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Students collect 2 awards for vehicle

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

An electric car built by a group of students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center walked away with two of six Innovative Vehicle Design awards given at the Convergence 2006 conference in Detroit last week.

The students won the Vehicle Performance Award for their Thunderbolt II electric car and the Ambassadorship Award for a competition they developed for students at Wayne-Westland's four middle schools to design carbon dioxide cars using a Rhino CAD 3D computer program.

"We're very proud of the students," said Sue Wilk who served as the IVD project coordinator. "We came home with two huge trophies."

The Career Technical Center was one of four schools participating in the 2006 competition which pairs students and a corporate partner to help them plan and develop an IVD car.

The project is sponsored by the Convergence Education Foundation which provides \$5,000 to each team. The corporate partner kicks in another \$5,000. Ninety percent of the money must be spent on the electric car, while 10 percent is set aside to develop and implement an outreach program for middle school students.

The Career Technical Center's partner was Continental Automotive

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Showing off the Thunderbolt II IVD car are team members Tim Down (from left), Shawn Seymore, Marissa Williams, Kory Frost and Mike Kronback.

Peer found guilty in fatal Florida crash

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland teen and Livonia Franklin High graduate Jeremy Peer was convicted Wednesday afternoon of driving off a Florida road, killing a 33-year-old woman, injuring her husband and leaving the scene.



Jeremy Peer

Peer, 18, was convicted by a Bay County Circuit Court jury that returned its verdict at the end of a two-day trial, said Joe Grammer, Florida assistant state attorney.

Peer's trial came six months after authorities said he drove a Jeep Commander off a Panama City Beach road, killing Colleen Martin and injuring her husband, Monty, as they walked alongside Front Beach Road.

The accident happened around 10 p.m. April 17 during Florida's bustling spring break season, police have said. Peer was arrested a couple hours later, after an alert hotel employee saw the damaged vehicle and notified

authorities, police said. Peer is scheduled for a sentencing hearing on Nov. 8. He could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison for his conviction on charges of leaving the scene of an accident with a death and injury.

One witness testified during the trial that Peer had consumed several shots of alcohol on the evening of the accident, according to David Angier, reporter for the *News Herald* in Panama City.

However, Peer testified in his own defense and denied that he had been drinking, Angier said.

Peer's attorney, Ben Bollinger, stipulated in court that Peer drove the Jeep Commander, but he had said the state would have to prove that Peer knew he hit someone, according to published reports in the *News Herald*.

Witness Steven Wolf told the jury that he was driving behind Peer's vehicle when it swerved off the road and hit the Martins, according to the *News Herald*. Colleen Martin was thrown onto the hood and was "hugging" the

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Suspect threatens man, 70, with gun during break-in at home

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 70-year-old Westland man was robbed at gunpoint Tuesday afternoon by an intruder who entered his unlocked home on Deerhurst, police said.

The intruder took money from the victim and fled without firing any shots at Deerhurst Condominiums, west of Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said.

The robbery happened around 1:30 p.m. in broad daylight in a densely populated neighborhood in central Westland. The condominiums are located just north of the Westland public library.

The incident was one of several recent home invasions — some of them involving residents who didn't have their doors locked.

Some observers believe that an

economic slump has contributed to such incidents.

"I think the economy has definitely created some hard times for people," Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos said. "We always see an increase in crimes like home invasions, larcenies and things of that nature when the economy gets worse."

Bokos also questioned whether Detroit's casinos may have contributed to economic problems for some people.

Moreover, the judge has noticed that as the holiday season draws closer, some people tend to become depressed and turn to drugs and alcohol — particularly those who are jobless. That, he said, can lead to crime.

Theories aside, Bokos commended Westland police for their swift response to violent crimes and for the way they handle them.

"We are fortunate in Westland that we don't usually have as many (cases like home invasions) as some communities," he said. "We have a proactive police department. They're out in the streets patrolling."

Still, Bokos said, "we all need to be vigilant."

Authorities are asking anyone with information about the Deerhurst home invasion to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600. Those who prefer to make an anonymous tip for a possible cash reward are urged to call Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

The latest home invasion victim described the suspect as a black male, about 35 years old and about 6 feet tall and 180 pounds, Borisch said.

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Man pleads no contest in local child abuse case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man will likely face eight months in jail after pleading no contest to charges he tied up three boys, blindfolded them and burned them with a heated screwdriver and a hot glue gun, authorities confirmed Tuesday.

Vincent Garrison Grant, 38, also will likely be placed on a work-release program allowing him to leave jail for several hours a day, authorities said.

Grant is expected to face a formal sentencing in November, but Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lora Weingarden confirmed Tuesday that he will likely receive jail time and work release after pleading no contest to three counts of second-degree child abuse.

Barring any glitches, Grant's plea agreement will avert a trial on charges he abused his wife's 9-year-old son and two nephews, ages 11 and 12, who had

been placed in her care.

The boys remain in foster homes, Weingarden said.

Grant will face a formal sentencing Nov. 21 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Diane Hathaway, following a plea agreement reached by attorneys.

Grant also will remain on probation after his eight months in jail, and Hathaway will decide for how long. Grant also will likely face a lengthy list of court orders, such as attending parenting classes, Weingarden said.

He could have faced penalties ranging up to four years in prison. Grant was arrested on charges stemming from a child abuse case that, according to police Sgt. Steve Borisch, was "borderline torture."

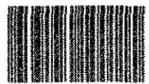
Grant had been ordered to stand trial after he appeared before Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos on Aug. 17 and waived his right to a preliminary hearing — a move that averted testimony

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Coming Sunday
in Health

Health experts answer the question, How young is too young to go trick or treating?



Scaring up a good cause

Volunteers create haunted house to help Detroit's homeless

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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delightful fun and the best part, they say, is that they're helping people less fortunate. Miner and Warner worked on designing and building the Detroit's Urban Legends

For Jay Warner and Robert Miner volunteering to create a haunted house is frightfully

Haunted House at the Cass Community United Methodist Church. Annually, between \$6,000 and \$8,000 is raised at the haunted house and the money goes to the myriad of CCUMC outreach programs. Miner, a Garden City resident, said he would rather volunteer his time to help others while he's laid off from Ford Motor Co. rather than sit around and do nothing.

And Warner, a Westland resident who had a heart transplant operation last year, said it's been a longtime dream of his to run a haunted house.

The Detroit's Urban Legends Haunted House has 300 feet of walking distance that snakes through two flights of stairs in an adjoining building of the 120 year old church in Detroit.

"It's such a blast," said Miner, 40. "You get the feeling from the other people as they're walking through. You get the laughs and camaraderie. It's about being able to fulfill other peoples' dreams."

Warner, 26, got involved with the haunted house last summer when his cousin, Joe Hubbs of Wayne, thought he might be interested in helping.

For years, the two have been haunted house gurus, driving for hours at a time, trying to hit as many of the spooky joints as they could.

"There were nights we would hit five," Warner said. "We like the creativity of it. We've always wanted to run a haunted house and a lot of it was to get ideas even though we never thought we would end up doing it. But, now we are. So far we've gotten a lot of compliments from return customers saying it was a lot longer than the year before."

The haunted house takes six weeks and more than 300 hours of volunteer work from various organizations.

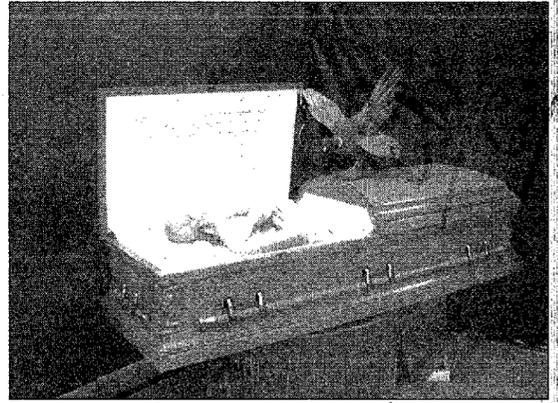
Miner first began volunteering with CCUMC through a Ford job bank, Guaranteed Employment Numbers, which allows employees to work in community volunteer settings and still be available when they're needed at work.

When Miner's stint with that program ended he stayed on with CCUMC and continued giving his time.

Miner was officially laid off from Ford two weeks ago and is pulling unemployment pay.

Working on the haunted house has been a great diversion.

"You see people who are less fortunate than you and you want to give a helping hand," said Miner, who has a wife, Susan, and two sons, Henry, 14, and William, 3. "It's very interesting. My mom was



A creepy creature in a casket awaits those brave enough to venture into the Cass Community Social Service's fourth annual Detroit's Urban Legends Haunted House.

always a giving person, and I guess it has rubbed off on me. If someone asks for something, I try to help them out.

"Do I love doing it? Sure, but, I want to go back to work. With all the buyouts, I think I'm going to get back in the plant. I'd rather work than sit on my ... I've always worked all my life."

Right now, his volunteer work is helping CCSS, which operates a residential program for homeless women and children in southwest Detroit called Mom's Place. This program for women in recovery from substance abuse provides 15 participants and their children with intense case management and housing placement along with medical and psychiatric help.

Some of the other programs

CCSS provides include, Meals on Wheels, programs for Alzheimer's patients, Homeless Drop-In Center, a food program that serves 20,000 meals weekly, free medical services, warming center, outreach peer counseling, shelter for men and women with HIV, transitional housing for men who are recovering from substance abuse and programs for people with mental illness.

"I like giving to charity anyways, and it's an added bonus for me that it's fun, it's Halloween and it's helping other people giving them food and shelter," Warner said. "A lot of people give at Thanksgiving and Christmas, but it gets cold here in October. People should start giving sooner. So, why not Halloween?"

Urban Legends offers hauntingly good time

The fourth annual Detroit's Urban Legends Haunted House promises new haunts, a longer labyrinth, more scenes and a leg-ends video.

Guests will watch a video regaling the leery legend of the scrupulous, "Sammy the Sewer Rat." Then, if they dare, they are invited to walk through a confusingly cavernous and mind-boggling maze of more than 2,500 scary square feet of unnerving scenes of tantalizing terror.

The haunted house is at 3901 Cass Ave. at the corner of Selden in Detroit. It will be open 7-11 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 27-28 and Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 30-31, and 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children (those 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Group discounts are available. Spooky snacks and BOO-beverages are available. For more information on the

haunted house call 313-883-2277 or visit the organization's Web site at www.casscommunity.org.

Proceeds from the haunted house are used to help homeless women and children served by the Cass Community Social Services.

The scariness is even evident on the stairway in the Cass Community Social Service's haunted house.



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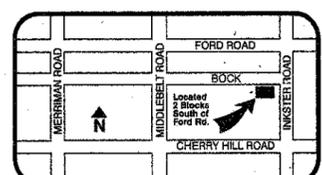
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Systems, formerly Motorola Automotive, which had two of its software engineers work with students in the development of the Bluetooth wireless connectivity system which collects and manages the performance data from Thunderbolt's various systems.

"It was a total team effort. We brought a lot of labs together which don't necessarily work together," said Jim Schirmer, automotive technology instructor. "We asked kids who don't speak the same language to work together on this project."

GROUP EFFORT

About 22 students, including several who graduated last year, worked on the project, some coming in during the summer months to work on it so the car would be ready for an Oct. 7 performance test day. On test day, the students drove the car on a perimeter course for 30 minutes and then on a figure 8 course for another 30 minutes.

It wasn't a perfect performance - the car died for a second when a plug came out - but students came away with an eight-lap lead over the other schools. But the judging wasn't based solely on those two drives. Wilk said things like safety features, best mechanical engineering and best technology also were taken into account.

In the end, Thunderbolt eked out a narrow victory over University High School in Ferndale.

"They (the other schools) weren't even close to us on performance day," said Tim Down, a John Glenn High School senior.

The students started with a basic kit that they put together, tested and then made corrections. Thunderbolt is a one-passenger, three-wheel car. It's small, lightweight and goes between 43-45 miles per hour.

"When we first got it, it was 60 miles per hour, we had to gear down for safety," said Shawn Seymore, a senior at John Glenn High School.

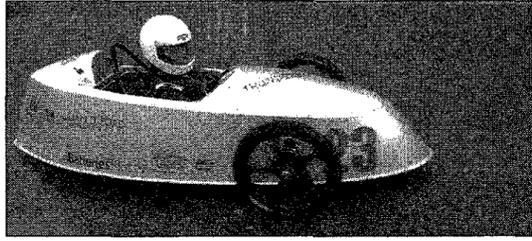
According to Schirmer, students "found out what was weak and what was strong" in assembling the car, then found ways to improve on it. The modifications included a kill switch for the driver as a safety precaution and the CAMM students designed a battery cover to "keep from electrocuting the driver," Schirmer said.

The brain of the car is a ToothPIC microprocessor with Bluetooth technology. The wireless connection allows for information to be transmitted to a PDA mounted on the dash for the driver and to a computer in the pits.

"It's pretty sophisticated technology you don't usually see with high school students," Schirmer said.

PRESENT AND FUTURE

Students like Marissa Williams, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School, had the opportunity to drive the car and was at the controls when it was shown off in Homecoming parades at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn. Her involvement in the IVD project dove-



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Marissa Williams, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School, demonstrates the electric car built by the students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center for the Convergence 2006 Innovative Vehicle Design competition.

tailed with her career choice. She is planning to study electrical engineering.

The project also fit in the future plans of Kory Frost and Shawn Seymore, both seniors at John Glenn. Frost is interested in computer programming so working on the software "was right up my alley," Seymore is looking at being a robotics engineer.

Mike Kronbach, a senior at Tinkham Alternative High School, pointed out that the car body had to be modified. There are cutouts along the lower edge to keep a wheel from rubbing on right-hand turns and on the dash to make it easier for the driver to get in and out.

"The driver has to try to get out in 10 seconds and they were getting stuck," Kronbach said of the dashboard cutouts.

Williams appreciated those cutouts in the dash, since she is one of the drivers, but there is one thing that bothers her.

"The only problem I've had is my hand rubs when I do the steering," she said. Kronbach and Down also

worked on the car's silver and teal blue paint job and "did a survey for two days to make sure everyone approved the colors." But the final choice wasn't what they had initially wanted.

"We had the colors picked out, we wanted the whole body silver with metallic burgundy," Kronbach said.

With this competition behind them, the team is looking at what can be done to make Thunderbolt better. Wilk already has one suggestion.

"Next year we need to find a way to charge the batteries while it's coasting, because it started slowing down drastically by the end," said Wilk.

With the focus in the state shifting to steering more students to engineering, Schirmer believes projects like the IVD competition can "spark an interest" in it.

"I wish we could do 10 of these," he said. "We could get 10 times more students involved. There's 20 plus students involved in this. We could make it even bigger, if we had more cars."

McKnight: District award honors her service to education

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Praised for her dedication to local children, retiring Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight received a standing ovation Monday as Wayne-Westland school officials honored her for having a positive influence on countless students.

McKnight, who will step down in December after 22 years on the bench, smiled graciously as she was awarded the school board's Service to Education Award.

"She has been a tremendous asset to the students of Wayne-Westland," board trustee Steve Becher said.

The reasons are numerous: McKnight was instrumental in starting a Law Day program in which local judges take their court proceedings to local schools for a day, giving students a firsthand look at the justice system.

McKnight has been a strong proponent of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, partly by having students from the school-based program visit her courtroom.

She was a longtime board member for the now-defunct Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, spearheading its Teacher of the Year program. She openly criticized area YMCA officials for closing the facility several years ago.

Before she became a judge, McKnight was a journalist who covered Wayne-Westland schools - long before she

Board President Frederick Weaver gave McKnight her Service to Education Award as those in the audience rose to their feet and applauded her.

implemented programs to build bridges between local schools and district court.

And who could forget those personal moments when she invited children into her chamber, letting them try on her judicial robe and telling them that they, too, could become a judge.

Board President Frederick Weaver gave McKnight her Service to Education Award as those in the audience rose to their feet and applauded her.

McKnight, accompanied by her longtime court administrator, David Wiacek, described herself as "honored and proud" to have served as Westland district judge for 22 years.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy thanked McKnight for helping to make a difference in children's lives, calling her "a true friend to education."

McKnight will officially step down from the bench Dec. 31. She will be replaced by one of two candidates competing in the Nov. 7 election - Mayor Sandra Cicirelli or attorney Jennifer Thor.

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Teamwork pays off for Thunderbolt II

The Innovative Vehicle Design program, an initiative of the Convergence Education Foundation, is an innovation, not racing competition. Each team has a 10-month build window, working with their corporate sponsor.

The William D. Ford Career Technical Center's IVD, Thunderbolt II, is named in honor of a previous engineering project, a concept car named Thunderbolt HRH which won the national award

for the Build Your Dream contest. It also honors the Etek electrical motor that runs on 24-volt battery system and the Bluetooth data management system.

The IVD project brought together Career Technical students and teachers on different disciplines. On the staff side, lead teachers for the project were JC Irvine, Java programming; Zach MacLean, electronics; Jim Schirmer and Mark Batko, auto tech; and

Kevin Ryszka, CAMM.

Also participating were Scott Heim and Jim Holland, auto body; Nick Regets and Keith Strickland, welding, and Steve Paulsen, graphics. Sue Wilk served as the project coordinator.

Lead students for the project were Bruce DeBruhl, Steve Reini, Carrie Rasak, Greg Acton, Marissa Williams, Ashleigh Murr, Dan Kavalor, Tyler Hillyard and Arthur Villegas. Also involved in the

project were Kory Frost, Jed Campau, Brian Money, Dan Brown, Clayton Parmeter, Sara Green, Mike Kronbach, Tim Down, Billy Hammons, Kyle Montak, Samuel Houle, Craig Schambler and Kristina Plummer.

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• OVER 2,750 U.S. MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN KILLED IN IRAQ— an unknown (and hidden) number of service connected injuries have scarred the physical and mental lives of veterans of the war. The uncountried Iraqi civilian casualties number in the hundreds of thousands—as their country teeters on the edge of total chaos.

• ENDLESS WAR AND ENORMOUS DEBT: The present "stay the course" policy means endless war. And, to pay for this war, while giving the richest one percent huge tax breaks, will mean that our children, our grandchildren, and even their children will be saddled with an enormous debt—owed to foreign creditors. Is this the legacy we want to leave future generations?

HOW DO WE BRING A HALT to this escalating catastrophe?

• VOTE: Our Constitution provides for three separate branches of government. On November 7, 2006, we the voters will have the opportunity—and the responsibility—to vote for members of Congress. Congress is the institution that is supposed to provide a check and balance to any President when that President's policies have endangered our security and when that President has sought to extend his authority beyond the Constitutional limits.

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Fans savor every minute of fall classic

The Detroit Tigers are "roaring" their way through the 2006 World Series, and along for the ride are their fans.

It's a time that's been 22 years in the making, and Tiger fans are savoring every minute of it. Many of them hopped on the train when the team rediscovered the winning way this year, and many never lost hope during the many losing seasons.

They're wearing everything Tigers, dressing the part for the team's Cinderella story and hoping for a chance to meet their favorite player, like 3-year-old Kaden Dailide, who has been on a quest to have Magglio Ordonez sign his baseball.

Referred to as the "Littlest Tiger," Kaden has been catapulted into fame by dressing up as a Tiger.

His photograph has graced the front page of the *Observer* and in *Sports Illustrated*. Now he's featured in the official 2006 World Series Tiger edition program.

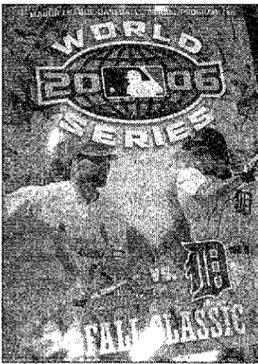
Kaden's adventures have been chronicled in e-mails from his grandfather, Bud Somerville, who was with him to watch as Ordonez fulfilled the youngster's dream and signed his baseball during warm-ups before game one Saturday.

"He came right over, shook Kaden's hand said, 'Hi, I am Magglio,'" Somerville wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "He also signed Kaden's picture that is in the official 2006 World Series Tiger program."

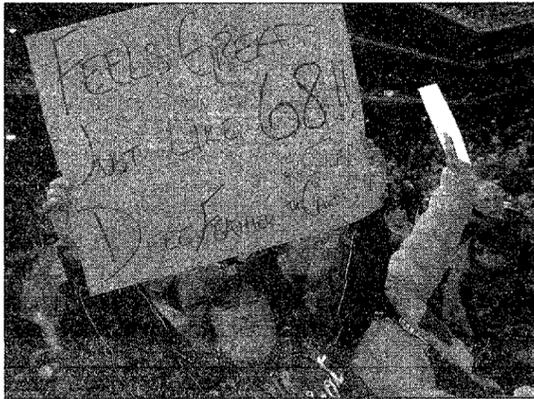
"It was awesome. My first World Series ever - and Kaden's, obviously, I am taking in every moment."



Christine Wofford of Canton gets a few giggles and cheers from fellow fans as she makes her Cinderella story point by arriving dressed as Cinderella for game one of the World Series at Comerica Park.



World Series programs go up in the air as the gates at Comerica Park open for the start of game one of the World Series.



Jon Warden of the World Champion 1968 Detroit Tigers feels the energy all over again as he comes back to town to cheer the Tigers on during game one of the 2006 World Series.



Al Kaline and Willie Horton embrace after throwing out the first pitch for game one of the World Series at Comerica Park.

They're wearing everything Tigers, dressing the part for the team's Cinderella story and hoping for a chance to meet their favorite player, like 3-year-old Kaden Dailide, who has been on a quest to have Magglio Ordonez sign his baseball.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sister Mary Raymond has her Tigers Rosary ready for the World Series. She's a substitute teacher at St. Genevieve School in Livonia.

Catholic school rallies to bless Tigers

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

St. Genevieve Catholic School students took a break from their blue and white uniforms Tuesday to wear the blue, white and orange of Detroit Tiger paraphernalia.

Tiger colors were on display around the school on Jamison Street near Middlebelt. Orange and blue tiger paws were painted on the sidewalk leading into school, and once inside, visitors found the pupils' colorful tributes to the American League champions on pennants posted throughout the school.

"I put a picture of the scoreboard with the final score

when they beat the A's in the playoffs," said fourth-grader Ryan Bohr, who added his parents are letting him stay up past his 9 p.m. bedtime to watch the World Series games.

Teacher and staff also wore Tiger hats and shirts. Even Sister Mary Raymond, a substitute teacher, was wearing a blue blazer and a rosary anchored by the Old English "D," instead of a crucifix.

"She prays for the Tigers every day," said school principal Beth Flack.

This set the stage for the "Follow the Roar" all-school pep assembly so students could root the Tigers onto a World Series victory.

Eighth-grader Daniel Wilk said the Tiger Tuesday festivities were fun and the team's championship run seems to be more thrilling than the Pistons basketball title in 2004.

"There's a lot more excitement with the Tigers because



Brendan Tabone and Nicholas Joseph (foreground), Chris Semaan, Josie Abdubaki, and Sean Williams compete to see which group could shout 'Bless You Boys!' the loudest.

this was unexpected," Wilk said.

Tiger Tuesday surfaced from discussion at Friday's staff meeting when Flack asked teachers if they wanted to do something to celebrate the Tigers.

"Actually, a couple of them said they were going to ask me if they could do something," Flack said. "Everyone here has been excited about the Tigers."

During the pep assembly, the students shouted "Go Tigers" and "Bless You Boys," they sang "God Bless America" and "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," and stood up in sequence to do The Wave.

The classes competed against each other for the loudest Tiger roar. The contest was won by Chad Gorski's fifth-grade class. The fifth graders were rewarded with Cracker Jack and juice to enjoy while watching a baseball movie.

St. Genevieve has 232 students, from preschool through eighth grade, who live in Livonia, Redford, Westland, Plymouth, Canton and South Lyon.

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Book mark contest

Children ages 5-12 have until 5 p.m. tomorrow (Oct. 27) to submit their original bookmark designs...

years. All bookmark designs become the property of William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

Giving thanks

The Westland senior Friendship Center will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with dinner at noon Friday, Nov. 17...

Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. In addition to the traditional Thanksgiving feast, there will be music by the Tommie James

Trio, dancing, sing-alongs and prizes. Tickets are \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members and are on sale at the Friendship Center.

Democratic Club

Westland Democratic Club has changed its October meeting to a meeting at the 11th District Democratic Campaign Office, 13740 Merriman, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Club members will work as phone bank volunteer, calling Democrats and supporters to remind them to vote.

Pancake breakfast

Westland Civitan Club will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Applebee's Restaurant on Warren at Central City Parkway in Westland.

Breakfast includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee, tea or milk. Tickets are \$6 each with children age 3 and under free.

Absentee ballots

Westland residents who want an application for the Nov. 7 election should call the clerk's office at (734) 467-3188 or (734) 467-3187.

Voters who think they might not be able to make it to the polls are encouraged to request an absentee ballot.

Poker game

The St. Theodore's Men's Club will hold at Texas Hold 'Em poker game 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, in the church social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be available and there also will be a 50/50 raffle. Players must be at least age 18 to play and age 21 to drink.

The cost is a \$40 buy in and only 110 tickets will be sold in advance. No tickets will be available at the door.

Finance talk

The Livonia Board of Education will host the next in its series of "community conversation" meetings, this one focusing on finances and audits, from 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 30.

A limit of about 25 people will be allowed and those interested should call Suzanne Steffes, executive assistant to the superintendent and board of education, at (734) 744-2510.

Attention, shoppers

Westland Shopping Center and Macy's will sponsor a half-day "shopping extravaganza" starting at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at the mall.

Guests will report to Macy's for a continental breakfast pro-

vided by Panera Bread and a holiday make-up presentation by Clinique.

The day will continue with shopping for holiday gifts at participating merchants. Every participant will receive discounts and giveaways at certain stores.

To sign up or for more information, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Toy show

Westland Rotary will hold a toy show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Romanowski VFW Post 6896 in Westland.

There will be new and antique toys, collectibles, non-sport cards, action figures, die cast toys, movie items, model cars, NASCAR, Matchbox, Hot Wheels and more as well as raffle prizes and refreshments.

Admission is \$3 with kids under age 12 free. The VFW Post 6896 is at 28945 Joy Road. For more information, call Mary McGaw at (734) 748-8515.

Holiday helpers

Community Hospice is seeking volunteers to help with its Tree of Memories holiday fund-raiser. Activities include setting up Christmas trees at local businesses, assembling mail pieces, and collecting donations at the Westland Shopping Center exhibit.

No experience necessary, just a desire to help others facing terminal illness. Training will be provided. For more information, call Vicki at (734) 522-4244.

Shopping Expo

Get your Christmas shopping done early at P.D. Graham Elementary School's third annual Shopping Expo 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24. There will be more than 10

vendors under one roof. Admission is \$2 per person and free child care is provided. The school is at 1255 S. John Hix, south of Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call Erin Arbour at (734) 968-1850.

Crafters wanted

Crafters are being sought for a craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland.

Registration is \$20 and must be paid Oct. 28 to hold a spot. The money will be applied to the \$20 table rental charge. Any remaining balance for additional tables must be paid at time of set up.

The Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 is seeking crafters for an annual fall craft show that will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. The post is at 28945 Joy Road. Call Dianna Welchman at (313) 278-3784. 8515.

Craft show

The Frost Middle School PTSA hosts its 30th annual Holiday Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the school, 14041 Stark Road in Livonia, west of Farmington Rod and north of I-96. Admission is \$2. No strollers allowed. More than 170 exhibitors will be featured, plus a lunch room, bake sale and more.

Euchre games

Friday Night Euchre/Pinochle Card Parties start at 7:30 p.m. at St. Bernardine Parish in Westland. Doors open at 7 p.m. No partner is needed. Admission is \$5 admission includes refreshments, snacks and cash prizes. A 50/50 raffle also is available.

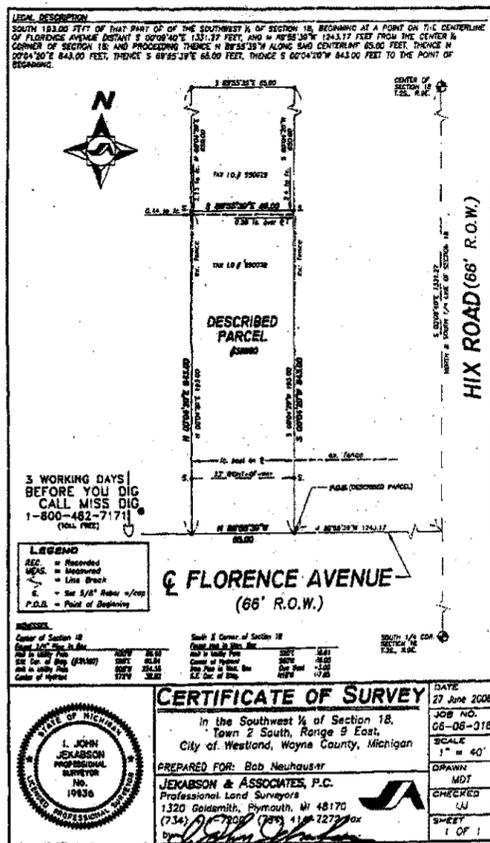
ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-55

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP...

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

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

South 193.00 Feet Of That Part Of The Southwest 1/4 Of Section 18, Beginning At A Point On The Centerline Of Florence Avenue Distant S 00°09'40" E 1331.27 Feet And N 89°55'39" W 1243.17 Feet From The Center 1/4 Corner Of Section 18, And Proceeding Thence N 89°55'39" W Along Said Centerline 65.00 Feet, Thence N 00°42'20" E 843.00 Feet, Thence S 89°55'39" E 65.00 Feet, Thence S 00°04'20" W 843.00 Feet To The Point Of Beginning.



Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect. Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

Nancy J. Bonaparte Deputy City Clerk City of Westland

Publish: 10-26-06

CITY OF WESTLAND PUBLIC NOTICE WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION

THE WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION (WHC) AND VETERANS HAVEN INC. WILL BE OPENING A WAITING LIST FOR THE AT-RISK VETERANS PROJECT BASED HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER 10, 2006 AT 10:00 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM. APPLICATIONS MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE VETERANS HAVENS OUTREACH CENTER LOCATED AT 4924 S. WAYNE RD. WAYNE, MI 48184.

AN APPLICANT'S TOTAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME MUST NOT EXCEED THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BELOW:

- (1) PERSON: \$24,450 (3) PERSONS: \$31,450 (5) PERSONS: \$37,750 (2) PERSONS: \$27,950 (4) PERSONS: \$34,950 (6) PERSONS: \$40,550

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR AND SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WESTLAND HOUSING AT-RISK VETERANS PROJECT BASED HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM MUST USE THEIR VOUCHER IN ONE OF THE FOUR PRE-SELECTED FACILITIES PER HUD AND WHC REGULATIONS FOR THE AT-RISK VETERANS PROJECT BASED HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM. ALL FACILITIES ARE LOCATED IN WESTLAND. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE PARTICIPATING HOUSING PROVIDERS LISTED BELOW MAY HAVE THEIR OWN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, INCLUDING RENTAL REFERENCES, CREDIT HISTORY, AND AGE LIMIT AS PERMITTED BY FEDERAL AND STATE LAW, WHICH THE APPLICANTS MUST MEET.

- American House I, 1660 Venoy Rd, Westland, MI 48186 American House II, 39201 Joy Rd, Westland, MI 48185 American House III, 35700 Hunter Rd, Westland, MI 48185 Willow Creek Apartment, 1673 Fairwood, Westland, MI 48185

THIS PROGRAM IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHOSE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WHO ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND HAVE PROPER IDENTIFICATION INCLUDING A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE IDENTIFICATION AND A COPY OF THEIR MILITARY DD214. THE WHC WILL NOT DENY ANY ELIGIBLE FAMILY THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION INTO THE AT-RISK VETERANS PROJECT BASED HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM, NOR DENY ANY ELIGIBLE APPLICANT THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENT A DWELLING UNIT SUITABLE TO THE APPLICANT'S NEEDS ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, HANDICAP, AND/OR FAMILIAL STATUS. IF AN APPLICANT FOR A ONE BEDROOM UNIT IS HANDICAPPED OR DISABLED, WRITTEN CERTIFICATION OF A HANDICAP/DISABILITY FROM A DOCTOR OR A COPY OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY/SSI STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION. ONLY ONE APPLICATION WILL BE ISSUED PER PERSON. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED, DATED, SIGNED, AND MAILED TO THE WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION AT 32715 DORSEY ROAD, WESTLAND, MI 48186 AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2006. ANY APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2006 WILL NOT BE PLACED ON THE WAITING LIST. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. NO DUPLICATE OR HAND DELIVERED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION JOHN FRANKLIN, PRESIDENT JAMES GILBERT, DIRECTOR

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan: Case #1686C3 - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Leo's Coney Island Restaurant, 36595 Warren Road, Parcel #030-99-0002-706, Southwest Corner of Warren Road and Central City Parkway, Martin George (Matthew Jonna) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting at the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 8, 2006. Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting. Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION Publish: October 26, 2006

PLEADS

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ny. After Grant's arrest, local authorities said they believed the abuse may have started as early as 2003 and continued through early this year at a home on Barchester, near John Hix and Cherry Hill roads.

Weingarden had said in August that the boys' injuries — even the burns — weren't serious enough to warrant higher charges of first-degree child abuse.

Westland police learned of the allegations against Grant in May when one of the boys didn't want to go home from Stevenson Middle School, Borisch has said.

Police had photographs, showing scars on the boys' arms and legs, and Borisch said the youngsters also alleged that Grant "burned their private parts."

Grant admitted to authorities that he blindfolded the boys and tied them to a basement pole to punish them for bad behavior. But he had denied after his arrest that he intentionally burned them with a hot glue gun or a screwdriver that he allegedly heated with a propane torch.

PEER

FROM PAGE A1

front of the Jeep Commander until Peer hit the brakes, tossing her body onto the road, the newspaper reported.

Peer kept driving and ran over Colleen Martin with both tires on the passenger side of his vehicle, Wolf testified.

"I have no doubt he had a clear view" of her body, Wolf said in court, according to the *News Herald*.

Wolf tried to help Colleen Martin but she was dead, and he said the Jeep pulled into a nearby parking lot and stopped, although the driver didn't get out, the newspaper reported.

As Wolf and others tended to the Martins, Wolf said he called 9-1-1 on his cell phone and then looked again toward the parking lot, but the Jeep was gone.

Peer, a star athlete at Franklin High School, had started attending Adrian College this fall, where he was playing on the football team. He had been described by his high school coach as a leader with top grades.

Applications available for DFCU scholarship

If you're a high school senior looking for cash for college, DFCU Financial wants to hear from you.

DFCU Financial is currently accepting applications for the 2007 Founders' Scholarship Program. Through this program DFCU Financial will award one \$2,000 renewable scholarship each year and two \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships to eligible high school seniors.

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"We recognize that a sound education is the best way we can help young people reach

their full potential as adults," said DFCU Financial President and CEO Mark Shobe. "We are pleased to offer scholarships to recognize young DFCU Financial members who achieve academic success while also giving their time to help others through volunteer work."

Applications for the 2007 DFCU Financial Founders' Scholarship are available at the credit union's web site at www.dfcufinancial.com or by calling (313) 336-2700. The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 3.

Candidates must be members of DFCU Financial, high school seniors graduating in 2007 and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

In addition to the Founders' Scholarship Program, DFCU Financial dedicates both financial resources and volunteer time to support education.

For more information about DFCU Financial's community involvement and free educational seminars, visit the DFCU Web site at www.dfcufinancial.com.

DFCU Financial is headquartered in Dearborn.

DEATHS

D
Josephine P. DeLorenzo
DeLorenzo, 91, of Bloomfield Township, died Oct. 15.

H
Mary Jane Henderson
Henderson, 87, formerly of Birmingham, died Oct. 15.

Nancy Walton Hudson
Hudson, 84, of Birmingham, died Oct. 18.

Lyla Dolores (Shaver) Isely
Isely, 71, of Waterford, died Oct. 17.

L
Christine Joyce Leonhard
Leonhard, 78, of Traverse City, died Oct. 14.

M
Susan McGraw
McGraw, 60, formerly of Birmingham, died Oct. 19.

O
David A. O'Neil

O'Neil, 47, of Livonia, died Oct. 18.

R
Walter Leon Roose
Roose, 93, formerly of Plymouth, died Oct. 22.

Mary B. Rudnick
Rudnick died Oct. 21.

S
Donald William Schmidt
Schmidt, of Plymouth, died Oct. 19.

Arlene F. Schroeder
Schroeder, 74, of Howell, died Oct. 20.

Louis Michael Stieb
Stieb, 100, formerly of Rochester, died Oct. 18.

W
Sandra J. Wilson
Wilson, 56, formerly of Livonia, died Oct. 18.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A18.

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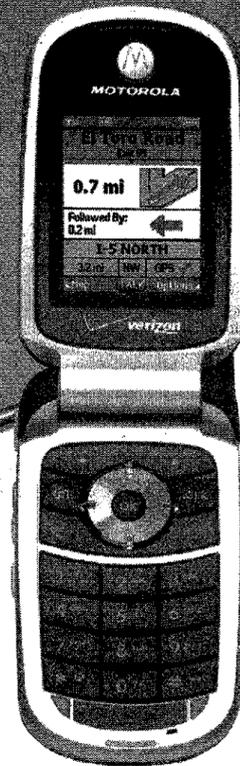
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Listings for the Community Calendar should be submitted in writing. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smason@oe.hometownlife.com. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rummage sale
Grace Lutheran Church is having its annual Rummage & Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 46001 Warren Road (between Canton Center and Beck) in Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities. For more information, call the church, (734) 416-8854.

Church fair
The First Congregational Church of Wayne is holding its 60th annual holiday fair Nov. 2-3, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The church, which is located at 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne, will feature lunch (a la carte) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and dinner from 5-7 p.m. (\$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children). The event will also feature items for sale including aprons, attic treasures, books, boutiques, candy, gift baskets and more. There will also be a raffle. For more information, please call the church at (734) 729-7550.

Coat drive
The Children's Christian Alliance is conducting its annual collection of new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens and blankets to be distributed to low-income families living in Wayne County. Drop-off sites for this year's drive are Maurice's, 44620 Ford, Canton, (734) 207-5001; and ROC International, 16115 Beck, Northville, (734) 404-0270. Pickup can also be arranged by calling (734) 844-8472 or (734) 812-4502. For more information on the drive or on Children's Christian Alliance, visit the group's Web site at www.childrenschristianalliance.org.

Finding records
The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will present a program, "Finding Your Irish in the Canada/U.S. Border Crossing Records," at 1:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 28, at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, in Detroit. The speaker will be Jan Zaleski, the author of Guide to Records of Border Crossings between the United States

and Canada 1895-1954. Zaleski is an accredited genealogist, a civilian employee of the Detroit Police Department and a volunteer at the Family History Center in Westland. **Crafters needed**
Crafters are needed for the 18th annual juried arts and crafts show Saturday, Nov. 18, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Virginia or Deb at (734) 522-9653 or (248) 348-6823.

Rummage sale
A rummage sale benefiting Motor City Youth Brass Band will be held 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road, Redford. Clothing, toys, small appliances and other household items will be available for sale. Refreshments also will be sold. Tables also are available for rent for \$25. Funds raised will support the newly developed youth brass band program under the auspices of Motor City Brass Band. For more information, or to register for a rental table, contact Laurie at motorcitybrassband@yahoo.com.

New Year's Eve party
Urban Singles presents "Ring in the New Year," with live entertainment from Jimmy Howard and Company Sunday, Dec. 31. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the party goes until 1 a.m. The party takes place at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road in Livonia (between Merriman and Middlebelt). Tickets are \$50 per person until Dec. 8; \$60 after Dec. 8, and cover dinner and beverage. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Overnight accommodations will be available. Deadline for tickets is Friday, Dec. 22. For more information, call Linda, (734) 507-9173, or Mary Ann, (734) 654-0115.

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Pioneer trek
The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that affected the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. For information,

call (734) 326-1110. **Friends of Eloise**
The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Friends of Museum
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday each month except December at the Collins House, located at the museum complex, 857 N. Wayne Road. Call Jim Franklin at (734) 595-8119. Everyone is welcome.

BINGO

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

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

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

K of C Bingo
Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

FOR SENIORS

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

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

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

Visually Impaired

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

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

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

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

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

ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking. 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. Visit the Web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA for more information.



Members of the Parrent family of Livonia are working to make ends meet following Barry Parrent's dirt biking accident last April.

Benefit will help pay the bills after man's injury, surgeries

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

In a split second, Barry Parrent's life changed. On April 29, Parrent was seriously injured in an accident while preparing for a dirt bike race with his son, Barry Jr. Parrent's right femur bone was shattered. He was transported from Bay City to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to repair the break, which was dangerously close to a major artery. "He's lucky he didn't bleed to death," said Cristie Parrent, his wife. Parrent had two major surgeries within days of one another — one to stabilize the bone and another to position a steel plate from his knee to his hip. Twenty days following the second procedure, a vein in his leg burst causing internal bleeding and a cantaloupe-sized blood clot to form in his thigh. Parrent again underwent emergency surgery, nearly losing his leg — and his life.

The event is set for 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy roads in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per plate.

"He is now home recovering slowly," said Patricia Holcomb, a neighbor and friend in Livonia. "However, because of the severity of his injuries and his occupation as a diesel mechanic for Plymouth Concrete, he will not be able to return to work for six to 12 months." Though his bone has nearly healed, Parrent continues to battle blood clots caused by the trauma of his injury and the surgeries that followed. Cristie Parrent said the healing has been "a slow process" and they have relied on friends and family to help them through this trying time.

The medical bills are mounting and the Parrents will soon be cut off from their disability payments — which have been \$230 a week. Parrent is unable to work, and the couple has five children: Franklin graduates Kim, 21, and Lindsey, 20; Emerson student Barry Jr., 12; and Cooper students MacKenzie and Megan, twins who are age 10. Cristie Parrent said she may have to take on a part-time job, while also caring for her family. "Barry was the sole provider for his family," Holcomb said. "His wife is staying home to care for him." Cristie Parrent said they may have already lost their home, if it weren't for family members helping with payments. "We've had such an outpouring of support," she said. Cristie Parrent said they aren't used to being on the receiving end of help — they've always been a giving family. But now the family is "starting to get behind on our bills," she said. "It's frustrating." All are welcome to attend a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser to assist the family. The event is set for 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy roads in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per plate. Those who are unable to attend may send donations to the family at 12065 Cavell, Livonia, MI 48150.

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CITY OF WESTLAND GENERAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the Democratic and Republican Parties and non-partisan positions for Judicial offices will be voted upon: **Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, Representative in State Legislature, Two (2) Members of the State Board of Education, Two (2) Members of the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan, Two (2) Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, Two (2) Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University, County Executive, County Commissioner, Two (2) Justices of the Supreme Court, Two (2) Judges of the Court of Appeals - Incumbent Positions, Judge of the Circuit Court - Non-Incumbent Position, Four (4) Judges of the Circuit Court - Incumbent Positions, Nineteen (19) Judges of the Circuit Court, Two (2) Judges of the Probate Court - Incumbent Positions, Judge of the Probate Court - Non-Incumbent Position, Judge of the Probate Court - Incumbent Position - Partial Term, Judge of the District Court - Non-Incumbent Position, and four (4) state ballot proposals: Proposal 06-1: A proposed constitutional amendment to require that money held in conservation and recreation funds can only be used for their intended purposes - YES or NO; Proposal 06-2: A proposal to amend the state constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes - YES or NO; Proposal 06-3: A referendum on Public Act 160 of 2004 - an Act to allow the establishment of a hunting season for mourning doves - YES or NO; Proposal 06-4: A proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit government from taking private property by eminent domain for certain private purposes - YES or NO; and Proposal 06-5: A Legislative Initiative to establish mandatory school funding levels - YES or NO.**

The places of voting for the General Election to be held on November 7, 2006, will be as follows:

- Precincts Locations**
- 1 & 19 Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
 - 2 & 32 Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
 - 3 & 7 Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
 - 4 & 8 Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh
 - 5 & 29 Edison School, 34505 Hunter
 - 6 Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
 - 9 Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey
 - 10 Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
 - 11 & 23 Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
 - 12 & 25 & 35 Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
 - 13 & 18 Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
 - 14 Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
 - 15 Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
 - 16 Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
 - 17 & 37 P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
 - 20 Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
 - 21 & 42 Johnson School, 8400 Hix
 - 22 Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
 - 24 Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
 - 26 & 33 Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
 - 27 Perrinville School, 33344 Ann Arbor Trail
 - Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
 - 30 & 31 Hayes School, 30600 Louise Ct.
 - 34 & 38 Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
 - 36 Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
 - 39 Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
 - 40 & 41 Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

Location: Civic Center (City Hall)
6000 Middlebelt
Garden City, Michigan 48135

Date: November 1, 2006
Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk
734-793-1620

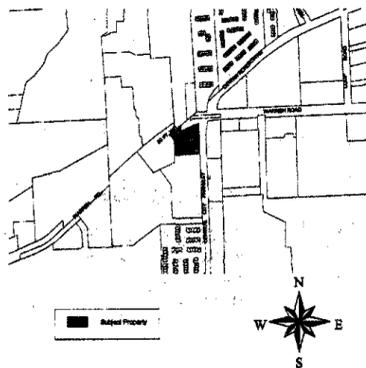
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1686C4 - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Qdoba Mexican Grill, 36575 Warren Road, Southwest Corner of Warren Road and Central City Parkway, Louis C. Dortch, Jr.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting at the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 8, 2006.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

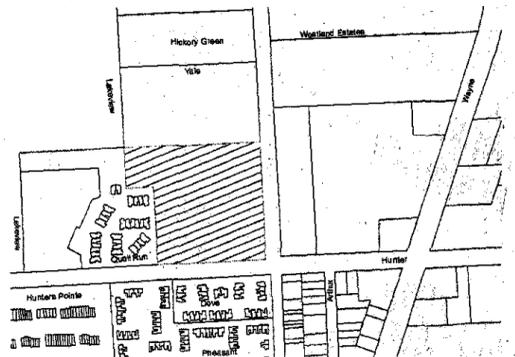
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #0413A - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Office Use, Hunter's West Apartments, 6515 Yale Avenue, Parcel #029-99-0006-001, Northwest Corner of Yale Avenue and Hunter Avenue, Amy O'Brien (Nicole LaCava)



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Experts weigh business tax replacement issue

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

The state's Single Business Tax has been an issue this political season, but few solutions have been offered on how to replace the estimated \$2 billion the tax generates annually and how much of it should be replaced.

The SBT was established in 1975 and contains a variety of taxes rolled into one formula. Many say it is far too complicated and prohibitive for companies that do business in Michigan.

A petition drive, led by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson earlier this year, should have landed the SBT issue on the ballot this November, but a loophole in state law allowed the Legislature to vote on it once again as a veto-proof bill. The first attempt by the Legislature to get rid of the SBT was vetoed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm because there was no plan to replace the revenue.

Now, the tax will expire at the end of next year and there still is no firm replacement plan. The SBT revenue is about 22 percent of the state's general fund.

A panel of experts weighed in on the issue at a recent forum in Farmington Hills, sponsored by state Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi and state Sen. Gilda Jacobs.

Tom Clay, director of state affairs for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, said there are a few options — replace the tax with a new tax on businesses; add new tax on individuals, e.g., services; or implement a net tax cut.

Clay said a replacement tax should be broad-based, at a low rate and easy for taxpayers to understand and calculate. He said businesses that are "selling into our state" should be taxed and in-state businesses should be favored.

Currently, about 150,000 businesses pay the SBT, while 41,000 do not pay it and another 25,000 pay less than \$1,000 per year in SBT taxes, according to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization founded in 1919 to promote "sound policy" for state and local governments through research. The SBT is largely paid by 3,000 businesses in Michigan, which contribute 59 percent of the total SBT revenue.

Charles Ballard, from the Department of Economics at Michigan State University, said not replacing the tax should not be an option. He said four or five years ago, he would have thought the state's budget could handle a \$1 billion cut — which is being proposed by some people. The current budget would not be able to sustain such a cut without a dollar-for-dollar affect on services.

He and Clay note Michigan is not a high-tax state, like many people believe. National taxes have gone down in recent years and now Michigan is slightly below the national average in taxation.

"There is a huge body of research that shows Michigan is average or below average," said Clay, noting 35 other states have higher business taxes.

Ballard said Michigan was slightly above the national average in taxation in the 1970s and 1980s, but continual tax cuts have occurred since

then. "We've gone far enough, and probably too far," he said.

Replacement options could include a variety of sectors, Ballard said. Business taxes equate to taxes on people, via lower wages and higher prices, for example.

"From an economic perspective, there is no reason to replace the SBT with a business tax," he said.

Ballard said the income tax could be adjusted to increase with higher income. Michigan is one of six states with a flat-rate income tax, while 37 states and Washington, D.C., have graduated rates. This change would require a state constitutional amendment, which isn't politically likely, he said.

David Wright, a CPA, said tax policy is a result of the political process, but he hopes

the SBT replacement is simple and easy to understand.

"Complexity is the worst waste of money," he said.

Clay said there are a lot of consumer taxes that ought to be considered, noting we pay tax on gasoline, clothing and other necessities, but not on movie tickets, golf fees and other leisure activities.

Cory Jacobson, owner of Phoenix Theatres in

Farmington Hills, a movie complex in Detroit and a screening room in Southfield, said he has been creative in making ends meet. He said national box office sales are up 7 percent, but not in Michigan, because people are not spending their money at the movies when they're worried about keeping their jobs.

There's only so much he can do.

"We're at the glass ceiling with ticket prices and concessions," he said.

Jacobson said he wants to see some stability in the next tax policy.

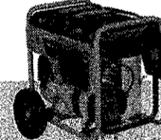
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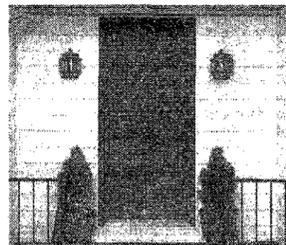
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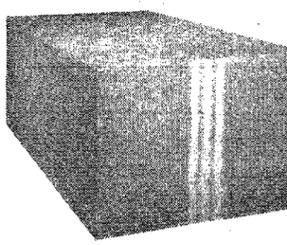
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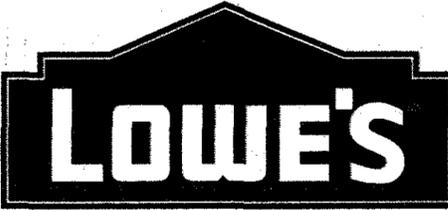
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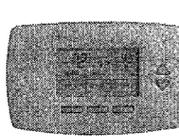
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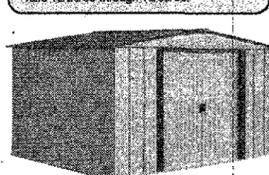
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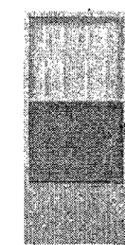
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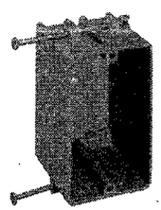
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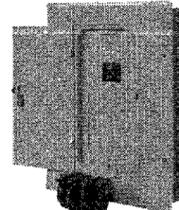
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OUR VIEWS

Gilbert's leaving: Big loss for city

It goes without saying that when James Gilbert leaves his job as the city's housing and community development director next week, he leaves behind some large shoes to fill.

You need only look at how it was when he took over 20 years ago and how things are today to see the mark he leaves, how much he has done on behalf of the city's economic disadvantaged.

In fact, you need only look to the story of Venessa Cooper in Sunday's issue of the *Observer* to see the effect Gilbert has had on the lives of people.

Under his stewardship, the city has seen more people utilize federal housing assistance, the Salvation Army open a center in Norwayne and the construction of a fire station and senior housing in the southeast portion of the city.

His commitment to his job and to the people who turn to his department for help, has been tremendous. He has made sure there is assistance for the adults and activities for the children, including an annual Christmas party and an after-school recreation program.

The list goes on and on and on.

In any job, the idea is to do your best, but in Gilbert's case, it's beyond best. He has been like an inventor, creating a well-oiled machine that will keep on working long after he's gone. Sadly, we didn't expect him to leave so soon.

Gilbert's leaving is a big loss for the city, but we are confident whomever replaces him will be up to task on continuing his work.

That said, we wish him well in his life after community development, and we offer him a heartfelt thanks for making Westland a better place to live.

McCotter has edge in 11th District race for Congress

The Democratic Party believes it has a legitimate chance to retake control of one and possibly both houses of Congress in the November election.

According to national polls, voters are angry with Republicans over an unpopular war in Iraq, a series of lobbying scandals, a scandal over protecting a sexual predator in Congress, a ballooning deficit and an economy that doesn't seem as solid for most people as statistics suggest.

For many voters, this will be a parliamentary election, a vote for the party out of power because of dissatisfaction with a party that effectively controls all three branches of the federal government and that some believe has become arrogant with power.

But as former Democratic Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill once said, "all politics is local." Many voters will go to the polls Nov. 7 and repeat that old saying, "I hate Congress, but I like my congressman," and vote accordingly.

In Michigan's 11th Congressional District, former talk show host Tony Trupiano is giving incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter his most spirited opposition to date. Trupiano presents himself as a moderate Democrat, fiscally conservative, opposed to gun control and leery of federal interference in education. But he is strongly opposed to the war in Iraq, believes the war on terror has been mishandled, favors a single-payer health insurance program and decries the corruption in Washington. Many voters could feel comfortable making a parliamentary vote for Trupiano.

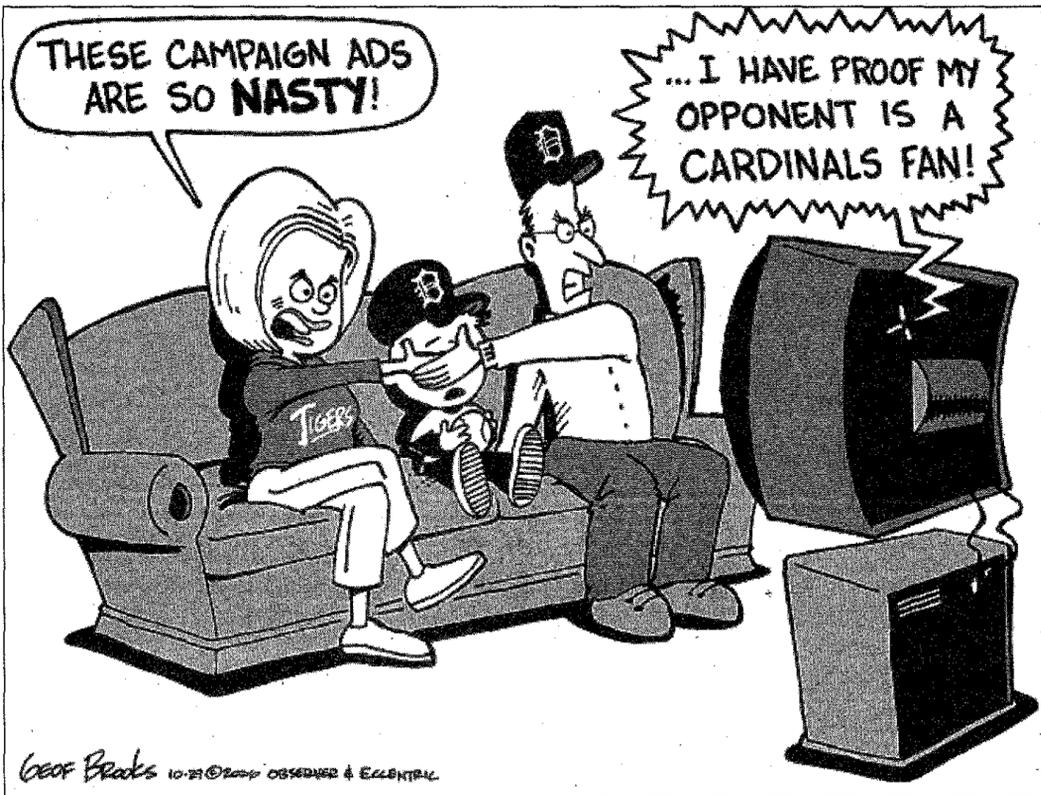
However, McCotter is not the one-dimensional conservative his opponent portrays. He is a conscientious conservative, steeped in the Ronald Reagan tradition. He has a long history in this community as a county commissioner, state senator and two-term member of Congress.

While he has been a reliable vote on party initiatives, he has also taken strong positions that run against the grain. He supported the bipartisan vote that took the country into the war in Iraq, but he has been a steady critic of the administration's mishandling of the war after the fall of Baghdad. He has argued that the Bush top-down approach has been disastrous and contributed to the ongoing factional disputes. He has been to Iraq on several occasions and speaks with authority on the issue.

As a seasoned legislator, McCotter also understands the importance of constituent service. Contrary to what his opponents say, McCotter is a visible presence in the community and his office has done a good job of serving the 11th District. McCotter also understands which issues are most pertinent to his local constituency.

Finally, we don't believe that McCotter's integrity has been compromised by taking funding from now disgraced Republican House members. It's a common practice in both parties to receive funding from party PACs. We have no reason to believe that McCotter is anything but an honest member of Congress who votes his conscience and the best interests of his constituents.

However, despite our reservations about the direction of the Republican Party, we support Republican Thaddeus McCotter for a third term in Congress on Tuesday, Nov. 7.



No more personal attacks

I would just like to say to the people who work for the power(s) that be, you don't need to help me clean up my yard by STEALING my signs. It won't change my vote. CLEANING my yard, thanks, but no thanks. I can do it myself.

In closing, I just want to say that I have seen A LOT of negative literature from the Republican Party about state Rep. Glenn Anderson. Does she truly believe that the literature being sent out against Glenn Anderson is NOT PERSONAL? Get a grip.

Quit with the personal attacks and get to the REAL issues. I am tired of the negativity.

Georgia Becker
Westland

Reasons not to vote for Toy

I try to stay out of the dirty end of politics, but when I read Laura Toy's comments on Glenn Anderson, it struck a nerve. The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* endorsed Sen. Toy, but also said that she should disavow the terrible literature being sent out about state Rep. Glenn Anderson (not exact wording). However, she has not done so. The literature sent out by the Republican Party is inflammatory and a slap at a decent, good man.

Here are some GOOD reasons why I am NOT voting for Toy. She voted AGAINST efforts to raise minimum wage.

She voted AGAINST an effort to remove immunity for drug companies when dangerous drug like Vioxx harms or kills patients.

She voted AGAINST amendments to provide an additional \$15 million for in-home health care for senior citizens.

She voted AGAINST providing \$9 million to help more seniors qualify for programs to receive needed care at home and not in a nursing home.

She voted AGAINST providing \$100 million in tax credits for senior/adult dependent care and child care.

She voted AGAINST urging Congress to use the projected federal budget surplus to protect Social Security.

These are just a few of the reasons why I am voting for Glenn Anderson for state senator.

Excuses, excuses. What is your excuse for the ALL the negative ads against state Rep. Glenn Anderson?

Deane Seber-Kirby
Westland

Race-baiting rhetoric

The first week in October, leaders from both political parties attended the Leadership Summit on Race in Detroit. They pledged to make a concerted effort to improve race relations in the region, particularly between Detroit and suburbs.

Since then I have received four mailings and two recorded messages from the Michigan Republican Party which were filled with race-baiting rhetoric aimed at 11th District candidate for Senate, Glenn Anderson.

What kind of "improved relations" did the Republican leadership expect to build with the destructive messages in the mailings and phone calls? Livonia and the western suburbs have been trying to rise above the clouds of racism for

years, and this kind of trash perpetuates racism and suburb vs. Detroit attitudes.

I encourage voters to vote AGAINST any party that promotes this division and any candidate that allows this trash to be sent out in an effort to gain votes for re-election.

Ronaele Bowman
Livonia

Trupiano is better fit

Michigan's 11th Congressional District is currently being represented by Thaddeus McCotter who is misrepresenting his opponent's positions in order to keep his seat in office.

I was at the Livonia City Hall for the League of Women Voters candidates forum when Mr. McCotter asserted that democratic candidate Tony Trupiano supports amnesty for illegal aliens. He has even gone so far as to have his own campaign office fund a mailing showing Mr. Trupiano in a spaceship, being abducted by space aliens, labeling him "Far left, far out Tony."

Nothing could be further from the truth. As a matter of fact, Mr. Trupiano has always stated that he doesn't support "amnesty," however, he would favor some kind of "work visa" for some illegal aliens to begin funneling them into the system. Further, Mr. Trupiano believes we need the National Guard patrolling our borders preventing more illegals from entering the U.S.

When he pointed this out in rebuttal to Mr. McCotter's assertion, the response was: "The only liar in this campaign is you." He did not elaborate further on how it was he believed Mr. Trupiano had lied. He did, however, state "Politics is the only place where a skunk says you stink."

Unfair characterization and name calling are not activities in which I wish to see a representative participating in. Some people will stoop pretty low in order to protect the office they currently hold. I have to believe voters will recognize the real truth and see through the lies when they cast their ballots on Nov. 7. I say Tony Trupiano would be a better fit for our District.

Patricia Linna
Westland

Thank you to our children

To our children - Donna, David, Mark and Chris,

Although you were true to form and did not listen to us when we said "NO" to a party, we want to thank all of you for whatever part you played in planning the party that was recently given in our honor. It was a wonderful day! Or maybe we should say, "week."

The hall was so beautifully set up and decorated. It was a real treat to be able to visit and reminisce with so many relatives, friends and former co-workers who gave of their time to help us celebrate. Many of them we had not seen in a long time. For that, we thank you.

We thank God every day for the close family he has given us. You are always there for us and each other, no matter what, in both the ups and downs of life - the tough times, the sad times, the happy times. So many memories, special times and everything in between. We cry together and we laugh together. And, yes, we do get upset with one another at times. A thought, a smell, a picture of a tune, triggers a memory that comes out and takes us on a journey to one of those

special times and places.

Each of you is a blessing that was sent to us - a blessing that has given so much and keeps on giving. THANK YOU.

With all our love,
Mom and Dad

Betty and Bob Stottlemeyer
Westland

Time for some truth

While opening my mail today (a campaign brochure) paid for by the Michigan Republican Party, I was surprised to say the least when I read in big bold letters, "THE DEMOCRATS: MORE OF THE SAME."

I could be wrong, but I'm pretty sure that our Michigan House of Representatives and the state Senate are both controlled by a majority of Republicans. Then we are blessed with a Republican secretary of state and a Republican state attorney general. Our U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate as well as the White House are also Republican.

What's wrong with this picture?

"DEMOCRATS MORE OF THE SAME?" Logic tells me that if you want more of the same, you should vote Republican. The truth is the Republicans are so full of LIES AND DECEPTION, they wouldn't know the truth if it jumped out and hit them in the face. Perhaps the Republicans are so ashamed of their lack of accomplishments in recent years that they have nothing good to say about themselves.

The people of Michigan are smart enough to see through these DECEPTIVE practices and it's time for some truth to start appearing in these ads.

William E. Tremper
a FORMER Republican from Westland

Robin Hood economics

Robin Hood economics never work. Jennifer Granholm may have inherited a poor economy from John Engler but she touts his worst innovation as her solution - robbing existing businesses to entice newcomers to Michigan. She brags of jobs expected to arrive, but many more jobs have left. A 2005 Mackinac Center study found that selective tax breaks cost nearly \$123,000 per job. When Gov. Granholm asks about replacing funds from the SBT and personal property taxes, an excellent answer would be: eliminate her \$2 billion 21st Century Jobs Plan.

Hank Borgman
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- Venessa Cooper about Westland's Section 8 and Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program that helped her return to school and rid herself of government assistance

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Tiger fan fever spreads message about our town and its people

The Rev. Henry Roodbeen got it right during Sunday morning Mass at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. "There's not much joy in Mudville this morning," the priest said.

Saturday night's 7-2 loss in the opening game of the 2006 World Series did indeed cast a pall over our town. Sunday evening, that pall lifted and, thanks to a generous brother-in-law, I was lucky enough to be in Comerica Park for Game 2.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central High senior Roger Zatkoff of Northville was among the other more than 42,000 fans who braved the low-40s temperatures at game time. He came "to watch the game" and because girlfriend Erica Dzmelyk of Farmington Hills is a big baseball fan.



Julie Brown

"I love it," said Dzmelyk, a senior at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. "I just like sports in general." They agreed it's been exciting to watch the team improve this season and said in unison "Tigers" when asked who would win Sunday.

The 3-1 Sunday victory over St. Louis proved them right, and the crowd was reluctant to leave the stadium, pausing for last looks and photos. Nicole Kern of Royal Oak came to Game 2 with her brother, Scott Avery of St. Charles, Ill.

"I grew up here," Avery said before game time. "Just coming back to watch the World Series. I've been to about 30 games this year," some 15 at Comerica.

He bought a Tigers mini-season package, and has shared in the team's excellence this season. "It is simply amazing," Avery said, echoed by his sister.

"I'm very excited," Kern agreed. "Never thought I'd be at the World Series. It's pretty amazing." Avery went to Game 1 with his mom, and Game 6 he set aside for his other sister. "Game 7 is up for grabs," he said with a smile. "I'm going to go for the best cheering person."

Traveling a bit, Mark Kreter of Battle Creek went to seven or eight Tigers games in the regular season and all the Detroit home playoff games. "We went to New York for a game," said Kreter, who was also at the World Series Game 1 Saturday. "We've chased them around."

"We always have in sports a team that comes out of nowhere. You had that feeling with the Tigers," Kreter said. He's got kids ages 17 and 14 who've gone to the World Series games, "one went last night, one tonight."

It was old-home week for my husband and me Sunday, as we ran into friend Steve Bernstein of Keego Harbor, who practices law in Farmington Hills. Also at the game were Larry and Lynda Grillo of Clinton Township, who liked "the excitement of the World Series to finally have been able to come to one in Detroit," she said.

Lynda Grillo's a longtime fan who went to her first game at the old Tiger Stadium in 1967. "I was very young," she said. Her husband calls himself more of a "fair-weather fan," but was glad to jump on the bandwagon this year.

They were at the third game of the Oakland Athletics series and were meeting friends Sunday night at Comerica for the St. Louis Cardinals matchup. "Detroit, of course," she said of the winner. "Because they have Magglio Ordonez," her favorite Tiger.

"It's good that we have a great team," Larry Grillo said, adding that the Tigers have rejuvenated the city's interest in baseball.

Indeed, downtown looked pretty good Sunday night and was full of people. It was great to see such a crowd and note how well-behaved they were.

There was an unofficial cheerleader in our section (333 on the third base side) who was exhorting the crowd to get to its feet more (we did during key moments). Flashing cameras went off around the park and the temperatures didn't seem so bad as the rain had stopped and the wind didn't pick up.

We were walking back to our car a little before midnight and were urged to stop by a local watering hole for a drink, rather than sit in traffic. We didn't stop, as there was work in the morning and we're not as young as we used to be.

Still, it's great to see downtown businesses full and doing business that late. The crowd I saw was well-behaved, with a couple of men taking photos of my husband and me so we'd have those keepsakes. I'd been to a 1984 World Series game against the San Diego Padres, thanks to the generosity of friends.

That earlier game was also a win, but I recall the crowd being a bit more exuberant. A woman behind us in 1984 got hit on the head with a ball, but didn't want to leave her seat, putting a cold beer where the ball had hit her head instead.

This year, it seemed like people really wanted to watch the World Series game and mostly stayed in their seats. There were fewer people on cell phones than I've seen during regular season games at Comerica.

Westland's own Josh Gracin of *American Idol* fame wowed the crowd Sunday with *God Bless America* in the seventh inning, and John Mellencamp and accompanists got things started with his new *Our Country*.

I recall the 1968 Tigers, when we had TVs on in school, as the teachers were mostly just as excited about the games against the Cardinals as we were. That was a win, and we hope this one will be, too, but no matter the outcome, I'm proud to say I'm from Detroit.

Julie Brown of Plymouth Township is presentation editor for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. She can be reached at (734) 953-2111 or via e-mail at jcbrown@hometownlife.com. She attended her first Tigers game in 1969.

LETTERS

Legislating their beliefs

In church on Oct. 8, a young girl had done the readings and I don't remember exactly word for word what she had read, but I was a little shocked with what I remember: "In the coming election, let us support those that support the unborn and pray to stop those who oppose it." I thought this is improper to advocate a political agenda in church.

The following week though was very improper. After Mass, there was a pamphlet in each and every car in the parking lot, advocating the election of Dick DeVos over Gov. Jennifer Granholm because of his stance on abortion.

It is ironic following the sermon on Sunday, particularly the part about "thou shalt not slander." I think if this document that was placed on all the vehicles in the parking lot were properly reviewed, I think you will find it is not true.

My opinion, and I want to separate this from the above, is the bigger issue is the integration of religious belief into government. The movement to ban abortion and restrict other behavior supported by religious beliefs and religious extremists, such as Marlene Elwell, threaten to weaken our nation. Their efforts toward intolerance within our nation and restricting and trying to overthrow freedoms guaranteed by our constitution are the most misguided efforts next to the warmongers and neocons.

Our nation was formed with overlapping branches of government, executive, legislative and judicial branches. There were also many levels of government, federal, state and local. The coexistence of these branches of government and perspective and focus each gives us a strong government. Each individual part adds some piece to the whole. There is no one tyrannical overseer controlling all the parts.

The members of our church and associates of Marlene Elwell that produced the pamphlet are extremely weak in their faith. Their efforts to ban abortion and other extremist ideas of integrating religious beliefs into our government laws shows they are incapable of embracing their own faith and they require a mandate from government to support their faith. There could not be a clearer demonstration of their lack of faith and obsession with power over others than to insist on a law to carry out their belief. These people are not followers of Christ and his teachings.

My faith is bolstered by the actions of the weak, intolerant, the cowards trying to legislate belief. Followers of Christ do not need a crutch or a law to direct them. My confidence in government is shaken, though by the infestation of the weak, intolerant, the cowards within government, and the methods they are going to overthrow our democracy. Let this next election remove those supported by these people and those trying to replace Americans' ideals.

P.S. The editorial page and other political forums are proper places to express political views, not our places of worship.

Allan Biber
Westland

Repeating the lies

I wondered what kind of paper the *Observer* was. Now, it's obvious after you repeated the lie perpetrated by the Democratic Party that Dick DeVos sent jobs to China. No mention that he saved his company and the employees who worked for him.

Now you have endorsed Debbie Stabenow who has an ad saying Mike Bouchard voted against stopping the trash from Canada. Are you aware he was not a U.S. senator, so had no vote at the time? This is why Ms. Stabenow wants to give Social Security benefits to illegal immigrants and voted against border security, the Patriot Act and two respectable judges to the Supreme Court who were approved by the American Bar Association.

And this letter of criticism extends to all those vile, untrue "letters to the editor" against Thaddeus McCotter. He is the most honest and hard working man we have in office working for us in a long time.

Eleanor Socha
Garden City

Vote down Prop 5

As past president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP), a law enforcement officer for more than 44 years and the police chief in Farmington Hills for 22 years, I urge the voters of Michigan to reject Proposal 5.

The proposal jeopardizes police, fire protection and other critical services and could lead to tax increases. The educational system in Michigan is one of the best-funded educational systems in the United States. Education spending has gone up where other areas in the budget have gone down.

The proposal doesn't even mention education improvement, student achievement, or higher standards. It provides no accountability or guarantee that the money will be spent to improve education. Education spending accounts for one-third of the total state budget.

K-12 spending, for example, went up 42 percent between 1994 and 2004. This simply pits public education against law enforcement and other critical services. The State of Michigan has already experienced a decrease of 715 law enforcement officers, and violent crime, as reported by the F.B.I., is on the increase.

This is no more than a money grab by teacher unions and has no guarantees that it will improve education. Again, if the voters in November approve Proposal 5, they can expect tax increases and cuts in critical services.

William J. Dwyer
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Oppose Proposal 2: The misnamed Michigan Civil Rights Initiative is based on a similar law in California and is being promoted in Michigan by California millionaire Ward Connerly. It is opposed by Governor Granholm, Dick DeVos, and leading candidates from both parties, as well as many religious, community, and civil rights organizations.

If Proposal 2 passes, it could eliminate all programs that address inequality or special needs that exist for women as well as for people of color and ethnic minorities. Passage could mean:

- An end to outreach programs to encourage women and minorities to enter key fields—such as engineering, law enforcement and health care—or to attend college.
- Gender-specific programs including breast, prostate, and cervical cancer screenings would be at risk.
- Scholarships and financial aid aimed at women and minorities would be banned.
- State and local governments' ability to decide their hiring and contracting policies would be forbidden.
- Programs to ensure people are treated fairly when buying homes or renting apartments would be banned.

Michigan is now tied for last among all 50 states in gender pay equity, with women earning just 67 cents for every dollar that men earn. Proposal 2 would prohibit any government program aimed at reducing this inequity. Similarly, it would ban programs addressing the disparity in pay for African-American households, who now earn 39 percent less than white households.

Would Proposal 2 eliminate "preferences" as its proponents declare? Not at all. Businesses and politicians could continue to hire, promote, and give contracts to their friends. Universities could give preferences to athletes and children of alumni when admitting students.

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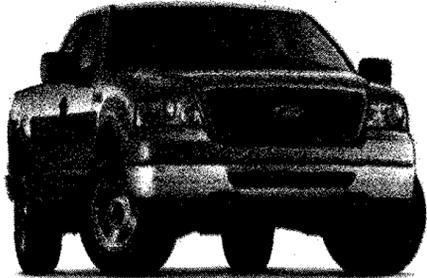
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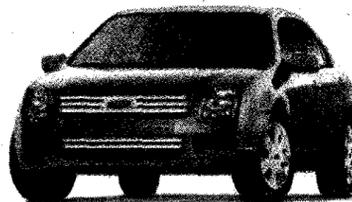
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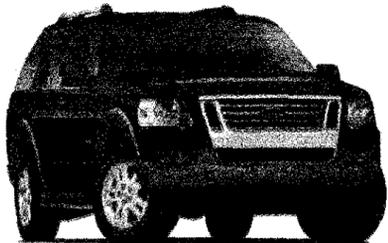
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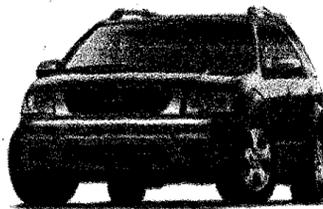
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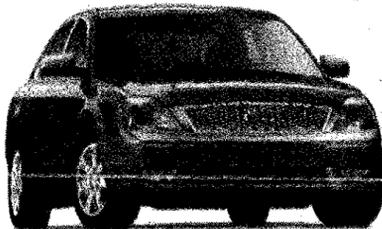
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Grow zones popping up in Hines Park to provide wildlife habitat, help prevent flooding

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Users of Wayne County's Hines Park have probably noticed that some parts of the park don't quite look like they used to. That's because the park has had a facelift of sorts. Areas that the parks department used to mow are now growing wild with tall native grasses and wildflowers - just like they did before man's machines and mowers took over.

These "grow zones" are a coordinated effort to restore parts of the park for a less intense recreational use. By planting native plants like big bluestem and other grasses and wildflowers, the county hopes to provide important wildlife habitat for birds and animals that live in the park. Also, these native plants have root systems that go deep into the soil, as much as 10 feet in some cases. That means they soak up much more rain



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Unlike mown grass, wildflowers attract bees.

water that traditional sod, which has a root system of just a couple inches, and less water makes it into the Rouge River. Flooding has been a constant problem in Hines Park for years, and officials hope these grow zones will help.

The county, which received a Clean Michigan Initiative grant to pay for the project,

has constructed three major grow zones along the parkway covering more than 15 acres, with more planned for next year. There have also been a couple of rain gardens installed, which trap and retain rain water. Next year, one will be built at Newburgh Pointe, where stormwater has caused some erosion along the parking lot.

One of the best examples of these new grow zones is at the Bennett Arboretum in Northville. It covers 2.3 acres and is an important component of a new master plan for the area, which ultimately will include a self-guided trail system and informational kiosks. The grow zone was planted in May, and is really starting to take off with some grasses already four feet tall.

Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, stresses the grow zones are in places that don't normally get any use by patrons and were just being mowed for the sake of being mowed.

"We're not taking away any ballfields. Hines Park doesn't have to look like a golf course," he said.

"These grow zones are an environmental asset, and I think they add an amenity to the Hines Park experience. For people hiking and jogging, it's nice to see these natural areas."

However, Heise admits that some people have called the parks department to complain about the lack of mowing.

"It's more of a case of people wondering what is going on. Once they understand what we're doing, and the benefit these sites provide, they are OK with it," he said. "This is kind of a culture clash from what people are used to."



High school cross country teams run along the edge of the arboretum.

Noel Mullett, the project coordinator for the Department of Environment, said the biggest roadblock to the program's success will be managing the grow zones. In the past, it was simple - just mow it. However, the big challenge now is to keep the areas free of invasive plants that can take over and negate some of the benefits these grow zones provide.

"It just takes a different kind of maintenance," he said.

So the county is trying to recruit groups of volunteers that can help maintain the sites, which could include pulling invasive plants once or twice a year.

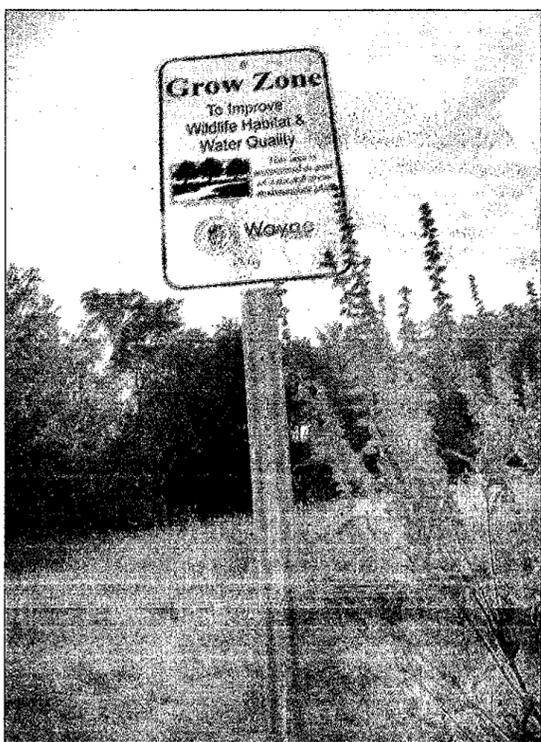
Mullett said groups of master gardeners are a perfect target, as are local school children, who could use the grow zones to learn valuable lessons about the state's native flora and fauna.

Some schools have already begun to participate, including Redford's St. Valentine School, which helped plant one of the first grow zones in 2004 at Nankin Mills.

"These are outdoor classrooms. That's how we're trying to pitch them to local schools," Mullett said.



Kurt Heise is the director for the Wayne County Department of Environment. Noel Mullett Jr. is the project technical coordinator. The yellow flowers are black-eyed Susans. The purple are asters.



The grow zones are marked.

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SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor for friendship, possible romance. ☎690004

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SWF, 39, 5', attractive, average build, dark/blue, Pisces, N/S, outgoing, fun-loving, seeks WM, 35-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎12039

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SBF, 35, attractive, plus-sized, Capricorn, single mom, marriage-minded, N/S, seeks man, 40-55, family-oriented, old-fashioned, possible romance. ☎112291

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SWF, 37, likes motorcycles, movies, Star Wars, seeks WM, 34-35, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, and more. ☎114057

LOOKING FOR YOU
Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5'6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. ☎124235

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IS IT YOU?
SBF, smoker, likes basketball, movies, seeks spontaneous, adventurous HF, 20-30, with a feisty little attitude. ☎130804

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SWF, 52, attractive, Pisces, N/S, nice, educated, secure, fun, enjoys sporting events, movies, camping, travel, theater, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, possible romance. ☎933487

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SEEKING A LADY?
SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. ☎123805

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GET AT ME
SBM, 19, 5'7", smoker, athletic, brown complexion, seeks women, 18-24, for friendship, and more. ☎133171

LET'S TALK
SBM, 34, N/S, brown eyes, muscular build, seeks BF 25-50, for good conversation, and more. ☎133482

INTERESTED?
SWM, 22, 5'11", smoker, athletic, likes dining out, seeks WF, 21-25, adventurous, good SOH, who is down for anything. ☎133925

WILL IT BE YOU?
SBM, 48, light complexion, 5'7", 192lbs, likes sports, shows, cycling, music, more. Seeking loving, sweet lady to be my special someone. ☎128421

NEW RELATIONSHIP
SBM, 6'3", 42, enjoys writing, entertainment, dining out, dancing. Seeking SF, slim to medium build, tall, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎132042

THAT SPECIAL ONE
SBM, 44, N/S, likes movies, parks, the arts, seeks special SF, 27-40, N/S, slim to medium build, great sense of humor, college educated, for friendship, and more. ☎132888

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, playing, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎263646

SWEET GUY
Good-looking SWM, 52, 6'1", 197lbs, college graduate, financially secure, homeowner, bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for serious relationship, maybe marriage. ☎255073

MAYBE IT'S YOU
SBM, 35, brown complexion, 5'9", 190lbs, athletic, fun, looking for a sexy, level-headed lady who knows how to have a good time. Friendship first. ☎127341

DON'T PASS ME BY
SWPM, 43, 6', 220lbs, blue eyes, N/S, N/D, D/D-free, educated, enjoys nature, concerts, movies, walks, more. Seeking SF, 25-45, for friendship and possible LTR. Race open. ☎130128

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

GIVE ME A CALL
SWM, 37, smoker, 5'10", brown/blue, loves sports, traveling, seeks WF, 21-35, for friendship, possibly more. ☎121538

WORTH A CALL
SWM, 49, 6'17lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SBM, 25, 5'8", 190lbs, dark complexion, long hair, no kids, looking for fun, energetic lady affectionate and real, who knows how to have fun in life. ☎122364

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎892418

FANTASY OR REALITY?
SBM, 50, 5'8", medium-build, N/S, fun-loving personality, likes dancing, jazz/blues, quality time, traveling. Seeking passionate and sexy SF, 20-50, slim-to-medium build, race open, kids ok, for sharing time and romance. ☎948417

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Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎988147

LONELY ANN ARBOR MAN
Considerate, intelligent SBM, 51, tall, slim, dark complexion, Capricorn, looking for a sweet, loving woman respectful, faithful and ambitious, to share friendship, good times, possible romance and LTR. ☎122608

HOPE IT'S YOU
SBM, 33, 5'11", chocolate complexion, likes reading, writing, composing music, playing pool, basketball, more. Looking for mature active lady who knows how to have a good time. ☎127058

SERIOUS MAN
SBM, 6', 18, athletic build, marriage-minded, N/S, dark complexion, hazel eyes, seeks truthful SF, 18-30, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎110897

LOOKING FOR LOVE
SBM, 53, muslim, N/S, hard-working, likes having fun, chess, fishing, bike riding, seeks WF, 33-53, N/S, HWP, for friendship, and more. ☎110750

THIS IS THE ONE
SBM, 33, 5'9", black/brown, no kids, never married, looking for a nice straight-up, down-to-earth femala, not about games, to share the good times with. ☎130099

INTERESTED?
Easygoing, fun SBM, 29, smoker, 6', 185lbs, well-built, likes working out, seeks woman, 21-40, for friendship, and more. ☎131326

JOIN ME?
Honest, secure SWM, 73, 5'9", 200lbs, N/S, homeowner, enjoys karaoke, oldies music, dancing, keeping active, meeting new people. ISO sociable, sweet, sincere lady to share the special moments in life. ☎982461

CUT TO THE CHASE
SBM, 51, 6'3", 250lbs, N/S, enjoys plays, concerts, country drives. ISO SWF, for friendship and much, much more. Age open. ☎121414

A NICE GUY
SM, 24, black/blue, 5'7", 120lbs, looking for a nice, non-judgmental SF loving and fun, to share the good times in life. Friendship first, possibly more later on. ☎127134

TAKE A CHANCE
SWM, 34, N/S, brown eyes, muscular build, seeks WF, 20-37, for good conversation, and more. ☎133195

LET'S TALK
Laid-back SWM, 62, smoker, brown/brown, likes riding Harley's, the country, seeks open, honest WF, 35-54, for possible LTR. ☎124193

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎777324

WHERE ARE YOU?
WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/blue, athletic, honest, good sense of humor, seeks compatible woman, with same interests, age open. ☎131277

SECURE
WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

SIMPLE REQUEST
WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with. Age open. ☎33911

ECONOMICALLY VIABLE
SWPM, 54, 5'11", 170lbs, trim, Aquarius, N/S, likes music, art, golf, landscapes, architecture seeks WPF, 44-60, attractive, fit, active, financially secure, intelligent, possible LTR. ☎94220

TURNER SEEKS FONDA
Brash, outspoken, attractive, educated, trim, salt and pepper businessman, 54, NW suburbs, seeks liberal lady, whose interests include art, architecture, classical jazz, good conversation, 46-56. ☎970990

THAT'S ALL
SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. ☎116761

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎860305

SERIOUS
SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5'8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎89189

TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBM, 52, 5'10", 185lb, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. ☎912726

NICE GUY
SWM, 66, 5'8", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S, Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

LIFE IS BEST SHARED
SM, 53, tall, 230lbs, muscular, brown hair, enjoys weekend getaways, snuggling, quiet romantic times, motorcycling, simple fun. Seeking SF, 25-55, slender, sweet and sociable to share the special times. ☎955106

SHARE GOOD TIMES
SBM, 27, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, Mexican food, shyness, seeks SBF/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎980453

THE BASICS
SWM, 66, 5'9", slim build, youthful, 180lbs, seeks WF, 40-61, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎116789

TRY ME
SWM, 29, 5'8", 140lbs, brown/brown, down-to-earth, good-looking, loving, affectionate enjoys shooting pool, hanging with friends. Looking for SF who enjoys the same. ☎122334

POSITIVE PERSONALITY
Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving, seeks WH/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more. ☎514300

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Democratic candidate gets his priorities in order

Editor's note: This is the first of two stories on the campaign trail with the two major party candidates for the 11th District Congressional seat. A story on incumbent Rep. Thaddeus McCotter will run Thursday, Nov. 1.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

It was the day after the first gubernatorial debate. That previous weekend the scandal broke involving now former Florida congressman Mark Foley.

Tony Trupiano, Democratic candidate for the 11th Congressional seat, was standing outside 11th District campaign headquarters at I-96 and Merriman at 9 a.m. waiting for his staff to arrive.

The ongoing and unpopular war in Iraq, the Abrahamoff lobbying scandal and now the Foley sex scandal have given Democrats a serious chance to retake one or both houses of Congress. But Trupiano knows he has an uphill fight to unseat incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter, running for his third term in Congress.

For the past year, Trupiano has been running hard — soliciting for contributions, making phone calls, knocking on doors, sending out campaign fliers and maintaining a campaign Web site. But the former radio talk show host, business consultant and motivational speaker got a jolt in July on a family outing.

"We were in a serious auto accident," he said. "We were rear-ended. My wife was seriously hurt, still is having some problems though she's all right."

The accident forced the candidate to take a few days off.

"The accident was what I needed to give me pause in the middle of this insanity," he said.



Tony Trupiano, congressional candidate for the 11th District, talks as the guest speaker at the Wayne Rotary Tuesday afternoon.

He said the brief respite from campaigning brought his already close family closer and put the campaign into perspective.

He said he promised his 16-year-old son that win or lose, the family would gather at the Mongolian Grill to celebrate the son's birthday, on Nov. 8, the day after the election.

The 11th District Democratic headquarters is a gathering place for candidates and volunteers. On this morning

Westland City Council member Cheryl Graunstadt was there to stuff envelopes. State senate candidate and current state Rep. Glenn Anderson and state senate candidate Mark Slavens would drop in that morning. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Gov. Jennifer Granholm have their district representatives there.

STAFF MEETING

In one of the offices, Trupiano's campaign manager, Amy McCusker, gathers the staff for the day's marching orders. McCusker, finance director Andalyn Burgess and field directors Anuj Patel, Justin

Lindsay and Nan Melke form a circle with the candidate.

The idea is to get everyone on point.

"We have to be careful this isn't just Republican bashing," Trupiano tells his staff.

"For McCotter the No. 1 issue is accountability, with Republicans and Democrats," McCusker adds. "Don't go off on McCotter personally, but his record."

They also emphasize that Trupiano is a moderate, though he will be portrayed as a "liberal" by Republicans.

Trupiano mentions a mass mailing from the National Rifle Association asking him to pledge his support for gun rights. Trupiano said he is a supporter of the Second Amendment and would use the cards as a chance to make his case with gun owners.

McCusker said that everyone who goes out to knock on doors should know Trupiano's views on the issues.

Burgess has good news, more contributions have been coming in than expected and there may be a donation from the



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Eleventh district congressional candidate Tony Trupiano talks to Cheryl Caughey as he campaigns door to door in Westland.

Progressive Democrats organization that is targeting 13 congressional races.

On a lighter note, the campaign will take a break on the following Saturday to gather at Champpps to watch the Michigan-Michigan State football game. McCusker went to U-M, Lindsay went to MSU. Trupiano said the campaign "break" is just an excuse so they can watch the game.

BOTH SIDES

McCusker has worked both sides, volunteered for Democrats and Republicans.

"I still vote for the best candidate," she said.

The Wixom mother of two, 7 and 3, was pregnant with her second child when she went to

work for Jennifer Granholm.

"I liked her and Dan (Mulhern), I thought they were real," she said. "I worked on the transition, went to work for John Kerry."

She went to high school in Wixom with Craig DeRoche, the Republican state Speaker of the House. They're still friends.

She met Trupiano last summer and he invited her to be his campaign manager.

Following the staff meeting, Trupiano drives to Farmington to tape a short campaign piece for cable television.

Lunch is a Rotary meeting in Wayne, where Trupiano sits between District Judge Laura Mack and former state Rep. Tom Kelly eating chicken tetrazini. The candidate says

he's lost count of how many luncheons and dinners he's participated in during the yearlong course of the campaign.

He tells the Rotary that it's time "to put politics aside and work in our communities." He offers to help them reach their membership goal of 50 by joining.

The day will continue with door-to-door campaigning in Westland and Novi and numerous calls to potential donors.

Trupiano hopes enough donors and enough voters will lead to an upset on Nov. 7. But he knows win or lose, where he'll be for dinner on Nov. 8, and he says he'll be fine with that.

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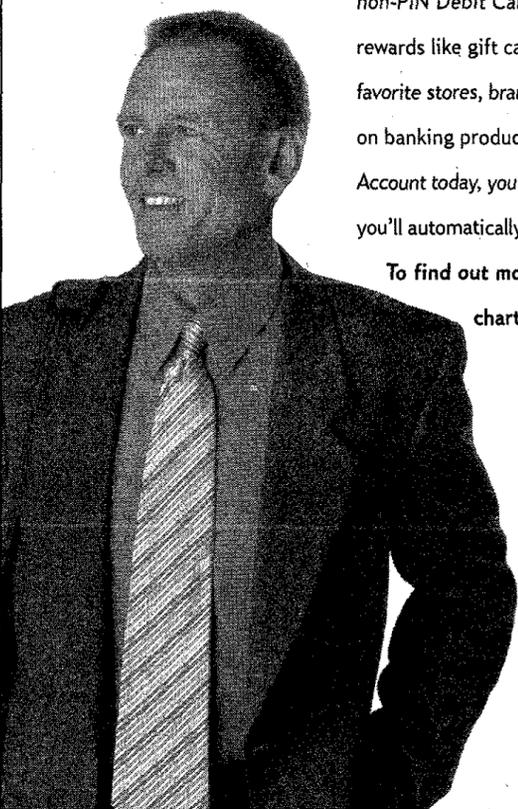
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Schoolcraft hosts Tulsa race riot expert

For 16 hours on May 31, 1921, mobs of white rioters threatened and then set fire to a 34-block black neighborhood of businesses and houses in Tulsa, Okla. The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921 was one of the worst civil disorders in U.S. history, leaving an estimated 10,000 homeless, 800 hospitalized and 300 or more dead.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, Schoolcraft College will host Scott Ellsworth, a leading historian on the riot and author of *Death in a Promised Land: The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921*. Ellsworth began his research into the riot as an undergraduate student at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. He continued his research at Duke University, interviewing eye witnesses, and researching old photos and newspapers, and ultimately published his book.

The event was largely ignored in the history books until the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City when Bryant Gumbel of the Today show was handed a copy of Ellsworth's book. In 1997, the Tulsa Race Riot Commission was created to examine the riots and the possibility of reparations.

Ellsworth served on the Commission as a consultant and the primary investigator.

At Schoolcraft, Ellsworth will make a keynote presentation, *Heartland Tragedy: Uncovering the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921*, at 10:30 a.m. in the Presentation Room of the VisITaTech Center.

At 11:30, Ellsworth will join a panel of Schoolcraft faculty for a discussion on *Facing the Past: Where do we go from here*. A documentary film on the riots will begin at 12:30 p.m. in room 200 of the Liberal Arts Building, featuring Ellsworth, who then will talk informally with students from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The Ellsworth visit will conclude with a discussion on oral history research techniques from 3 to 4 p.m. in room 200 of the Liberal Arts Building.

All the day's events are free and open to the public. You can see pictures of the riot at file:///U:\International\Scott_Ellsworth_11.9.2006. The event is sponsored by the Schoolcraft International Institute. For information, contact Sam Hays at (248) 559-8264 or Josselyn Moore at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5271.

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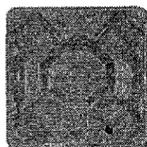
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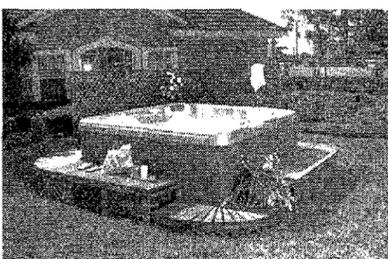
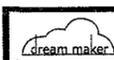


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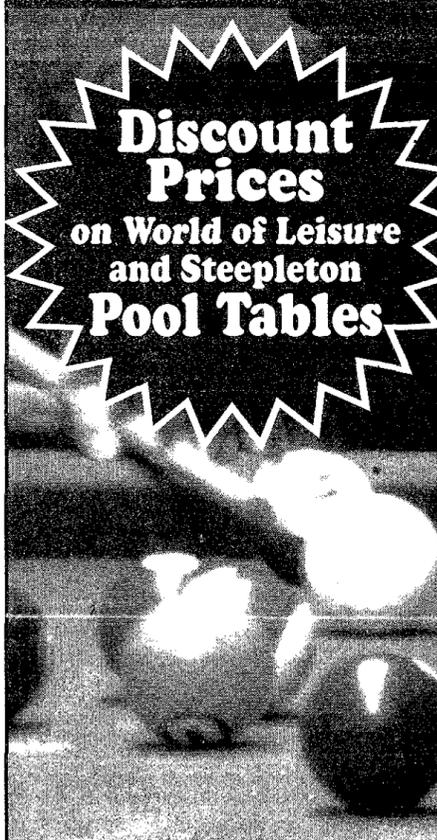
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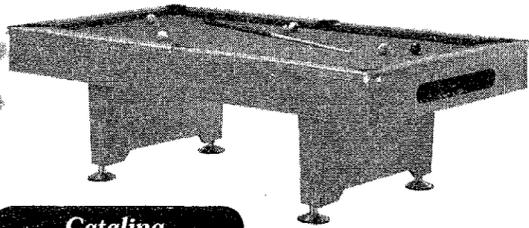
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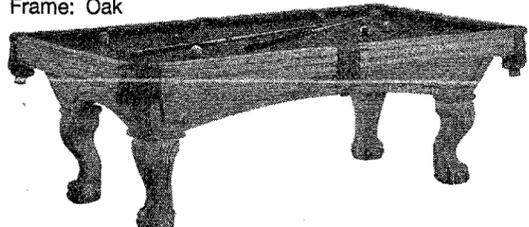
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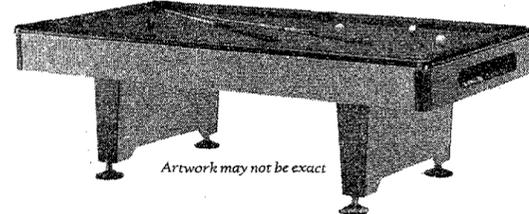
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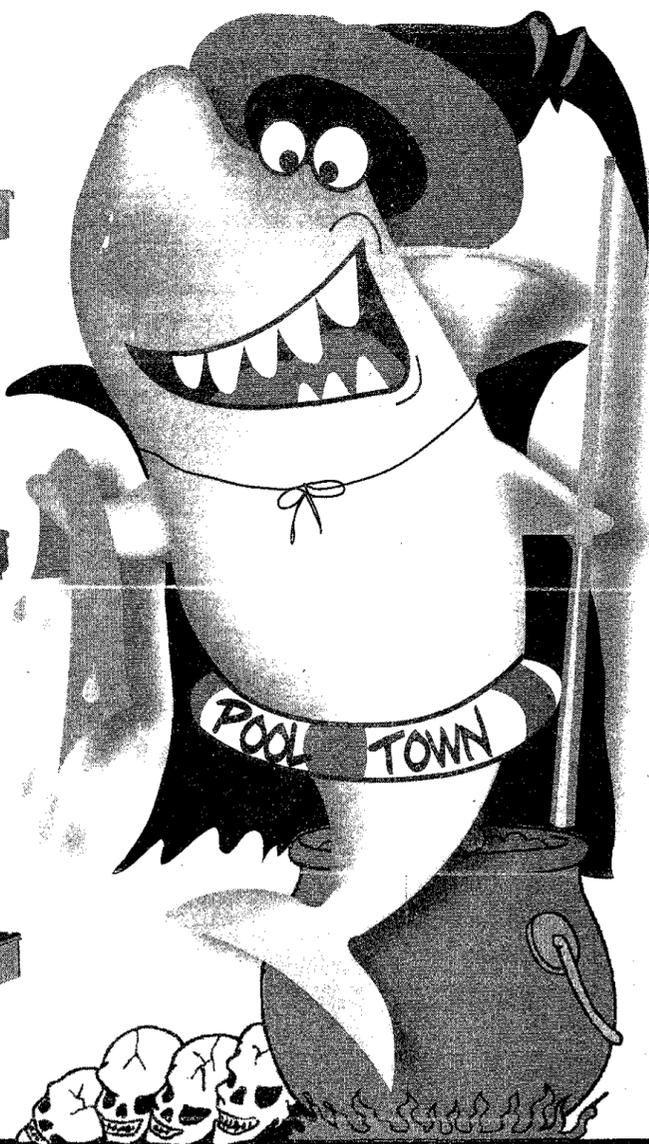


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OCTOBER

Trunk or treat
At 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. Dinner at 6 p.m., games in Fellowship Hall followed by 7 p.m. Trunk or treat. Costumes - kids of all ages. For more information, call (734) 421-8628.

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Divorce recovery workshop
From 7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 26 in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$95, \$15 for previous participants who wish to repeat the workshop. Free child care. Call (248) 374-5920.

Hallelujah festival
Presented by Canton Christian Fellowship 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley, Canton. Come out for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate this alternative to Halloween. For more information, con-

tact the church office at (734) 404-2480, or send e-mail to info@CantonCF.org or www.CantonCF.org.

Lighthouse cafe
From 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$5 at the door. Free child care provided. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Bible study
Continues with Bill Guy on Human Personalities and Biblical Morality and Heritability of Homosexuality from 7:45-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The series continues Nov. 10 and 24. No child care provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Conference
International Christian Education Association presents the 60th Sunday School and Church Workers' Conference on Oct. 27-28, in Northville. Non-denominational. Four general sessions free to public. Register now for more than 50 workshops and seminars, Exhibit City, Kids Korner, Make and Take Puppetry, lunches. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceonline.org.

Rummage sale
Grace Lutheran Church is having its annual Rummage & Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck roads, Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities.

District convention
54th annual Michigan Southeast District Convention will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The theme is Glorify the

Lord based on Psalm 35:3. Registration at 8 a.m., opening service at 9 a.m. Guest presenter is Steve Siegel, director of U.S. Ministries for Lutheran Hour Ministries. For more information, call (734) 729-0306. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of Bringing Christ to the Nations - and the Nations to the Church. LHM produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 40 countries. LHM's flagship program, The Lutheran Hour, airs weekly on more than 800 stations.

Crafters wanted
Deadline to register is Oct. 28. Craft show is from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Table rental is \$20. \$20 registration fee must be paid by Oct. 28 to hold your spot (and will go toward table rental). Remaining balance for additional tables must be paid at time of setup. Mail registration fee by check or money order to Community Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 851349, Westland, MI 48186. For more information, call Marge at (734) 729-2578 or Jean at (734) 421-0733.

Ange Smith does Gospel
The former Motown artist sings during Sunday services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Oct. 29, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Smith will be accompanied by jazz pianist Sven Anderson. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

Trunk or treat
6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in the park-

ing lot at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. Children go from trunk to trunk seeing and hearing a Bible story and receiving candy.

Harvest festival
Fun-filled afternoon of family-oriented activities including carnival games, crafts, funhouse, bake sale with proceeds to benefit Livonia Goodfellows No Child Without a Christmas from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (734) 425-7280.

Organ concert
By Kirk in the Hills organist Glenn Miller 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at the church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. Kirk's Sanctuary organ consists of more than 4,600 pipes ranging in size from more than 32-foot long to smaller than the average pencil, divided between the four corners of the room. All are welcome to attend. For tickets or information, call (248) 626-2515, Ext. 109.

Pastie fund-raiser
Newburgh United Methodist Church is making and selling Cornish Pasties as a fund-raiser. Cost is \$3 each and can be ordered by calling the church office at (734) 422-0149 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Call-in orders only. Do not leave orders on answering machine. Orders faxed, e-mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored. Pick up times are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Order early. Only 1000 pasties will be made.

Nov. 15, in the Fellowship Hall (church building), St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Hymn festival
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church opens its 2006-2007 Concert Series at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, with a very special Hymn Festival led by noted Lutheran musician David Cherwien, director of the National Lutheran Choir based out of Minneapolis, and leader in the use of organ improvisation. Choirs from area congregations will be participating in the event which is open to the public with a freewill offering being taken. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96 at exit 174, Livonia. For more information, call Mark Lohmeyer, music director, at (734) 522-6830.

Classical bells concert
Michigan's premier handbell ensemble presents a Raise the Roof with a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The performance also features Choralation and Joseph Daniel, organist. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Groups of 20 or more, call (734) 414-9940. All proceeds benefit the Fellowship Hall building fund. For more information, call St. Matthew's church at (734) 422-6038.

Bagpipe entertainment
During St. Andrew's Day Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 12. The St. Andrew's Bagpipe Band will also perform during the worship service, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults, \$5 children. Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations.

Thanksgiving bingo party
Doors open at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy, Westland. Cost is \$8 for admission. Must be age 18 or older to play. Prizes include all of the Thanksgiving necessities including turkeys, hams, basket of plenty. Hall phone is (734) 525-3550.

SOUEL
Students of Upper Elementary Activity Night from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at St. Aidan Catholic Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. The theme is pirates. There is a best-dressed pirate prize. Pillage the free pizza and ice cream. For fifth- and sixth-graders (feel free to bring a friend). No registration required. Contact David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.

Sisterhood luncheon
For paid-up members of Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, Canton Harry Sturm will delight with a concert of traditional Jewish melodies. Members are requested to bring in new, unopened toiletries to be donated to a local charity. For information on membership or to RSVP, call (248) 477-8974.

Hanukkah gift shoppe
Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Hanukkah/Judaic gift shop opens from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays beginning Nov. 19 and continues to Dec. 10. Selection includes holiday gift wrap, chocolate coins, dreidels, candles, electric and traditional menorahs and many Judaic gift items. Congregation Beit Kodesh is located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia.

Thanksgiving choir festival
More than 100 voices will join in celebrating Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by brass, handbells and organ as well as an audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, one mile east of Beck, Plymouth. Participating choirs are from First United, Our Lady of Good Counsel, First Presbyterian, St. John's Episcopal, and First Baptist. Brass players from the Plymouth Community Band led by Carl Battishill will add to the festivities. Admission is free but an offering will be received to benefit a local charity. Call (734) 453-5280.

Crafters wanted
For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley, Canton. The church is accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

Education pilgrimage
The third annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, assisted by CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The pilgrimage will take place from Feb. 11-18, 2007. This is an intensive learning experience with special emphasis given to the voice and experience of the poor and marginalized. You will visit martyr sites, grassroots organizations, a rural community, and hear speakers on the history, politics, and economy of El Salvador. For details, call coordinator Richard Dahike at (734) 455-6474.

ONGOING

Worship service
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from

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Ladies Bible studies
Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration fee includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care).

Personal ministry
Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Farmington Women Aglow
Meets from 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Bible and playtime
For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiloh (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Scripture studies
From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS
Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study
At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service
Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities
Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Church activities
St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services
All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia
Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services
The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

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UPCOMING

Caregivers support
Dr. Peter Lichtenberg address the issue of enhancing wellness for adult children caregivers of aging parents New Hope - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Wixom at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 29218 Lyons Oaks Drive, north of Grand River, between Napier and Old Plank. The new support group will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 421-8174. No charge. All are welcome. Lichtenberg is the director of The Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

Crafts and more
Christmas gifts, jewelry, attic treasures, bake sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 3-4, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly. Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit mission and church programs. Call (313) 937-3170.

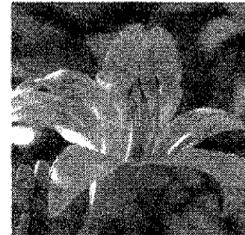
Laugh out loud
With comedian Thor Ramsey at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Tickets \$5, advance purchase recommended. Free child care provided. Ramsey has appeared on A&E network and was a semifinalist in Comedy Central's Laugh Riots competition. He presently hosts the syndicated family-friendly comedy series, *Bananas*. Call (248) 374-5920.

Haiti dinner buffet
At 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw at Washington, Ypsilanti. Donation is \$18 adults, \$8 children age 11 and under. A benefit for the Haiti School Project, a plan to build and improve schools in northern Haiti. For information and tickets, call (313) 278-4849.

Monthly dance
Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, Nov. 4, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road. Cost is \$10 and includes refreshments. For information, call (734) 261-5716.

Vegetarian holiday testing
At 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist School Gymnasium on Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. Reserved tickets at \$14 adults, \$5 ages 6-12. Call (734) 459-0472. Make checks payable to Metro SDA School and send to Holiday Tasting, 695 N. Ridge Road, Canton, MI 48187-4635.

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ARLENE F. SCHROEDER
Age 74, of Howell, died Friday, October 20, 2006, at her home. Born September 14, 1932, in Redford, the daughter of Russell and Harriett (Johnson) Fulk. A graduate of Farmington High School, she attended First United Methodist Church, Howell; enjoyed many types of physical activities, spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren; her sense of humor and positive attitude towards life will be greatly missed. She married Robert Harley Schroeder on December 30, 1950, in Valparaiso, IN. He preceded her in death on July 3, 2004. She is survived by her children, Kam (Debbie) Schroeder, Leann Triewerler and Micky (Jon) Glassel, all of Howell; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers Leon and Russell Fulk; special family members Aunt Betty & Uncle Red. Visitation Tuesday at 10:00 AM with Funeral Service at 11:00 AM from First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Street, Howell, with Rev. Charles Jacobs officiating. Burial at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to First United Methodist Church, Howell. Visit online guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

CHRISTINE JOYCE LEONHARD
Age 78, of Traverse City, formerly of Caseville, passed away Saturday, October 14, 2006 at Munson Medical Center. Joyce was born in Detroit on June 3, 1928 to Nile T. and Christine (Cameron) Lombard. Joyce graduated from Redford High School and attended Michigan State University for some time before exploring other opportunities. She went on to work as a radio actress and model before marrying the late Robert P. Leonard. Joyce enjoyed spending time in the garden, working with ceramics, collecting antiques, and playing the piano. For many years, while living in, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, she was an active member of the Women's Farm and Garden Association and The Village Club. Joyce moved to the Traverse City area after more than two decades on Sand Point in Caseville, MI, where she enjoyed the views across Lake Huron. The center of Joyce's life was always her children and grandchildren. Joyce is survived by her sons, Douglas (Karen) Leonard of Birmingham, David (Kelly) Leonard of Traverse City, five grandchildren, Michael, Patrick, Peter, Katie, and Sean, brother, Cameron (Patricia) Lombard of Florida, sister, Carol Lombard Afarian of California, nieces, Heather and Penny, nephew, Christopher, and many other loving family members and friends. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother, William. The family requests that memorial contributions may be directed to Grand Traverse Pavilions or the charity of one's choice. In keeping with Joyce's wishes, cremation has taken place and private family services will be held. The family is being served by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home of Traverse City, and A. J. Desmond and Sons of Royal Oak.

DONALD M. BOESE
October 23, 2006. Age 78. A long time resident of Livonia. Dear brother of Viola Gallagher and Evelyn (Robert) Lenk. Also leaves six nieces and nephews, eight great-nieces and nephews and ten great-great-nieces and nephews. Memorial Service Saturday 11 am at the Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. In lieu of flowers contributions suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

DONALD WILLIAM SCHMIDT
Son of George and Alice Schmidt, eternally left this world on October 19, 2006 to be with his heavenly father and wife, Diane, of 62 years. Mr. Schmidt attended Michigan State and became a life long crop farmer in Plymouth, Michigan. His family worked together on the farm with high business and farming training from their father. Donald was a member of the Stony Creek Methodist Church of Willis. He also was a life time member of the Farm Bureau. He loved the outdoors, through his work, and also hunting and fishing. Survived by his loving children Richard D.(Nancy), David J. (Sallie), Larry A. (Lynn), Sandra J. (William) Matley, and Susan K. Kelly. Dearest grandfather of 14 and great grandfather of 9. Funeral service was held on Monday, October 23, 2006, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with Rev. Peter Harris and Rev. Doug Olson officiating. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

LOUIS MICHAEL STIEB
Age 100, of Largo, Florida (formerly of Rochester, Michigan), died October 18, 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife Harriet. He is survived by his children, Mike Stieb of Oklahoma and Joan Stieb of Florida; his nine grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Mr. Stieb began working at General Motors' Fisher Body Plant in 1928. He was instrumental in organizing Local Union 653 in 1939. He was the union's first financial secretary. While living in Rochester, Mr. Stieb built and lived in a cement home on Wilcox Street. Mr. Stieb retired from General Motors Pontiac Plant in 1966. He and his wife traveled to Largo during the winter months from their retirement home in Sand Lake (near Tawas), Michigan. They enjoyed round dancing and entered many dancing competitions. He was an avid eucatre player and a big fan of baseball. Family members and friends traveled to Largo in January to celebrate his 100th birthday. A memorial service is scheduled in Michigan later this year.

MARY B. RUDNICK
of Bloomfield Hills, died Saturday, October 21, 2006. Wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Patricia Conzett (John), James (Doreen) and Ken (Micki). Grandmother of Matthew, Christine, Jennifer, Christopher, Robert and Megan. Sister of Joyce Gravelle (Jerry). Funeral Mass Thursday Oct. 26, at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial Tributes: Alzheimer's Association. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ROBERT BOSTON
Age 85, of Bloomfield Hills, died October 22, 2006. He was born on April 2, 1921 in Highland Park. He attended Highland Park High School and graduated from the University of Michigan with an Art Degree. Bob served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Bob was a partner in Art Workshop, Inc. in the New Center area in Detroit for much of his award winning career and also was a freelance illustrator in his later years. He taught for a number of years at the Center for Creative Studies. Bob was the loving husband of Lois; dear father of Mike (Sandy), Linda, and Steve (Cathy) Boston; and awesome grandfather of Brian, Jason (Marisa), Brooklyn, Madison and Camden. Family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 27, 2006, at his home at 3939 Charing Cross Road in Bloomfield Hills. Memorial contributions made to the Michigan Humane Society and the Huntington's Disease Society of America will be appreciated.

WALTER LEON ROOSE
formerly of the Plymouth area passed away October 22, 2006 at Cadillac Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. He was 93. Funeral services will be held at the Dighton Wesleyan Church on Saturday October 28, 2006 at 3:00 pm in Dighton, Michigan. Visitation will be on Friday October 27, 2006 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home in Cadillac. Further information can be found at www.hitesman-holdship.com

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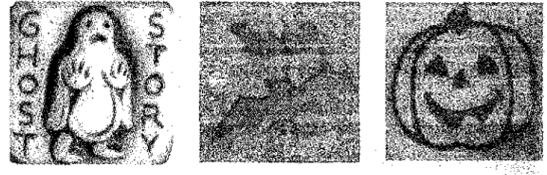
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Find your Fall style

By Jameela Harris

As Fall blows in full-force, it's time to reinvent your wardrobe. Being a fabulous gal, it's important to make sure you're always well put together, whether you're going to a business affair, out on the town, or just to the grocery store! Take this quick PINK quiz to pinpoint your style for the season.

1. When I go to a sporting event I wear:



- A) A pair of skinny jeans with layers on top.
- B) Cropped cuffed trousers with a tuxedo-style shirt and low, pointed-toe shoes.
- C) Leggings with a tunic top and cowboy boots.
- D) My favorite team colors and logo.

2. When I go to a play or social gathering I wear:

- A) A short bubble skirt with a peasant shirt and bangles.
- B) A flared skirt with a form-fitting button-up shirt.
- C) A long jean skirt with a belted knit sweater.
- D) All black from head to toe.

3. If I have a business function to attend I usually wear:

- A) A one-button blazer with an A-line skirt.
- B) A classy, polished skirt suit with high heels.
- C) Khaki pants and a shirt with a Peter Pan collar.
- D) A traditional black skirt with a white blouse.

4. For a night on the town for dinner and fun with friends I wear:

- A) A nice pair of gaucho pants with a beaded T-shirt and tall boots.
- B) Black linen ankle pants with a trench coat and ballerina flats.
- C) A sweatsuit with tennis shoes.
- D) A matching blue jean jacket and pants.

5. Going out to celebrate with my significant other I usually look good for him by wearing:

- A) A skin-tight, low-cut belted knit dress.
- B) A bold printed silk chiffon dress with strappy stilettos.
- C) A loose-fitting cotton dress with flats.
- D) A red silk jumpsuit cinched at the waist, accessorized with gold jewelry and leather pumps.

6. When I'm going to a prestigious gala I wear:

- A) A sequined sheath dress.
- B) A calf-length, embroidered, empire-waist gown.
- C) A red silk dress.
- D) A ballroom dress, sweeping the floor, with a cowl neckline.

7. If I'm going to a job interview I wear:

- A) A knee-length skirt with high heels.
- B) Black slacks and a comfortable blazer accented with pearls.
- C) A black, calf-length skirt with a small split in the

back, with pumps and a cream colored rayon blouse.
D) A tailored pantsuit tapered at the ankle with granny boots.

8. For a family picnic at the park I wear:

- A) A wrap skirt, flip-flops and a fitted T-shirt.
- B) Capri jeans with a tank top and cardigan sweater.
- C) A velveteen cotton jumpsuit with hood.
- D) A logo hat and T-shirt, with cotton stretch leggings.

9. On a cold and chilly night out to get ice cream I would to cover up with:

- A) A military cropped jacket.
- B) A trench styled with buckles and buttons.
- C) A tweed, double-breasted peacoat.
- D) A fur-trimmed leather.

10. If I'm going to a masquerade ball I would dress up as:

- A) A she-devil with horns and pitch fork.
- B) A queen with a crown, and a long beautiful robe and gown.
- C) A school teacher with my hair pinned up in a bun and glasses.
- D) A diva with long curvy nails and every garment the same color.

Results:

If you chose mostly A's: You love to look stylish and keep up with trends. Having the latest in fashion is a must — you wouldn't have it any other way. You are also an innovator, and people look to you for fashion ideas.

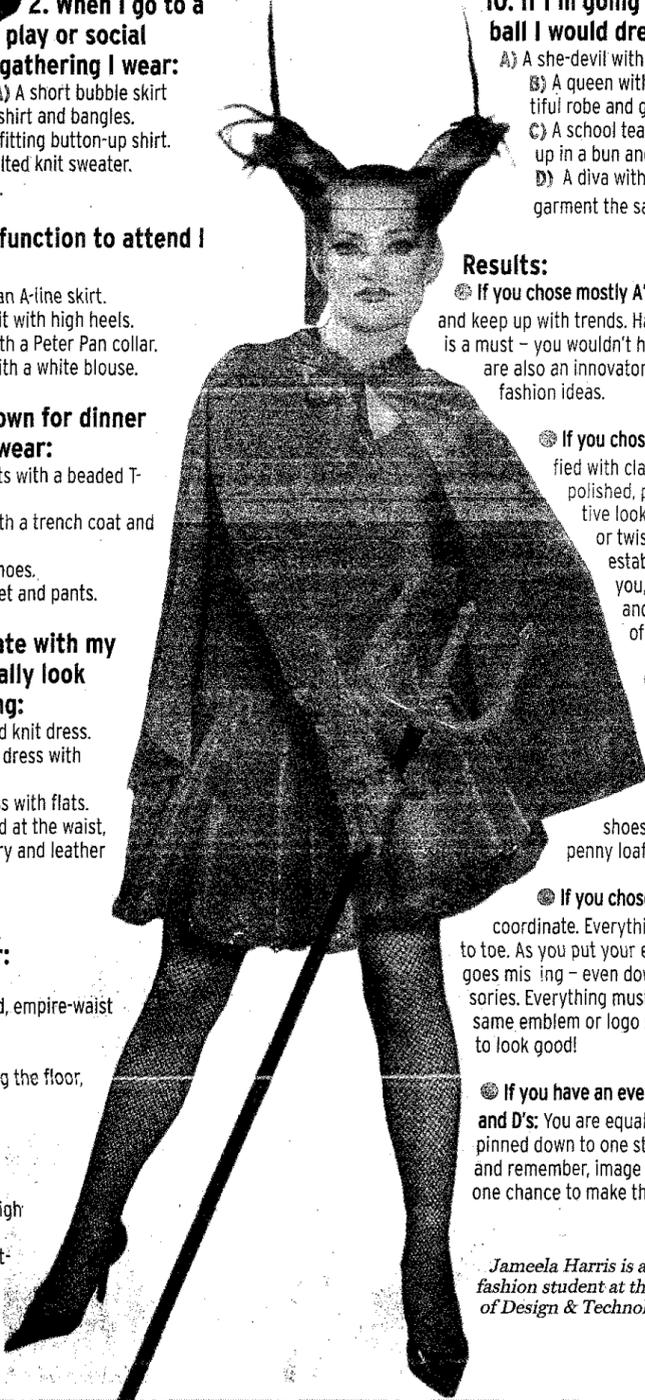
If you chose mostly B's: You are satisfied with classic style, and love that polished, professional and conservative look. You might add a new flair or twist to what has already been established as chic, but with you, everything must be decent and in order, with every piece of fabric in the right place.

If you chose mostly C's: You are a woman who loves to be comfortable. Comfort is the most important factor as you shop for clothes and shoes. You would settle for penny loafers over stilettos any day!

If you chose mostly D's: You love to coordinate. Everything must match from head to toe. As you put your ensemble together, nothing goes missing — even down to your nails and accessories. Everything must be the same color, and the same emblem or logo must be present. You love to look good!

If you have an even number of A's, B's, C's and D's: You are equally fabulous but can't be pinned down to one style. Keep your open mind and remember, image is everything! You only get one chance to make that first impression.

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Freaky Fridays at Girly Daze
Inspired by the namesake book and movie, Girly Daze in Northville will host "Freaky Fridays" through the holidays. Moms shop during the day for 15 percent off every item, and teens shop after school for 15 percent off. Shop together on Fridays, and get 20 percent off. Girly Daze (formerly Girly Girl) opened just over a year ago, and carries affordable and fun items for girls who have everything, including Halloween favors, glam gifts, survival kits for brides and grads, pampering products and unique handbags, clothing and jewelry. Call owner Kelly Ragatzki at (248) 449-8890.

Color Trend Workshop
Join Fashion Group Detroit for "The Age of Meaning: Emerging Color Trends," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at Andiamo Italia West in Bloomfield Hills. Josette Buisson of Pittsburgh Paints International will discuss global and societal color trends that impact all design markets, and how to translate emotions and thoughts into color and design. Donation, \$20, benefits the FGI scholarship fund. RSVP to mmoensen@ameritech.net. For more information, visit www.voiceofcolor.com.

The Ultragram Party
Grab your girls and get ready for a night of pampering at Ultragram Promotions' "Ladies Night Out," 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at Papi O' Nightclub in Ypsilanti. The evening of mini manicures, massages, makeovers and martinis will benefit Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, which provides sleep

education and bedtime essentials to at-risk children. The ladies-only event is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. For tickets or information, call (248) 478-3242 or visit: www.ultraglamparty.com.

Go Retro at Annual Sale
Whether you're looking for trends reflecting 1940s Hollywood glamour, 1960s mod or 1980s punk rock, you'll find them at the Bloomfield Hills' Antique and Vintage Apparel Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. More than 30 vendors will sell jewelry dating back to the 1800s, and clothing representing all eras at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$5 adults, kids 12 and under free. Call Larry Barnett at (248) 988-0924.

Macy's Seeks Designers
Aspiring fashion designers from around the greater Detroit area are invited to present their sketches and/or samples to Macy's buyers and trend managers noon-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at Macy's Somerset. A panel of judges will provide relevant feedback and direction during this annual competition. The designer awarded with best-of-show will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. No reservations required.

Sephora's Tricks and Treats
Boo! Is your skin scary? Celebrate Halloween noon-5 p.m. Oct. 27 at Sephora Somerset, by trying on magical masks designed to transform your skin. Or, concoct a "Witches Brew" at the store's fragrance mixology event, noon-5 p.m. Oct. 28. Mix scents to make a potion completely unique to you. Appointments are recommended. Call (248) 458-0100.

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Under the Stars at the DIA
Celebrate in grand fashion as the Detroit Institute of Arts hosts "Under the Stars: The Final Hard Hat Party That Rocks!" 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. The glam gala marks the last "under construction" edition of the DIA's annual fall party, before the museum unveils its new look next year. Patrons will be treated to fine art, fabulous food and live entertainment, as well as sneak peeks of some of the DIA's newly renovated galleries. Party-goers also can tour the special exhibit "Annie Leibovitz: American Music," featuring portraits of some of music's most iconic performers shot by the legendary photographer — including Detroit's own White Stripes and Eminem. This year's gala also includes an afterglow "drinks and dessert" party. At 9:30 p.m. the DIA's Rivera Court will be transformed into a swanky, metropolitan club, with beats spun by New York DJ Frank Delour. Afterglow tickets are \$50. Under the Stars tickets are \$400, which benefits the DIA. Call (313) 578-1063 or visit www.dia.org.

Doll Show and Sale
The Michigan Doll Makers Guild will host its annual Doll Show and Sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at The Centerpoint Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. The event features everything for collector and doll maker, including displays of competition dolls, antique and one-of-a-kind dolls for sale, clothing, furniture, dollmaking supplies and prizes. Admission is \$4 with children under 5 free. Call (248) 474-2446 or (248) 357-2090.

The Bluest Eye
Don't miss your chance to see Toni Morrison's Nobel Prize-winning novel "The Bluest Eye," now playing at the City Theater stage. The story about the tragic life of an 11-year-old African-American girl growing up in Ohio in the 1940's, has been transformed into a stage play and will be performed by the Plowshares Theater Company through Nov. 19. For ticket information and show times, please call the box office at (313) 872-0279. City Theater, formerly Second City, is located on 2301 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

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