texas, a son James Lee Reffitt of Dayton, father James R. Reffitt of Xenia, three grandchildren Alex and Abby Landolfi, and Cory Reffitt, a brother Douglas (Janet) Reffitt of Baneberry, TN, uncle and aunt Donald and Phyllis Pennewitt, Xenia, a number of nephews, nieces, cousins and many close friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Delores "Dee" Reffitt in 2005. Funeral services will be held Friday August 11, 2006 at 10 a.m. at the McColaugh Funeral Home Inc., 826 N. Detroit Street, Xenia with Pastor Robert McDowell officiating. Burial in the Valley View Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**JOHN P. "JACK" RONAN**

Age 74. Died August 5, 2006. Beloved Husband of Therese. Loving Father of five: Stephen (Janice), Charles (Dianna), Cheryl (David), Kathleen (Christopher), and Julie. Dearest Grandfather of eleven: Matthew, Stephanie, Brian, Sean, Eric, Adam, Kevin, Kyle, Erin, Kerry and Paige. Jack will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved his family. His true love and best friend is Therese. Funeral service on Thursday at St. Michael Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Family will receive visitors at 10:30AM with Memorial Mass following at 11:00AM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Rails and Trails Conservancy, 1100 17th Street NW, Washington D.C. 20036. St. John Hospice, 37650 Garfield, Clinton Twp., MI 48036 OR Michigan Humane Society Shelter, 900 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland, MI 48135. Arrangements made through L.A. Turowski & Son Funeral Home, 9300 Middlebelt, Livonia. www.neely-turowski.com



**JOHN R. CALDWELL, M.D.**  
Founder of the Department of Hypertension at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit

Dr. Caldwell, age 87, of Birmingham, died August 3, 2006 at home. He was a physician dedicated to combating the ravages of hypertension. In 1955, he founded the section of Hypertension, which became one of the cornerstones of preventive medicine at Henry Ford Hospital. "He was able to correlate some of the complications of hypertension, that is left ventricular hypertrophy and proteinuria in relation to basal blood pressure, home blood pressure and office blood pressure," said hypertension specialist Arturo Pascual, M.D., who worked with Dr. Caldwell for nearly 20 years. Although he retired in 1987, Dr. Caldwell continued to direct the blood pressure screening program at Henry Ford Hospital. "He was a perfect gentleman," said Dr. Pascual. "His heart was always in the right place." Born in Middletown, Connecticut, Dr. Caldwell received his bachelor of arts degree from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania in 1940 and his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1943. Following graduation, he served for three years in the Navy during World War II. He trained at Kent General Hospital in Dover, Delaware and completed graduate training at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine in Philadelphia. He also served a fellowship in Internal Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic before joining the Henry Ford Hospital staff in 1952. He wrote numerous scientific articles, lectured frequently and conducted extensive clinical research relating to hypertension. He was highly regarded in all aspects of medicine - patient care, research and teaching. Hypertension Fellow Dr. Roy Moser and Dr. Caldwell were among the first to describe abdominal bruit for renal artery stenosis. Active in community, Dr. Caldwell served as chairman of the Hypertension Coordinating and Planning Council of Southeastern Michigan from 1973-74, and was chairperson of the Metropolitan Detroit Coalition for blood Pressure Control from 1986-88. He received the Laureate Award of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Physicians in 1989. He was the founder and first chairman of Detroit Physicians for Social Responsibility and lectured often on the medical consequences of nuclear war. He is survived by his wife, Julie (nee: Matthews), his daughters, Ann Kelly (James), Sally Fisher (Gregg) and Beth Simon (Dan), his sons, John (Karen) and Mark (Nancy), 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, and his sisters, Elizabeth Zimmermann and Bertha Jane Lee. Services have been held. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons 248-362-2500. Memorial Tributes may be made to: Physicians for Social Responsibility, 1875 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 1012, Washington, DC 20009. Share memories at: obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com

**JUSTIN G. PERRIN**

Age 83, of Cross Village, MI (formerly of Garden City), died Monday, August 7, 2006. Born April 12, 1923, in Detroit, the son of James Justin and Geraldine R. (LeBlanc) Perrin. He was a World War II U.S. Air Force Veteran, retired supervisor for TWA Airlines, past commander for the Knights of Columbus Garden City, and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. Survived by former wife and good friend, Gladys Perrin of Howell; daughters Sharon (Daniel) Steiger of Cross Village and Michelle Walsh of Livonia; brothers Leo (Lucille) Perrin of Mecosta and Jerome Perrin of Garden City; nephew Joseph (Nina) Perrin of Garden City; brother-in-law Al Closser of MN; and sister-in-law Margaret Converse of Livonia. Mass of Resurrection Friday, 10am (in state 9am), at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Howell. Burial in Lakeview Cemetery. Visitation Thursday, 5-8pm, at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions suggested to the American Red Cross or the Humane Society. Visit online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



**JULIANA "DOLLY" SCHUCK**

August 6, 2006. Age 87 of Birmingham. Retired Administrative Assistant for Oakland Community College. Wife of the late Frank M. Jr. Dear mother of F. Michael (Susan), Barbara A. Strasbaugh (Alan), Deidre E. Etue and Lori S. Barresi. Grandmother of Scott, Matt, Jason, Andrea, Ryan and Kelly; Great grandmother of Chris, Savanna, Ben, Emily, Payton, Morgan and Derek. Sister of Joyce Kuslits (Ralph) and Evelyn Leary. Sister-in-law of Betty Rhodes (Vincent). Funeral Mass Thursday 10:00am at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 9:30a.m., Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Karmanos Hospice, 24601 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



**LOUISE WILLIS**

Age 77, died August 6, 2006 at home after a long fight with breast cancer. Beloved wife of Joe, for 61 years. Loving mother of Cheryl (Sherry) and Ron Williams and the late Joey Willis. Dearest grandmother of Joey (Buddy) and Cristin Williams. Sister of Peggy Smith, Vera Weaver and the late Betty Majors and Lena Veanes. Dear aunt to several nieces and nephews and great-aunt to many. She was owner of C & J Fasteners for many years. She loved gardening, sewing, travel and doll collecting, but most of all she loved slot machines. Louise was a life-member of Eastern Star. Funeral Service Thursday In state at 9:30 am with Service to begin at 10:00am at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile Road (Bet. Middlebelt and Merriman) Livonia. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery.



**SYLVIA CAROLINE BYERS**

Age 92, a 70 year resident of Plymouth, having moved here in 1936 and building 2 homes here. Mrs. Byers was born January 7, 1914 in Hooper, Nebraska to Frederick F. Barth and Marie E. (Luthold) Barth. She passed away August 8, 2006. Mrs. Byers worked 19 years as a sales clerk at the Kresge store in downtown Plymouth, retiring in the early 1970's. She enjoyed homemaking, gardening and church. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville. Mrs. Byers was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was the beloved wife of the late Eldon, dear mother of Marjorie M. Hyde, the late Ted, the late Wanda Kirby and the late Don, dearest grandmother of ten, great grandmother of twenty-three and great great grandmother of six, dear sister of Ann Fischer. Funeral Friday, August 11, 2006, 11 AM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Friends may visit Thursday, 3-9PM. Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northville.

**THERESA BILLINGS**

Age 75, of Lady Lake, FL, formerly of Garden City, MI, joined her late husband, Jasper (Tom) Billings to be with their Lord and Savior on August 8, 2006. After 37 years of service, she retired as Nursing Supervisor from Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, MI. She is survived by 5 daughters: Anna Proctor and Barbara Buddenborg of St. Johns, MI, Cecilia Dymek of Littleton, Co, Donna Fairbanks of Alexandria, KY, and Elizabeth Billings of Ovid, MI; by her dear nephew, Casmer Bishop III of Goosecreek, SC; by 3 sisters and 2 brothers: Cecilia McTighe of Lady Lake, FL, Joan Gildea of Pittsburgh, PA, Donna Bishop of Ocala, FL, Raymond Bishop of Pittsburgh, PA and Harry Bishop of Tucson, AZ; by 11 grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial mass will be held at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Lady Lake, Friday, August 11th at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice Foundation of Lake and Sumter, 12300 Lane Park Road, Tawres, FL 32778 are greatly appreciated.

**VIRGINIA L. MCGEE**

Age 86, of Plymouth (formerly of Northville), passed away August 7, 2006. She was born December 14, 1919, in Detroit, to David E. Roberts and Lydia F. (Horton) Roberts, and married William J. McGee in 1937. She has been a resident of Plymouth since 1966. Virginia retired as a supervisor from Michigan Bell after 29 years. Mrs. McGee was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Plymouth and Northville. She enjoyed many types of crafts, especially bead work, sewing, and needlework. Survivors include her children, Faye Landreth and Mickey Gene (Louie) Sweet; her brother, David (Ola) Roberts; grandchildren, Bill Sweet, Mary (Steve) Martin, and Robyn (James) Thomas; great grandchildren, Sean and Daryl Martin and Muriel, Ashlee, and Laura Thomas. Mrs. McGee was preceded in death by her husband, and her grandson, Danny Sweet, (in 1962). Funeral Service Thursday, August 10, 11am, Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., of Northville, with Reverend Judith L. McMillian of the First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor officiating. Mrs. McGee will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions to the family would be appreciated.

**PHYLIS HARRIS**

Age 84, Passed away on August 2, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Charles P. Harris. Loving mother to Christina Anderson, Gregory Harris and Wayne Harris. Devoted grandmother of Victoria LaFave, Scott Harris, Paul Anderson, Sandra Cain, Patrick Harris, Meghan Harris and Ian Harris. Great-grandmother of Faye Collyer and Riley Cain. Mom. Thank you for everything you did. We will miss you deeply.

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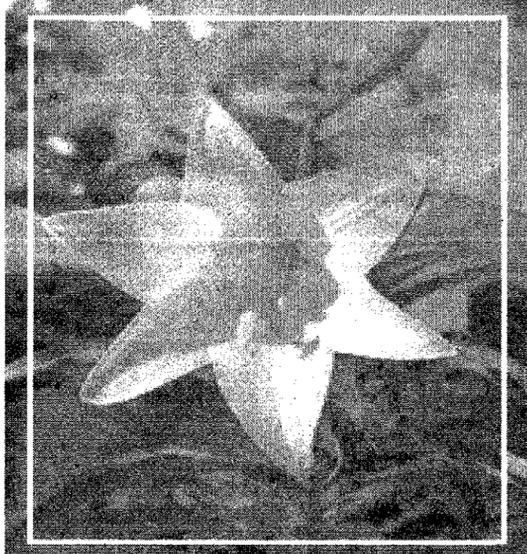
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**AUGUST**

**Vacation Bible school**

For age four through completed sixth grade 6-8:30 p.m. to Friday, Aug. 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. to Friday, Aug. 11 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. Call (313) 937-3170 to pre-register.

**Tennis**

4-7 p.m. Weekdays, and 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at Rotary Park on Six Mile, between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries (age 30 and up), Call (248) 374-5920.

**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, elementary, 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.

**Outdoor volleyball**

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, and every Tuesday, at Rotary Park on Six Mile, between Merriman and Farmington roads, Livonia. Male and female Single Point Ministries (age 30 and up) of every skill level. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries. Call (248) 374-5920.

**Rummage sale**

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 17-18, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 19, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

**Divorce recovery program**

7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 to Sept. 28, and Oct. 19 to Dec. 4 (no workshop Thanksgiving Day), presented by Single Place Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. For information, call (248) 349-0911.

**Conference**

The Ministry of the Watchman International present the 11th annual Power & Glory of God Conference Aug. 17-20, at University of Michigan-DeARBORN/Fairlane Center, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 (some afternoon meetings at 1 p.m.). Special Healing School and Miracle Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. For complete schedule, call (800) 560-9240 or visit www.ministryofthewatchman.com. Glow golf 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at Fun Zone.

41953 Ford Road, Canton. Cost is \$17 and includes one round of glow golf (indoor miniature golf played under black lights), and pizza and pop. Advance ticket not required but appreciated. Presented by Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church. Call (248) 374-5920.

**Breakfast meeting**

Saturday, Aug. 19, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. For information, call (734) 513-9479.

**Bicycling group**

10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Nankin Mills administration office parking lot on Hines Drive, one mile east of Farmington Road, Westland. 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.

**Bridge club**

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, presented by single adult ministries at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No fee or registration required. Call (248) 374-5920.

**Pig roast**

Sunday, Aug. 20, in Papp Park, Taylor. Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations. Cost is \$20. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

**Hands on handbells**

No experience necessary for this refresher course in basis ringing skills 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, in the Holy Trinity Bell Loft in the Lutheran church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Learn to read music 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, in the choir room. Call (734) 464-0211.

**Rummage sale**

Clean and usable items needed for rummage sale Aug. 24-26, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. For more information, call (734) 721-3599.

**Casting call**

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**Free concert**

Members of Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, will meet at the fountain for a free concert featuring Steve King and the Dittiles Friday, Aug. 25, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. Call (734) 513-9479.

**UPCOMING**

**Monthly dance**

Bethany Suburban West presents a dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 2 (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.

**Catholic programs**

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**Remarried workshop**

7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 6 to Dec. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This course is for couples thinking about remarriage or already remarried. Can assist couples in blending families, parenting, communications, and finances. Call (248) 374-7400 for information.

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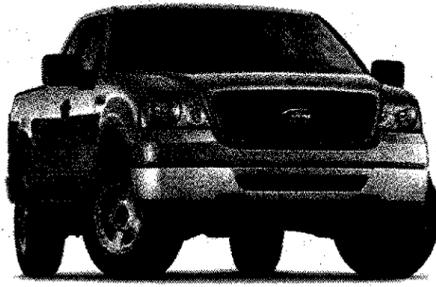
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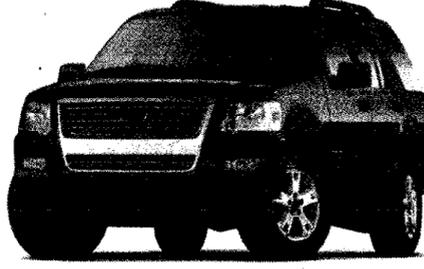
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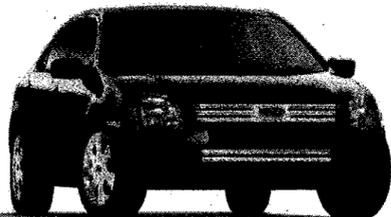
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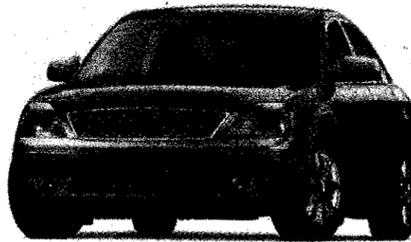
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