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Witnesses testify to struggle, shooting at salon

Suspect to stand trial on charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Angry that his wife wouldn't quit her job, Andy Nguyen bought a gun and practiced shooting at a Westland firing range before he went to her workplace and tried to kill her boss,

witnesses testified Thursday. Nguyen, 32, bought a .40-caliber, semiautomatic handgun in Livonia on Feb. 25 - three days before he is accused of opening fire inside Golden Nails salon near Merriman and Cherry Hill, police Officer Tim Horvath said in Westland District

Court. Horvath testified that Nguyen practiced shooting at The Firing Line Indoor Gun Range on Feb. 28, on the same afternoon he went to the nail salon and confronted owner Dung Hoang for refusing to fire his wife. The latest developments came during a preliminary hearing that ended with Judge Gail McKnight ordering Nguyen to stand trial on charges of assault with intent to murder, felonious assault and felony firearms.

Nguyen's wife, Nhung Thi Le, testified through a Vietnamese interpreter that she was in the process of divorcing Nguyen when he came to the nail salon just before 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. She said she ran from the business after Nguyen pulled a gun. Hoang, her boss, said through the interpreter that he was eating his lunch in the back of the salon when

Nguyen came in and told him, "Today, I kill you."

Hoang testified that Nguyen reached in his jacket pocket, pulled a gun, pointed it between Hoang's eyes and pulled the trigger.

"Right after that, I hear a click from the gun," Hoang said.

No bullet was in the chamber when

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Pat Rybak of Garden City has her nails done by Sharon Wackro.

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35 years and counting

Siblings follow in father's footsteps at Fouad's Styling Station

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Making sure customers have a good-looking haircut is important to George Quassis if only for selfish reasons.

"We care about how you look - you're a walking billboard for us," said Quassis, whose family has owned Fouad's Styling Station for 35 years. "We want people to come back. We treat them as friends."

Located in Garden City on Ford across from North Bros. Ford for five years, the business was on Warren at Venoy in Westland for another 30 years.

And before that, Fouad Quassis had a business cutting hair at Inkster Road and Schoolcraft. The elder Quassis passed away seven years ago, but four of his five children worked with him and have continued the business - George, Kathy Christos, Sharon Wackro and Mimi Taurianan.

The siblings began working with their father after vocational training through Westland John Glenn High School.

"We all had our licenses when we graduated from Glenn. We all do both men and women - I do more men than women," said Quassis, as he worked in the barber side of the business. "We get people young and old - people we went to high school with. I just had a customer who has been coming here for 30 years."



Waj Delly of Bloomfield has his hair cut by owner George Quassis of Fouad's Styling Station.

Fouad Quassis loved cutting hair, his son said, working seven days a week when he was younger and two days a week until shortly before his death. George Quassis enjoys his work, too.

"I like to meet new people from all walks of life. All hair is different - short hair, long hair - you're like an artist and get to create," said Quassis.

The Styling Station is a full-service salon offering manicures, pedicures, massages, makeup, waxing for men and woman and tanning services. Quassis said his sisters regularly update their training to keep up with the current styles, but the business also features an old-fashioned service - shaves with a straight razor.

"We have the hot towels and foam - not a lot of places offer that anymore. It's a dying art," said Quassis. "I have customers who shave their heads - I'll do their face and their whole head."

Being a family business, the Styling Station has a stable workforce who have an extra care for the business, said Quassis.

"We have our moments, but we get along pretty well," said Sharon Wackro, who had just completed a manicure. "You've got to go with the flow."

Appointments are taken with the hair stylists although walk-ins are welcome. Following tradition, no appointments are taken for the barber side of the business.

"It's one business but we really have two separate sides with the stylists and barber side," said Quassis. "We have a lot of customers and get a lot of referrals. That's a good thing."

The full-service aspect of the Styling Station is particularly attractive for proms, homecoming and other events, Quassis said, when a client may want hair styling, makeup and a manicure during one visit. To celebrate the business anniversary, first-time customers will receive a free eyebrow waxing when they visit.

The Styling Station is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays.

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Judge denies injunction to halt 'Legacy'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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A Wayne Circuit Court judge denied the request by Citizens for Livonia's Future for a preliminary injunction that would have halted progress on the Livonia Public Schools' Legacy Initiative.

In refusing the request, Judge John A. Murphy said: "Plaintiffs have not persuasively shown how the Open Meetings Act was violated, or how the board abused the broad discretion allotted it."

The Legacy plan will close seven school buildings, redraw attendance boundaries and reconfigure grades into lower and upper elementary schools - beginning next fall. It aims to save the district \$1.5 to \$2 million a year.

Following the proceedings Friday morning, Supt. Randy Liepa said the district will continue moving forward with transition activities under the Legacy Initiative.

"Of course we have the best interest of the kids in mind," he said, walking out of the courtroom. Had the judge ruled differently, the district would have complied and ceased transition activities, he added.

The court's decision came to the dismay of many members associated with the Citizens for Livonia's Future.

"We're really disappointed," said Melanie Beaudoin, a district parent. "It does affect our children. It affects our whole community. I don't think (the board) listened to a majority of our concerns."

So many CFLF members showed up for the proceedings, the courtroom was filled to its 65-person capacity, and many more residents lined the hallway outside. Members of CFLF wore red to signify their opposition to the Legacy plan.

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Council revisits plan for rental inspections

Westland city leaders will reconsider a proposal to require inspections of all rental units and to charge property owners a fee to cover costs.

Westland City Council members will discuss the proposal with administration officials during a study session scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday at City Hall, on Ford Road east of Newburgh.

Local officials dropped a similar proposal a few years ago, following complaints from some residents and apartment building owners.

Building Director Sue Dodson said Friday that the new proposal would require rental-unit inspections every three years. The earlier plan called for inspections every two years.

When asked about what fees would be charged, she said, "It's up for discussion."

Dodson said it's possible that an outside company would handle some aspects of the program, although her department would do the actual inspections.

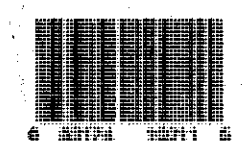
"None of it is in stone," she said.

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A great day to be Irish

Check out what the pubs and bars have planned for St. Patrick's Day

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'UNTOLD HARM'

Mayer Morganroth, the plaintiff's attorney, highlighted reasons for the complaint against the school district and its superintendent. He mentioned the impact of the plan, such as increases in busing and school populations, and the end of a neighborhood schools concept. Morganroth said the district will lose students to private schools and property values will drop.

"What they've done is causing untold harm," he said.

Gary King, the district's attorney, said: "Judge, plain and simply, Livonia has to close schools."

He said the district has cut \$19 million from its budget over the last five years due to declining enrollment. King added that the Legacy plan was created after a year of study in an effort to prevent future cuts in staffing and program. It is meant to balance school populations without increasing class size ratios.

But Morganroth attempted to prove that the school board violated the Open Meetings Act when it allowed a total of five trustees to be involved in the demographics committee which created the Legacy plan. Committee meetings were not open to the public and minutes and attendance records were not taken.

King responded that the decision to pass the Legacy plan was done in open session on Dec. 5, and that decision was preceded by open meetings with ample time given for public comments.

On the question of an Open Meetings Act violation, Murphy ruled that "the Plaintiff's chances of prevailing would be poor." He said there is no evidence a decision was made during committee deliberations, and there is no evidence of intent to violate the Act.

Morganroth said the decision at Friday's hearing didn't shut the case down. "The judge said he wanted more information," said Morganroth, adding that's what he intends to provide. Morganroth will take depositions from each of the board trustees and Liepa, as well as members of the demographics committee. He plans to bring in education experts to support the plaintiffs' claims.

"We're going full blast in order to show what they did was outrageous," he said.

Morganroth also said that the district would fail to save money due to the costs of carrying out its Legacy plan.

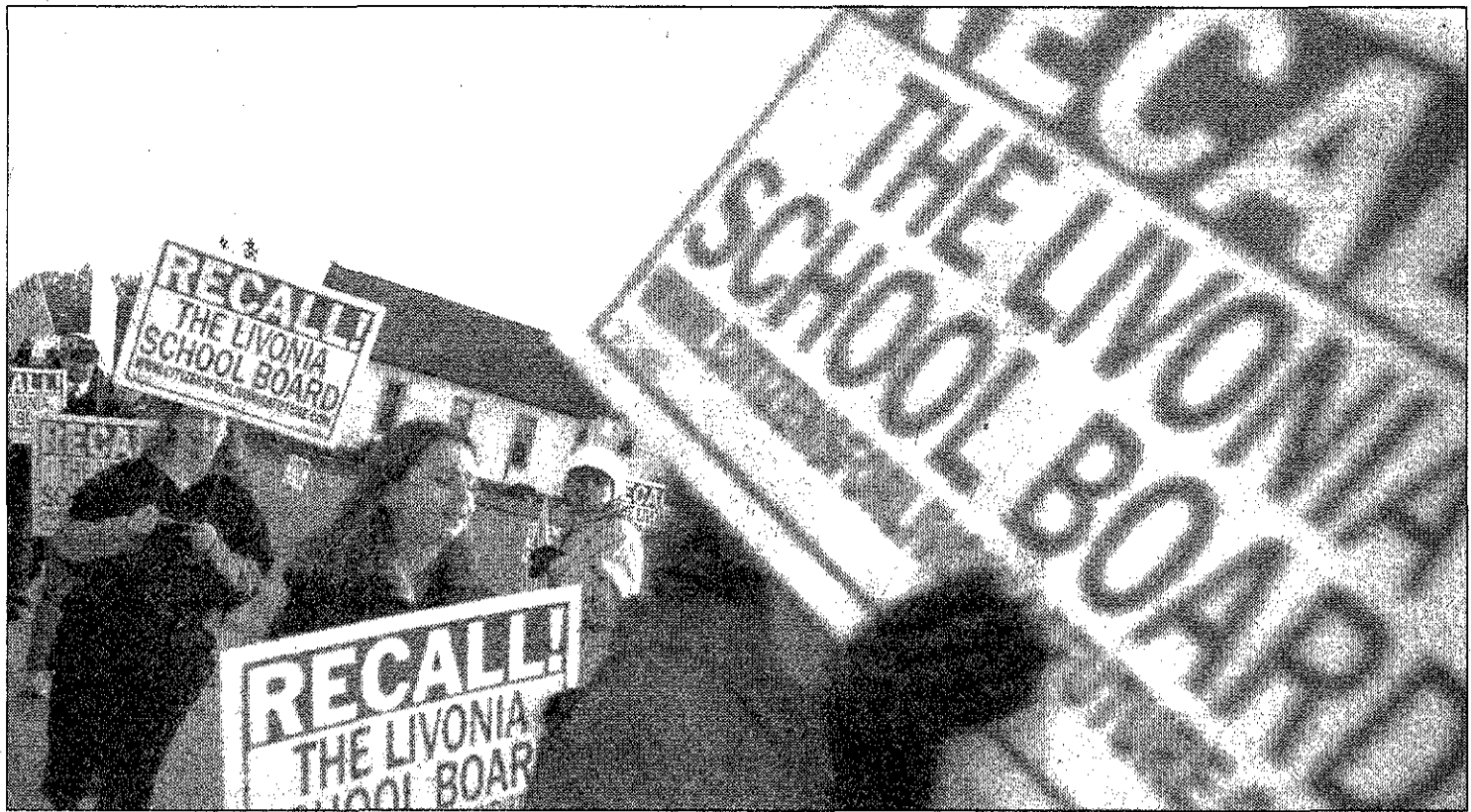
Under the plan, Murphy said the district would still reduce its operating cost by several closing schools. If students do leave the district to attend private schools, he said, fixed operating costs would decline.

"This is a time of monumental change for all school districts," Liepa said in a written statement Friday. "We realize we are asking a great deal of our parents and staff as we move through change."

"However, we strongly believe this change will maintain the excellence of our programs and the strength of our district. Our knowledgeable and dedicated staff will continue their commitment to our community as we move forward."

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Citizens for Livonia's Future members protested outside of the Livonia Public Schools Administration Building Monday night to show their opposition of the Legacy Initiative and encourage support for the recall of five trustees.

Recall group claim: 4,000 names in 3 weeks

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Though Citizens for Livonia's Future were unsuccessful in attaining an injunction to stop the Legacy Initiative Friday, members are "moving full speed ahead on the recall."

That's what Livonia resident Michelle Pinkowski said following the court proceedings held in circuit court in Detroit.

Nearly three weeks since they started, members of the grassroots citizen's group say they've gathered more than 4,000 signatures in the effort to recall five current Livonia school board trustees.

The group is aiming to unseat board president Dan Lessard and trustees Lynda Scheel, Rob Freeman, Kevin Whitehead and Cynthia Markarian following their support of the district's Legacy Initiative.

The Legacy plan will close seven school buildings and reorganize the district into upper and lower elementary schools next year. Six of the seven trustees voted the plan into action in December.

Trustee Joanne Morgan is not included in the recall effort but is running for re-election to her seat in May. And Tom Bailey was the lone opposing vote.

Jody Hamilton, a member of CFLF and a Washington Elementary parent, said the group is happy with the way signature collection is going. Hamilton said she envisions the group will gather the most of the signatures they need during the month of April.

If the CFLF are able to collect 11,000 valid signatures - per trustee - by May 1, a recall election could be scheduled on Aug. 8.

Recall supporters are asked to sign a separate petition for each trustee, for a total of five signatures.

"That is the hard part," said Hamilton. "It would be a lot easier if they only had to sign one petition."

Organizers began by assigning a liaison to each elementary school community. That person handles a group of volunteers and directs how their neighborhood will collect signatures. The volunteer effort began with more support in the northern portion of the school district, which will see more closings under the Legacy plan. Hamilton said their effort is "still a little lighter in the south" but it's increasing.

In her own experience garnering signatures, Hamilton said "most people will sign." And those who choose not to sign do so politely.

"I haven't had anyone yell at me," she said. "So far, my experience has been good."

Petitioners have been stationed across the community and can often be spotted at Woodland and Wonderland bowling alleys, the Wine Palace at Middlebelt and I-96 and the Rite Aid at Five Mile and Newburgh roads.

Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, petitioners will be at Riley and Holmes middle schools, Washington Elementary and the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

In addition to the recall petitions, CFLF is in the process of placing 500 signs around the community, as well as "flooding the city" with newly-printed brochures supporting their cause.

"We're moving along," said Hamilton.

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Sri Lankan relief succeeds with houses and scholarships

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

One year after a tsunami ravaged the countryside of Sri Lanka, a local family has seen their native country begin to heal.

Livonia residents Sheran and Hiranthini Alles spearheaded a fund-raising effort to aid those left homeless or orphaned by the tragic storm that struck on Dec. 26, 2004.

"It's amazing to see what the sea can do," said Sheran Alles.

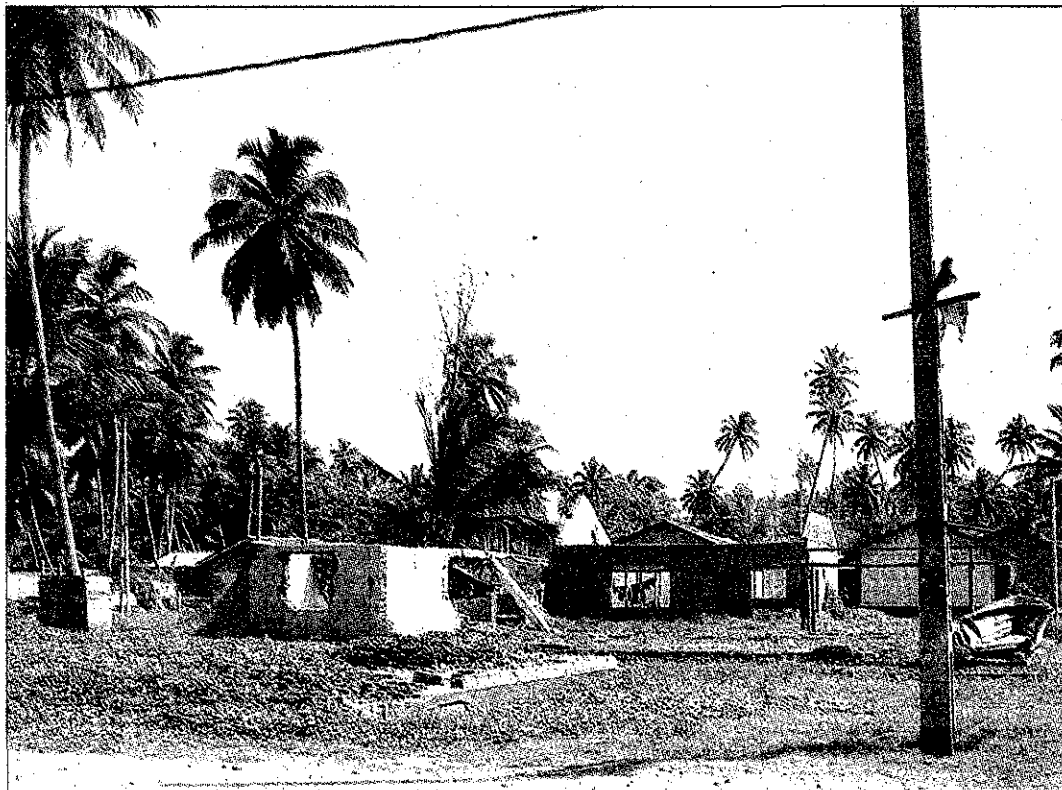
By May 2005 the Sri Lanka Disaster Relief Fund, arranged through the Southfield-based Great Lakes Buddhist Vihara, totaled \$92,328.81.

Located in the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka was one of 11 nations ravaged by the tsunami. It is an island one-quarter the size of Michigan, housing a population of 18 million.

"The plan was to build 10 houses and give scholarships," Sheran Alles said.

And that's just what has happened, thanks to a multi-community effort. Residents from Livonia, Westland, Northville, Farmington Hills, Troy, Rochester Hills and even Windsor, Ontario, participated in the fund-raising project.

Ten houses have since been built, on the same block of a neighborhood of 25 homes in a new community. Each home has a living room, two bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. The units are wired for electricity. Though there is



When a tsunami struck the island of Sri Lanka on Dec. 26, 2004, one-third of the country was impacted as homes like these were destroyed.

not yet running water, residents have a short walk to the back yard to collect drinking water from two community pumps.

In some cases, Sheran Alles said, people will enjoy a higher standard of living than they did before the storm. Each house cost \$3,500 to build.

The remainder of the money has been designated for 84 scholarships to provide Sri Lankan children, especially those orphaned by the tsunami, with clothes, food, tutoring and educational materials they will need until

they graduate from high school. Education itself is free. The scholarships are renewable for up to five years per recipient, but expire in 12th grade. The amount of scholarship money increases by grade level, and is paid monthly.

The Alles family visited Sri Lanka in December, and had an opportunity to see the newly built homes and to meet several of the families who have benefited from this cause.

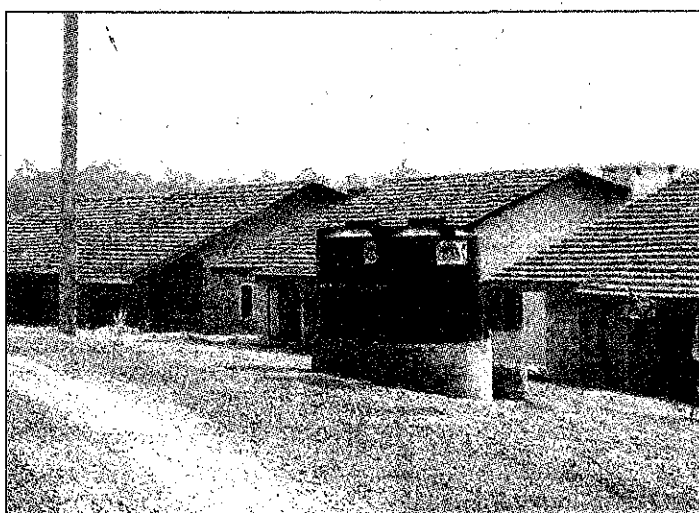
The keys to all 10 homes in Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka, were

handed over to recipients on Dec. 24, 2005. A week later, Sheran and Hiranthini as well as their children, Hiran and Shehani, visited the growing neighborhood.

"Eight out of 10 families were already moved in," said Hiranthini Alles.

Sheran Alles added: "They were very thankful. They were going from a temporary house."

Though victims of the storm survived in tents, temporary homes were also constructed. Those homes were simple two-by-four structures



Ten of these homes, and two water pumps, were built using money donated by local citizens through the Sri Lanka Disaster Relief Fund, which raised more than \$92,000 last year.

without a bathroom or electricity.

Hiranthini Alles said she was amazed to see how much work had been done, how much of the rebuilding was started, or completed a year after the storm. She said so much was accomplished in a short time, especially compared to the slow-moving reconstruction effort that has followed Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

"We are a Third World country," she said of Sri Lanka. "I was not expecting to see as much progress."

The Alles family saw banners and billboards all over the landscape naming countries like Italy, Germany, Japan, Australia and Canada, who have reached out to help rebuild following the disaster.

"It was so touching," said Hiranthini Alles.

Sheran Alles added: "The help they have received is amazing."

And the Alles family said they are thankful for the generosity of all who contributed, in any amount, to this effort. Their children's schools - Tyler Elementary and Livonia Montessori Center - each held fund-raisers to sponsor homes in Sri Lanka. And others walked down the street, with checks in hand to give to the program.

The Alles family plans to return in about two years to see how the project has progressed.

Photographs and updated information, as well as the ongoing scholarship program will be updated soon online at glbvihara.org.

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STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Three students at St. Damian School in Westland received medals for their work at the 18th annual Aquinas Academic Olympics at Cabrini High School in Allen Park.

Reynard Holloway received a bronze medal in health; Breann Wasson received a silver medal in social studies, and Ari Peppas received a gold medal in science.

Seventh-graders at St. Damian, they were coached by seventh-grade teacher Karen Eldred.

Several Wayne-Westland students were the winners of the VFW Voice of Democracy

and Patriot's Pen essay contests.

Wayne Memorial High School students Julia Good, Jessica Kay and Adam Goring placed first, second and third respectively in the Voice of Democracy contest for their essays on How I demonstrate my freedom.

Adams Middle School student Silvia Carone placed first in the Patriot Pen's contest sponsored by the Harris Kehrer VFW Post, while John McTigue was first in the contest sponsored by the Bova VFW Post. Their essays focused on the theme of Who are today's patriots?

Bonnie Hilberer recently attended a regional meeting of progressive Advance Funeral Planning professionals from across the state of Michigan. The one-day conference was held at the Michigan Funeral Directors Association headquarters in Okemos.

"From a professional and personal point of view, helping people fully understand all their choices and options in regards to funeral prearrangement allows me to provide a meaningful service to families," said Hilberer who works at Vermeulen Funeral Home.

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Nguyen fired, but he is accused of loading the gun as the two men began to struggle. Hoang described how he got behind Nguyen, put his left hand around Nguyen's throat and tried to take the gun from his right hand.

Hoang testified that Nguyen bit him on the thumb and kept trying to point the gun back at him, before firing several shots. Hoang said that one shot grazed his right ear and that gun powder burned his face. He said he has lost the hearing in his injured ear.

Hoang also accused Nguyen of hitting him on top of the head with the gun during the struggle. Hoang said he finally

managed to take the weapon away from his attacker, who ran out the back door.

"I ran out from my shop to the front door to give it (the gun) to the police," Hoang said.

Hoang's wife, Ha Thi To, testified that Nguyen had visited the salon in January to say that he wanted his wife fired. She said he didn't indicate why.

Customer Vickie Lee said she saw the two men fighting, and she said Nguyen "had a gun in his hand." She said she stood up and warned others.

"Everybody started running. I ran out the door," Lee testified.

Officer Horvath testified that when Nguyen was arrested, he had another fully loaded clip on him.

McKnight ordered Nguyen to stand trial in Wayne County

Circuit Court, and she has denied bond. A not guilty plea has been placed in the defendant's court file.

Defense attorney Marc Lakin argued that Nguyen only intended to scare Hoang with the gun and not kill him. Lakin asked that McKnight dismiss the charge of assault with intent to murder.

McKnight refused, noting that Nguyen bought the gun, practiced at a firing range, went to the salon and pointed the weapon at Hoang's head.

Outside the courtroom, Lakin said that some people carry guns because they feel a need to protect themselves. Of the salon incident, he said, "I don't think there was any intent to murder anyone."

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IKEA Canton looking for 400 workers

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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If you're looking for something to do this summer - or looking to change what you do for a living - then IKEA is looking for you.

The Swedish furniture retail store will open this summer in Canton, and the company is hiring some 400 workers between now and then. To find workers, the company last week began accepting online job applications.

"We haven't yet announced the exact date we're opening this summer because we're still in construction mode," at the corner of Haggerty and Ford, said IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth. "But we are ready to start looking for co-workers now."

Job seekers may apply on the company's Web site at <http://www.IKEA-usa.com>. Those with limited access to computers are encouraged to visit the following local libraries where staff members are prepared for residents to navigate the IKEA application process on the Internet: Canton Public Library, Plymouth District Library, Livonia Civic Center Library, William P. Faust Library of Westland, and the Detroit Public Library.

The company has been named three years in a row by Working Mother magazine as one of the "100 Best Companies for Working

Mothers," and was one of FORTUNE's "100 Best Companies to Work For" list for two consecutive years.

The reason for those honors, according to Roth, is that IKEA places value and emphasis on the importance of a work and life balance.

"We are thrilled to offer interested job seekers in the area diverse positions with limitless opportunity at a global company," said Mark McCaslin, store manager. "At IKEA, we realize that the opportunity to be able to do the things in life that bring success and happiness is extremely valuable to our co-workers."

Although the future IKEA Canton is still progressing through construction and outfitting phases, prospective co-workers are welcome to apply for available positions in: home furnishings sales, interior decoration, customer service, safety and security,

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"Breaking the Boundaries," an after-hours networking event sponsored by the West Suburban Area Chambers of Commerce, is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The cost is \$10 per person and includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The event will feature combined speed networking with area chambers, including Westland, Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Wayne, Redford, Livonia, Farmington, Southfield, Dearborn, Canton, Plymouth, Novi, Northville and others. Reservations must be made by Thursday, March 16, by calling the Westland chamber office at (734) 326-7222.

Memorial fund-raiser

Enjoy lunch or dinner at UNO Chicago Grill, 7525 Wayne Road, Westland, Wednesday March 29, and help raise money for the Dale Freese Memorial Scholarship Fund.

A fund-raiser is planned for 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the restaurant. Patrons can have 20 percent of their check to go to the Dale Freese Memorial Fund when they present special donation certificates.

The certificates are available at Norman's Market, 1546 S. Wayne Road north of Palmer. Call (734) 721-6770.

'Historic' dining

Max & Erma's in Westland will sponsor a fund-raiser to help with the restoration of the historic Octagon House - located on Westland Historical Museum property on Wayne Road north of Cherry Hill.

The restaurant, on the southwest corner of Warren and Newburgh roads, will donate 20 percent of its proceeds from lunch and dinner sales on Wednesday, March 22.

A Max & Erma's manager said Wednesday that anyone wanting to help may tell the server that they are there to support the fund-raiser. Those who want to get a discount coupon before March 22 may go to City Hall, the senior citizen Friendship Center, the Bailey Recreation Center or the senior Dyer Center, or call local historians Georgia Becker at (734) 728-

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1605 or Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918.

WYAA meeting set

The Westland Youth Athletic Association will be hold a special general membership meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, in Westland. The purpose will be to discuss the possible sale of the WYAA property. All lifetime and current members in good standing are encouraged to attend. For more information call Mark Rodriguez at (734) 276-1979.

Spring bazaar

Edison Elementary is holding a Spring Bazaar and Art Show 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 6. There will be 25 vendors, a bake sale with eating area, baby-sitting with crafts for the kids and an art show featuring students' artwork throughout the halls.

Membership month

If you're interested in community citizenship, the opportunity to serve, growth and development, cultural awareness and nice people, then the Wayne Rotary Club wants to hear from you. The club is extending an invitation to people who live or work within the community to join the club as part of its Membership Month. People interested in joining can call Art Quintal at (734) 722-8925.

Open house

Willow Creek Co-Op Preschool will have an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the preschool in Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Call (734) 326-0078.

Bunny bowl

Children will have a chance to bowl with the Easter Bunny 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Town & Country Bowling Alley, at Wayne and Avondale.

Cost is \$7, and children must have adult supervision. The cost includes one game of bowling and shoes, one slice of pizza or one hot dog, and pop. Tickets may be purchased by calling (734) 722-6478.

The event is being sponsored by junior and youth members of Grange No. 389. Part of the proceeds will go to AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Senior dinner

The Wayne Ford Civic League is offering a dinner for seniors noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the league hall, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The price is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers for a buffet dinner with beer, wine, pop, and dancing to live entertainment. The event is for people age 60 and older. Call (734) 728-5010.

Author speaks

The Education Commission at St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland will host a presentation by nationally known author Angela Bonavoglia at 7 p.m. Friday, March 17, at the church, 32500 Palmer. Bonavoglia wrote *Good Catholic Girls*, a book about how women are leading the fight to change the Catholic Church. Her talk is open to the public.

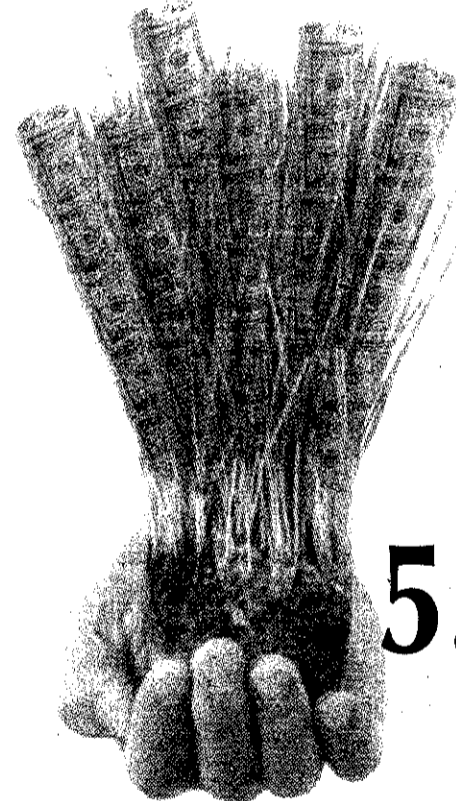
Bingo

The Maltese American Benevolent Society, a non-profit organization, will be holding bingo operations at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, beginning March 14, at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The hall will be open at 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Quilt Show

The Plymouth/Westland Grange 389 is holding its fourth annual spring quilt show, workshop and classes 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland.

There will be classes in hand appliqué (cost is \$25) and techniques for a peony and vine wall hanging (cost is \$55), as well as a special quilt project for children (cost is \$6). Pre-register by April 19. There will be a demonstration of yarns and new products by Hancock Fabrics and a display of quilts. Velda Kirby of Make It Sew will speak at a quilt luncheon that costs \$10. For \$1, people can enter quilts to be judged in such categories as antique, mixed technique, mixed medium, single technique, group quilting, quilted clothing, wall hanging and unfinished top. Admission is \$1 in advance and \$2 at the door. Call Sharon Strebbling at (734) 722-4857 after 6 p.m.



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Set your kids a good example, start them on the reading habit

He probably doesn't know it's Reading Month. But he was certainly into the spirit of the annual celebration Sunday when he said matter of factly, "Let's read Papa."

My grandson, Aidan, 2½, went off to the bookcase and grabbed two books. He's particularly into a book about a snowman building contest with a clear message that working together will allow you to build a bigger, better snowman. It was such a good story he had me read it twice.

Of course, he's a multi-media kind of guy. He sits with Mom or Dad and navigates to his favorite kid-friendly Web sites. He knows how to pop in a DVD. He just attended his first big screen movie to watch one of his favorite book characters — Curious George — bigger than life.

But the reading is an important part of the mix and the most interactive. He sits on my lap or next to me, listens to the story, asks questions and then talks about the story after we read it. He's getting the habit and it's a good habit to have.

March is Reading Month is designed to encourage children to read. It's become a challenge to get children to read anything beyond the bare minimum to get by in the classroom. Reading Month promoters want kids to know that reading is fun, challenging, informative. It's a conversation starter, a project promoter, an escape to exotic lands and wild adventures.

But the competition is steep.

Met a young man last week. He was a middle schooler, talkative and obviously bright. It was a Tuesday, DVD release day, and he was reminded that the latest Harry Potter was being released that day. He'd seen the movie a couple of times and was anxious to see it, and all the extras, on DVD.

We asked if he'd read the latest Harry Potter book (No. 6 in the series). He said he wasn't much of a reader, but had read the first five but not the latest.

The Potter books seem to grow in size and complexity to keep the target audience somewhere around Harry's age. That could turn many middle school readers away. But the fact that the movies are now appearing about three years behind the books might also explain it. Movies are easier.

Ironically, it was the success of Harry Potter in the 1990s that gave educators and parents hope that a reading renaissance was taking place. After stagnant juvenile book sales and a seeming abandonment of the printed word for

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television and video games, children were closing themselves away in their rooms to read about the adventures of a bespectacled British schoolboy wizard and his friends. (And many adults also found the adventures appealing.)

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Educators know the distractions. It seems every few years a new distraction comes along — sports, movies, phonographs, television, video games, DVDs, iPods, MySpace and other online services (temptations?).

The important thing is starting good habits early, discouraging bad habits and managing distractions that have good and bad elements (movies, computers, popular music). Easier said than done unless you're with a child 24/7 and keep him or her on a tight leash that doesn't allow for any bad decisions (or good ones, either).

But you can read. You can turn off the television and the computer and take the iPod out of your ears. The sight of an adult reading a book or a magazine or even (please) a newspaper can be a great inspiration. Just as getting out on a bicycle or rollerblades or taking a hike in the woods can inspire a child to exercise.

And that's what it's all about, exercising the body and the mind. You can distract children into following some good habits.

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Hugh Gallagher

War on terror climate promotes increased anti-Arab rhetoric

I don't know whether to be angry or amused with the current rhetoric about the Dubai deal. It seems that hidden hatred against Arabs has become a competitive sport, especially among politicians who are vying for our support. Even enlightened people like Sens. Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer are going out of their way to discredit companies simply because they have an "Arab" name.

In the name of security, it has become fashionable to spout hate rhetoric against Arabs in America. Even in cities with large Arab populations, hate speech is promoted and supported by politicians from both sides of the political spectrum and the media. Bellicose rhetoric streams out of Washington and the national media on a

daily basis, proclaiming that "we are engaged in a war on terror" and that "our safety as Americans is in danger." We have stopped distinguishing between good and bad Arabs, or between our allies who are helping us with our "war on terror" and those individuals who are attacking us.

The "war on terror" has become a motto not only for hate groups who dislike anyone who is different, but also for mainstream Americans who now believe that the Arabs and Muslims are a homogeneous group of fanatics who are bent on destroying America.

The "war on terror" climate has created skewed political and civic spaces. The space for dissent and opposition is shrinking, while the space to hate "Arabs and Muslims" is expanding. It has become our patriotic duty to proclaim our opposition to anything Arab or Muslim.

Radio and TV talk shows are now joined by mainstream media who question anything Arab or Muslim. Radio talk and TV shows are replete with comments such as "We should bomb the Middle East and then America will be safe" or "These Arabs should just go back to where they came from." Arab Americans and Muslims are under siege in the United States. We live in a prison, the prison of being the "other" targets of hate. This prison has reduced the space within which we are able to freely exercise our constitutional rights to be different, to voice dissent and to have an identity that is rooted in our ethnic, linguistic and religious histories.

With the exception of civil rights organizations such as the ACLU, political, civic, corporate, religious, media and other ethnic organizations have either supported or promoted the suppression of Arab and Muslim rights in this country. Tolerance and bigotry give way to loathing and anxiety. People are now advocating the violation of both civil rights and civil liberties of Arab and Muslims.

This has a chilling effect on the Arab and Muslim communities in our country. According to

the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination organization, since Sept. 11, 2001, there have been:

- More than 700 violent incidents targeting Arab Americans.
- More than 80 cases of illegal and discriminatory removal of innocent passengers from aircraft after boarding based on the passenger's perceived ethnicity.
- More than 800 cases of employment discrimination against Arabs and Arab Americans.
- Defamation against Arabs and Muslims, particularly attacks on Islam as a faith.

Adding insult to injury, our government with the majority of Americans cheering their efforts has created secret detentions, hearing and deportations of Muslims and Arabs. An alien registration has been created based on national origin and ethnicity, which monitors and spies on innocent Arabs and Muslims. Through our fear, loathing and anxiety, we have allowed our government to prematurely invade and occupy Iraq, killing more than 2,100 of our young soldiers and injuring thousands of others.

As horrific as the damage to the Arabic and Muslim communities is, it pales next to the damage we are creating for ourselves. Our country, the bastion of openness, constitutional freedom and human rights, is creating a cultural apartheid and polarization. We now divide our society into "us vs. them."

We decided to lump all Arabs together after the actions of a few who perpetrated terror on our society. If a society is to be defined by the actions of a few, why wasn't our community defined by its upstanding citizens: Mohamed ElBaradie, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency and winner of the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize; Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of the U.S. Central Command in Iraq; Dr. Elias Zerhouni, the director of the National Institutes of Health; Sen. John Sununu; or Sheriff Michael Bouchard of Oakland County. The list goes on, yet we hear little of these upstanding Arabs and Muslims who work to stem terror on a daily basis.

The cry of ostracization against Arabs and Muslims may win elections and make us feel safe in the short run, but if it continues we will all pay the price for this bigotry.

During this difficult time, I am always reminded of the eloquent words of Pastor Martin Niemoller: "First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a communist. Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me."

None of us are exempt from bigotry. History has shown that bigotry is expensive. We need to stop it before we all pay the price.

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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...

ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters: The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere...

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Section 19. Continuing Disclosure. The Issuer will agree in the resolution authorizing the notice of sale of the 2006 Bonds to provide or cause to be provided the continuing disclosure of certain information in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 20. Other Matters Relating to Sale of the Bonds. The Mayor and the Finance Director each is authorized and directed to cause the preparation and circulation of a preliminary and final Official Statement with respect to the 2006 Bonds; to cause the qualification of the 2006 Bonds for a policy of municipal bond insurance if, upon the advice of the City's financial advisor, the acquisition of such insurance would be of economic benefit to the City; to obtain ratings on the 2006 Bonds; and to take all other actions necessary or advisable, and to make such other filings with the Michigan Department of Treasury or with other parties, to enable the sale and delivery of the 2006 Bonds as contemplated herein.

Section 21. Retention of Bond Counsel. The City Council hereby ratifies and confirms the retention of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as Bond Counsel with respect to the 2006 Bonds.

Section 22. Additional Bonds. Additional bonds of equal standing and priority of lien with the 2006 Bonds may be issued only as provided in Section 20 of Ordinance No. 218 as amended by Ordinance No. 244, Ordinance No. 218-A and Ordinance No. 244-A.

Section 23. Repeal Savings Clause. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or part thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

Section 24. Severability; Paragraph Headings; and Conflict. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

Section 25. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in the Westland Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Westland qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Issuer and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Section 26. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption. Adopted and signed this 6th day of March, 2006.

Mayor Sandra A. Cicirelli, City of Westland; Eileen DeHart, Westland City Clerk. I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Westland, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of March, 2006, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: J. Godbout, C. Graunstadt, M. Kehrler, R. LeBlanc, C. Pickering, R. Stottlemeyer, W. Wild and that the following Members were absent: None. I further certify that Member Godbout moved for adoption of said Ordinance and that said motion was supported by Member Pickering. I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: Godbout, Graunstadt, Kehrler, and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: LeBlanc, Pickering, Stottlemeyer, Wild/None. I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk. Eileen DeHart, Westland City Clerk.